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Committee favors four-day week in Homedale

School board will make final decision Monday

Homedale school trustees received a positive four-day school week recommendation Monday night, but decided to wait seven days to make a decision.

The committee comprised of school board members, district administrators, district staff and community members voted 9-4 last Wednesday to recommend a switch to a four-day week for the 2014-15

school year.

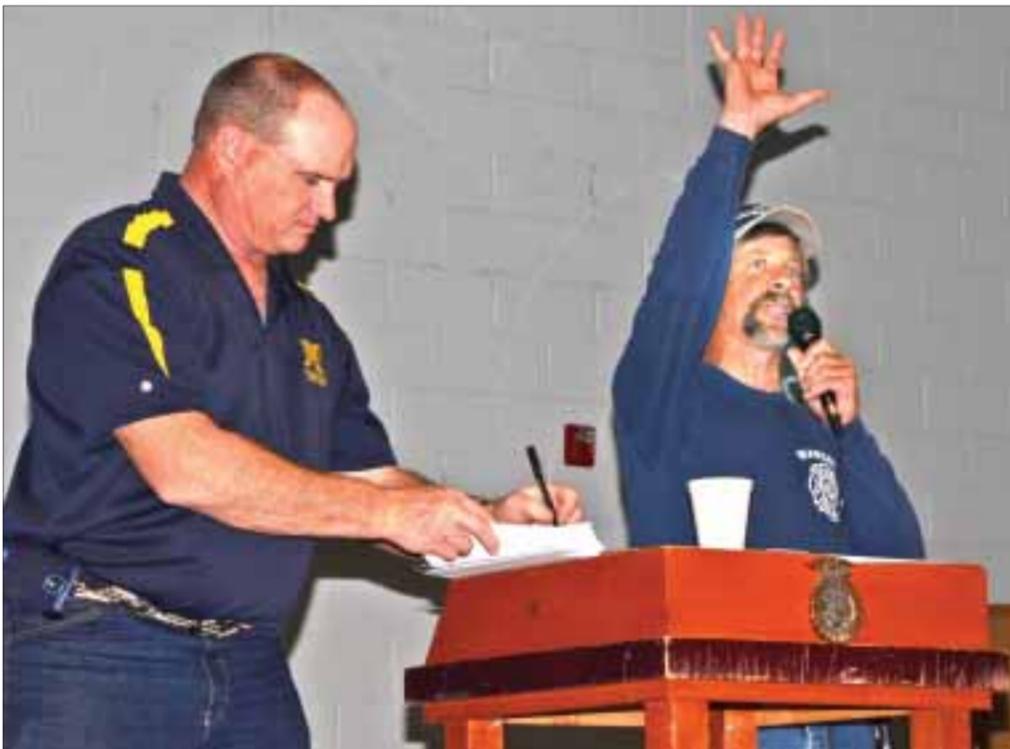
Superintendent Rob Sauer pointed out that neither school board member on the 17-person committee — Zone 4's Shelley Shenk or Stacy Woods from Zone 2 — cast a vote in the committee's final meeting. He also said two other committee members

didn't attend the meeting.

The school board will vote on the switch during its regular meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. Monday inside the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

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Marsing celebrates ag's future



Annual barbecue and auction raises more than \$10K

Auctioneer Tim Dines, right, takes a final bid on an item as Jim Briggs assists at the Marsing FFA Auction on Friday. Both are members of the chapter's Agriculture Advisory Board. The auction raised \$10,500. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

River irrigation water will start Thursday

Managers bump 2014 allotment to 1.5 acre-feet

With a handful of farmers worried about warmer weather, South Board of Control officials decided Tuesday morning to turn on the Gem Pumping Plant at midnight Thursday.

That means serviceable water will be in the A and B canals sometime Friday. The C canal will have water next week, SBOC manager Ron Kiester said.

"We had eight concerned farmers who were worried that it would get into the 70-degree range," Kiester said Tuesday morning after the decision was made.

Less than a week earlier, the SBOC board of directors had set a tentative date of Monday to turn on the Gem pumps, but the pressure from area users forced Kiester to move that date up by

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There won't be an overage charge on water transfers, but irrigators could see another assessment increase to cover energy costs.

six days.

After an April 1 decision by the Owyhee Project Joint Board, irrigators in the basin will have a little more water to use. During an afternoon meeting in Nyssa, Ore., the Joint Board increased the 2014 allotment to 1.5 acre-feet.

That's still half of the amount that growers received last year.

The turn-on date for Owyhee Reservoir water still hovers between April 25 and May 1. The Joint Board will meet Tuesday to discuss the date again.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service's latest

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Marsing to take up county's law enforcement offer

County's counter offer nearly four times higher than city's original idea

The Marsing City Council will meet tonight at 7 at City Hall. The council will be holding its first discussion of a newly proposed \$72,000 Owyhee County Sheriff's Office contract.

The contract would allow

deputies to enforce city ordinances.

City attorney Stephanie K. Bonney will lead the discussion on the topic of the law enforcement contract.

Last week, county Prosecuting

Attorney Douglas D. Emery sent the city the new proposal for a \$72,000 contract for the council's review.

The city had initially proposed a \$15,000 contract, which was rejected by the county

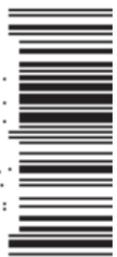
commissioners last month. Emery said in a letter to the city that it was not enough to pay for Marsing's law enforcement and prosecution of cases needs.

Other topics to be addressed at the meeting will include updates

on several ongoing projects.

City engineer Amy Woodruff will provide information to the council about the status of the Waterways Improvement Grant for Island Park. The grant would pay for park improvements. The

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Public meeting to examine road, trail use in Triangle Flat

Tonight's meet part of county's RS2477 process

The Board of County Commissioners will take the next step in the RS2477 roads rights-of-way process tonight.

A public meeting is scheduled for 6 inside the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

The meeting kicks off a 60-day comment period on the county's intention to assert rights-of-way on roads within the Triangle Flat Quadrangle in the west-central portion of the county. The county will accept written comments until 5 p.m. on June 9. The maps are available for viewing at the Planning and Zoning office inside the annex.

Comments can be mailed to P.O. Box 128 Murphy, ID 83650 or hand-delivered to the county clerk's office in Murphy between 8:30 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The RS2477 process involves roads and trails that traverse public lands. The county has made five criteria categories. None of the criteria involved roads that go across

private land.

Public input is sought to help determine how the various roads and trails are used by adjacent property owners and recreationalists.

The county wants to assert rights-of-way to head off the possibility of the BLM permanently closing roads. The process began in 2011 with series of public meetings.

RS2477 stands for "Revised Statute 2477," which was passed in 1866 as the West was being settled. It provided rights-of-way across public lands for the construction of highways.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) repealed RS2477 and put the precedence on valid existing rights.

The county began the process of validating rights on all roads by splitting the county into 161 quadrants based on U.S. Geological Service topographical maps.

The Triangle Flat Quadrangle is the first such map to be brought forward for public comment. The quadrant includes the area where Flint Creek Road and Bachman Grade Road intersect. The area also includes the Triangle Ranch subdivision.

County official views favorable possibilities in public lands issues

Gateway panel sees on-the-ground impact; Senate receives legislation limiting monuments

Owyhee County officials have seen some uplifting developments on the public lands front in the past weeks.

But don't expect to see any commissioners doing handsprings on the front lawn of the Owyhee County Courthouse complex in Murphy anytime soon.

"I'm cautiously optimistic. I've been that way for a long time," District 3 commissioner and Board of County Commissioners chair Joe Merrick said after the latest Gateway West subcommittee meeting.

"I thought we had a deal a couple years ago when it went to Washington and come back and everything that we had done didn't come to fruition.

"So I don't get my hopes up too high."

Still, Merrick said he saw some good signs after the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee toured parts of the landscape proposed for routing of the 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line.

The panel spent six hours March 27 touring parts of Owyhee and Canyon counties where the Idaho Power Co.-Rocky Mountain Power transmission line might go.

"It was quite an eye-opener for a lot of people," Merrick said. "It was very good.

"They realized what impacts that there would be upon the people and private property in the different areas, especially Segment 8."

Segment 8 as proposed takes the powerline over the Snake River and through the Idaho Air National Guard's Orchard

Training Area on the way to the Hemingway substation. An alternate route would take the line south of the Orchard Training Area on a path that would affect Bruneau, Oreana and Murphy.

The information gleaned from the on-the-ground meeting last month led to some slight changes in possible routing during last Wednesday's subcommittee meeting in Boise, Merrick said.

"They stayed in the two-mile corridor, but they kind of tweaked it a little bit," he said.

More meetings are scheduled before the subcommittee is scheduled to take its recommendation on Segment 8-9 routing to the full RAC for a May 28 meeting at the BLM Boise District Office.

Of course, that won't be the end all and be all.

"The BLM has to go through their process," Merrick said. "It'll probably be fall before they get their work done and start to make decisions."

The federal agency created the subcommittee, which includes Owyhee County residents Donna Bennett and Karen Steenhof (who is the co-chair), to hash out routing of the two segments that go through Owyhee County after finalizing all other segments on the 1,100-mile power line that will run from Rock Springs, Wyo., to the Hemingway Butte substation in Wilson.

The subcommittee has added two more meetings to its schedule as it continues to examine routing as well as Idaho Power's natural resource mitigation and enhancement plan if the line is permitted down Baja Road in the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey

National Conservation Area.

Additional meetings will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 18 and April 30.

In another development related to public lands, the U.S. House of Representatives last week sent to the Senate a bill that would require National Environmental Protection Act analysis (and public involvement) on all future national monument designations.

At present, national monuments, which can affect hundreds of thousands of acres of public land, can be established merely with the stroke of a president's pen on an executive order.

"I think it's a great idea," Merrick said of H.R. 1459, the Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act.

"Our country was founded on government by the people, and it's really hard for me to swallow a mandate from the president or a leader that doesn't have input from the local groups that it affects."

The Antiquities Act of 1906 empowered the president with the ability to create national monuments through executive order.

When President Bill Clinton seemed poised to put most of Owyhee County under federal protection by creating a national monument near the end of his second term, county officials sprang into action.

The threat of a monument that would limit ranchers' ability to use the land triggered the Owyhee Initiative, which was turned into law by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.

The fifth anniversary of President Obama making the Initiative law passed March 30.

H.R. 1459 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

— JPB

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Fast start to spring rodeo season



Riding close to home helps Marsing cowboy

Marsing's Austin Williams rides in the bareback competition at the first District 2 rodeo of the Idaho High School Rodeo Association's spring season on Saturday at Badiola Arena in Homedale. A senior, Williams won the bareback event both Saturday and Sunday, kicking off his weekend with a 73-point ride Saturday morning. Full results weren't posted to the District 2 website before press time. The rodeo season returns to Homedale and the Owyhee County Fairgrounds arena on April 26-27 bringing competitors from Homedale, Marsing, Rimrock, Jordan Valley, Adrian and other southwest Idaho high schools. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

With spring comes weeds and the spray to knock them down

NOCWMA plans first herbicide distribution

The Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area takes aim at puncture vine (goatheads) with its first spray day.

Pre-mixed Telar XP with dye will be distributed at two locations on Saturday.

Spray containers ranging in size from one to 25 gallons will be accepted for the herbicide distribution. No plastic bottles or milk jugs will be allowed.

Landowners with two acres or more should call the office to make special arrangements.

The Telar XP will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau

Highway, in Marsing. That is the location of the NOCWMA and the Owyhee Conservation District offices.

Another distribution runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Homedale Armory at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave.

A safety class will be held every half-hour at both locations. To help in the registration process for the classes, forms can be requested via email through Gina Millard at gina.millard@id.nacdn.net or office assistant Lauri Moncrief at lm.nocwma@gmail.com.

In the event of rain, the spray day will be rescheduled to Saturday, April 26.

For more information, call the Owyhee Conservation District office at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102.

Telar XP is a pre-emergent that prevents germination and sprouting.

Dems caucus Monday in Marsing

The Owyhee County Democrats will select state convention delegates at the Central Committee meeting Monday in Marsing.

The caucus will take place at 1 p.m. inside the Community Room of the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S.

3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

All Democrats and independents are invited to attend the caucus, but only registered Democrats can vote for delegates to the convention, which will be held June 20-22 in Moscow.



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SBOC irrigators who transfer water won't face more fees

Another assessment hike to cover energy costs could be coming

The South Board of Control clarified that irrigators who receive transfers from fellow producers won't get hit with excess water charges.

Area farmers have been allowed to transfer part of their allotment to neighboring producers since SBOC directors passed a resolution in 2002. The board attached a \$50 administrative fee to transfers a year later to cut down on abuse of the process.

During an April 1 meeting, SBOC attorney Albert Barker urged the directors to clarify whether producers who take advantage of the transfer policy should be subject to excess charges.

The directors determined that because the water is part of another allotment and is merely transferred there would be no excess charge. Director Dennis

Turner said not levying excess charges would help in the short water year.

District secretary Connie Chadez said the transfer forms already have a box where producers can inform water officials whether the transfer would constitute an excess over a given farmer's annual allotment.

In reality, no excess would be created because the same amount of water allotted (1.5 acre-feet per producer) is still being used.

"No one is using more water," Chadez said. "Neighbor to neighbor, they're just shuffling water."

Bureau of Reclamation considering rate hike

Any decision won't be made until June, but the federal Bureau of Reclamation has floated the idea of increasing power rates for a second consecutive year.

Kiester told South Board directors that the rate hike would be part of the next five-year contract between BOR and

electricity providers such as Bonneville Power Administration and Idaho Power.

A rate increase would be passed on to South Board irrigators in the form of a hike in per-acre assessments.

Last year, South Board increased its power budget by \$55,000 to accommodate a rate spike when dry conditions required larger-than-usual usage of the pumping stations along the Snake River.

Last year's increase was from 22.8 mil, or 2.28 cents per kilowatt, to 2.4 cents per kilowatt (24 mil). That equated to a \$1.22 per acre assessment increase for the producers in the 45,000-acre district.

Kiester said officials are discussing raising the power rate to 2.5 cents per kilowatt (25 mil).

Kiester said that could force South Board directors to increase the budget by \$30,000 to \$40,000, which would equate to an assessment increase of between 67 cents and 89 cents per acre.

