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Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Life Member Bill Lowry spoke during Saturday's meeting in Silver City, telling ranchers that they are in a fight with the federal government to secure their rights.

Ranchers reiterate resolve

OCA members
remain united
in Owyhee 68
fight with BLM

Outgoing Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Kenny Kershner made a simple observation Saturday borne out of the fact that the group's membership numbers have been on the rise for the past couple years.

"I guess that's what happens when you have problems," Kershner said as he opened the 136th annual summer meeting.

None of the ranchers inside the Silver City Schoolhouse needed reminders of what the problems were; the absence of Bureau of Land Management brass pretty much told



Ken Bahem, left, took over OCA leadership from outgoing president Kenny Kershner at Saturday's annual meeting.

the story.

With Owyhee 68 ranchers' appeals holding off the BLM's decision for drastic and devastating allotment reductions, Kershner implored his fellow cattlemen to keep up the pres-

sure and keep up the morale.

"If I have any message," he said in his opening remarks, "I guess it would be to continue with the united front.

"Hopefully we can get these

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Owyhee County Fair starts weeklong run Monday in Homedale

Fairgrounds has
fresh paint; new
contests planned

Next week will be one of the busiest, most exciting and fun filled weeks of the year for families, friends and neighbors, as the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo begins.

The fair theme this year is "Sew it, grow it, show it," and people of all ages will show their talents and prized items, while young people will vie for an abundance of awards.

"I'm really excited about the fair this year," fair manager Ginger Loucks said. "We've worked hard to make it a clean

atmosphere and bring in some fresh new ideas."

Loucks said many volunteers have worked on preparing the fairgrounds by painting the inside of the Armory Exhibit Hall and painting the concession stands. Loucks said she is grateful for

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New hires complete county jail's road back to compliance

Deficiencies
threatened income,
insurance levels

Facing a manpower shortage that threatened a large revenue stream, Owyhee County hired two detention deputies last week.

It was the last step in bringing the county jail into compliance with Idaho Sheriff's Association (ISA) standards. Non-compliance had jeopardized the county's level of coverage for jail-related liability

claims through Idaho County Risk Management Program (ICRMP) and its eligibility to house out-of-county inmates.

According to a July 3 letter from ICRMP, the jail was deficient in staffing, fire safety and security checks standards following the ISA's on-site annual inspection in May.

ISA jail standards coordinator and inspector Cindy Malm told The Owyhee Avalanche on Friday that the Owyhee County

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Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson volunteer firefighters hose down brush next to Idaho highway 78 on Sunday evening after a motorhome was completely destroyed by fire. Photo by Craig Mickelson

No one hurt as RV burns on Idaho 78

A mother and her children escaped injury, but their motorhome was a total loss in a Sunday fire.

Officials say the family was en route to a camping excursion around 8 p.m. on Idaho highway 78 when the recreational vehicle caught fire.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire crews were able to keep the flames from spreading to the brush on either side of the highway at mile marker 32.5 east of Murphy.

Nothing was left of the motorhome except the frame.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Kendrick said the fire burned so hot that the vehicle's tires melted and the roadway was also damaged.

C.J. Strike's wooden bridge now open

Idaho Power Co. announced that the bridge near the dam at C.J. Strike Reservoir has re-opened to vehicle traffic.

The bridge between the public utility's North Park and Scout and Locust parks had been closed since April for major renovation.

The bridge is designed for vehicle traffic and is not intended for fishing or pedestrian crossing.

Owyhee man enters not guilty plea in crash that killed girlfriend

A man entered a not guilty plea Friday to three felony charges, including vehicular manslaughter, in connection with the fatal off-road accident that killed his girlfriend in March.

Givens-area resident Jacob Howard Canoy, 36, has pretrial hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 18 for the vehicular manslaughter charge and two counts of felony injury to a child. If the case proceeds to trial, a two-day trial is scheduled for Sept. 16-17 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

On July 18, Canoy was sentenced on four infractions stemming from the accident that killed his 21-year-old girlfriend, Sara Bronson, and injured his two young sons. He was ordered to pay \$317 in fines and court fees for failure to use safety restraints and entering or crossing public land in a disturbing or destructive way.

Bronson died and Canoy's sons — ages 5 and 9 — were hurt when the Chevrolet Blazer he was driving went off a trail and rolled down a hill in the Hemingway Butte area a half-mile from Upper Reynolds Creek Road. Canoy was airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with severe injuries.

The trail was closed to vehicle traffic, and authorities determined that none of the occupants were wearing seatbelts.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office later said toxicology reports showed Canoy tested positive for meth and alcohol.

According to court records, a default judgment on the Owyhee County infractions was entered with Canoy absent. He was sitting in Ada County Jail in Boise after a June 30 sentencing for petit theft in an unrelated case.

Canoy was ordered to pay \$552.50 in fines for the petit theft conviction and received credit for 38 days in jail. The remainder of a one-year sentence in the Ada case was suspended. Prosecutors dropped other felony charges, including two counts of burglary and one count of grand theft.

Canoy faces a wrongful death lawsuit filed in the spring in Owyhee County by Sarah Bronson's mother, Julia Ann Bronson.

Court records indicate Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery charged Canoy with misdemeanor petty theft in April. An Aug. 25 pretrial conference is scheduled with an Oct. 17 jury trial slated.

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BLM, BOCC discuss tweaked wilderness plan proposal

Motorized grazing wasn't explicitly grandfathered in as agreed to in the Owyhee Initiative, but the revamped Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness Management Plan seems to incorporate most changes sought by the Board of County Commissioners through the appeals process.

Bureau of Land Management Boise District officials went over the revised WMP point-by-point with the Board of County Commissioners in a July 21 coordination meeting in Murphy.

"I really appreciate the conversation of the last couple meetings," BLM Boise District manager Jim Fincher told the commissioners. "I think it's helpful."

Fincher added:

"I think we've made some great improvements with your help, and that's what coordination should be."

BOCC chair Joe Merrick then pointed out that the continuation of the motorized grazing concept pioneered by rancher Chris Black still hadn't been resolved.

"There's still the issue of Chris riding his motorcycle that goes way back," Merrick said.

There was no further discussion of the WMP after that, but in another part of the WMP proposal, the BLM incorporated amended language that the occasional use of motorized or mechanized equipment could be used for routine livestock management activities, "including, but not limited to, salt and supplement distribution and range project inspection, maintenance and repair."

The closest the revised WMP comes to allowing Black's motorized grazing operation is when the plan calls for authorization of the occasional use of motorized or mechanized equipment when a minimum requirements analysis (MRA) demonstrates the practice is necessary to protect and preserve wilderness character.

BLM officials previously said that an MRA fulfills the analysis requirement without bringing forth an entire National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, which would open the action up to a lengthy public comment process.

One of Owyhee County's biggest concern — that Appendix A of House Report 101-405 was ignored as a governing document for the WMP — was alleviated when the BLM revealed a revised plan that put emphasis on Appendix A rather than the agency's grazing handbook.

County commissioners had pointed out earlier that the grazing handbook was developed after the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 became law and, therefore, contradicted the law passed by Congress and signed by President Obama five years ago.

Another aspect of the WMP to which Black took exception was the lingering requirement that permittees must maintain fences that separate grazing allotments from wilderness or pastures that were once grazed but were now retired and absorbed into the wilderness.

Initiative proponents maintained that the Initiative language specifically put the responsibility of fence maintenance on the BLM.

"It was part and parcel to allowing grazing permits to be donated to the BLM that the BLM would maintain the fence," Initiative board member Chad Gibson said.

Owyhee Initiative board chair Brenda Richards reminded the federal officials inside Courtroom 2 that the entire Initiative board, including conservationists, agreed that the BLM should be responsible for the fences.

The county representatives maintained that the BLM must be responsible for any fences that reduce the number of acres that are available to be grazed.

Black said the component was crucial because if a third party cut the fence between the wilderness and the grazing allotment, the permittee could be found to be in trespass if his cows wandered into the wilderness.

"I understand what you're saying," Fincher said. "My only response is we'll talk to our solicitors (legal counsel)."

BLM officials told the county commissioners that they would like to put the WMP out for public comment before the next coordination meeting.

Coordination between the BOCC and the BLM typically takes place on the third week of each month, meaning the WMP could be released to the public before Aug. 18.

— JPB

From page 1

✓ Jail: County earns \$80K from housing out-of-county inmates in Murphy

Sheriff's Office had shored up all the deficiencies, and she had recommended the jail for 2015 certification on July 15.

The last piece of the puzzle was hiring two detention deputies that enabled the jail to meet the ISA standard of having two deputies on the floor at all times.

Sheriff Perry Grant shook off a long, futile search to round out his jail staff when county commissioners approved pay authorizations for Thomas Bailey and Shane Witt during a July 21 meeting in Murphy.

Both men were scheduled to start their jobs the day of the meeting.

According to documentation Grant submitted to the commissioners, Bailey formerly worked as a certified detention officer in Oregon. There was no information on whether Witt had previous jailer experience.

The new employees bring the detention staff back to the ISA minimum requirement of nine deputies, including eight detention deputies and jail commander Sgt. Steve Melendez.

Non-compliant facilities also lose the ability to house out-of-jurisdiction inmates, such as those Owyhee County accepts from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Idaho Department of Correction and Canyon County.

Owyhee County has brought in more than \$80,000 in Fiscal Year 2014 by housing out-of-county inmates, the majority of which have been BIA holds.

Also, had the jail remained out of compliance beyond Aug. 1, ICRMP would have lowered the facility's liability coverage from \$3 million to \$500,000, according to the insurance provider's July 3 letter to county commissioners.

Grant said he had had difficulty filling the final two positions in his jail staff because of employment background checks that are identical to the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training screening and certification process. All non-certified deputies hired must pass the POST Academy within a year of starting their job.