Kiester said the rate increase idea will be discussed again when BOR officials meet in June.

— JPB



A tractor burns northwest of Homedale. Photo by Travis Hyer

Fire destroys tractor on Gulley Road

Driver escapes cab before flames can reach him

A John Deere tractor appears to be a total loss after a freak fire Thursday morning.

Homedale Fire Department personnel responded to the report of a tractor on fire on Gulley Road around 11:30 a.m.

The machine, owned by CTI Foods/SSI in Wilder, became fully engulfed after the driver was able to escape without injury, according to Homedale resident Travis Hyer, who was first on the scene and phoned the call

into Owyhee County emergency dispatch.

"It looked like the fire was coming from inside the dash," HFD assistant chief Tom Pegram said. "It started in the dash, and before we could get to it, engulfed the tractor."

Ten Homedale volunteers and two fire trucks responded to the scene, which was just north of Idaho highway 19 on Gulley Road northwest of the city limits.

The tractor, which was equipped with a hay fork, was moving between farms during a hay-loading project, Pegram said.

He said the exact cause of the fire was unclear.

— JPB

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Correction

Information provided by Owyhee County regarding utility bill payments to the City of Marsing for the substation was incorrect in an April 2 article. The county has paid the bill directly to the city since the reimbursement agreement ended in September 2011.

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✓ **Water:** Reservoir water still a few weeks away

water supply report predicts a shortage for the Owyhee Basin.

The Gem Pumping Plant outside Marsing sends Snake River water to the older portion of the Gem Irrigation District, while irrigators in part of Gem and all of the Ridgeview district rely on water that flows into the South Canal from the Owyhee Reservoir.

It costs \$200 for every hour that the Gem plant pumps run, SBOC watermaster John Eells said in last week's meeting.

This week's decision to turn on the pumps earlier than first decided validated Ridgeview director Bret Nielson, who worried that the tentative date might be too late unless the wet weather continues.

"I'm with him," South Board and Gem director Dave Shenk said. "If it turns up dry and windy, we may have to bump up (the start date)."

Kiester told the board that the Owyhee Reservoir's current storage is at the same level it was at this time in 1992, which was a dire year for area producers.

The Bureau of Reclamation website reported the reservoir held 180,932 acre-feet of water Monday afternoon. That figure is 25 percent of the lake's capacity. The reservoir

can hold up to 715,000 acre-feet, which would supply enough water to cover two years of the area's irrigation needs at normal four acre-feet allotments.

Kiester painted a grim picture when talking about the 1992 water year.

Although water was turned into the South Canal on April 8 that year, the system lost head pressure by July 24 and the water season ended on Aug. 24.

While Kiester drew parallels between 2014 and 1992, he expressed hope that storms that barreled through the region recently would help. He said the March 28-April 1 storms brought a lot of snow to the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region, which feeds the Owyhee watershed.

"This is the time of year where it'll happen or won't happen," Kiester said of Mother Nature boosting the water supply.

Shenk echoed the manager's guarded optimism: "The rain today helped me a bunch."

According to the Natural Resource Conservation Service's snowpack report from Monday, the Owyhee basin is at 65 percent of its 30-year average for this time of year.

— JPB



Workers from the Pipeline Inspection Services Inc., begin work on a manhole in the northeast section of Marsing. The men are putting in new slip lining by blowing a sock liner inside the piping and using heat and cold to cure the product. Total cost to the city was around \$159,000, and the project was supposed to be completed earlier this week. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

✓ **Marsing:** Grant applications still in works

grant had been submitted and is awaiting approval.

Woodruff will also address the council about the status of a Community Choice Grant for a proposed sidewalk on Idaho highway 78. The sidewalk is planned to extend from Logans Market to the labor camp.

The council will also hear an update on the East Bruneau Trunk Line Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Pipeline Inspections Services, Inc. of Nampa has been relining the sewer pipe during the past month.

Public works maintenance superintendent John Larsen will

update the council on the city's application for a \$50,000 Gem Grant for the city's Methane Gas Project. The project's goal is to siphon naturally occurring methane gas from the city water and convert it into electricity.

—KB

✓ **Four-day:** Supervisors say hourly workers worry about losing benefits

Committee members Sauer, middle school English teacher Sally Gonsler and elementary school teacher MaryJo Larzelier made a presentation during this week's special meeting. Approximately 15 people, most of whom work for the district, were in attendance.

The presentation didn't provide much new information not already shared during last month's public meeting at the high school.

The effects on personnel, however, were discussed throughout the meeting.

While nearly three-quarters of the staff members who responded to a December survey said they favored a four-day week, upon questioning Sauer told Zone 3 Trustee Dwayne Fisher that there was no breakdown of how many salaried employees, such as teachers, responded favorably as compared to hourly employees such as custodians, bus drivers and food service workers.

According to the presentation, Homedale bus drivers would lose 20 percent of their salary, but Sauer said there would be an opportunity to make some of that money back through Friday enrichment-day transportation shifts.

"I know the bus drivers are going to lose a lot," maintenance and transportation supervisor Tom Muir told the trustees during a

question-and-answer period at the end of the 1-hour, 20-minute meeting.

Muir said he knew of two or three drivers who would quit if the district switched. At least one driver is a family's sole wage-earner and would be unable to afford insurance on a smaller salary, Muir said.

The district could look into grandfathering those employees who drop below the work-hour threshold so no benefits are lost, but Sauer said many of the questions like that will be answered through discussions with state education officials this week ahead of the board's vote.

Muir also mentioned that Marsing struggled to find drivers when that district first switched to a four-day week and had to resort to chartering buses for athletic events in some cases.

Muir said his major concern was losing some of the drivers — and thereby quality and experience — in his 10-person pool.

Food service chief Vicki Eby also said her employees are concerned about losing benefits because of reduced hours. Food service employees would lose three to five hours each week.

Paraprofessionals would see a decrease from 35 hours to 32 hours per week.

"The hardest part of being on that committee was knowing that

if we would go to a four-day week, it would affect people. That's probably my only downside; is it will affect them," Shenk said.

"I believe in my heart (going to a four-day week is) the best thing to do, but I know it's going to affect people."

Sauer did address nutritional concerns brought up by some patrons during last month's public meeting.

He said that Richfield reported 70 percent of the students in the free or reduced-price lunch program have experienced no missed meals on the fifth day.

As in Richfield, Sauer said weekend nutrition for needy children is bolstered in Homedale with a backpack program. Additionally, the Homedale Elementary Li'l Pantry is open to all district families, he said.

From an educational standpoint, Sauer presented a graph that showed little difference in student achievement scores of five-day districts and four-day districts. In fact, 17 percent of the four-day schools in the state (39 districts and charter schools) received five-star ratings while 14 percent of five-day schools received the highest mark in the state Department of Education's performance scale.

Four-day schools charted better than five-day schools in the four-star category, too. Fewer four-day

schools than five-day schools were rated at three stars and two stars, while three percent from both pools received one-star ratings.

Board chair Kurt Shanley pointed out that the ratings breakdown didn't take into consideration that many of the four-day schools are charters and, by rule, have higher-achieving students. He said he'd like to see those schools and alternative schools broken out of the graph for a more apples-to-apples comparison.

Sauer also said that because the state's new standardized test — the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium — won't be scored this year, there will be no student achievement comparison data from the last year of five-day schooling to the first year of the four-day week if the district switches.

Anecdotal evidence from four-day districts to which Sauer reached out showed that the new schedule was working as far as improving student achievement.

Sauer said Cambridge reported a 90 percent passing rate and a "dramatic" reduction in students who were failing or performing poorly.

Mackay reported better attendance and better quality teaching time, which many Homedale staffers pointed out would be easier to come by in a

four-day setting.

Gonsler said the amount of time it takes to get students to settle into a class routine each day, when given just 50 minutes, makes it difficult to go in-depth into subjects.

She said information retention would improve because of the longer class hours allowing for deeper instruction and better student-teacher relationships.

Addressing another concern broached during the public meeting, Sauer said that special needs students weren't affected long-term by the four-day week, according to his research. Wendell and Marsing reported it took about a semester for the students to adjust, while Richfield said there was no effect, Sauer said.

Teachers in attendance Monday also said they would favor the four-day week because Friday professional development days would mean less time lost preparing for a substitute teacher and then, many times, re-teaching a lesson left for the sub.

Sauer reiterated that no Idaho district that has gone to a four-day week has reverted back to a tradition five-day schedule although Richfield is near the end of the first year of a two-year pilot program and Gooding re-evaluated the setup but stuck with a four-day week.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

April 9: Crispito, corn, side salad, orange wedges
 April 10: Grilled ham/cheese, baked beans, cucumbers, pears
 April 11: Pizza ripper, tossed salad, baby carrots, tropical fruit
 April 14: Wiener wrap, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, fruit rollup
 April 15: Chicken nuggets, mixed veggies, grape tomatoes, mandarin oranges
 April 16: Chicken burrito, corn, broccoli, grapes

Homedale Middle

April 9: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, side salad, apple
 April 10: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed carrots, broccoli, mandarin oranges
 April 11: Idaho haystack or fish nuggets, side salad, grape tomatoes, pears
 April 14: BBQ chicken or pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, side salad, mixed fruit, bread
 April 15: Hot dog or hamburger, baked beans, cucumbers, pears
 April 16: Grilled cheese or rib-b-que, corn, grape tomatoes, orange wedges

Homedale High

April 9: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar/fruit choice
 April 10: Malibu or grilled chicken or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar/fruit choice
 April 11: Pulled pork BBQ or toasted cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar/fruit choice
 April 14: Personal pepperoni pizza or turkey sandwich, salad bar/fruit choice
 April 15: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, fortune cookie, green beans, salad bar/fruit choice
 April 16: Lasagna w/French bread or rib-b-que, mixed vegetables, salad bar/fruit choice

Marsing

April 9: Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets w/roll, potato wedges, salad bar 6-12
 April 10: Chicken parmesan or fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding, salad bar 6-12
 April 14: Chicken fried steak or toasted chicken, buttered corn, roll, salad bar 6-12
 April 15: Hot dog w/baked beans or egg roll w/fried rice, green beans, jello, salad bar 6-12
 April 16: Orange chicken w/rice or ham/cheese w/chips, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

April 9: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, peas, breadstick, fruit
 April 10: Chicken taco, romaine & tomato, seasoned black beans, fruit
 April 11: Pig in a blanket, sweet potato fries, broccoli, fruit
 April 15: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fruit

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Death notices

CLIFFORD LEO REID, 61, of Marsing, died Thursday, April 3, 2014, at home of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale, 337-3252.

FRANK A. SONTAG JR., 81, of Homedale, died on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at home of natural causes. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale, 337-3252.

Birth

Jaelyn Abigail Parrill

Jaelyn Abigail Parrill was born on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces at birth.

Parents are Travis and Mandie Parrill of Casper, Wyo. She has two sisters, 7-year-old Makenna and 2-year-old Lexi.

Homedale residents Dan and Sherry Parrill are paternal grandparents.

Paternal great-grandmothers are Shirley Kushlan and Colleen Combs, both of Homedale.

Homedale, Marsing set kinder signups

Kindergarten registration will take place at elementary schools in Homedale and Marsing in the coming weeks.

Homedale Elementary is first up with registration running from noon to 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the school's library, 420 W. Washington Ave.

The prospective student must attend the registration, and parents must bring their child's state-issued birth certificate, immunization records, Social Security card and proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

For more information, call the school at 337-4033.

Marsing Elementary will hold kindergarten pre-registration and screening from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.

The school is located on 8th Avenue West.

Parents should call 896-4111, ext. 497 to set an appointment for their child's screening.

At the time of registration, parents must bring their child, a certified copy of their child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency.

Kindergarten registration is open to children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1.

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Birthday

Longtime Marsing-area man turning 80 feted with party

A longtime Owyhee County resident will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday.

Jim Stewart, who lived for 67 years on his family's homestead on Poison Creek and Jump Creek roads where he farmed, will be honored with an open house.

The event takes place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at 16958

Bastian Ave., in Caldwell. The home is near the corner of Lake and Homedale roads.

Stewart's family will give the open house.

His son, Bill, still lives on the homestead, while his daughter, Barbara, lives in Marsing.

For more information, call 880-4431.



Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard, left, presents prize checks to the Homedale Middle School sixth-graders who placed in the Farm Bureau's art contest, including, from left, Juliette Larzelier, winner; Amaya Beckman, runner-up; and Paloma Bueno, third place. At right is the girls' art teacher, Shannon Johnson. Submitted photo

Owyhee Farm Bureau honors HMS artists

Homedale Middle School students recently swept the awards in a recent Farm Bureau art contest.

Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard presented checks to three HMS artists for their success in the Farm Bureau Idaho Agriculture Art contest.

The contest was open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in Owyhee County. Homedale Middle School sent 38 entries for the local competition.

Juliette Larzelier, daughter of Matthew and Michelle, won

the competition with Amaya Beckman, daughter of Kerrie and Jason, finishing as runner-up and Paloma Bueno, daughter of Paloma and Ricardo, taking third place.

First-place prize was \$25 followed by \$15 for second and \$10 for third.

The students, all sixth-graders, also took part in the Idaho Farm Bureau district competition.

"There was a good range of agriculture direction," HMS art teacher Shannon Johnson said. "I'm thrilled with the winning entries."

Several Owyheans make Treasure Valley CC list

Owyhee country is represented well in Treasure Valley Community College's most recent honor rolls.