Applicants cannot have felonies or even misdemeanors on their record, Malm said, although appeals can be filed with the POST Council to overlook misdemeanors.

The sheriff said that in previous searches he had either not received any applications or those who did apply were unable to clear a lie detector test that is part of the screening process. Canyon County Sheriff's Office investigators provide OCSO free background checks, he said.

Malm said Grant's troubles are nothing unique nor new to Idaho jails.

"I've been in this for 32 years, and we have always had the problem of having people (not) passing the background investigation," Malm said.

As part of the employment requirements, which Malm calls "stringent," applicants must also pass a physical fitness exam.

Malm also confirmed that Owyhee County Jail is back in compliance with fire safety and security check standards.

Malm said ISA is not at liberty to reveal how the county jail may have been out of compliance specifically, but she did provide general information on what the association requires.

Jails just appoint a fire safety officer who is responsible for monthly inspections to ensure that fire suppression equipment is in working order and that fire hazards are mitigated.

Jails also are required to undergo an annual inspection either by a local fire department of the state fire marshal and then correct any deficiencies.

An annual fire drill also must be conducted.

Safety checks refer to the frequency that jailers check inmates in their cells.

ISA requires a walk-through every 30 minutes, and Malm inspects logs from five random days of the year during her annual visits. If a jail fails three of the five days, it is considered out of compliance.

Malm gives the agency about 60 days to shore up the problem then asks for security check logs again.

She said that logs are automated and, in some cases, tied to security pass-activated automatic locks on the doors leading to a cellblock. She said it's virtually impossible to doctor the documentation.

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HHS registration will take place in library

Homedale High School changed its registration hours for the 2014-15 school year.

All registration will be held inside the library/media center, 203 E. Idaho Ave., next week:

- Incoming seniors, 10 a.m. to noon next Wednesday
- Incoming juniors, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., next Wednesday
- Incoming sophomores, 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Aug. 7
- Any seniors, juniors or sophomores who were unable to register at their appointed time will be able to complete the process between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Aug. 7.
- Incoming freshmen can register between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 8. Freshmen orientation and lunch will follow from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Students from any grade that are new to the school district and returning students who were unable to register earlier in the week may register between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Aug. 8.

Staff will be in the office Monday, Aug. 11 during regular school hours, 7:50 a.m. to 3:54 p.m., and makeup registration will be available during those hours as well.

The new schedule is a change from Aug. 14 times reported last week in The Owyhee Avalanche.

The school year, which ushers in the district's four-day schedule, begins Monday, Aug. 18 for all students.

Anniversary Jessens celebrate 60 years

Nampa residents Kenny and Betty Jessen recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple wed on July 21, 1954 in Murphy.

They have three children — Val, Rob and Tim — six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Betty retired from US Bank (formerly Idaho First National Bank) after 34 years. Kenny is retired from Albertsons and the Department of Employment.

A family gathering will be held at a later date.



Betty and Kenny Jessen

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar daily: Lettuce, tomatoes, egg salad with one of the following: Beet salad, apricots, mandarin oranges

July 30: BBQ pork, fries, carrots, bread – milk

July 31: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, Calif. blend veggies, bread - milk

Aug. 5-9: Buckaroo Breakfast Week, no lunch served

Rimrock Senior Center

July 31: Pork roast w/gravy, garlic potatoes, steamed carrots, pears, pudding

Death notices

ALMA F. EELLS, 96, of Marsing, died Saturday, July 19, 2014, at a Caldwell care center. Graveside services were held Thursday, July 24, 2014 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

STEVEN WAYNE ROSS, 61, of Parma, a 1970 Homedale High School graduate and former Homedale resident, died Monday, July 21, 2014. Cremation was under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Read all about it

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Obituary Celia Mary ‘Black’ Tindall

Celia Mary ‘Black’ Tindall, 62, of Bruneau, Idaho, lost her long battle with breast cancer on July 24th, 2014 at her home surrounded by her loving family. A viewing was held at Rost Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 3 P.M. followed by a Rosary at 6 P.M. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Mountain Home followed by Burial in Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.



Celia was born to Joe and Margaret Black on May 6th, 1952 in Boise, Idaho. She was the second child born and the only daughter out of nine children. From the time she was born until she was four years old, her family lived at the Hyde Place in Oreana. They moved to Bruneau where she attended elementary school up to the 4th grade when the family decided to move one last time to Indian Cove near Hammett. Her fifth-grade and sixth-grade years were attended at Hammett Grade School, King Hill Grade School for seventh grade, and from eighth grade to graduation she attended the old Glenns Ferry High School. As a Tri Delta at the University of Idaho, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

The summer of her senior year of college, Celia moved to Twin Falls, where she was employed as an extension agent for the U of I Twin Falls County Extension. While attending a New Year's dance in Bruneau, she met up with David Tindall and discovered that he was a student at CSI in Twin Falls. The two became closer and

married on January 14th, 1978, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Mountain Home, ID.

After the honeymoon, they moved to the Tindall family ranch in Grasmere. It was there that they started a family of 6 children. In 1985, Celia and the children moved to the Bruneau Valley during the weekdays so that the children could attend school. She was a very active participant with her children's education and activities.

In 1996, Celia went to work as a Home Economics teacher for the Glenns Ferry School District. This was Celia's passion, and she thrived in this environment. The desire to help mold children into young adults was rewarding, and Celia loved being part of that process. In 2002, Celia was hired by the Bruneau-Grand View School District as the Home Economics teacher until the time of her passing. She was an FCCLA advisor for 18 years. She was recently awarded a Lifetime Achievement of the

Idaho Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Science and was very honored by this award.

Celia was a leader of the Bruneau Canyon 4-H club for 20 years and Sheep Superintendent for the Owyhee County Fair for many years. She was very active in the Owyhee Cowbelles and also the Idaho Cattle Women's Association where she served as president and also received the Cattlewoman of the Year award.

Celia had many friends and will be deeply missed. She is survived by her husband David Tindall of Grasmere; children, Matthew Tindall (Lisa) of Bruneau, Sue Ellen Law (Philip) of Aberdeen, Idaho, Brooke Tindall of Bruneau, Jennifer Bigelow (Jake) of Emmett, Patrick Tindall (Tristin) of Middleton, Zachery Tindall of Bruneau; parents Joe & Margaret Black of Indian Cove; brothers Dan Black (Suzi) of King Hill, Rob Black, Jay Black, both of Indian Cove, Chris Black (Dixie) of Bruneau, Doug Black (Darlene) of Eagle, Lowell Black (Sherry) of Fallon, Nevada, Tim Black (Deb) of Boise, and Sean Black of Wenatchee, Washington; grandchildren Brittany Bigelow, Jeffery Law, Emily Derrick, Martin Law, Montana Bigelow, Kasey Derrick, Daylee Bigelow, Rowdy Law, Sarah Bigelow, Dally Tindall, Maisa Tindall, Bowdy Bigelow, Hazel Tindall and Sherick Tindall, and many nieces and nephews.

Celia was preceded in death by her nephew Blaise Black.

Memorials may be made in Celia's name to St. Bridget's Catholic Church in c/o Jessie Miller, 29514 B Tindall Ln., Bruneau, ID 83604 or a charity of your choice.

Homedale Sr. Center to be site of benefit sale for cancer patient

Event will coincide with center's monthly breakfast

Once Owyhee County Fair week ends, the Homedale Senior Center will revert back to its usual busy schedule.

The night the fair ends, Saturday, Aug. 9, the senior center will hold a dance from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$4, and the dance is open to the public. The Just for Fun Band will provide live music, and everyone is asked to bring finger foods to share.

On the following Saturday, Aug. 16, the senior center will hold its monthly fundraiser breakfast and play host to a yard sale to benefit Homedale resident Audrey Folwell Brown, who is battling cancer for the second time.

Brown is currently receiving a second bone

marrow transplant in her fight against leukemia.

Donations for the yard sale are being accepted. Call Andrea McRae at 880-6086 for information.

The breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$6 per plate.

The senior center, located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each week, except for fair week, congregate meals are served around lunchtime at the center.

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, the senior center will hold its monthly luncheon for everyone celebrating a birthday during the month.

The monthly foot clinic will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 19. Appointments are necessary, and time slots begin at 8 a.m. Call the senior center at 337-3020 to reserve a time.

A free blood pressure clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Aug. 21.

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Today

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Symms Fruit Ranch 100th anniversary
4 p.m. to 8 p.m., food and refreshments provided, Symms Fruit Ranch, 14068 Sunny Slope Road, Caldwell.

Saturday

Homedale Farmers Market
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 840-0440

Sunday

Marsing High School all-class reunion
1 p.m., potluck picnic, Marsing City Park. (208) 896-4220

Monday

Owyhee County Fair
All day, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

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

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

Tuesday

Owyhee County Fair
All day, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Buckaroo Breakfast
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per meal, 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

Wednesday

Owyhee County Fair
All day, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Buckaroo Breakfast
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per meal, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Homedale High School registration
10 a.m. to noon, seniors, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., juniors, Homedale High School library/media center, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Owyhee County Rodeo
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., rodeo, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Thursday, Aug. 7

Owyhee County Fair
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Buckaroo Breakfast
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per meal, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale High School registration
10 a.m. to noon, sophomores, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., makeup registration, Homedale High School library/media center, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

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 County Rodeo
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., rodeo, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431 or homedalegunclub.com

Friday, Aug. 8

Owyhee County Fair
All day, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Buckaroo Breakfast
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per meal, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale High School registration
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., freshman, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., freshman orientation, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., new students, Homedale High School library/media center, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

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

Owyhee County Rodeo
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., rodeo, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Saturday, Aug. 9

Owyhee County Fair
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Buckaroo Breakfast
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per meal, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Homedale Farmers Market
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 840-0440

Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo parade
9:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. judging, downtown Homedale. (208) 318 3982

Owyhee County Junior Livestock Auction
Noon, buyer's lunch, auction to follow, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Owyhee County Rodeo finals night
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., rodeo, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Senior center dance
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 plus finger food to share, Just For Fun Band performs, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



Tales of the I.O.N. Country

Work mates (D. W. Duard Terry)

I ordered a truckload of sacked feed and knew it would take the two truck drivers and I most of the day to unload it. I told them I would go to town (Hermiston) and find men to help. I checked out several bars and found only two that were willing to work, and they were black.

I took them out to the ranch, and when one of the drivers saw them he said he refused to work with them and climbed up into the truck cab. One of the negroes shook his head and said, “Man, man if I could get anybody to help some with this job I would work with anybody.”

Not a day’s work in this bunch

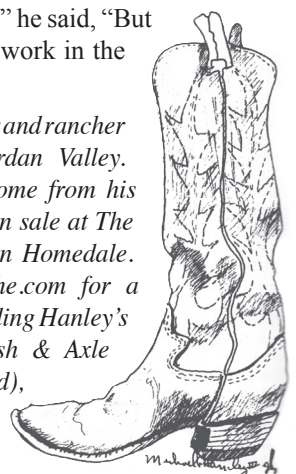
During the 1982 Jordan Valley Rodeo one of my neighbors and I were looking at the “born again cowboys,” as the new buckaroo revivalists are known locally. Also waiting their turns in the Big Loop Horse Roping event were good working cowmen, but they were noticeably out-classed in finery, that is. The revivalists sported much silver, custom-made saddles, stirrups, and one was wearing knee-high laced packer boots.

My neighbor Laz Mendieta commented, “Look at those sons-of-a-guns.”

I replied, “They dress like a cross between a French Canadian half-breed and an old-time California Vaquero.”

“I don’t know about that,” he said, “But I’ll bet there’s not a day’s work in the bunch.”

— 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*.



MRW Fire adds car show to fundraiser

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District’s seventh annual benefit barbecue will have a new twist next month.

A classic car show and shine will be held in conjunction with the barbecue and auction that is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 23 at Givens Hot Springs.

Show and shine parking and lineup will start at 3 p.m. The car show entry fee is \$8, and each participant receives a barbecue dinner ticket.

Send an email to info@mrwfire.org for information on the car show, or write MRW Fire BBQ, 11606 State Hwy. 78, Givens Hot Springs, ID 83641.

The barbecue starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person or \$20 per family.

The live auction begins at 8 p.m. Some of the items planned auction items include a 19-cubic-foot Bighorn gun safe, a Traeger smoker grill, a 1910 Victrola record player, antique and handcrafted items and local art and paintings.

A bluegrass band will perform live, and anyone who buys a barbecue ticket will be able to swim at Givens Hot Springs for half-price.

A mechanical bull, bounce house and children’s games also will be featured.

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

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OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SUMMER MEETING



Another batch of Owyhee County youth received their replacement heifers from OCA sponsors, including, from left, Lauren Jensen, Marsing (Morgan Ranches, David Rutan); TJ Davis, Jordan Valley (Chad Hensley); Michael Babcock, Homedale (Dan Mori) and Cheyenne Davis, Jordan Valley (Ted and Mary Blackstock, not pictured). Photo by Jon P. Brown



Departing OCA director Justin Christensen, left, accepts a belt buckle from 2013-14 president Kenny Kershner. Kershner will stay on the board one more year as past president. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Taylor Ann Thomas-Fisher talks about her animal, which was donated in 2013 by Justin Christensen. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Noah Shaw, son of Mary and former OCA president Brad Huff, accepts the silver membership bit from 2013-14 president Kenny Kershner. Shaw won the bit drawing to start the day. Photo by Jon P. Brown

✓ Resolve: Summer meeting at Silver City school chock full of pep talks

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decisions remanded back and get better results.”

Idaho Cattle Association executive director Jared Brackett, a Three Creek rancher, may have further bolstered the membership when he mentioned that some hearings regarding the Owyhee 68 appeals have been cancelled.

Brackett said the cancelled hearings, which came on the heels of a summary judgment in which the BLM was told it erred in the analysis that led to the agency’s drastic animal unit monthly (AUM)-trimming decisions, would keep ranchers’ legal costs down. But it also gives the BLM time to file motions, he said.

“It’s a game to them to bleed us dry,” Brackett said.

Brackett also said that the BLM may have miscalculated by choosing to release a decision in Owyhee County that favored radical environmentalists’ ultimate goal of eliminating public lands grazing.

“The BLM has publicly stated that they wrote (the Owyhee 68 decisions) to stay out of court,” Brackett said. “They didn’t think we had the guts or the courage to go through with this. It didn’t take guts or courage because it’s the right thing to do.”

Brackett said it was a good thing that Owyhee County ranchers are at the forefront because ranchers in other regions may not have had the same steadfast resolve.

With an eye toward growing the legal

fund established at the 2013 summer meeting, the OCA membership unanimously decided to continue with the \$1-per-AUM voluntary assessment. Some called the fund, which has been tapped into already by the first appellants, a “war chest.”

“There are other allotments in Owyhee County that will be in the same fix,” Jordan Valley’s Dennis Stanford, an Owyhee 68 permittee, said. “It’s not just the 68. The war chest is for the BLM processes coming down the road.”

Association assessment committee chair Doug Burgess said every rancher who submitted a bill for attorney’s fees received reimbursement.

Burgess also pointed out that the majority of the funds the committee received — 60 percent — came from sources other than the voluntary assessment, such as business owners who sell ranchers the supplies that help keep their operations going.

“I think what we did is brought an awareness to the rest of the country that, ‘If we lose public land grazing, we’ll lose our customers,’” Burgess said.

There was brief discussion about making the OCA assessment mandatory.

“There’s a lot of potential out there to make (BLM officials) take us seriously,” Burgess said, referring to the 200,000 AUMs in Owyhee County.

In the end, though, the membership decided against making the assessment mandatory and voted to continue with the

voluntary assessment as called for in the original resolution.

The ranchers were told a strong fiscal front is as important as a moral front.

Earlier in the meeting, the cattlemen got another pep talk from 1995 Honorary Life Member Bill Lowry, who told of his experiences when he was drafted during World War II. The 94-year-old Pleasant Valley rancher drew a standing ovation when he gave his fellow cattlemen something to chew on right after lunch.

“If anyone told us that 69 years later we’d be battling our government over our rights ...,” Lowry said.

“My God, if we don’t do something to turn it around, we’re a disgrace to George Washington and Valley Forge and the soldiers that stood up there. We’re a disgrace to the men who fought in World War I and World War II.”

The OCA membership also passed three resolutions upholding constitutional tenets.

The ranchers asked the Idaho Legislature to ensure that existing grazing rights, water rights and other property rights are preserved when the Idaho Department of Lands and Bureau of Land Management land exchanges are finalized.

In a second resolution, the OCA implored the Idaho congressional delegation to push for legislation that would rein in bureaucrats who are allowed to govern by policy because of vaguely worded laws passed by

Congress. The ranchers discussed the fact that Congress has ceded its constitutional obligation to manage federal lands through the ambiguous legislation.

The third resolution called upon the Board of County Commissioners to continue — litigiously, if necessary — to hold BLM’s feet to the fire over Federal Land Management Policy Act-required coordination.

“For future boards, that may be necessary, but at this point and time we understand the importance of coordination,” District 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi said the county already has committed \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually for BLM issues.

Tim Lowry said the OCA resolution was not questioning the commissioners’ efforts but merely supporting and encouraging the BOCC to keep up the fight.

“What the Board of County Commissioners is in a unique position to do is to stop the wolf at the doorstep before it’s in the bloody house,” Lowry said.

One of the last orders of business for the cattlemen Saturday was electing new board members to succeed past president Bill White and director Justin Christensen.

Oreana rancher Lorna Steiner became the second woman (Richards was the first) to be selected for the board, and South Mountain Ranch’s Adam Duckett will join her for the 2014-15 year.

— JPB



University of Idaho students are helping the Bureau of Land Management with analysis in Owyhee County this summer. From left, BLM Bruneau Field Office manager Tanya Thrift, U of I students Heather Hoskovec and Jake Biar, BLM Bruneau assistant field manager (acting) J.A. Vacca and Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, U of I program manager. Submitted photo

U of I students help BLM assess county sage-grouse habitat

Thanks to a grant, University of Idaho students are helping the Bureau of Land Management complete resource analysis in Owyhee County and socio-economic studies.

U of I students are assisting the BLM Boise District collect monitoring data through an \$11,500 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The grant is part of more than \$6.7 million distributed by the NFWF for 43 different youth conservation employment projects on public lands throughout the country.

The NFWF, in partnership with the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Fish and Wildlife Service, recently announced the 2014 Developing the Next Generation of Conservationists grant program recipients in support of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps Initiative. The goal of the grant program is to support organizations that are developing innovative conservation job opportunities for youth that expose young people, particularly urban and minority youth, to the natural world and career opportunities available in conservation.

Through an agreement between the Boise District and the U of I, one team of students, whose members are seeking degrees in rangeland management, is working closely with BLM specialists to collect quantitative monitoring

data in priority sagebrush steppe and riparian habitats in Owyhee County. Heather Hoskovec and Jake Biar will be active with the BLM until the middle of August. Jake is the son of Idaho State Department of Agriculture range specialist John Biar, who spoke at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City on Saturday.

"We have a unique opportunity with this program that enables students to see the uses and implications of their field research as they share the important information they collect, make data presentations and engage with grazing permittees, BLM specialists, members of the Owyhee Sage Grouse Local Working Group and other interested members of the public," Bruneau Field Manager Tanya Thrift said.

"We will further involve the students in the process as BLM incorporates the data into assessment reports and National Environmental Policy Act documents to make multiple-use management decisions that enhance and maintain valuable habitats across the district."