President's List (4.0 grade-point average) — Joy Renae Kudlo, Marsing; Zara A. Grayson, Wilder

Dean's List (3.75 to 3.99 GPA) — Jordan Sinclair Matteri, Jordan

Valley; Carrie Joann Baldwin, Marsing; Kristina Louise Culver, Wilder

Honor roll (3.5 to 3.74 GPA) — Joshua James Gamble, Adrian; Madolynne Dawn VanCorbach, Adrian; Katie Jo Johnson, Grand View; Meagan Nicole Fillmore, Jordan Valley; Tom Justin Nelson, Jordan Valley

Calendar

Today

Community Prayer Gathering

7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, N. 18 St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3464

Story Time

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

Senior center board meeting

1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Christian Life Club

3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., kindergarten to sixth grade, transportation provided, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Three Creek School Board meeting

7 p.m., Three Creek School multipurpose room, Three Creek

Thursday

Blood pressure clinic

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

Senior center exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting

1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

Homedale Elementary L'il Pantry distribution

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Elementary School pantry, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

Rimrock Food Pantry preparation

4 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2314

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday

Story Time

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

Saturday

Rimrock Food Pantry distribution

8:30 a.m. Knight Community Church 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2314

NOCWMA spray day

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

NOCWMA spray day

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Homedale Armory, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Senior center dance

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., public welcome, \$5, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Sunday

Bruneau Valley Library board meeting

2:30 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Middle school youth group

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Homedale Fire District board meeting

Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Owyhee County Democrats meeting

1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 250-2458

Homedale School board meeting

7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday

Foot clinic

8 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior center exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

After-school Story Time

4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Wednesday, April 16

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Christian Life Club

3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., kindergarten to sixth grade, transportation provided, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Story Time

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

Thursday, April 17

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Senior center exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board meeting

6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 W. 3rd Ave. S., Marsing. (208) 455-2550

Friday, April 18

Story Time

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

Saturday, April 19

Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Adult game night

7 p.m., \$1 cover, Rimrock Senior and Community Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Owyhee Then & Now
Michael F. Hanley IV



Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1 Character

Cattle buyers long ago learned that they had to be on the lookout for tricky customers who would try to pull the wool over their eyes. As a result, most became good judges of character, putting a lot of weight on first impressions.

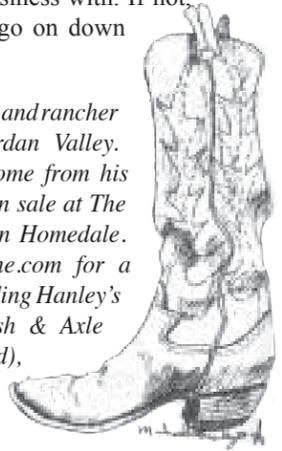
In their business, a second chance seldom is given a bad risk who either tries or succeeds in cheating them. They must deal on a close margin and an order-buyer who gets stung, at the least, loses his commission. On the other hand, his reputation is damaged and he can lose orders, which puts him in the ranks of the "also runs."

The buyer who buys for his business or is hired by a company has to be just as careful as the order-buyer and is constantly aware of costs. The bottom line is, "Can I buy and make a profit or at least break even when I, or my boss, sell them at a later date?"

Each buyer has his own instincts to guide him in determining character, but the system an old-time cow buyer used is just as revealing today as it was then. He said:

"If you want to learn the character of a man, just take a look at his horses. If they are well cared for, chances are he is a good man to do business with. If not, well, you had better just go on down the road."

—Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley's Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Stanford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.



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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

April 9: Beef stew, bread
 April 10: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, bread
 April 15: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, bread
 April 16: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread

Marsing Senior Center

(All breakfast orders come with meat & eggs, fruit, juice & milk)
 April 9: Fish, or chief's choice, coleslaw, potato salad, green beans, sourdough bread, fruit cocktail
 April 10: Beef pot roast, potatoes/gravy, salad, carrots, fruit, bran muffin, banana pudding
 April 14: Breakfast to order, French toast
 April 15: Hot pork sandwich, potatoes/gravy, broccoli, cauliflower & carrots, peach crisp
 April 16: Chicken & dumplings, yams, salad, muffin, cookies

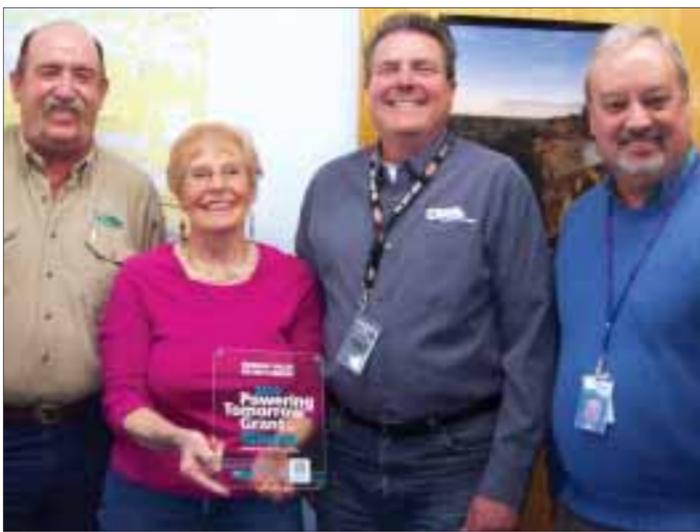
Rimrock Senior Center

April 10: Sweet & sour chicken
 April 15: Roast beef



Rimrock center continues cook stove project

An Idaho Power Powering Tomorrow grant has pushed the Rimrock Senior Center closer to obtaining a new cook stove. From left: Idaho Power C.J. Strike Reservoir employee Doug Thurman, Idaho Power representatives Bill Shawver and Randy Mendiola, Rimrock Senior Center board president Bob Kern and board members Pat Price, Sandi Riley and Mel Chick during the \$1,000 check presentation in Grand View. Senior center coordinator Karon Nichols said the fund drive is about halfway to the price of the stove, which will cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000. The next fun raiser is a baked food sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 18. Soup will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To donate a food item, call Willie Roby at (208) 834-2171. Submitted photo



The Bruneau Valley Public Library recently received a \$500 Powering Tomorrow grant from Idaho Power for the Bruneau and Beyond series. From left: Doug Thurman, a Grand View area resident who works at C.J. Strike Reservoir for the public utility; library director Carol Copeland; and Idaho Power Co. representatives Randy Mendiola and Bill Shawver, who are both based in Boise. Submitted photo



Some of the Marsing High School students showing artwork at Lizard Butte Library this month include six from Carmen Magart's advanced art class. From left, Sydney Barker, Stephanie Richards, Crystal Mitchell, Jose Acuna, Miranda Barker and Cesar Ortiz. Submitted photo

Bruneau and Beyond talks Oregon Trail

Idaho Power grant provides funding for library program

The Oregon Trail is the topic for the next Bruneau and Beyond speaker program at the Bruneau Valley Library.

Mountain Home resident Ron Tugby will present the talk next Wednesday after the library's monthly free luncheon, which begins at noon. The program is made possible through an Idaho Power Co. Powering Tomorrow grant. Officials with the public

utility recently presented a \$1,000 check to the library.

Tugby volunteers with the Idaho chapter of the Oregon/California Trails Association. The association's 11 chapters throughout the United States work with the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the public to preserve and protect the trails and to provide education about the trails.

Although the lunch and presentation is free, library officials asked folks to RSVP to ensure that enough food is prepared. Make reservations by Monday by calling the library at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282.

Marsing students featured in Lizard Butte art exhibit

As the school year winds down, Marsing High School art students get their moment in the sun during their hometown library's April art exhibit.

This month's Friends of the Lizard Butte Library art show features nearly 30 artists from MHS art and speech teacher Carmen Magart's class.

The exhibit can be viewed at the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Monday through Saturday. The library is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Exhibited artists include:

Seniors — Jose Acuna, Danielle Barker, Courtney Jerome, Hannah Meade, Josh Sullivan and Yoela Zerapio

Juniors — Miranda Barker, Courtney Bryant, Warren Dalley, Allie Herman, Cesar Ortiz, Crystal Mitchell, Stephanie Richards and Jolene Sevy

Sophomores — Rodrigo Acuna, Sydney Barker, Kyra Beam, Brady Bowers, Brynn Breshears, Kourtney Miller, Colton Moyle and Mercedes Paz

Freshmen — Evan Anderson,

Oscar Gonzalez, Alisha Jerome, Maria Murillo, Esmeralda Robles and Nancy Sevy

Exhibit organizers call Magart the driving force behind the MHS art show. She has taught in public schools for 15 years and spent seven years at Boise State University as a literacy coordinator and instructor.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Art and English from the University of Idaho and a Master's in Education from BSU.

Magart is proud of her student artists, according to a press release announcing the exhibit.

Succor Creek could see changes with new bridge

Officials want stream realigned as part of project

If some elected officials have their way, the planned reconstruction of a bridge west of Homedale will include more than roadway improvements.

District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) approached project representatives about the possibility of realigning Succor Creek's stream flow when the bridge taking Idaho highway 19 over the waterway is rebuilt next year.

Designers already are planning to realign the bridge to mitigate the erosion of the west-side foundation of the existing span caused by decades of rushing waters ping-ponging from one bank to the other then squeezing under the bridge during high-water events.

Bridge realignment would better accommodate flood flows, according to Mike Johnson, the project manager for HDR Inc.'s

engineering office in Boise.

"In a large flood event, Succor Creek pushes as much water as the Boise River," Johnson said.

Aberasturi, Brackett and about a dozen concerned citizens visited with project officials during an April 1 open house inside the Homedale Middle School gymnasium.

Citizens will be able to submit comments on the Idaho Transportation Department's rebuild of the 50-year-old bridge. The comment period ends Tuesday, and the design phase will continue through the summer.

Project engineers told Aberasturi that re-routing the stream would require permitting from the Army Corps of Engineers. The commissioner said he would talk to the agency about the idea.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2015 and will be completed by the fall or winter of 2016, but ITD could amend the construction timeline if funding becomes available before the anticipated fiscal year 2016 allocation.

Part of last week's discussion

Getting involved

The Idaho Transportation Department will take public comment on the proposed Succor Creek Bridge replacement until Tuesday.

Mail — Public Involvement Coordinator, P.O. Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707

Email — comments@itd.idaho.gov

Fax — (208) 334-8563

included how the width limitations during construction would affect agricultural producers who need to move wide farm equipment from field to field.

"We're trying to do whatever we can to limit our impact," Johnson said.

Aberasturi said he will talk to local farmers to gauge how they will be able to cope with a 16-foot width limitation when the north side of the existing bridge is removed in the first stage of construction.

Both directions of traffic will

be routed to the 16-foot-wide south lane of the bridge as a 19-foot, 9-inch north side of the new bridge is built.

Johnson said the 16-foot construction width already is an accommodation for farmers. Typically, lanes are narrowed to 12 feet during construction projects.

Aberasturi pointed out that some farm equipment can be as wide as 20 feet, and farmers with those machines will have to find a lengthy detour route.

Traffic will be regulated by an automated stoplight similar to the one used during ITD's project to replace the Scorpion Creek culvert outside Murphy with a slab bridge.

Once completed, the bridge will be 41 feet wide. It will be moved to the west because of the realignment plan, and Johnson also said that the roadway will be shifted about five feet to the north because of the construction staging and the desire to accommodate farm equipment traffic.

The Idaho 19 roadbed will be raised two feet at River Road to

accommodate the realignment. Johnson said that aspect will affect private drive approaches for some residents along the highway.

Johnson said the bridge design being used can be widened further in the future to accommodate traffic growth without completely replacing the span.

Furthermore, stream flow will be improved because the preliminary design will eliminate existing piers protruding from the middle of the streambed.

Local resident Harold Schmierer worried about emergency medical response limitations during the construction period. Johnson said officials are working with local ambulance and fire officials to ensure that the project doesn't effect response times.

Johnson said a conversation such as the one with Schmierer and his wife, Sue, is a big reason why public meetings are held.

"We learn things about the area that will us design something that will benefit you," he told the couple.

— JPB



New salon opens in Homedale

Rebecca Lopez, owner of the new Hair Say Salon in Homedale, helps a client. The salon, located at 7 N. Main St., is open from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Lopez does men's, women's and children's hair and nails. Call (208)286-8992.



Owyhee Scoop turns a year old

The Owyhee Scoop co-owner Alyssa Fogg, left, hands an ice cream cone to Anna Dixon, 7, while her sister Elise, 4, brother Daniel, 12, and sister Grace, 10, hold their cones. The restaurant celebrated its one-year anniversary Friday. Owners are Tom and Alyssa Fogg of Homedale. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Payette woman wins Marsing Legion Post 128 gun show raffle

Payette resident Barbara Haylett displays the rifle she won during a raffle at the March 22-23 spring gun show sponsored by the American Legion Post 128 in Marsing. The next show is scheduled for Oct. 4-5. Post Cmdr. Julie Sterling also announced that the Legion has some lost/found items from the weekend, including a Youth Boggs size 10 and a adult coat/jacket size XL. Call (208) 896-6077 to claim the lost items. Submitted photo



Homedale women visit D.C. with vehicle safety group

Homedale resident Rosie Cortinas holds photos of her son Amador and his friend Daniel Valadez as her daughter, Monica Coronado, stands to her right. The women were in Washington D.C. last week with a group of vehicle safety advocates for a congressional hearing. Homedale High School graduates Amador and Daniel died in an Oct. 18 head-on collision east of Wilder. Submitted photo



Jasmine Zegger, 16, Uelsen, Germany



Michel Bethge, 17, Berlin, Germany



Lia Hollenstein, 18, Zuzwil, Switzerland



Jiseok Jung (Han), 15, South Korea

Meet Homedale's foreign exchange students

Homedale High School is not only important to students raised in Homedale, but to students from around the world.

Four students have chosen the school to be their home as part of foreign exchange programs. They are Jasmin Zegger, 16, and Michel Bethge, 17, from Germany, Lia Hollenstein, 18, from Switzerland, and Jiseok Jung (Han), 15, from South Korea.

Zegger and Jung are sponsored by the AYSS (Academic Year in America) Foundation. Bethge and Hollenstein are sponsored by the EF (Education First) Foundation. For more information about AYSS, call Cherry Shuster at (208) 740-9140, or about EF, call Stacey Woods at 337-5585.

Each of the students live with host families in the area. Jasmin and Han are staying at the home of Mark and DeAnn Thatcher, Michel lives with Daniel and Kristina Shira, and Lia is the house guest of Tim and Jennifer Riha. The students are here for the duration of the school year, and will return to their homelands this summer.

Each of them answered a series of questions about their experience. Here's what they said:

Where are you from?

Jasmin: Uelsen, Germany
Michel: Berlin, Germany
Lia: Zuzwil, Switzerland
Jiseok (Han): Incheon, South Korea

Parents' names and occupations?

Jasmin: Gunda, nurse, Reiner, car parts salesman

Michel: Claudia, doctor, and Olaf, carpenter

Lia: Ruth and Michael, both sales reps

Jiseok (Han): He said he does not know the English spelling of his parents' names. His father is in business and his mother owns a small shop.