A second team of students is working collaboratively with the Boise District to assess the ideas, concerns and effects stakeholders perceive from the implementation of a landscape-level treatment of western juniper in the Owyhee region of southwestern Idaho.

Ranchers using State lands generate \$2M in FY14 revenue

Bulk of the net proceeds support educational programs

Although not mentioned in a recent opinion piece from the state Board of Land Commissioners, grazing operations was the fifth-highest revenue source on State Endowment Trust Lands in fiscal year 2014.

No specifics were available from the Idaho Department of Lands on how much money the 119 active grazing permits in Owyhee County brought into state coffers.

Of the 2.4 million acres of State Endowment Trust Lands, 1.4 million acres are in rangeland, according to the IDL.

Of the nearly \$90 million in gross revenue generated by State land leases in FY14, timber land brought in the most money at \$72.7 million to lead all categories.

Grazing brought in \$2.16 million, the biggest one-year amount in the past 10 fiscal years and most since \$1.88 million in FY 2011.

The total ranked fifth behind residential real estate, such as cabin site sales on Payette Lake in McCall (\$5.28 million), commercial real estate (\$5.24

million) and mineral rights (\$2.4 million).

After managerial overhead and program expenses were paid, fees collected from State lands ranchers amounted to a net income of \$775,041.

The bulk of that money (\$746,322) went to public education programs such as public schools, agricultural college, universities and the school of science.

Since FY 2005, grazing permits on State lands have generated more than \$16.8 million in gross revenue resulting in net income of \$3.25 million for various state programs.

State lands lessees currently pay \$6.89 per animal unit monthly — the highest IDL price in the past 30 years — but the fee will shrink to \$6.77 in 2015.

The length of State lands grazing leases range from five to 20 years. Prior to a 2011 rule change, leases were fixed at 10 years.

IDL spokesperson Emily Callihan said that the ongoing state grazing program review could result in another modification to the life spans of individual

leases.

"Through a review of the grazing program and identifying key asset objectives in a Grazing Business Plan, we hope to provide a prescription for determining an appropriate term length based on management objectives of the lease," she said.

Idaho ranchers and stakeholders are invited to give public comment on the grazing program review through next summer.

Public meetings regarding the review are scheduled next month, including:

- Thursday, Aug. 21 at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 3rd St. S., in Nampa

- Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area building, 508 Swisher Ave., Jordan Valley.

Both meetings will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Information on the review process is available at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/grazing/rate/index.html>.

According to the IDL timeline, the process will culminate next summer with the Idaho Board of Land Commissioners voting on the agency's recommendations regarding changes to the grazing fee formula.

Fish and Game proposes limited sage-grouse hunt in W. Owyhee

Public input accepted until Tuesday

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is seeking public input on the sage-grouse hunting seasons it will propose to the Fish and Game Commission next month.

IDFG is considering two options for the 2014 season, including:

- No change from the 2013 season restrictive hunt, which was a seven-day between Sept. 20 and Sept. 26 with a one-bird daily limit statewide within sage-grouse range, except in designated closed areas.

Areas that would be closed to hunting would include eastern Owyhee County and western Twin Falls and Elmore County as well as

Washington and Adams counties and the East Idaho Uplands area in southeastern Idaho.

The eastern Owyhee County boundary is the Bruneau River. Hunting in Owyhee County west of the Bruneau River would be allowed.

- Another 2014 proposal incorporates the above guidelines but adds new closures in parts of Bannock, Cassia, Oneida and Power counties, an area in which male sage-grouse populations at leks have declined 53 percent since 2011.

IDFG southwest regional wildlife biologist Michelle Commons Kemner outlined Owyhee County's lek counts in an email to the Owyhee Local Working Group.

Kemner reported that male sage-grouse counts in leks north and south of Mud Flat Road are

between 50 and 150 percent of the 1996-2000 average.

Sage-grouse are proposed for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act, primarily because of habitat loss from wildfire and invasive plants like cheat grass.

According to an IDFG press release, sage-grouse experts have determined that carefully regulated hunting is not a primary threat to populations.

Fish and Game closely monitors sage-grouse annually to ensure hunting will not compromise the population.

Public comment on the proposed hunting season will be accepted until Tuesday. Visit <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/content/webform/2014-sage-grouse-season-proposals> to get more information or provide comments.



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Symms Fruit Ranch: A family tradition for 100 years

Centennial celebration to be held at ranch headquarters on Friday

A hundred years ago, a man named Richard Allen Symms got off the train in Caldwell, and rolled his wagon 11 miles south where he soon discovered the road ended. Consequently, he unloaded his wagon and settled in an area near Marsing known as Sunnyslope.

On a hillside near the Snake River, the Symms family planted fruit trees and started the Symms Fruit Ranch.

On Friday, the family will host a party celebrating 100 years of business, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Symms Fruit Ranch headquarters, located at 14068 Sunnyslope Rd. on Idaho highway 55. Food and refreshments will be served.

In the early years, the family faced many difficulties as they began to market eggs, vegetables and fruit to other areas. The first challenge was transportation because at that time there was no bridge over the Snake River into Owyhee County.

They made three-day trips every week to Jordan Valley, which was 108 miles round trip. They loaded the horse and wagon onto Froman's Ferry, then drove the wagon up the steep and windy Poison Creek grade. In order to get the goods over the mountain, half of the product was dropped off part way up, then after reaching the top and unloading again, they went back down to pick up the remaining goods.

Today's head of the family, Richard A. "Dick" Symms, has chronicled the family history in his book called "Symms Sunny Slope: The Life and Times of the Symms Family," in which he shares his personal account of the family history.

Dick writes that his family heritage is "a true story of the West, of its spirit and its pride." Dick was assisted on the book project by his daughter Mary Symms-Pollot, and Paul Hosefros, a writer and family friend. It is dedicated to Symms' wife, Nancy, whom he calls "the apple of my eye."

Symms describes his family story as filled with "effort and loss, struggle with the elements, faith and courage." He outlines his memories of each family member, and other close friends who helped run the business over the years.

The company owner likes to talk about how his grandfather, who was actually a dairy farmer from Kansas, came to Idaho in 1913 and ended up settling in the Sunnyslope area "by accident," because the railroad only extended as far as Caldwell. The elder Symms had read about fruit ranching in the Willamette Valley in western Oregon. He had applied in a lottery to homestead 40 acres of land in Oregon, unaware that his actual destination was Eastern Oregon, which was mostly desert.



Richard (Dick) Allen Symms stands beneath a 100-year-old apple tree that still bears fruit. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

The 44-year-old elder Symms purchased land in 1914 on what the family calls "the home 80." The original small wooden homestead still stands at the Symms headquarters. Four of the original trees planted on the property are still bearing fruit, including three apple trees and a pear tree.

Symms said his grandfather immigrated to Idaho because he dreamed of "searching for perfection against all odds." Dick said that fruit growers face many variables such as winter freezes, spring frosts, droughts, insects, market changes, varying transportation costs and unpredictable flower blooming. He said "persistence and patience" are the key factors of fruit-growing success.

"Some people say fruit growers are the most optimistic farmers in the world. We get wiped out by weather, or pestilence, or market pricing, then we persist by farming the next year."

The family has maintained the business in spite of many trials and tribulations, Symms said. He believes progress was made over the years because of timing, luck, good sense and the dedication of a handful of people, most of whom were family members and a few key contributors.

The area known as Sunnyslope just happens to be a place with "ideal conditions" for growing fruit, he said. Dick explains the success of fruit growing at the location is partly due to the simple scientific fact that "warm air rises," so fruit grows well on a hillside.

As the area around Sunnyslope grew, first with the introduction of trolley cars and later the Model T, the Symms family gradually acquired more and more land for cultivating. During the Depression, the family developed

wholesale markets in Nebraska and Kansas City, and eventually the whole country. The company first began exporting to other countries in 1977. Today about 50 percent of the fruit is exported outside the U.S.

The company has grown considerably since its humble beginnings, yet remains a family-run business. The family farm originated in 1914 with eight acres of an 80-acre parcel. Today, the Symms Fruit Ranch has expanded to more than 5,000 acres. 3,500 acres are designated for orchard and vineyard production and 1,500 acres are used for a cattle operation and row crops including forage and grain, onions, potatoes, sugar beets, corn and various vegetable seeds.

Symms Fruit Ranch produces apples, cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, pears and wine grapes. They grow nine varieties of apples including Red Delicious, Gala, Jonathan, Rome, Granny Smith, Golden Delicious, Fuji, Pink Lady, Jonagold and Honeycrisp. Red Delicious accounts for about one-half the apple production of about 1.5 million bushes annually.

The Symms Fruit Ranch is one of the largest family-operated fruit ranches in Idaho and its fresh fruit is marketed all over the world. The company has several hundred employees, is ranked in the top 25 deciduous fruit producers in the U.S., and ships fruit to 42 countries in Central America, Asia, India, the Middle East and Europe. Its largest domestic markets are in California, Texas and the southeastern United States.

Symms sums up his philosophy with the simple phrase, "Get to work, get busy and get it done."

He says he is best known by the family for perseverance.

"I am consistent," he said. "I get

up and go to work every day. It is how we have carried out the small and the large accomplishments."

Symms describes the fruit-growing business as a constantly changing operation, which can be unpredictable. His company has not only faced variables related to weather, but also price wars, commodity surpluses, niche markets, labor shortages or disputes and increasing costs, he said.

Throughout its history, Symms said the company has faced many challenges, some of which were a spring frost in 1966, another freeze in 1972, a severe winter in 1990, a drought in 1992, immigration problems in the 1980s and several legal setbacks along the way.

"It has taken a lot of effort and worries and tears and sweat over the years," he said.

In 1978, the Symms family built the Ste. Chapelle Winery at the top of the hill overlooking the ranch. Ste. Chapelle grew quickly and by the late 1980s the winery produced 125,000 cases. Facing distribution challenges and changing management, the Symms family decided "they no longer wanted to be in the wine

business," he said. The winery was sold to a Seattle company and later a California company, but the family retains ownership of the vineyards and tasting room. Ste. Chapelle has become one of the largest wineries in the Northwest, he said.

The Symms family promotes a strong work ethic. Children begin picking cherries at 6 years old, as Dick did. It is a tradition passed on in the family. Another tradition is that the firstborn son of the first son is named after his grandfather.

Dick's father, Darwin (George Darwin Symms), worked on the fruit ranch for 75 years before his death in 1989. Dick remembers him as a very thoughtful and gentle man who was a good athlete and a hard worker.

The 78-year-old Dick says celebrating the past 100 years makes him wonder what the next 100 will be like, but he is going to let the fourth generation of the Symms family take care of it.

Story by
Karen Bresnahan



The five key people who run Symms Fruit Ranch today are, from left, Dan Symms, Jim Mertz, Dick Symms, Jamie Mertz and Dar (Darwin) Symms. Submitted photo

Work on Bruneau Emergency Operations Center begins

Contractor expects building to be finished by fall or winter

Work has begun on a new Emergency Operations Center, located in downtown Bruneau, which will be utilized by the Quick Response Unit and the fire district.

"Whenever a building goes up in Bruneau, it's big news," said QRU president Mary Tindall. She is very excited about the project, whose idea originated about three years ago.

The building is going up in the center of town, at the corner of Ruth Street and Belle Avenue, where the former Valley Merc store was located.

Nearly \$300,000 has been raised for the project. However, the current amount will not cover such costs as furnishing the building and landscaping, Tindall said, so the fundraising efforts will continue.

During the planning process, Tindall said some people were concerned that not enough money would be raised to pay for the installation of four vehicle bays. But, the current level of funds "are close enough" to allow for the fourth bay to be included, she said.

Original plans were to construct a 4,500-square-foot building with three bays, but the plans were modified as funds were added to the project.

The current plans are for a 5,400-square-foot building with four bays. The new building will also house a training room, sanitation room, restrooms and office space, which has already been leased.

The Bruneau Fire Department will rent space to park a fire truck and will also rent the training room, which will be a place to hold emergency medical technician classes. The room



Above: Contractor Stacey Buckingham jumps over a string and balances rebar in the early building process of building the new Bruneau QRU building **Below:** Mary Tindall points to the level of money raised to put in the new Bruneau QRU building in the center of town. Photos by Karen Bresnahan



will eliminate the expense and inconvenience of local volunteers having to travel out of the county to obtain training.

"This whole project is being done with in-kind donations by the community," Tindall said.

"I just received a \$5,000 donation today," she added. "They saw us working, and just wanted to help. It's a wonderful community."

Contractor Stacey Buckingham of Skyline Construction was low bidder for the job, and he lives in town. He began working on the foundation last week. He said a large amount of gravel has been brought to the site, in order to level the area, and he was preparing to add rebar and pour concrete.

Buckingham said he expects the building to be finished by late fall or early winter.

Many people in the community helped out in the process of tearing down the old Merc building and clearing the area, Tindall said.

"Much of the site preparation was done by volunteers. We put the word out, and trucks came by and lined up to help," she said.

The owner of the Valley Merc passed away this year and bequeathed the property to the

Bruneau Community Church and the church in turn donated it to the QRU for the new building, Tindall said.

She commended Buckingham for doing a good job. "He's got the right attitude and it's in his heart to build this," she said. Buckingham is also Bruneau Fire Chief.

Three years ago, the city received a \$54,000 Emergency Services grant that paid for a new fire truck, she said.

"We now have a new vehicle, and soon we will have a new building," she said.

The QRU doesn't receive property tax support, she said. When the building is finished, the fire department (a taxing district) will lease the space from the QRU, and help the organization to become a sustainable entity.

A recently passed levy will give the fire district about \$10,000 in yearly operational funds, Tindall said.

Supporters of the new building project have launched a fundraising campaign with personalized bricks and ceramic tiles, which are being sold to community members and businesses.

The bricks will be placed in the floor of a small porch at the entrance to the training room.

Bricks will be available in two sizes. The 4-inch-by-8-inch brick has room for three lines of words and costs \$100. The larger 8x8 brick, available for \$175, has six lines of print. Each line can accommodate up to 15 characters.

The tiles are one foot square and cost \$1,000. The custom-made tiles can be embossed with a business logo or a livestock brand, and they will be placed on the exterior wall near the building entrance in a space reserved to recognize donors.

For more information on the brick and tile fundraisers, call (208) 845-2313.

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Rimrock Sr. Center holds monthly blood pressure screening

Harry Kern, center, gets his blood pressure tested at the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View during a July 22 screening sessions conducted by Treasure Valley Hospice. Racheal Warren, left, and Brandie Garlitz, right, take the measurement. Nurses from Treasure Valley Hospice visit the center once a month. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



Volunteer firefighters quickly douse hay trailer fire

Firemen scramble to remove hay bales from a loaded hay truck owned by Dale Van Es near U.S. Highway 95 between Marsing and Homedale on July 21. The fire flared up quickly at 5:45 p.m. and was caused by faulty electrical wiring in the trailer, officials said. About a dozen firefighters from the Marsing and Homedale responded. The hay suffered minor damage. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

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Sage Badiola, age 9, Dust Devils 4-H

Sage Badiola has big plans for her future in 4-H.

“I’m gonna show my pig and get a lot of money,” the 9-year-old said.

Sage is the daughter of Antone and Sumr Badiola of Homedale. Her dad owns A&S Lumber and her mom operates the Inspiring Images hair salon, off U.S. Highway 95. She has an older brother, Skylr, 11, and a younger sister, 1-year-old Paisley.

Sage joined the Dust Devils 4-H club a few months ago with a little encouragement from her mother.

The family has three pigs, one for each of the older children and one “spare” pig for Paisley.

Sage’s pig is the largest of the three, and his name is “Wheels.” Skylr has named his pig “Batman”.

Sumr grew up with 4-H, doing steer, horse and pig projects. She wants her children active in 4-H because it “teaches them responsibility.”

So far, Sage likes to be in the club and the family is very attached to the club leader, Sylvia Bahem.

“She is amazing and goes out of her way to help the kids and gives them personal time whenever they need it,” Sumr said. It also helps that Sylvia lives a couple houses down from the family.

The funniest thing Sage has done is to “write notes on the backs of other kids.” The notes were positive comments that

the children wrote about each other in the club’s ethics class.

Recently, the Dust Devils 4-H did community service in Marsing by washing the city’s fire trucks. Antone is a volunteer firefighter for the Marsing district.

Sage likes to walk her pig and give it a bath with the hose, and spray the hose in the pen, so the pigs can have a “mud bath.”

She has learned how to use a cane to guide the pig where she wants it to go.

“I just stick it in the neck when I want it to turn, and slap it on the butt when I want it to go,” she said.

Her pig is still growing and will be weighed at the Owyhee County Fair. Right now, it weighs an estimated 215 pounds.

Sage chose to do a pig project because her mother has a lot of experience with pigs and “you can make more money off a pig,” she said.

Last year Skylr sold his pig for \$1,500, and he also earned about another \$1,500 though sponsors, a process which Sumr called “getting add-ons.”

Sage wants to make sure she doesn’t do what her brother did at the fair last year. While showing his pig, the animal suddenly darted between Skylr’s legs and he ended up riding on the pig’s back, which was “a funny thing to watch,” she said.

“Pigs are one of the easier animals for kids to do,” Sumr said. “They are low maintenance, because there is so little



Sage spends time caring for her pig, which she has named “Wheels.”

grooming involved, and they are kind of a loyal animal.”

Sage feeds her pig a specialized pig pellet feed twice a day. The family does not feed table scraps, except for watermelon. “He really loves watermelon,” she said.

Sage enjoys taking her pig for walks and “listening to him.”

“He makes a lot of noise, and he stinks,” Sage said.

Sage has learned that her pig is a Yorkshire breed. She has learned that there are eight major breeds of pigs, some are maternal and some are terminal breeds.

The maternal ones are mostly black and the terminal ones are white. She said the important thing in taking care of pigs is to make sure they have water and a mud hole to play in.

Sage has a busy schedule because she is active in rodeos. The family travels all over the state for the children to compete at about eight rodeos per year. Sage began riding horses when she was a one-year-old. She has a quarter horse named “Reno” and she does barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying dummy roping and breakaway roping. She also recently tried steer riding.

Warren Dalley, age 18, Marsing FFA and Owyhee Roughriders 4-H

Warren Dalley is surrounded by horses, so the 18-year-old has made the best of it. Through 4-H and FFA activities, Warren has gained knowledge of the qualities and showmanship of many kinds of horses, and has put his knowledge to the test at competitions.

Warren’s parents are Greg and Amber Clay of Homedale. He is being raised by the Clay family, but he is the son of Julie Morton. He has a younger sister, Gracie, 5, a brother, Carter, 11, and another sister, Janey, 15. The family owns an assortment of animals, including 10 horses, seven dogs and various chickens and goats.

All the children belong to the Owyhee Roughriders 4-H club and will be showing animals at the Owyhee County Fair.

Warren has been active in 4-H since he was 9. He started out showing dogs, and has been doing both dog and horse projects since he was 12. His first dog was a Terrier mix named “Freida.” He learned obedience training and showmanship.

In 2011, he won the most obedient dog award at the fair with an Irish Setter mix named “Gus.”

At last year’s fair, Warren won the reserve showmanship award for horse.

He currently rides a horse named “Hershey” that is a mix of thoroughbred and paint.

Warren values his time in 4-H because of how much he has learned about animals.