Do you have siblings?

Jasmin: brother, Robin.
Michel: two brothers, Fiefe, Ole
Lia: no answer.
Jiseok (Han): I have one older brother.

Why did you want to be a foreign exchange student?

Jasmin: To live at a different place, to experience new culture, to be able to speak English fluently, and become independent.

Michel: My mom kinda forced me to, but I totally enjoyed it.

Lia: To learn English and the American culture, for the experience.

Jiseok (Han): I wanted to go to America and my teacher recommend this program.

What have you enjoyed the most?

Jasmin: Getting to know people from all over the world. Host family turning into second family, foreign country turning into home.

Michel: My friends and learning English.

Lia: Living my dream, living with an amazing host family, making new friends.

Jiseok (Han): I think that I enjoyed football and homecoming week.

Who has helped most in adjusting to your new life and new school?

Jasmin: My host family and all the people I have met here and the friends I have made.

Michel: My friends and my host family.

Lia: My host family, my own parents, my host sister and her friends.

Jiseok (Han): I think that my host mom help me.

What has been the hardest thing about being here?

Jasmin: Some things about the different culture are hard to accept, missing family and friends.

Michel: No answer.

Lia: Being away from home for such a long time, getting used to a new life with different rules.

Jiseok (Han): I think English class hardest to me because I need to use English much time.

What are some of the differences between here and where you are from?

Jasmin: School and time after school is completely separated, school system in general.

Michel: School system.

Lia: Food, the way people dress, you need a car for almost everything you want to do.

Jiseok (Han): My Korean school and American school are different because when I was Korean student, I could not choose subjects.

What are some of the things you have learned or gained from being here?

Jasmin: Being more open for things, becoming more independent, becoming more self-confident.

Michel: Improved my English.

Lia: I learned to handle things on my own, more self-confidence, being open minded, to be grateful that I got the chance to be an exchange student.

Jiseok (Han): I think that my English writing and reading is better before came here. I can learn sport here. I did not learn sport in Korean.

What extra-curricular activities have you been in?

Jasmin: drama, tennis
Michel: football, basketball, tennis
Lia: track
Han: football, track

How has being a foreign exchange student benefited your life?

Jasmin: I have grown up through being an exchange student and I now have a family and home away from family and home.

Michel: I'll have huge benefits in jobs, school and social life.

Lia: I met a lot of great people, made me grow up, memories for a lifetime, speaking English fluently.

Jiseok (Han): This program changed me. I can like English and sports and my foreign people. I think the exchange student is good program.

Host families share their experiences

Several Homedale families are doing something a little different this year, by opening their families to foreign exchange students attending Homedale High School.

Tim and Jennifer Riha of Homedale decided to become a host family to benefit their children, Samantha, 17, Jason, 15, and Matt, 8.

They host Lia Hollenstein, a senior. "We've enjoyed everything about it. It's a good idea and a good experience. It's nice to have another member of the family from another culture, and watch the interaction with my kids," Tim said.

The only difficulty Tim and Jennifer ran across was they didn't have a big enough car. The Rihas owned a GMC Envoy, which could fit five people, but not six. "We ended up buying another vehicle so we would have enough room to carry everybody," Tim said.

The Riha family took a trip to the coast with their newest family member on board.

Lia has "fit in very well," Tim said. "She speaks very good English, so we didn't have a language barrier to worry about."

He says his sons have "gained another sister, which has been good for them."

"My daughter shares a bedroom with Lia, and it has been good for her to learn to get along with someone in a close space. It's

good preparation for college life, that she can learn to share a little more," Tim said.

As far as cultural differences, Tim said the only adjustment they had to make happened at the dinner table.

"We Americans like our red meat and potatoes, but other cultures are not like that." He has found that his house guest likes to eat more chicken, pasta and vegetables.

The Rihas decided to be a host family because Tim's parents had hosted a student while he was in high school and he enjoyed the experience.

Being a host family "opens up everybody's eyes to the fact that the world is a big place," Tim said. "The benefit to a family is "to learn that things are not the same all over the world."

Tim believes that the experience is good for students who come here because "they get to see what Americans are really like, and that we are just trying to survive, just like everybody else."

Financial concerns have not been a problem, Riha said. "It's really nothing more to set an extra place at the table. Expense was not really a concern," he said.

Daniel and Kristina Shira are "empty nesters" with three grown children — Justin, 34, Brandon, 32, and Carrie, 30. They are the host family for Michel Bethge, 17.

"I just feel good that we are able to do something for someone else," Kristina said. "We've had a good time. I'm so glad we did it."

Michel has "been such a great kid, he has ruined it for the next one," she said, laughing.

The Shiras plan to host a student every year. Kristina feels that the experience has enriched their lives.

"It's just been fun and interesting. It puts the life back into living for me, because I had to cook again," she said.

"I kinda miss my kids, and they get along really good with him," she said.

Kristina said she is impressed with how well Michel's parents have raised him. "He's made a lot of friends and he is very polite and attentive to my house guests."

As far as advice for other host families, Kristina said "it's important to set the rules first."

Mark and DeAnn Thatcher are hosting two students this year. Jasmin Zegger, 18, from Switzerland, and Jiseok Jung (Han), 16, from South Korea.

Mark and DeAnn have participated in the foreign exchange program four times in the past 10 years. DeAnn said, "Overall, it has been a very positive experience."

The Thatchers have some relatives who

were host families, so they became interested in it. DeAnn said she the program because "it gives you a peek into another culture and you build friendships around the world."

The Thatchers appreciate the opportunity to communicate with the parents of students as well as the young people who stay with them.

The Thatchers have four children — Kathryn, 18, Matthew, 16, Kindra, 13, and Todd, 7 — at home.

"It's been good for our children. We feel really blessed to have two very respectful students," DeAnn said. Some of her children are learning German and Korean words.

Her son Matt and Jiseok (Han) played football together, and both her daughters have formed a close friendship with Jasmin, she said.

The Thatchers "try to do extra family outings on a regular basis," to help their students learn more from their experience, she said. They take all the children to different cities and other places, and the family made a trip to the Oregon coast over spring break.

Hosting is an opportunity to "open your heart and your home to other cultures," DeAnn said. Her advice for other parents is to "pay attention to the student profiles, to make sure the student you host will be compatible with your family lifestyle."

Stories and photos by Karen Bresnahan

Trojans do it all to build softball streak

Avalanche Sports

Adrian boys finish 8th at Parma Invite

HHS grad makes Big Sky outdoor meet

Austin Emry qualified for the Big Sky Conference's track and field championship meet Saturday.

Emry won the 110-meter hurdles Saturday at the Montana

State Invitational.

His 14.59-second victory in Bozeman, Mont., was good enough to put him in the field for the championship meet, which will be held May 14-17 at

Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.

A redshirt senior, Emry was the only dual winner for the Grizzlies men. The 2009 Homedale High School graduate also won the long

jump with an effort of 22 feet, 8½ inches.

The Grizzlies compete Friday and Saturday with the Griz-Eagle Duals at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash.

Wrestling award honors Cortinas

"The Amador Cortinas Leadership Award" has been created in memory of the standout Homedale High School wrestler who died in an Oct. 18 car crash.

The son of Matt and Rosie Cortinas, Amador was a championship wrestler for the Trojans.

"We want this to be a very prestigious award," HHS wrestling coach Toby Johnson said. "We want the kids to work hard for it."

Senior Jovan Cornejo was the inaugural winner, receiving the award during the team's March 18 banquet. Cornejo is the nephew of Daniel Valadez, Cortinas' best friend who also died in last fall's crash east of Wilder on Idaho highway 19.

Homedale wrestlers will make the selection each year. They'll have to provide rationale for their picks, giving detailed reasons how a particular teammate demonstrated leadership to earn the award, Johnson said.

"We want to promote leading by examples of work ethic and character," the coach said. "Those were qualities that Amador certainly had."

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With Homedale High School's Conner Carter slides into home plate as Melba catcher Noah Descoteau waits for the throw in the bottom of the first inning of the Trojans' 14-6 win in Game 1 of a non-conference doubleheader. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Oviedo's arm, Trojans' bats bring wins

Homedale picks up first two conference wins

Caleb Oviedo showed he can be just as dominant on the baseball diamond as the basketball court.

The senior right-hander threw a no-hitter and picked up a save as Homedale High School collected its first two 3A Snake River Valley conference victories of the season.

The 3A SRV boys' basketball player of the year struck out 10 and allowed just two baserunners in a 21-0 victory over host

Parma on Thursday. The game was called after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Two days earlier, Oviedo pitched two-thirds of an inning, striking out one batter, to save Conner Carter's victory in an 8-5 conference victory over Payette.

Originally scheduled for Homedale, the Payette game was moved to the Pirates' home field because of the rainstorm on April 1.

The Trojans finished the week with a 6-3 overall record, including 2-0 in the conference with a suspended game against

Weiser still to be completed.

Saturday: Homedale 14-5, Melba 6-7 — The Mustangs snapped the Trojans' four-game winning streak with a 7-5 victory in the second game of a non-conference doubleheader.

The twin bill marked the first games Homedale played at home after the installation of a new scoreboard in center field.

In the first game, the Trojans exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the third inning

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Huskies lose conference baseball opener amid lost opportunities

Marsing High School couldn't capitalize on its chances Thursday in a narrow 2A Western Idaho Conference baseball season-opening loss.

Melba broke through against an otherwise-dominant Austin Williams, scoring the go-ahead run in a 3-2 victory in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Only one of the Mustangs' runs was earned. Williams struck out 12 and walked only two.

Meanwhile, Marsing stranded

10 base runners and ended four innings with base-running mistakes.

"Williams dominated Melba on the mound, but we made entirely too many mistakes on the base paths," MHS coach Jerry Stacy said.

"We were our own worst enemy and squandered numerous scoring opportunities. You just have to try to correct the mistakes and move forward."

The Huskies (5-2 overall, 0-1

2A WIC at week's end) collected eight hits with Williams chiming in with a triple. Hunter Gibson, Junior Gonzalez and Casey Yiengst also got hits for Marsing.

The Huskies' 2A WIC opener, scheduled for April 1 at home against McCall-Donnelly, was rained out. No makeup date has been announced.

Saturday: Marsing 12, Wilder 3 — Seth Hardy and Hayden

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Austin Williams looks for his target during Thursday's 2A Western Idaho Conference road game against Melba. Photo by Dan Pease

Sports

HHS softball exploits all facets to extend win streak

Strong pitching, clutch hitting, triple play spark team

Homedale High School ran its winning streak to six games Saturday with a softball doubleheader sweep.

The Trojans rode stubborn pitching to a non-conference sweep against Melba at Sundance Park.

Shelby Lee threw a three-hitter in the second game Saturday, making two first-inning runs hold up in a 2-0 win.

Destiny Long was 2-for-3 in the contest, knocking in Morgan Nash with the game's first run. Nash had led off the inning with an infield single.

Long scored later in the inning on Katie Deal's sacrifice fly.

After allowing a leadoff single to Nicole Hoagland in the fourth inning, Lee pitched the rest of the game without allowing a hit.

Elise Shenk tripled, while Gardenia Machuca picked up a single.

Homedale ended the week with an 11-1 overall record. The Trojans also posted their first 3A

Snake River Valley conference victories last week.

In Saturday's opening, Morgan Nash scattered three hits as the Trojans beat Melba, 10-0, in a non-conference game ended after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Gardenia Machuca got the Trojans off to a fast start with a two-run home run in the first inning. Tristan Corta scored on the hit.

Machuca would score another run after leading off the third inning with a single. Sydnee Shanley's sacrifice fly brought Machuca in.

Homedale broke the game open with a three-run rally in the second inning.

Tori Nash led off with a walk and scored on a wild pitch. Shanley, who reached on an error, and Shenk, who singled, scored when Morgan Nash reached on an error.

Corta laced a two-run single in a five-run rally in the fourth

inning.

Thursday: Parma 10, Homedale 7 — The Trojans shook off the Panthers' seven-run outburst in the bottom of the first inning with slow and steady offense throughout the game.

Homedale surged ahead on Katie Deal's two-run double in the fourth inning.

Corta and Long had RBI singles in the seventh inning for insurance runs.

Long finished 3-for-5 with four RBI.

Lee didn't get out of the first inning when Parma unloaded for its seven runs. Corta took over and got the victory.

April 1: Homedale 14, Payette 2 — In a game moved to the Pirates' field because of rain, Homedale pulled off a triple play in the fifth inning.

Already comfortably ahead, the Trojans scored seven times in the sixth inning as winning pitcher Morgan Nash smacked a two-run double.



Third baseman Destiny Long connects with a pitch in the first game of Saturday's non-conference doubleheader sweep against Melba. The senior ended the week hitting .514 with two home runs and 17 RBI. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Nash fired a two-hitter at the Pirates and did her part at the plate, going 3-for-5 with five RBI.

Machuca and Tori Nash knocked in two runs apiece. Tori

Nash also had a pair a doubles, while Machuca ripped a two-bagger as well.

First-year varsity player Tory Lane was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Golfers miss second amid miserable conditions

Mother Nature wasn't very kind to the high school golfers who traversed TimberStone Golf Course last week.

"The playing conditions were some of the worst I have seen," Homedale High School coach Casey Grove said. "It rained all day, and the wind blew really hard."

"It made for a long, miserable

day of golf."

Scores soared during the nine-hole 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener that the Trojans hosted on April 1 at the course outside Caldwell.

Fruitland put four golfers under 50 strokes, though, to win the tournament. Paced by 43s from Tucker Craig and Johnny Howard, the Grizzlies posted a 179.

Homedale was third at 199 after senior Bryan Johnson gutted out a 45. Gabe Maurer came in at 48, but the Trojans' other three golfers all carded 50 or higher.

Behind Matt Hurd's low individual round of 41, Weiser finished second at 195.

"I think us three teams are going to battle all year long for the top two spots to go to State," Grove

said. "(Last week), if we would of had a couple of kids shave a couple of strokes off their score, we would have easily gotten second. That is golf, though."

Homedale put two girls in the varsity tournament with Maddi Maxwell notching a 71 and Kylee Jenkins scoring 83.

Trojans junior varsity player Brenny Kilby shot an 86.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Caleb Oviedo, sr., baseball

The Play — The right-hander helped dominate Parma on Thursday with a five-inning no-hitter in which he struck out 10 batters and allowed just two Panthers to reach base in 21-0 3A Snake River Valley conference blowout. On April 1, Oviedo struck out one batter in two-thirds of an inning to get the save in Homedale's first conference victory of the year, an 8-5 decision over Payette.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Baseball Varsity</p> <p>Thursday, April 10, home vs. Marsing, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at Vale, Ore., 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at Weiser, 4 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Junior varsity</p> <p>Thursday, April 10 at Nampa Christian, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Softball Varsity</p> <p>Thursday, April 10, home vs. Marsing, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at Vale, Ore., 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at Weiser, 5 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Junior varsity</p> <p>Thursday, April 10 at Marsing, 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Track and field</p> <p>Friday, April 11 at Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Golf Varsity</p> <p>Wednesday, April 9 at 3A SRV meet, Scotch Pines G.C., Payette, 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at 3A SRV meet, TimberStone G.C., Caldwell, 3 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Junior varsity</p> <p>Wednesday, April 9 at 3A SRV meet, Scotch Pines G.C., Payette, 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at 3A SRV meet, TimberStone G.C., Caldwell, 3 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tennis</p> <p>Thursday, April 10, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, home vs. Weiser, 4 p.m.</p>
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Sports

Errors doom Marsing in WIC softball opener

Team rebounds Saturday in Caldwell

Marsing High School swept its competition in a Caldwell softball tournament after losing its conference opener last week.

Thursday: Melba 7, Marsing 3 — The host Mustangs posted five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to erase the Huskies' advantage in Marsing's first 2A Western Idaho Conference game of the season.

The Huskies (4-1 overall, 0-1

in conference at week's end) committed four of its six errors in the pivotal inning as Melba touched Marissa Hardy for three singles.

Marsing scored single runs in the second, third and fourth innings to erase the 1-0 lead Melba had picked up on Nicole Hoagland's RBI triple in the first inning.

Carey Dines tied the game in the top of the second when she led off with a triple and scored on an error.

Marsing took the lead in the third inning when Hardy scored on Ellie Folwell's infield single. Folwell

was 2-for-3 with a double.

Alicia Barkell also had an RBI, while Shannon Clover singled and Destiny Reynolds went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Only two of the seven runs charged to Hardy were earned.

Saturday: Huskies go 3-0 against JV teams in Caldwell — Marsing took part in the Caldwell tournament at the GALS Quad complex, facing Homedale from Class 3A and two 4A squads.

Against the Trojans, the Huskies bounced from Homedale's seven-run uprising in the first inning to pull off an 11-7 victory.

Marsing tied the game, 7-7, with four runs in the second inning. Folwell blasted a two-run double and scored on an error. Hardy also scored on an error.

Folwell, Reynolds, Clover and Hardy all scored two runs each in the game.

Ann Quiroz delivered the team's only other hit against Homedale.

Mariah Kinney started the game and gave up all of Homedale's runs on two hits and six walks. Audra Kendall and Hardy kept Homedale hitless over the next three innings.

Kinney and Barkell doubled as

part of Marsing's three hits in the Huskies' 8-3 win over Caldwell JV in the tournament opener.

Hardy struck out four, scattered five hits and allowed only one earned run to get the six-inning victory.

Marsing closed the tourney with a 6-3 win over Middleton JV. A four-run fifth inning fueled the victory.

Kinney picked up one of her two RBI with a single to close out the scoring in the fifth inning. Audra Kendall and Sheyann Glorifield scored on errors, while Barkell reached on an error and scored on Kendall's bunt.

Garcia places third twice for MHS track

A handful of top-five finishes propelled Marsing High School to fifth place in the boys' track and field meet Thursday in Melba.

Eight boys' teams, including Rimrock, entered the Melba Invitational at Dave Mangum Track.

Raul Garcia was the Huskies' top performer.

The senior finished third twice.

He ran a 58.23-second 400 meters and then flung the discus 99 feet, 2 inches.

Fellow senior Ector Quebrado was third in the shot put at 36-8½.

Alexandre Heidt (12.12 seconds, 100 meters) and Andy Saenz (26.01, 200) pulled down fourth-place showings.

On the girls' side, senior

Ofelia Herrera and freshman Angie Draper had the Huskies' best finishes.

Herrera was fourth in the 3,200 meters in 13 minutes, 9 seconds. She also placed fifth in the 16,00 at 6:05.82.

Draper ran a 19.96 race for fourth place in 100 meters.

Rimrock

Junior Zai Lowe was Rimrock's best placer in the boys' meet, grabbing fifth in the 400 meters at 58.94.

On the girls' side, sophomore Hailey Pearson finished third in the 200 meters in 30 seconds flat. She was sixth in the triple jump at 25-½.

✓ Huskies: Wilder game good for club

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Dines had two hits apiece and four pitchers stifled the Class 1A Wildcats in a non-conference game on the Huskies' diamond.

"It was more of a fun type game with both teams getting all their kids innings on the field and a chance to play kids that you can't always get into the game," Stacy said.

"I'd say both teams enjoyed the game, and Wilder has some really great kids on that team."

Gonzalez got the start, allowing a run and two hits in the first three innings. Charlie Galvez, Kendall Freelove and Dines wrapped up the pitching chores.

✓ Cortinas: Coach announces other annual team awards

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"I appreciate Coach Johnson for recognizing my son and for including us in that ceremony," Amador's mother, Rosie Cortinas, said.

"I love him for coming here and being a simple human being, loving us, and not forgetting us."

Other 2013-14 wrestling awards included:

Team captains — Michael Deleon, Nash Johnson, Devin Fisher

Most Outstanding — Andy Montes

Most Inspirational — Jovan Cornejo

Most Improved — Coty Ford
Mr. Guts Award — Shane Keller

Coaches Award — Caleb Meligan and Pedro Vasquez

Most takedowns — Nash Johnson, 73

Fasterst pin — Tyson Furlott, 8 seconds

Most pins — Nash Johnson, 24

In addition to the Cortinas Leadership Award, wrestlers also vote for their peers in the outstanding, inspirational, improve and Mr. Guts categories.

— KB

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Raul Garcia, sr., track and field

The Play — Garcia picked up a couple of third-place finishers Thursday as the Huskies finished fifth in the Melba Invitational. Garcia finished the 400-meter run in 58.23 seconds and had the third-best distance in the discus at 99 feet, 2 inches.



Baseball

Thursday, April 10 at Homedale, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 12 at Wilder, 4 p.m.

Monday, April 14, home vs. Rimrock, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

Softball

Thursday, April 10 at Homedale, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 12 at Wilder, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

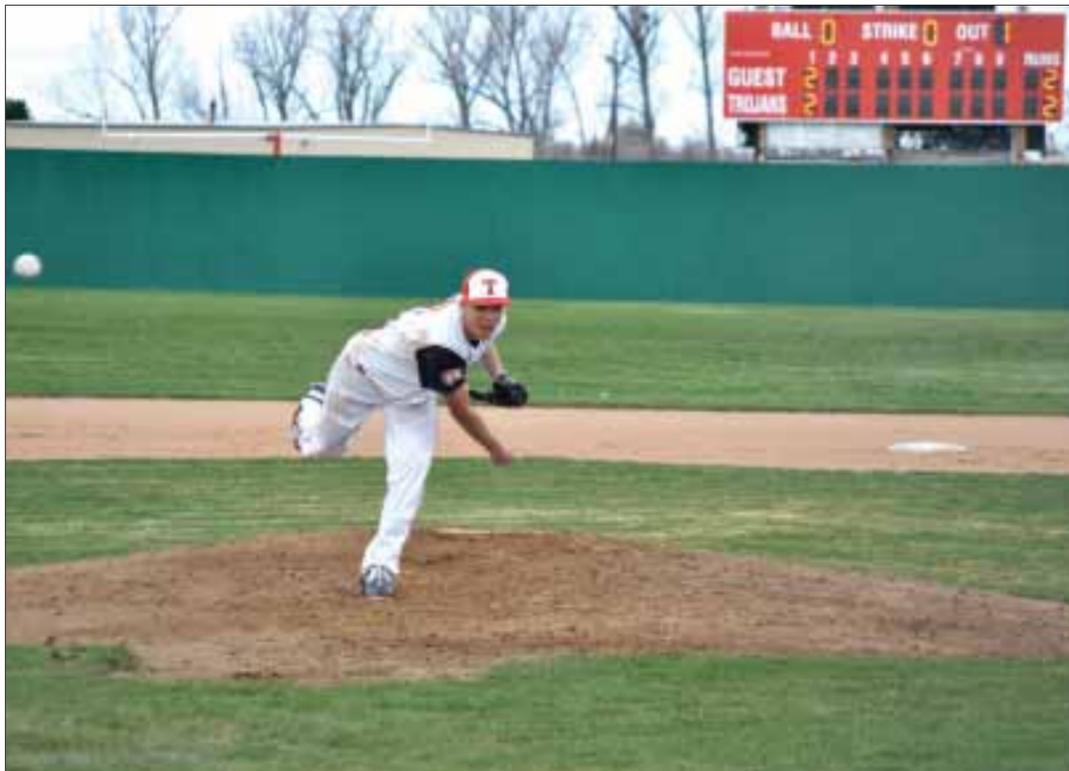
Track & Field

Friday, April 11 at Oregon Trail Invitational, Vale, Ore.

Go Huskies!



Sports



With Homedale High School's new scoreboard as a backdrop, Conner Carter fires a pitch during the first game of the Trojans' non-conference doubleheader sweep against Melba on Saturday. Photo by Jon P. Brown

✓ Trojans: Big rallies help sink Pirates

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to erase Melba's 3-2 lead and set up a rout.

Conner Carter drove in three runs with two singles in the third-inning uprising. Jake Deal also ripped a two-run single during the rally.

Deal knocked in three runs and scored three more times.

Carter also picked up his second victory of the week, scattering four hits over four innings. He was charged with five unearned runs; Homedale committed four errors.

Matthew Thatcher pitched the final three innings.

In the second game, Melba scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning to snap a 3-3 tie and then held off the Trojans' comeback try.

Homedale put runners on second and third with no outs in the bottom of the seventh when Melba reliever Danny Talbot hit Talon Freelove and Nash Johnson and then threw a wild pitch. Talbot settled down to strike out Lane

Sale and Tyson Furlott then got Thatcher to pop up to end the game.

Carter scored to tie the game, 2-2, in the bottom of the first inning on Freelove's infield single. The Mustangs had scored two unearned runs in the top of the inning as Homedale committed the first of its four errors.

Homedale tied the game again, 3-3, in the bottom of the second when Thatcher led off with single and scored on Carter's sacrifice fly.

Once Melba took the lead for good, Homedale tried to get back into contention by scoring a couple of two-out runs.

In the bottom of the fifth, Nash Johnson drilled a double to left field with two outs and scored on Sale's infield single.

In the sixth, Collett's infield single was converted into a run when Deal rolled a grounder to shortstop.

Collett, Carter and Sale had two singles each as Homedale out-hit Melba.

Thursday: Homedale 21, Parma 0 (5) — Carter went 4-for-5 with five RBI and was one of three Trojans to score four times in a conference walk-over.

Deal was 3-for-3 with two doubles, four runs scored and two RBI.

Freelove smacked a two-run double in the Trojans' eight-run fifth inning.

Blake Patton also drove in two runs.

April 1: Homedale 8, Payette 5 — The Trojans erased the Pirates' 1-0 lead with back-to-back four-run rallies in the fifth and sixth innings.

Homedale grabbed a 4-1 lead with a two-out uprising in the fifth inning.

Jake Deal smacked a single to plate Furlott and Thatcher to give Homedale the lead. Deal scored when Carter reached on an error, and Carter came home on Patton's infield single.

Furlott, Thatcher and Carter had run-scoring singles in the sixth inning.

Trojans get chance to scout 2014 SRV track competition

Boys finish fifth at Parma Invite

Homedale High School got a pretty good look at this year's track and field competition in the 3A Snake River Valley conference Thursday.

The Trojans' boys' squad finished fifth one spot ahead of the host squad in the Parma Invitational. Three of the four teams ahead of Homedale, though, were 3A SRV teams, including meet champion Weiser.

Weiser, Fruitland and Payette swept the top three spots in the team standings.

On the girls' side, Homedale finished ninth with all four conference rivals above the Trojans, including meet champ Payette.

No Trojans won championships Thursday, but there were a handful of runner-up performances.

Sophomore Josh Tolmie continued his strong season in the boys' 400, running a 54.13-second race that put him .33 of a second behind Weiser 10th-grader Nick Gluch.

Junior Riley Portwood was

listed as second in the 3,200 meters according to Athletic.net with a time of 10 minutes, 43.7 seconds. Another junior, Cole Hungate, didn't receive a placement in the Athletic.net standings, but apparently ran .05 of a second faster than his teammate.

Hungate was fourth in the 1,600 at 5:09.28, followed by Portwood at 5:11.58.

Sophomore Richard Symms was second in the discus with a toss of 135 feet, 6 inches. Fruitland senior Sam Lundy was 21 feet ahead of him.

Portwood and Tolmie ran the final two legs of the Trojans' third-place 4x400 relay team. Senior Luke Flaming and junior Andy Martinez were also part of the quartet that ran a 3:52.2 race.

On the girls' side, sophomore Maya Correa finished third in the 3,200 in 13:21.98.

Junior Jennifer Hernandez finished fourth in the 100 at 13.32, and she was part of the Trojans' fifth-place sprint medley relay squad. She ran the first 100 leg and teamed with Lexie Doss (100), Alyx Christensen (200) and Alissa Martin (400) to run a 2:10.94 race.

Relay win highlights Adrian's 8th-place finish in Parma

JV's Telleria notches 6th-place showings

Adrian High School's boys' track and field team finished eighth in a crowded field Thursday at the Parma Invite.

The Antelopes were among 18 boys' squads. Adrian finished 10th in the 17-team girls' meet.

Jordan Valley also competed in the meet.

Adrian's boys' 4x100 relay team won the meet championship in a time of 45.68 seconds. Junior Chase Walker led off the relay with sophomores Reagan Shira and Bryson Shira and junior Troy Villarreal finishing the three other

sprint legs.