He has also been a member of the Marsing High School FFA for four years. This past school year he won the club’s Taylor Sauer Workhorse Award because of his attendance at every event and the extra efforts he makes.

“Warren is well-liked and respected by his classmates,” FFA advisor Mike Martin said. “I really appreciate his positive attitude and how he is considerate of



Warren saddles up “Hershey,” his favorite horse. The horse is a thoroughbred and Paint mix.

everyone.”

Teamwork and confidence are two of the main things Warren has gained from participating in 4-H and FFA.

“It has been great always having people around me to cheer me on,” Warren said. “4-H and FFA have made me come out of my shell and not be afraid to get up and talk in front of people.”

Warren said the person who has influenced him the most is Amber because of her horse knowledge and experience. “She has helped me become a better horse showman,” he said.

4-H is a place where “no matter what you do, it’s OK,” he said. Warren has made dozens of friends outside of school that are in 4-H, and he has faced many challenges.

One area he has excelled in is horse judging, which he has done for about six years. He competes in both 4-H and FFA at the fair.

This year, the FFA horse judging team he belongs to, which includes his sister Janey and two Melba students, won first place at the county level, then took fifth at regionals, and went on to the State FFA Horse Judging Competition in Twin Falls on April 5. Warren had the opportunity there to judge many types of horses, as well as horse and riders.

“Oh my gosh, it was so tough,” he said. The judging had to be completed at a fast pace, and Warren described the situation as “stressful.” He judged the horses on scorecards in three areas, including confirmation

(how the horse is built), ability to move, and balance.

“I learned that horse judging can be very stressful,” he said, “but the trip was really fun, because we stayed in a hotel and did a lot of swimming.”

Since the trip, he has decided he wants to attend the College of Southern Idaho because it has such a nice arena.

One of the things he has learned about horses is that they are all built differently and the build determines how smooth they are to ride. He says his horse is a “western pleasure horse” and very smooth riding. He likes paints and quarter horses best.

“I just think they are the best looking horses. I love the way they are built and the way they move,” he said.

Schedule change boosts Buckaroo Jamboree to record

Dozens of 4-H youth compete in horse show warmup prior to fair

Perfect weather ensured that the 27th annual Buckaroo Jamboree came off without a hitch in Jordan Valley on Thursday. There were 32 participants and many parents, grandparents and friends in attendance.

The jamboree is a longtime tradition, and its purpose is to give young 4-H club members an opportunity to practice before competing with their horses in the Owyhee County Fair.

Five classes were offered in the day-long event, including showmanship, Western equitation, bareback equitation, reining, and trail, and the youngsters were divided into five age groups.

Show judges for the event were Cathy Carpenter of Nampa and Sage Raine of Jordan Valley.

Trail classes were judged by George and Chris Elsner and Gloria Keys, all of Jordan Valley.

Trail boss was South Mountain Cowboys 4-H co-leader Sheila Quintero, while co-leader Nealann Davis supervised the events in the show ring.

The day included a family-style potluck dinner and horseback games for the buckaroos at the end of the day.

Event organizer Ann Black Rutan said Thursday's event set a record for attendance, which she attributed to scheduling the event on a weekday, rather than a busy summer weekend as had been done in the past.

"This event was first held in 1987, to give Owyhee County horse 4-H kids a dress rehearsal for the fair, because many of the children live in very rural areas, and most never have an opportunity to participate in any outside horse shows otherwise," Black Rutan said.

In an email message to The Owyhee Avalanche, the South Mountain 4-H club wrote:

"The South Mountain Cowboys would like to thank the many people who helped to make this event possible, the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board for their support and the use of the arena, Mel Wainman and Roger Carson for watering and working up the arena, and all of the judges and helpers, and David and Ann Rutan for donating the rosettes (ribbons) for the top two winners in each class."

The following are the results of the competition for the five age groups:

Halter champions — Carlie Purdom; Montana Wasson; Amber Allen; LleeMay Loucks

Halter reserve champions — Janey Clay; Maddison Shields; Annie Miller; Treylynn Fisher; Elias Jaca

Bareback champions — Carlie Purdom; Jaiden Vincent; Jordyn Vincent; LleeMay Loucks; Juliana Clair

Bareback reserve champions — Janey Clay; Montana Wasson; Carter Clay; Gene Showalter; Elias Jaca

Trail champions — Carlie Purdom; Taylor Ann Fisher; Annie Miller; Treylynn Fisher; Maialen Jaca

Trail reserve champions — Adrianna Salutregui; Jaiden Vincent; Carter Clay; LleeMay Loucks; Juliana Clair

Reining champions — Tanner Fisher; Montana Wasson; Amber Allen; Gene Showalter; Juliana Clair

Reining reserve champions — Janey Clay; Taylor Ann Fisher; Annie Miller; LleeMay Loucks

Western equitation champions — Janey Clay; Montana Wasson; Annie Miller; Audrey Miller; Maialen Jaca

Western equitation reserve champions — Carlie Purdom; Jaiden Vincent; Jordyn Vincent; LleeMay Loucks; Gracie Clay.



Warren Dalley, left, Elias Jaca, center, and Janey Clay participate in the Buckaroo Jamboree in the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds on Thursday. The event focuses on improving horse skills in preparation for the Owyhee County Fair. Submitted photo



From left: Kiana Quintero, 11, Skyler Forsythe, 13, and Cheyenne Davis, 14, stand with their horses at the Buckaroo Jamboree in Jordan Valley on Thursday. Submitted photo



The Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation staff picked up another L. Jean Schoonover Award during a July 17 ceremony. From left, Georgia Nelson, Kathy Richmond, Penny Riley, Melissa Truesdell and Rich Cartney. Submitted photo

OHR is S. Idaho's lone Schoonover gold winner

The L. Jean Schoonover Award has been handed out to nursing facilities that provide the state's best resident care for 21 years.

For the past 18 years in a row, Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center in Homedale has brought home honors.

A handful of staff members picked up the latest gold award from the state Department of Health and Welfare during a July 17 event.

OHR is one of four facilities statewide to earn the gold standard in 2014, and the only one in Southern Idaho. To achieve gold status, a facility must receive a health inspection rating of between 4.6 and 5.0, which is the highest possible score.

To be eligible for the award, a nursing facility must be a Medicare and Medicaid provider and have a minimum of three full surveys.

Nine other facilities around the state received silver Schoonover awards for earning ratings of between 4.0 and 4.59.

Rich Cartney, OHR administrator for the past two years, tipped his hat to Georgia Nelson, the facility's director of nursing.

"She's the one that makes clinical quality happen every year," Cartney said.

The award was instituted in 1994 in memory of Bureau of Facility Standards chief L. Jean Schoonover.

— JPB

Homedale code officer ready to help new hometown

Part-timer continues his training

Harvey Gist just wants to help his adopted hometown sparkle through his new job as Homedale's code enforcement officer.

"The mayor (Gheen Christoffersen) has a program to really improve the town of Homedale, and I'm privileged to be able to help any way I can," Gist said.

Gist began the training portion of his job with the Homedale Police Department on July 14. He's working under Officer Chris Jacobs.

"Once they make sure I'm capable of doing what I need and that I've learned the geography, they'll turn me loose," Gist said.

After his modified Field Training Officer program and some tutelage with Canyon County and Nampa Police Animal Control officers are complete, Gist will begin patrolling Homedale to enforce city codes — including tidy yards and weed abatement — and round up stray dogs.

"Hopefully in the next couple weeks, he'll be out on his own," Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the city council during Thursday's meeting.

The 57-year-old Arizona native came to the city through an Idaho Department of Labor program designed to find jobs for older members of the workforce. He will work up to 19 hours per week, and the state agency picks up personnel costs through its Senior Community Service Employment Program. The police department spent about \$1,000 to get basic equipment for Gist's job as well as stripe a pickup truck the city received as surplus from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Brand Board.

The equipment includes a baton, pepper spray, shirts and a duty belt. The city also purchased a dog cage that slides into the bed of the pickup.

It cost \$435 for KJM Artistic Design to stripe the pickup.

"The truck turned out wonderful," Eidemiller said. "I think it will represent Homedale well."

Councilperson Kim Murray, who owns the Homedale signage company, recused herself when the council approved the batch of city bills that included the truck's detailing invoice during a July 9 meeting.

Eidemiller has been working to obtain an animal tranquilizer gun from the City of Marsing. The chief said Marsing has had the gun for about 15 years and



New Homedale Police Department code enforcement officer Harvey Gist stands in front of the pickup he'll use during his code enforcement and animal control duties. Photo by Jon P. Brown

doesn't use it.

Eidemiller said if the city acquires the gun, HPD personnel would be available to respond to calls in Marsing, if needed, to handle calls involving "difficult dogs."

Gist flashes his sense of humor when discussing the animal control side of his job.

"I've lost 85 pounds," he said.

"I figure if I lose 50 more pounds, the dogs will have less to chew on."

Gist, a three-year Homedale resident has been in Owyhee County for a total of five years. His wife, Lynnette, and 10-year-old son Colton lived with his sister, Lenora Elumbaugh, in Marsing for the first two years after they moved from Black

Canyon City, which is north of Phoenix. Gist owned a service station in Arizona for 25 years before moving north.

His son will start sixth grade at Homedale Middle School in a couple weeks.

"It's really just a terrific little town," Gist said of Homedale.

— JPB

Rimrock Senior Center coordinator has worn many hats

Kathy Chick of Grand View is a person who stays interested and involved for many years in whatever capacity she is working at, so she has never experienced free time.

She has been a librarian, elementary school cook, outreach 4-H leader, library director, senior center cook, mother of eight children and four foreign exchange students, and grandmother of 19 grandchildren.

She has worked until retirement at several different occupations.

Then, she decides to take on something new, and forgets that she is retired.