Walker was runner-up in the 100 meters at 11.34, followed by Bryson Shira in third at 11.46.

Jordan Valley put two boys into the field with senior Ben Telleria pulling off the team's best finishes with a couple of sixth-place showings. He was clocked at 12.08 in the 100 and soared 38 feet, 3½ inches in the triple jump.

Fellow senior Wyatt Trautman also competed. Senior Marieke Frerichs finished third in the girls' high jump for Adrian, clearing 4-8. She was fifth in the 3,200 at 14:40.95.

Antelopes teammate Clara Feldman, a sophomore, placed fifth in the 800 in 2:44.41.



Joe Betancourt



Casey Grove



David Hart



Matt Holtry

District III set to honor Trojans coaches

Five Homedale High School sports leaders will be honored next Wednesday in Caldwell.

Among the men receiving District III Coach of the Year Awards at the Fall/Winter Coaches Banquet will be:

• **Junior varsity football coach**

of the year — David Hart

• **Varsity football coach of the year** — Matt Holtry

• **Varsity boys' basketball coach of the year** — Casey Grove

• **Varsity girls' basketball coach of the year** — Joe

Betancourt

• **Athletic director of the year** — Holtry

All four coaches won 3A Snake River Valley conference championships in their respective sports during the 2013-14 school year.

Read all about it
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Sports

Fruitland shuts out Homedale in SRV tennis opener

Trojans rebound to beat Nyssa in Oregon Saturday

Homedale High School experienced a rough opening to the 3A Snake River Valley conference tennis season.

Fruitland swept the visiting Trojans on both sides of the ledger, posting a pair of 6-0 victories in boys' and girls' action Thursday.

Homedale won only one set in the dozen matches as the No. 1 mixed doubles team of Delaney Phariss and Alec Egurrola battled to a second-set victory in a 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 loss to the Grizzlies' Jessica Russell and Trey Nattress.

Fruitland received forfeits in both girls' doubles matches and posted straight-set shutouts in No. 2 boys' singles (Robin Potier over Coy Gardner), No. 3 girls' singles (Whitney Smith def. Jasmin Zegger) and No. 2 mixed doubles (Laura Iniguez and Trevor Finch def. Tanis Lentfer and Ben Schamber).

Andrew Randall and Michel Bethge managed to win four games in their 6-1, 6-3 No. 1 boys' doubles loss to Jaxxton Claton and Joel Van Patten.

Dylan Phariss won three first-set games before falling to Fruitland No. 3 Marshall Hiat, 6-3, 6-0, in boys' singles.

Saturday: Homedale 7, Nyssa, Ore., 3 — The Trojans picked up their first wins in a non-conference dual meet on the road.

Kincade Kincheloe swept his No. 1 boys' singles match against



Alec Egurrola stands ready in the forecourt as mixed doubles partner Delaney Phariss hits a shot in Homedale's conference opener against Fruitland. Photo by Machele Randall

Joshua Rindlisbacher, 6-0, 6-0, while girls' No. 1 Hattie Mertz beat Becky Benjamin, 6-2, 6-0.

Only one of the 10 matches went three sets, but it was the tightest outing of the day.

The Trojans' No. 2 boys' doubles team of Dylan Phariss and Ryan Randall couldn't hold on to the momentum of a hard-fought second-set victory in a 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 loss to Andy Esplin and Monson Vinyard.

Homedale suffered only one other loss on the court at No. 2 girls' doubles. The Bulldogs also got a win by forfeit at No. 3 girls' singles. Other wins included:

No. 2 boys' singles — Alec

Egurrola def. Devin Rindlisbacher, 6-2, 6-4

No. 3 boys' singles — Coy Gardner def. Ryan Benjamin, 6-0, 6-3

No. 1 boys' doubles — Andrew Randall and Michael Bethge def. Erasmo Gaona and Daniel Vinyard, 6-4, 6-2

No. 2 girls' singles — Delaney Phariss def. Trista Peterson, 6-0, 6-1

No. 1 girls' doubles — Edmy Vega and Marissa Guzman beat their Nyssa foes, 6-0, 6-0.

Junior varsity boys' doubles — Daniel Silva and Ben Holloway def. Michael Gaona and Alec Garcia, 6-3, 6-2.



Kincade Kincheloe returns a shot during his No. 1 boys' singles victory in Nyssa, Ore., on Saturday. Photo by John L. Braese / Malheur Enterprise

More championships for Homedale's youth wrestlers

Christoffersen sweeps Greco-Roman, freestyle meets

Homedale youth wrestlers racked up more championships during the Nampa Freestyle Club's tournaments.

Homedale Wrestling Club athletes competed in freestyle and Greco-Roman tournaments on March 28-29 at Nampa High School.

Matthew Randall (Schoolboy 105) and Brayden Christoffersen (Novice 95) won championships in the March 28 Greco-Roman tournament.

Champions in the freestyle tournament on March 29 included:

• **Brandon Flores, Cadet 138/145** — Flores took down teammate Hunter Thornton with a 10-0 technical fall for the first of his two victories. He finished the tournament with a 3-minute, 23-second pin of Nampa Freestyle's Mason Kinzer.

Thornton was runner-up after beating Kinzer, 10-0, in a tech fall.

• **Haden Kuta, Schoolboy/girl 144** — Kuta beat Pocatello Grapplers Wyatt Olson twice to win the championship. Olson lost a 10-5 decision then succumbed to a 3:17 pin.

• **Brayden Christoffersen, Novice 90** — Christoffersen capped a sweep of tournament championships with a freestyle performance that included a narrow 9-8 win over Suples club's Dante Roggio in the second round.

Christoffersen had two easy freestyle wins. He beat Kuna Klub's Robby Altman, 10-0, in an opening-round technical fall and pinned Fruitland's Levi Crawford in 20 seconds in his final match of the weekend.

• **Caden Layne, Bantam 76-84** — He was 2-0 with a 12-8 win over teammate Kyler Morriss in the third round of action. Layne opened the tournament with a 6-4 win over the Fruitland Grizzlies' Will Phillips.

Morriss finished third in the division.
• **Xavier Uranga, Pre-Bantam 32-36** — He swept three matches including a 25-second pinfall against Nampa Freestyle's Ira Hackler, a 55-second fall over Arrow Rock's Kyler Sauvageau and a slim 10-8 decision over Holten Crane of Nampa Freestyle.

Here's how some of the other Homedale wrestlers fared in the freestyle tournament:

• **Matthew Sheley, Pre-Bantam, 40-44** — He finished second after a narrow 2-0 loss to Nampa Freestyle's Blake Smith.

Sheley beat Talinn Colton of the Idaho Rattlers, 16-6, in a first-round tech fall and dispatched Elliott Schafer of Arrow Rock, 6-4.

• **Shayde Volk, Pre-Bantam, 45-50** — Volk rallied from a 15-3 tech fall loss to Nampa's Lincoln Gibbs to win two consecutive matches and finish second. Volk notched a tech fall (10-0) over Middleton Freestyle's Lincoln Barnes and closed out his tournament with a 12-2 tech fall over Pocatello's Tito Villano.

• **Andy Montes, Cadet 113/120** — The Idaho high school 3A state champion finished third in Nampa with a 1-1 record. He pinned Idaho Gold Wrestling Association's Timothy Wofford in 1:32 in their opener.

• **Sierra Pesnell, Schoolboy/Girl 175/190** — A day after a runner-up showing in the Greco-Roman tourney at 160/185, Pesnell beat Homedale teammate Megan Houser by pin (1:50) in Round 3 action to finish third.

Houser was fourth in the division.

• **Matthew Randall, Schoolboy/Girl 91/98** — Randall followed up his Greco-Roman championship with a third-place finish in the freestyle tournament.

• **John Conner, Novice 105** — Conner grabbed third in the Greco-Roman tournament then returned for a fourth-place

finish in freestyle action.

He beat teammate Owen Houser in a 13-2 technical fall in the freestyle tournament.

• **Owen Houser, Novice 105** — Houser finished fourth in the Greco-Roman tournament and fifth in the freestyle tournament.

• **Joseph Egusquiza, Novice 70** — One day after a third-place finish in the Greco-Roman tournament, Egusquiza pulled off the same feat in the freestyle bracket.

He stayed alive in the freestyle tournament with back-to-back consolation bracket victories. First, he beat teammate Devin Kent, 10-0, in a technical fall in the consolation semifinals then he qualified for the second-place match with a 1:51 pin of Middleton's Isaih Adams.

• **Terry Volk, Bantam 65-67** — Volk finished third.

• **Isaac Bullard, Bantam 52-54** — Bullard notched a 10-0 tech fall in the opening round against Nampa's Jaycie Hackler and brought home third.

• **Isaac Silva, Bantam 44-48** — Silva also had a first-round victory (a fall in 1:26 against Brayden Toyn of the Patriot Wrestling Club) to fuel a third-place finish.

• **Carsen Nielsen, Pre-Bantam 38-41** — Nielsen decisioned Logan Jordan of the Idaho Bearkatz, 19-10, in a wild opening-round match and finished third.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 12, 1989

Number of farms, ag income down in county

The number of farms in Owyhee County decreased from 598 to 573 between 1982 and 1987, according to the 1987 Census of Agriculture.

During the five-year period, the market value of agricultural products sold in Owyhee County dropped from \$87,775,000 or \$75,062,000 with a decline in revenue per farm from \$146,781 to \$130,998.

The 1987 Ag Census showed that the ag products sold broke down as follows:

Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops: \$27,870,000 in 1982 vs. \$26,089,000 in 1987.

Livestock, poultry, and their products: \$59,905,000 in 1982 vs. \$48,972,000 in 1987.

Also, the number of farms in the county with sales of \$10,000 or more dropped between 1982 and 1987 from 469 to 415.

However, the acreage in those farms increased from 569,457 to 631,893 acres, and the average size of farms increased from 1,214 to 1,523 acres.

However, the 1987 Ag Census showed that Owyhee County's total acreage in farms dropped from 780,081 to 716,637 in those five years. And the size dropped from 1,304 to 1,251 acres.

The average value of land and buildings per farm for all farms in Owyhee County dropped from \$562,760 in 1982 to \$515,370 in 1987 or from \$440 to \$393 per acre.

Homedale school bid awarded

The Homedale Elementary School expansion/remodel project was slated to start this week.

The go-ahead was given last Wednesday to Sundance Construction in Boise by the Homedale School District Board of Trustees at a special meeting with director Frank Haylett and chairman Ron Geertson absent. This followed the board's opening of the four bids submitted after the project was rebid.

In this second go-around, all four base bids came in under the \$1,210,000 bond limit approved by HSD voters last August, and two of the four bids, with all six alternates included, came in under the limit.

The six alternates were items listed separately so the HSD board could cut one or all or none to meet the bond limit set by the district's voters.

Batt to address Chamber on Homedale Bypass

Phil Batt of rural Wilder, a member of the three-member Idaho Transportation Board, will address a luncheon meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday noon at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant.

Batt is expected to discuss the proposed Homedale Bypass project added last year to the state's six-year Highway Development Program, with construction of an alternate U.S. 95 route around Homedale programmed for fiscal year 1993. He is also expected to discuss area highway plans involving Elephant Butte, the main road south of Marsing and others.

Marsing High's energy-efficient system honored

"If it saves the school district 32% in energy costs, it's well worth it," Marsing Mayor Gene Showalter told school patrons, several regional power officials, students and faculty members gathered in the new high school Friday to celebrate the building's energy-efficient system.

Marsing HS Principal Bill Duncanson served as emcee at the special student assembly.

Showalter presented \$50 savings bonds to several student contest winners in an energy essay and poster competition.

Junior winners were Alison Gibbons, David Cerda, Philip McClellin, Larelle Eells and Tony Tallman. Sophomore winners were Kevan Kiester, David Delgadillo, Rich Gardner and Nick Madril. Freshmen winners were Maria Galvan, Barrett Belmudez, David Hollibaugh and Brooke Chadez.

50 years ago

April 9, 1964

Homedale opens baseball season with 8-7 victory

Scoring a run in the bottom of the seventh, Homedale opened its baseball season here Tuesday by earning an 8-7 victory over previously undefeated Adrian. The Antelopes are now 2-1 on the season.

With two outs in the seventh, the Trojans put together a hit batsman, single and an error at second for the winning tally after the Antelopes had scored in the top of the frame to knot the count at 7-all.

Trojans place 4th in Adrian track meet

Homedale High School's track team went to Adrian last Wednesday to compete in 2nd annual meet sponsored by the Antelopes and placed 4th.

Final scoring results were as follows: Fruitland, 58; Kuna, 34; New Plymouth, 17½; Homedale, 16; Parma, 15½; Marsing, 13; North Powder, 10; Adrian, 7; Melba, 5; and Jordan Valley, 0.

Ricky Shanley took second in the 100-yard dash and Floyd Breach second in 220-yard dash. Tony Maher won second place in the 440-yard run and Shanley tied for second in the broad jump.

The Homedale team placed third in the 440 relay and second in the mile relay. They also tied for third place with Parma in the 880-yard relay. Members of the 440-yard relay team were Hays, Morris, Jackson and Kushlan; 880-yard relay, Solis, Maher, Breach and Roland; 1-mile relay, Roland, Cegnar, Morris and Shanley.

One out of nine county residents get S.S. check

One out of every nine residents of Owyhee County is now receiving a monthly Social Security check according to figures released by Kenneth M. Falen, Social Security Field Rep., Boise.

Mr. Falen's report listed the number of Owyhee County beneficiaries as 677 at the end of 1963, an increase of 19 over the corresponding figure at the beginning of 1963. The dollar benefit amounts total more than \$484,476 yearly.

Retired workers and their dependents are the largest single group of Social Security beneficiaries in the county. There are 654 in this group and their old-age insurance benefits total \$39,189 monthly.

The following table shows the number and amount of the other monthly benefits paid in Owyhee County, as of December 31, 1963.

Retired workers, 399, \$27,656; Wife or husband, 95, \$3,338; Widow or widower, 34, \$2,282; Mothers and children, 137, \$6,148; Disabled workers and dependents, 12, \$949.

Water to be turned into South Canal on April 14

Water will be turned into the South Canal April 14, and pumps will be started at the Gem Pumping Plant April 15. Water will be available for delivery at most points on Monday, April 20, according to Tom Cotton, manager, South Board of Control, Owyhee Project.

The allotment of the gravity lands is set at 4.0 acre feet with 1.0 acre foot available as excess. This gives a total of 5.0 acre feet per acre.

Generally snow pack water content is good over a large portion of the watershed and runoff should be favorable, Mr. Cotton said.

	April acre-feet	Date of max. storage	Max storage for the year
1964	461,040		
1963	364,970	6/28	424,210
1962	315,110	6/10	418,200
1961	349,330	6/18	631,950
1960	502,000	4/18	537,020
1959	532,570	4/8	532,570
1958	639,260	6/1	Filled
1957	694,750	4/23	Filled
1956	592,930	6/4	704,590
1955	228,310	5/14	357,730
1954	537,020	4/6	537,020
1953	579,000	6/21	661,810

140 years ago

April 11, 1874

MINING NOTES. The Golden Chariot-Minnesota is turning out an abundance of richer ore than ever, and Superintendent Catalow expects to make a large increase in the shipment of bullion from that mine.

The South Chariot continues to develop splendidly.

It is reported that they have struck it richer than ever in the Empire.

The War Eagle is improving every day.

Work is progressing as usual in the other mines, with the most encouraging prospects.

Superintendent Catalow has ceased hauling Golden Chariot ore to the Owyhee mill, on account of the impassable condition of the road, and will run it on slum till the first of June.

The South Chariot mill started up last Sunday on Golden Chariot ore. The Cosmos mill will also run on Golden Chariot ore as long as the roads will permit hauling thereto.

Theo. Culp has succeeded Billy Richards as foreman of the Silver Cord.

Placer miners on Jordan Creek and in the adjacent gulches are actively engaged in getting ready for operations.

The latest intelligence from the San Francisco Stock and Exchange Board quotes Golden Chariot selling at 14; South Chariot, 25; Empire, 7½; War Eagle, 3¾, Mahogany, 3½; Ida Ellmore, 3¾.

COUNTY WARRANTS ISSUED. The Auditor's Report shows that County Warrants to the amount of \$5,126.46 were issued during the quarter ending April 1, 1874, divided among various funds as follows: General Fund, \$2,139.50; Expense, \$411; Hospital, \$1,784.00; School, \$793.85.

THE COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS. Messrs. Wilbur & Angell were instructed by the Board of Commissioners to make a synopsis of their report on the financial condition of the County and cause the same to be published in the Avalanche, but, not being able to get it ready for this issue, the publication thereof is deferred till next week.

THE HUNTING PARTY. At the sound of the 12 o'clock whistle last Sunday night, Frank Hunt, Jerry Phillip, Frank Babb and Bob Bosserman left here with a two-horse sleigh bound on a hunting expedition to the Cow Creek Lakes. They were well supplied with shot-guns; ammunition, and a general camping outfit.

On Monday they rolled off the grade and wallowed in the snow all day, reaching Wagontown after dark.

Tuesday night they managed to get to Trout Creek, having been compelled to detach the horses and haul their sleigh by hand a portion of the way.

They procured a wagon at Trout Creek and on Wednesday night, camped with a band of Indians on Cow Creek, which is the last that we have heard of them.

Having consumed their stock of provisions and liquors, they sent up to Silver City by the stage for a pound of crackers, 2 pounds of butter and 4 gallons of whisky.

Yesterday morning, Johnny Bostick sent down the crackers, butter and whisky, together with a pair of ducks. Tom Walls also sent a chunk of beef to the hungry hunters.

Grub and whisky enough to last a week will be sent down to the boys in a day or two, and, if they stay away any longer, they will have to rustle for themselves — eat camas, and drink sage tea.

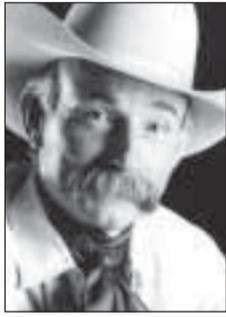
RANDOM GLEANINGS. The difference between having a tooth properly drawn, by a professional surgeon, and having it knocked out miscellaneously by a fall on the pavement, is only a slight distinction — one is dental and the other accidental.

It is no longer the vulgar title of "drunkenness," but rather the polite and expressive title of "dipsomania" by which the evil is now to be known.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



A cow hanging

John lives down the road from me. We have cattle across the fence from each other. He is good at a lot of things: carpentry, electronics, sports and hunting, but cows are not his strong suit. He runs a handful on 90 acres.

He called me one day askin' if we had seen a cow of his. I told him we had cleared the pasture and had not seen her in with our bunch. I left town for a weekend, and when I returned he had left a message to call. I did. "I found her," he said.

"Good," says I, and then he tells me the story.

His pasture was pretty well grazed-over, so John walked the fence line to see if he could see a break (yes, he did walk it in his hiker boots, backpack, baseball cap and scope). There was a handmade cattle guard on an abandoned Forest Service road. The rundown gate (WPA 1968) had been pushed over. John walked through on to federal property.

After a thorough scanning of the hillside, he saw a dark object next to a span of cross fence. He actually used his Swarovski spotting scope. He traversed an arroyo and some rough ground before he reached the dark object. It was his cow, alright. She had tried to jump or claw through the barbed wire fence and got stuck!

Now, anybody who messes with cows has a story to tell about how tough cows are; how they've fallen out of trucks, been pulled out of the mud with horses and ropes, lifted with bucket loaders, hefted from wells by helicopter, rescued from flooded roof tops ... I've seen them crash into a post and wobble off, get hit by a car or fall over a ledge, then roll, jump up and keep runnin'! Of course, delivering a 120-pound calf is no "piece of cake" either!

John's cow had straddled the wire fence. She was dehydrated, had some swollen and infected lesions from the barbs. Her whole weight seemed to be sagging on the wire. She'd been there at least three days.

It took John an hour to walk back to the shed and get a pair of fencing pliers and return.

"Wow!" I said, "How's she doin' today?"

"Up and at'um. I've given her Penicillin. She's in the corral. I'm feedin' her. She's actin' like nothing happened."

"Them cows are sure tough," I said.

John had a habit of naming his cows, usually after something pertinent to their timing, personality or appearance. For example, he had a calf named Wednesday, a heifer named Rainy, a cow named Dolly Parton and an outlaw steer named Tiffany after his daffy sister-in-law.

"What did you name her?" I joked.

"Whataya think? Barbie!"

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, "Poems Worth Saving," other books and DVDs.

Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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



Austrian Settlement descendant John Demshar welcomes more information on this photograph.

Letters to the editor

Austrian descendant seeks more info on vintage photo

I would like to thank Mr. Falk for his recent letter to the editor ("Reader tries to clarify objects in Austrian Settlement photo," J.A. "Jack" Falk, Murphy, March 26, 2014 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche). I am the person who submitted the picture, and I have been curious about the tractor and thresher.

He is absolutely correct; they are threshing grain as writing on the back of the picture reads, "This is a threshing machine at work. That man walking by the straw stack is Mr. John Demshar. Silvio (S.J.) Todeschi is on back of the sacks of grain. You can see a cap and a hat sticking up, and he's the one with the hat on."

I believe this photo was taken between 1928 and 1939 by my great aunt Jo (Josephine Demshar Todeschi).

There are at least eight other men — in addition to John Demshar and Silvio Todeschi — in the photo as best

as I can tell. From the left is John Demshar (my great-grandfather), a man in the cab of the truck and one in back loading sacks, the two behind the sacked grain (one of whom is Silvio) and at least one fellow sewing sacks at the end of the grain spout, two guys pitching bundles and two watching them.

There is also a tank trailer to the right of the tractor. What you don't see is the binder and stacking crew that put up the bundle stack.

Today, I can accomplish all that with one combine and a truck driver.

If anyone has any more information, please contact me. I would like to know who owned the thresher and what brand the tractor was.

John Demshar
Homedale

The world is watching Obama's display of weakness

Recent happenings on the international scene can't help but confuse us out in the hinterland.

The lost airliner remains lost in spite of modern technology. Many theories have evolved, including the intervention of black holes and/or aliens.

Russian president Vladimir Putin invaded and annexed the Crimea. Our enlightened leader, Mr. Obama, said it was a sign of weakness on Putin's part. From Obama's point of view, Hitler exhibited weakness when he invaded and annexed Czechoslovakia.

While Putin is beating plowshares into swords, our commander-in-chief proposes turning swords into food

stamps. This is supposed to impress the Putins of the world?

They are getting the message, and it indeed portrays weakness.

Reducing our military to pre-World War II levels is paramount to national suicide ... ours.

On 7 December 1941, geography allowed us time to mobilize, but that safeguard no longer exists. Some unsavory characters have nuclear weapons, or the capability to create them, and they, too, are watching.

Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

Bert Brackett, District 23 state senator

From the Statehouse Education funding was priority for Idaho Legislature in 2014



Now that the 2014 legislative session has ended, I would like to tell you what an honor it is to represent the good people of District 23 in the Idaho State Senate.

I want each of you to know how much I appreciate hearing from you and your input, letters, emails and telephone calls. More often than not, I get support or opposition on both sides of most issues. That is a very important part of the legislative process because if everyone thought the same as I do, then I am not doing my job. I try to keep an open mind and make thoughtful, informed decisions, which means your input is critical.

The economy continues to grow gradually, and our optimism for Idaho's future grows as well. This has allowed the Legislature to restore funding in some areas where cuts were made to accommodate lower revenues during the recession, while not losing sight of efficiencies found during tough times. This year, the state budget is just over \$2.9 billion, which is about a 5 percent increase in spending over last year. Included in that is a \$5.1 percent increase in spending for K-12 education and just over a 6 percent increase for higher education. It also included a 2 percent increase in pay for state employees who have not had a pay raise in several years. Of that pay, 1 percent is

permanent and 1 percent is a one-time bonus.

Before the legislative session started, we were asked to predict the outcome of some of the issues we were going to have to deal with in the 2014 session. One of the questions posed was whether we would do the politically expedient thing and pass a tax reduction measure and go home to campaign on tax relief, or, would we do the right thing and put additional badly needed money into our K-12 education system? I suggested on several occasions that we could do both by doing what we have been able to do. There has been tremendous support to increase education funding from operational (or discretionary) funding, technological support and some teacher pay increases. We have tried to start to implement the task force recommendations with the exception of the steps-and-lanes of the teacher salary schedule. This summer, a task force will address that issue and make recommendations which I expect will be well-received in the 2015 session.

Some of the highlights of the K-12 education funding bills:

• **H639** — Increases discretionary funding from \$20,000 to \$22,401 per support unit. While this is a good start, there

— See *Legislature*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

How you spend cash you've earned isn't Mom's business

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are debt-free, and we have several hundred thousand dollars in savings. We pay for our children and grandchildren to visit during Christmas each year, but my mother thinks this is foolish spending.

What do you think?

— Linda

Dear Linda,

I'm sure your mom loves you guys a lot, but she's wrong twice on this one. First, she should mind her own business. Second, you guys have obviously worked hard and been extremely smart and disciplined with your finances. For someone in your situation, bringing your family together for

one of the most important days of the year isn't foolish on any level. I think it's awful that you're even having this conversation with her.

One of my great dreams years ago was to have the ability to do things like that for my family. When I was 22, I worked for a real estate guy who would bring his entire family in from all over the country once a year to go skiing for a week. He and his wife would pay for everything. They would rent a nice chalet, and spend that time having fun as a family and growing closer together. I sort of borrowed that idea a while back. Once a year, we'll take all our kids and their spouses on a nice vacation. We pay for everything, and it's just



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one of our gifts to them because we love them.

So, I think your mom is completely wrong. There are three

things you can do with money: spend, save and give. Trust me, giving is the most fun of all!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Is it possible to book a hotel room without a credit card?

— James

Dear James,

Absolutely, it is. Just use a debit card.

I don't have a credit card. When it comes to finances, the only pieces of plastic you'll find in my wallet are two debit cards — one for my business, and the other for my personal account.

A Visa- or Mastercard-branded debit card can be used anywhere credit cards are accepted. And

the best part is that you're not borrowing money when you use one. The funds come directly from your checking account. Some hotels might put a temporary hold on your account for the amount in question, so you need to make sure you actually have the money in the bank. But that just makes sense, doesn't it? You shouldn't be traveling without money in the first place.

If you're too broke to travel, then you need to stay home. Pretty simple!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*.

From Washington

Time is now to remove government from housing market

Beginning last year, Senate Banking Committee Chairman Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) and I held a series of in-depth hearings on how to reform our broken housing market. The hearings examined the massive taxpayer intervention for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that occurred in 2008, and the negative consequences that have arisen as a result of the federal government controlling almost the entire mortgage finance market since then. Building on those hearings and bipartisan legislation introduced by Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.), Chairman Johnson and I recently circulated legislation to wind down Fannie and Freddie, end the government domination of the housing market and promote the re-entry of private capital into our housing finance system.

Fannie and Freddie greatly contributed to the housing bubble, the 2008 financial crisis and the resulting dramatic government intervention. In the lead-up to the crisis, they were dangerously undercapitalized, holding just 45 cents in capital for every 100 dollars in mortgages they guaranteed. The government assumed control of these two multi-trillion-dollar companies because they did not have enough capital to support expected losses. These forces culminated in a perfect storm, costing taxpayers more than \$180 billion in bailouts, crushing our economy and undermining

America's international standing.

Since the crisis, the government has guaranteed no less than 95 percent of the housing finance market in any given year, leaving no room for the private market to re-enter and compete with the federal government. As a result, the U.S. taxpayer remains in the first-loss position, completely exposed to nearly 100 percent of future losses at Fannie and Freddie. If we do nothing, taxpayers will continue to be subjected to potential future economic crises related to the nearly \$5 trillion in mortgages owned or guaranteed by the two entities. Inaction means more taxpayer money to fund future bailouts, continued government intervention in the housing market and the continuation of "too-big-to-fail."

Our bipartisan proposal re-establishes the private sector as the engine of housing finance. Decisions regarding mortgage credit are moved to the private sector, rather than the government dictating how and to where credit



Sen. Mike Crapo

flows. It establishes strong underwriting standards to assure solid mortgages. It places significant private capital ahead of the taxpayer in case the housing market experiences another downturn. We move away from the status quo, where Fannie and Freddie backed toxic mortgages and held basically no capital, to a system that protects taxpayers with a strongly capitalized private sector housing market.