Kathy welcomes her opportunity as Rimrock Senior Center coordinator. After six months as cook for the facility, Kathy decided it was time to give her legs a rest.

"I have never been bored at any time in my life," the 63-year-old said. "I have always had the desire to be busy, because I was raised by parents who taught their children to work hard and earn their pay."

"It is never too late to learn new things," she said confidently.

The previous coordinator, Karon Nichols, has taught her to use Quickbooks, do payroll, pay quarterly taxes and handle all the paperwork at the center.

"There are many challenges for me in the new job, and the biggest



New Rimrock Senior Center coordinator, Kathy Chick, left, stands with her predecessor, Karon Nichols.

are the reports to all kinds of agencies that are required," she said.

"My goal right now is for the center to continue to build an atmosphere of friendliness in the community and to bring the community into the center."

Her husband, Mel, recently retired after nearly 34 years working for Idaho Power, so Kathy decided to retire from her position as Eastern Owyhee County Library director after working there for 20 years to assume the new job at the senior center.

"This job is only 14 hours per

week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so my husband comes and enjoys lunch with me and afterwards he plays pinochle with his friends," she said.

Her career as a librarian grew out of her experiences when her family moved to the Hells Canyon area in 1976. She was introduced at that time to the Bookmobile that operated out of Baker City, Ore.

"I loved having that vehicle come every two weeks, and the lady was so nice," she said.

"I decided right then, that if a chance came up to work in a

library, I was going to do it."

That chance came in Grand View at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, where she was hired as assistant librarian, then became library director in 1993, and worked until last December.

"I have always loved books and reading and thought it would be great fun and interesting to work where I would be surrounded by a wonderful supply of reading and information," she said.

"I loved every minute of working at the library, not that there were never stressful moments," she said.

"I enjoyed the association I had with the people of the community, meeting people passing through, and I especially loved working with the children in the programs we had.

"I had great staff members to work with over all those years and wonderful support from the employees at the Idaho Commission for Libraries in Boise. The hardest thing was for me to maintain the computers and Internet, as I had no training."

In another career, Kathy worked for the Bruneau-Grand View School District in the food service program. She cooked at Grand View Elementary and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

"I loved getting to visit with the

children as they came through my food line each day," she said.

After nearly 12 years in the food service program, she retired about four years ago.

In the meantime, while working as a cook and librarian, Kathy took on another occupation. She worked for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H program, as an outreach 4-H leader in the Bruneau-Grand View area. She also provided educational training at the schools and at the library, as part of her job. Again, after 10 years of being a 4-H leader, she decided to retire, when the job began to interfere with her duties at the library.

Kathy and Mel have eight grown children, who live all across the country from the Portland, to Dayton, Ohio.

While raising their family, Mel and Kathy hosted four foreign exchange students: a boy from Brazil and a boy from Germany, and two girls from Japan.

One of their Japanese daughters met a young man while living with them, and after nine years apart, they contacted each other, got married last year and gave the Chicks one more "grandchild."

Kathy is very happy to be grandmother to one more child. Her life is just that much fuller.

— KB

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A Division champions Bear's Bombers (second consecutive title)
Back row, from left: Pat Gonzalez, Molly Mills, Alex Maxwell, Julia Henry, Greg Stallings, Drew Cauffman, Darren Uranga, Kenny Thomas and Sammy Dodge. Front row, from left: Megan Platz, Mandy Platz, Xavier Delgadillo, Ashley Van Horn



B Division champions Signature Roofing
Back row, from left: Willy Hansen, Scott Pierce; Curt Brown; Dan Luna; Eric Lemarche; Scott Mansell. Front row, from left: Katie Buehler; Sheena Lindholm; Heidi Marceau; Hawk (no last name), Amy Mansell and Kat Brown.



C Division champions Team NC-17 from Longview, Wash.
Back row, from left: Fred Gibson; Steven Driscoll; Bryce Barker; Nathan Marsh; Casey Honey; Dusty Usher. Front row, from left: Christina Driscoll; Amy Buckler; Averie Bogner; Becca Fieken, Teresa Rise; Mila Usher.



D Division champions Get Real
Back row, from left: Brad Car; Amanda Phillips; Richard Smith; Ivar Moore; Greta Smith; Rob Searcy; Jodi Zufelt; Missy Williams; Mike Kaufman; Nancy Hawks. Front row, from left: Paxton Kaufman; Jackie Maupin; Ashley Floth; Tim Gamble; Wava Kaufman.

30th Percifield softball tourney

Games roll on despite 100 degree heat at Marsing High School complex

A Division
Champion: Bear's Bombers
2nd place: T-Dub
3rd place: Drunk by Noon
Male MVP: Diemas Ferreira, T-Dub
Female MVP: Molly Mills, Bear's Bombers

B Division
Champion: Signature Roofing
2nd place: SWAT
3rd place: Caba's
Male MVP: Willy Hansen, Signature Roofing
Female MVP: Cara Duckworth, SWAT

C Division
Champion: NC-17
2nd place: Action Garage
3rd place: Not a Chance
Male MVP: Steven Driscoll, NC-17
Female MVP: Jen Rau, Action Garage

D Division
Champion: Get Real
2nd place: CKT
3rd place: Usabel Ranch
Male MVP: Brad Carr, Get Real
Female MVP: Kim Bowen, CKT

Special awards
Kim Panzeri Award: Patrick Gonzalez, Bear's Bombers
JR Kent Award: Jerry Hamilton
Chris Salove Community Supporter Award: Greg Mayer
Men's home run derby: Darren Uranga, Bear's Bombers
Women's home run derby: results not available



A batter takes a big cut Sunday.

Photos
by
Karen
Bresnahan



A softball family, from left: Blaze,2, mother Tarah Uranga, Donovan, 4, Xavier, 6, and dad Darren Uranga of Homedale.



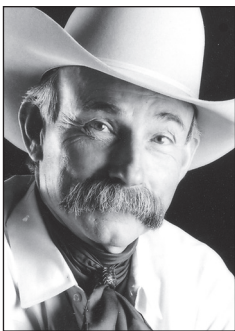
A base runner runs out of time as the infielder for the opposing team awaits her arrival to make the tag in a Sunday afternoon game.



A runner reaches base before the infielder can make the play in a Sunday afternoon game.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Today's larger riders means larger horses

An interview with several dude wranglers and packers showed they have accommodated the increasing number of large people. Using Belgians, Percherons and their crosses are mentioned often. Draft horses are gentle beasts by nature, and most wranglers are ready with a hefty footstool to assist in mounting up. This is done out of respect for the infrequent rider whose needs must be met. I admire the wranglers' willingness despite the increase in cost to shoe, maintain and feed the heavy horses. The object is to give the customer a "good experience."

Can you imagine an airline sending out a memo to all agents, flight attendants, telephone operators and bag handlers to make a significant effort to give the customer a "good experience?" As much as I depend on the airlines in my business, I cannot picture five or six airline executives sitting around the table debating how to serve them a better snack while on a 3½-hour flight.

"We should do something about those pitiful peanuts and pretzel sticks."

"I know. We can't keep splurging like that!"

For the big-boned traveler who takes up a lot of room, flying is a pain. You'd think the airlines would take a lesson from the dude wranglers. In the past 20 years, obesity (such an awful word ... how 'bout magnosity) has increased to more than a third of American adults. That's a pretty big market (excuse the pun).

I commend those packers, hunting guides and dude wranglers. They go the extra mile to make the oversize customer comfortable even through it increases their personal risk. I have heard tale after tale of "mounting" and "dismounting" wrecks!

And in most instances, it is the hapless cowboy who "breaks the fall." They become a human air bag, throwing themselves in harm's way to catch the descending landslide and, like as not, manages to crawl, dig or is dragged out from under the XL boulder once the dust is settled.

That kind of self-sacrifice should be rewarded.

I propose that at the end of each season awards be given. Not akin to the Academy Award Oscars, but medals for bravery and service in combat conditions. The armed forces awards a Purple Heart, a Silver Star and a Medal of Honor. We could call ours the Black & Blue Heart, the Silver Concussion or the Broken Buttocks.

"And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, we will present the winner of the Ruptured Spleen medal to ... Sandy from Black Mountain Outfitters in Emigrant, Mont., who set a new state record high! Her wreck registered a 7.1 on the Richter Scale! Limp on up here, Sandy, and get yer prize!

— 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.

State revenue
Record fiscal year 2014 performance shows endowment lands benefit

by the State Board of Land Commissioners

The earnings from Idaho's endowment trust lands and funds — which we oversee as the Land Board — totaled \$330 million in fiscal year 2014, a record achievement that is relieving citizens of part of the cost of funding important functions of state government and putting Idahoans to work.

Millions of acres of state endowment trust lands and the funds created from the revenues they generate support Idaho's public school system, higher education and a number of other Idaho institutions. This fiscal year, we will distribute \$52 million to public schools and other beneficiaries from our earnings. Another benefit is the economic activity that comes from Idahoans working on the lands, along with the indirect jobs that are created when the lands are put into production.

The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) boosted gross land revenues to a 14-year high of \$102 million while the Endowment Fund earned a huge 18.8-percent return — the second-highest return in the fund's history — adding \$267 million in investment earnings. That brought the total balance of the Endowment Fund to \$1.7 billion in FY 2014, which ended June 30.

We hit the mark through efficient management of our

Editor's note

Although not mentioned in the state board's opinion piece, ranchers lease State endowment trust lands throughout the state for livestock grazing purposes. There currently are 199 active grazing leases in Owyhee County.