Americans deserve a robust, sustainable housing finance system that will provide future economic opportunities for millions of families and individuals. There is strong, bipartisan support before the Senate Banking Committee to end the government conservatorship, wind down these too-big-to-fail companies and transition to a new system that relies on private capital to fund housing and makes taxpayer exposure to housing market risk extremely remote. It is time to move this legislation forward, reduce the government's footprint and bring private capital back into the housing market.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is the ranking member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. Crapo is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

√ Legislature: Ag education received big shot in the arm with initiative

From Page 18

is still work to be done to get funding back up to the 2009 level of \$25,696. We then need to keep up with inflation. There is interest in breaking health insurance out with a separate line item that would give some relief to school districts' use of discretionary money.

• **H504** — Teachers will be able to receive leadership "premiums" of between \$850 and \$5,780 annually for mentoring fellow teachers, teaching in multiple disciplines — like English and Math — or taking hard-to-fill jobs. The \$16 million premiums are the first step in creating a career ladder program.

• **S1233** — Creates scholarships of \$200 for juniors and \$400 for seniors to pay for dual-credit classes or test fees for advance placement classes or professional certification tests.

• **S1372a** — This bill establishes procedures for sharing information and requires reporting to the Legislature. Student information is critical in helping teachers help them graduate from high school and get ready for post-

secondary education or to enter the workforce, but it is critically important to ensure that the information is protected and kept private and used only by appropriate educational authorities and for appropriate purposes. The State Board of Education has been directed to develop a model data protection policy for school districts. Districts also will be required to develop and implement data security policies.

• **Secondary Agriculture Education Improvement Initiative** — This was one of the most fun and rewarding efforts that I was a part of this year.

We were able to get added-cost allocations for Professional-Technical programs as the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) appropriated an additional \$604,800 (an increase of \$4,740 per classroom for the added costs of agricultural and natural resource education).

We also got \$82,475 in the Agriculture and Research and Extension Service Budget to restore a full-time FFA executive director and support staff position.

• **S1275** — The other part of the ag education initiative

establishes two new grant programs to strengthen ag and natural resource education in public schools. Although the measure wasn't funded this year, it establishes the policy and creates a challenge for the Legislature to get the funding next year.

One grant program provides incentive grants for instructors of ag and natural resource education programs offered in any grade 9 through 12 where the program meets or exceeds program quality standards established by the Board of Professional-Technical Education.

The other program provides start-up grants for school districts and public charter schools to begin or re-establish ag and natural resource education programs in grades 9-12.

— This is the first in a two-part series in which state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) provides a recap of the 2014 Legislature. The District 23 legislator chairs the Senate Transportation Committee. To receive legislative information from Brackett, email bbrackett@senate.idaho.gov. District 23 includes all of Owyhee and Elmore counties and the rural portion of western Twin Falls County.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave, Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Kathy Watson requesting she be allowed to operate a daycare at the property located at 505 S 1st St. West, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram, Homedale City Clerk/Treasurer
4/2,9/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Jason Conant requesting that he be allowed to operate a radio-controlled car racetrack at his property which is located north of his residence at 222 Barbara Street, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator, Planning & Zoning Commission, City of Homedale
4/9,16/14

NOTICE

These vehicles will be sold at a lien sale at 303 S. Main St, Homedale, Idaho at 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2014. 1978 Terry Camp Trlr 20' 10P24288S3059, 2000 Dodge Dakota, 1B7GL22N6YS656584, 1972 Volvo 1800E 1826354038397
4/9,16/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 17th day of July, 2014, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 4 IN BLOCK 1 OF MORNING DOVE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED OCTOBER 15, 1998, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 226300, AND AMENDED BY AFFIDAVIT RECORDED FEBRUARY 8, 1999, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 227448, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 507 Morning Dove Way, Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding

title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by VAN R. BRANDON and JANICE E. BRANDON, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded July 11, 2007, as Instrument No. 261670, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated July 1, 2007, in the amount of \$1,005.00 each, for the months of October, 2013 through March, 2014, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.50% per annum from September 1, 2013. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$128,559.68, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.50% per annum from September 1, 2013.

DATED This 18th day of March, 2014

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

4/2,9,16,23/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On July 29, 2014 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 3, 4, and 5 of Block 8, of the Original Townsite of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho, as the same appear upon the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 255 Main Street, Grand View, ID 83624, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding

CITY OF HOMEDALE Quarterly Revenue/Expenditure Report 2nd QTR. FISCAL YEAR, FY 2014

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 672,317.00	\$ 256,798.00	38.2%	\$323,850.00	48.2%
03 Parks	\$ 95,295.00	\$ 22,790.00	23.9%	\$22,148.00	23.2%
04 Library	\$ 66,986.00	\$ 25,520.00	38.1%	\$22,753.00	34.0%
05 LID	\$ 42,757.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$7,925.00	18.5%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 400,195.00	\$ 182,098.00	45.5%	\$182,122.00	45.5%
30 Airport	\$ 161,025.00	\$ 70.00	0.0%	\$9,696.00	6.0%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,438,575.00	\$ 487,276.00	33.9%	\$568,494.00	39.5%
02 Streets & Highways	\$ 324,180.00	\$ 42,278.00	13.0%	\$59,051.00	18.2%
60 Irrigation	\$ 139,750.00	\$ 71,792.00	51.4%	\$90,568.00	64.8%
25 Water	\$ 818,031.00	\$ 204,240.00	25.0%	\$178,889.00	21.9%
26 Sewer	\$ 625,530.00	\$ 74,388.00	11.9%	\$160,394.00	25.6%
27 Sanitation	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,841.00	50.8%	\$57,877.00	57.9%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 3,446,066.00	\$ 930,815.00	27.0%	\$1,115,273.00	32.4%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.

Publish: April 16, 2014

Signed: Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk/Treasurer

title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Teddy B. Pattee a single man, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Paul A Drake and Dawn Delmore Drake, husband and wife as Beneficiary, recorded October 31, 2011 as Instrument No. 275903, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$50,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10.00% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated October 28, 2011. Payments are in default for the months of November 2013 through and including February 2014 in the amount of \$526.54 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of February 27, 2014 is \$49,795.42 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 10.00% per annum. The per diem is \$13.64258. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$49,795.42, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: March 24, 2014
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer
Phone: 877-947-1553 File No.: 222124 / Customer Ref No. Account 2299

This communication is on

REQUEST FOR BID

The Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area Steering Committee is requesting bids for chemicals to be used in noxious weed control.

Product

Basecamp
Basecamp
Garlon 4 Ultra
Element 4 Ultra
Glystar Plus
Unsisit 90
Opensight
Perspective
R-11
R-11
R-11
Syltac
Syltac
Syltac
Telar
Glyphosate (Roundup)

Package Size

1 Gallon
2.5 Gallon
2.5 Gallon
2.5 Gallon
2.5 Gallon
2.5 Gallon
20 Ounce
20 Ounce
QT
1 Gallon
2.5 Gallon
QT
1 Gallon
2.5 Gallon
Any
2.5 gallon jugs

The lowest acceptable bid will be awarded the contract, the bid is not to exceed, \$53,000.00.

Bids must be sent by email to: Rayola_1@msn.com Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., April 30th, 2014.

The bid opening will take place May 13th at 1:30 p.m. in Bruneau, Idaho at the Idaho Power Company, Jacks Creek Facility. Notice of winning bid will be provided by May 15th to applicants.

For questions or information contact: Rayola Jacobsen, email Rayola_1@msn.com; by phone: (208) 338-0019 or cell: (208) 249-0234. By mail, 248 E Bayview Ct., Boise, Idaho 83706.

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behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 57-11842

DON BURCH, 2503 CHACARTEGUI LN, NAMPA, ID 83687

Point of Diversion SWSW S12 T06S R01W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: IRRIGATION 03/15 to 11/15 1.48 CFS

Total Diversion: 1.48 CFS

Date Filed: 9/11/2013

Place of Use: IRRIGATION

T06S R01W S12 SWSW

SESW

T06S R01W S13 NENW

NWNW SWNW

T06S R01W S14 SWNE

SENE

Total Acres: 74

Water bearing zone to be appropriated is from 200 to 250 feet.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For

additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 4/21/2014. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
4/2,9/14

Have a news tip?

Call us!

337-4681

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 29th day of July, 2014, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK 53, AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 113 W. Oregon Ave., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by SUZANNE I MCNIEL, an Unmarried Person, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOME FEDERAL BANK, recorded March 3, 2006, as Instrument No. 255438, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on March 17, 2006, as Instrument No. 255602, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated March 2, 2006, in the amount of \$529.00 each, for the months of October, 2013, through March, 2014, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.40% per annum from September 1, 2013. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$75,856.12, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.40% per annum from September 1, 2013.

DATED This 27th day of March, 2014.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
4/9,16,23,30

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 27, 2014 File No.: 7023.104844 Sale date and time (local time): July 02, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT P.O. Box 67, Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2013, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2011, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before May 30, 2014, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/13	Misc Costs
Kevin/Janet Grochowski	Sec. 28, T3N, R4W PT Lots 25 & 26, Lot 2 Larsen Est.	2011	66.64	30.92	81.08
Darrin/Ramona Jerome	Sec. 28, T3N, R4W PT SWNW	2011	104.46	38.10	81.08
Dana Rivera	Sec. 32, T3N, R4W, PT SESE	2011	84.91	31.36	81.08
Merville Robinson	Sec. 3, T2N, R4W, PT SENW	2010/2011	389.80	235.32	81.08

Dated this 4th day of April, 2014

4/9,16,23,30/14

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Connie Chadez, Treasurer

the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 153 North 1st Street Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Morgan M. Searles, an unmarried person Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. Recording date: March 18, 2002 Recorder's instrument number: 239015 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 27, 2014: \$40,653.17 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Parcel I: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake at the Northeast corner of Block 2 in the Gentry Subdivision in the Village of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 22 degrees 41' East a distance of 21.7 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 1 degrees 30' West along the West side of First Street in said Gentry Subdivision for a distance of 180.3 feet to an iron stake which is the True Point of Beginning; said point also being South 0 degrees 00'00" East a distance of 234.53 feet from the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision as set with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950 for the City of Marsing; thence North 1 degree 30' West (also of record as North), 50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 30' West (also of record as West), 125 feet; thence South 1 degree 30' East (also of record as South), 50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30' East (also of record as East), 125 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34,

Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision said corner being monumented with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950 for the City of Marsing; thence South 0 degree 00'00" East a distance of 174.53 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 0 degree 00'00" East a distance of 10.00 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision; thence perpendicular to the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision North 90 degrees 00'00" West a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 26 degrees 30'46" East a distance of 11.17 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00'00" East a distance of 120.01 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.104844) 1002.249565-File No. 3/26;4/2,9,16/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No.: 7441737509 T.S. No.: 13-00758-5 On June 27, 2014 11:00 AM, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 17 of Reich's first Addition to the Village of Marsing, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 71647, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 427 1ST STREET, MARSING, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by BETTY STAPPLER, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as original grantor(s), to ALLIANCE TITLE, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as original beneficiary, dated as of July 26, 2006, and recorded July 31, 2006, as Instrument No. 257472 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, (the "Beneficiary"). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated July 26, 2006 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$694.92 due from January 1, 2013, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$70,502.69, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.00000% per annum from December 1, 2012. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV2014-104 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Maizy Lucinda Downing.

A Petition to change the name of Maizy Lucinda Downing, a minor, 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 Maizy Lucinda Wagstaff.

The reason for the change in name is: because her father is in jail and hasn't seen her since she was born I am changing back to my maiden name of Wagstaff and it would be best for the family to have the same last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on 4/28/2014 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: 3/21/14
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
/s/ Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
4/2,9,16,23/14

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 10:00 o'clock A.M. (recognized local time) on July 01, 2014, On the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at, 20381 St Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, First American Title Company Inc., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 6 and the East One-Half of Lot 7 of Block 84 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed August 9, 1911 as No. 7284 on file in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 222 East Colorado, Homedale, Idaho 83628 is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust for Idaho executed by, Jody Usabel, a single person, as Grantor(s), First American Title

Insurance Company of Idaho, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of, The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust for Idaho was recorded December 29, 2006 as Owyhee County Recorder's Instrument No. 259322.

The default for which this sale is to be made is as follows: Failure to make the monthly payment of \$878.46 due for the 28th day of March, 2013 and a like sum of \$878.46 due for the 28th day of each and every month thereafter;

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. As of January 22, 2014 there is due and owing on the loan an unpaid principal balance of \$122,506.87, accrued interest in the amount of \$6,605.28, subsidy granted in the amount of \$8,307.90 and fees currently assessed in the amount of \$1,212.66 for a total amount due of \$138,632.71. Interest continues to accrue on the Note at the rate of 6.00% per annum with a per diem rate of \$20.30 after January 22, 2014. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to

satisfy said obligation.

DATED February 26, 2014
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
/s/Dalia Martinez, Trust Officer
4/2,9,16,23/14

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-2014-013 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Xana Sue Downing
A Petition to change the name of Xana Sue Downing, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court of Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Xana Sue Wagstaff. The reason for the change in name is: because I divorced my spouse.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on 4/28/2014 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: 3/21/14
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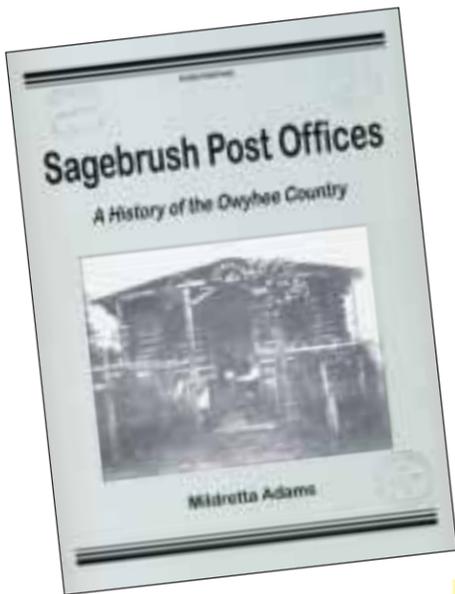
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