Idaho Department of Lands spokesperson Emily Callihan said grazing leases statewide generated more than \$2.1 million in gross revenue in FY14 resulting in \$775,000 in net income. Information on Owyhee County's contributions wasn't readily available.

natural resources. A record 347 million board feet of timber was harvested, in part because of IDL foresters' swift action to enable logging of trees damaged or killed by wildfire and insects. Millions of trees were replanted to perpetuate the long-term health of Idaho State forests. The Land Board also auctioned hundreds of State oil and gas

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Science behind federal agency regulations must hold up



Each year, federal agencies issue thousands of rules that increase costs and the amount of paperwork Americans must sift through to conduct business and meet federal requirements in a broad array of areas of our lives. It is reasonable to expect the data used to craft federal rules to be sound, transparent and reproducible.

Federal agencies issue rules spelling out specific requirements ranging from minor policy corrections and updates to rules that have large impacts on individuals, local governments and businesses across the nation. Because of the volume of rules getting out of hand, Congress has sought to put tighter controls on the issuance of rules. For example, Congress enacted laws requiring agencies to consider the paperwork burdens of the regulations being issued, explore flexibility options for rules expected to have significant impacts on small entities, and provide cost analyses when federal mandates may result in significant costs.

Despite these measures, the pile of federal regulations continues to grow. The non-partisan Congressional Research Service reports that the number of final rules published each year is generally in the range of 2,500 to 4,500. According to data from the U.S. Government Accountability Office, in the four-year period from 2009 to 2012, more than 13,000 federal rules were issued. Of these rules, 330 were considered "major" rules. This means that these regulations are expected to have a \$100 million or more effect on the economy; cause an increase in costs for consumers, individual industries or governments; or have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity or innovation.

These rules result in enormous costs and thousands of pages of far-reaching regulation. The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy reported that the annual cost of federal regulations was estimated to have increased to more than \$1.75 trillion in 2008.

I continually hear concerns from Idahoans about the damaging effects of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other agencies issuing regulations that

are not based on data demonstrating concrete benefits and cost-effectiveness. For example, a north Idaho wood stove manufacturer is facing potential impacts from the EPA's efforts to revise performance standards for residential wood heaters, including wood-burning and pellet stoves. The agency cites improved technology and design as justification to propose new compliance standards. These types of costly regulations can be damaging to small businesses and jobs while having the opposite effects of intent and actually slowing clean air progress, as consumers forgo investing in costly, new appliances that have no guarantee of improving air quality.

Americans must have access to the science used to support these rules that have broad and lasting effects. Unfortunately, the Administration continues to disregard the most basic tenets of science — transparency and reproducibility. The EPA is using nonpublic data and undisclosed models when crafting major federal regulations. This includes the data used for the recently proposed New Source Performance Standards for power plants and Clean Air Act regulations.

That is why last week I joined seven of my Senate colleagues, including fellow Republican Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, in introducing the Secret Science Reform Act of 2014. This legislation would prohibit the EPA from proposing or finalizing regulations based on science that is not made publicly available to the American people and that is not reproducible.

If Americans are going to continue to foot the bill for multimillion- and multibillion-dollar regulations, they have a right to see the underlying data. Costly and often burdensome environmental regulations should only be based on data that is available to independent scientists and the public.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He 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.

Commentary

Financial management

Put everything on hold to work on massive debt mess

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have \$25,000 in credit card debt, \$2,500 in medical bills and \$89,000 each in student loan debt from when we each got our master's degrees. We make about \$100,000 combined. Our son is 6 years old, and we have \$18,000 in a 529 plan for him. Should we use that money to pay off debt instead?

— Sean

Dear Sean,

I wouldn't do that if I were you. You'll get destroyed with penalties, because if you take money out of a 529 for anything other than college, you'll be taxed at your current tax rate and hit with a 20 percent penalty. The other thing is you'll have this weird feeling that you took money away from your kid.

Technically, it's your money.

You put it there. But when you did, it was in your child's name. Plus, that doesn't really solve your problem. You've got a ridiculous amount of debt, and that little bit won't move the needle very much. Having more money in your hands isn't the big answer here. What you both need is a behavior change when it comes to money.

My advice is to leave the 529 alone. Stop adding to it for the time being. Put any retirement saving you're currently doing on hold, too. You guys need to start living on a budget, working a debt snowball plan and looking for extra income. Even tutoring would bring in some additional cash. I've got a feeling, too, that those master's degrees can provide you with more money than you're currently making.

It can be done, Sean, but it's



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going to take a lot of hard work and discipline. It may even take four or five years to get this mess cleaned up, but you can't keep living without a plan!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Where can I find mutual funds with a 12 percent rate of return?

— Jason

Dear Jason,

There aren't a lot of them, but they are out there. Currently, there are about 8,000 different mutual funds floating around. You have to get online and do some serious research, or talk with an investing professional with the heart of a teacher, but I own several mutual funds that have an average annual return in excess of 12 percent over the lifetime of the fund.

Now, do they make that every single year? Of course not. The figure I'm talking about is an average. I own one in particular that has done that for about 70 years. But the stock market in general has averaged just

under 12 percent a year since its inception. So yes, with solid research and due diligence on the part of the investor, it is possible to get that as an average annual rate of return!

—Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government Internet sales tax will help Main Street businesses

by Nathan Mehrens

You don't have to be an economist to know that Main Street retailers are struggling. Drive through any downtown or shopping district, and you can see how the landscape has changed from a decade ago. Stores within our communities have faced increasingly tough competition from online competitors in recent years, but federal government rules are making it exceedingly difficult for local retailers to compete.

Since 1992, retailers without a physical presence in a state have enjoyed a competitive advantage over traditional brick-and-mortar stores because the former are not required to collect sales taxes while the latter are. This obvious advantage for out-of-state retailers comes from the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Quill v. North Dakota*, holding that while such taxes could be levied, they could only be done so if Congress authorized it under the Constitution's Commerce Clause. This has resulted in a court-imposed benefit to out-of-state retailers at the expense of those holding down real estate on Main Street.

This 20-year-old decision no longer reflects the reality of 21st century technology, which has removed most of the burdens from the calculation and remittance of online sales taxes. In today's world, it harms Main Street business' ability to compete on a level playing field with online competitors.

Now, Congress has a rare opportunity to take bipartisan action to correct this inequity and provide a roadmap for economic growth that will benefit the still-growing Internet economy and brick-and-mortar retailers that are the backbone of our local economies. The U.S. Senate has already acted to reform the current disparity, passing the Marketplace Fairness Act in May of last year in a rare bipartisan vote of 69-25. The House has yet to act, although Utah Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz has been reported to be leading an effort in the House to address perceived flaws in the Senate-passed bill.

Congress should take this opportunity to restore free-market competition for retailers of all stripes by closing the loophole created by *Quill* that currently gives online sellers a direct competitive advantage over Main Street.

Besides taking the government's thumb off the competitive scale, the Marketplace Fairness Act (or similar legislation) will put power back into the hands of state legislatures over their own finances. MFA does not compel states to require out-of-state vendors to collect sales tax, it merely authorizes them to. If constituents at the state level want representatives who will continue to grant out-of-state retailers special treatment over local retailers, then that is their prerogative.

For those opposed to leveling the playing field on grounds that it will ultimately lead to more revenue for

state governments, there is also a simple solution: cut taxes. In Wisconsin and Ohio, Republican Govs. Scott Walker and John Kasich have already signed into law legislation that will cut the state's income tax to match any growth in revenue from collecting online sales tax. Let's give our governors and state legislatures the power to enact meaningful tax reform. Like welfare reform in the 1990s, perhaps their efforts will lead to a roadmap for Washington to finally fix our broken federal tax code.

Some DC-based think tanks are currently touting poll numbers suggesting that voters are opposed to changing the status quo. Congress shouldn't be fooled. Voters are self-interested, but they aren't stupid. While I have met very few voters who enjoy paying taxes, I've met even fewer who believe the tax code should only apply to some of us. When presented with the facts — instead of misleading rhetoric — most voters believe in fair play and want every business to have a shot to compete in the free market without the government picking winners and losers.

This issue has been debated at length, and it's time for Congress to act. For those who favor free enterprise and federalism, passing this legislation should be a no-brainer.

— Nathan Mehrens is president of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Lands: Fund averages 8.5 percent annual return over past 10 years

From Page 18

leases in western Idaho, a sign there is continued interest from industry in developing Idaho's natural gas resources. The record revenues even included close to \$1 million in a single bonus bid in a unique lease auction for use of State lands to recreate Evel Knievel's 1974 attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon near Twin Falls.

Also, while it had no immediate impact on earnings or revenues, dozens of cottage site lots worth \$12 million at Payette Lake were auctioned for ownership, the first wave in accomplishing our plan to sell most of the 350-plus State endowment-owned lake lots over time. We are reviewing our investment strategy to determine where to reinvest the

proceeds from the disposition of these lots.

These working lands not only improve Idaho through the distributions they provide to public schools and other beneficiaries. Endowment lands also are putting Idahoans to work. The economic activity brought about by the forest products professionals, ranchers, farmers, miners, oil and gas companies and others who pay Idaho to use these lands gives a boost to communities across the state.

We have been entrusted to manage endowment lands for the maximum long-term financial return. A significant investment in stocks and strong performance of fund managers brought Idaho into the top 10 percent of its public fund and endowment fund peers over the past three years.

The 18.8-percent return in FY14 brought the fund's annual average return to 14.7 percent over the past five years and 8.5 percent over the past 10 years.

Together with our State land managers and the fund managers who invest the revenues they work hard to generate, we're showing Idahoans that active management of State endowment trust lands and prudent investment of financial assets benefit us all.

— The State Board of Land Commissioners includes Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Secretary of State Ben Ysursa, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, State Controller Brandon Woolf, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 2, 1989

Grand marshals have memories of early days

Most of the seven parade marshals chosen to head the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade in Homedale on Aug. 12 have vivid first-hand memories of their upbringing in the Austrian Settlement, because they arrived here in 1914 with their pioneering parents as young children or were born soon afterward.

But it was a third-generation descendant of one of the original Austrian settlers, Fred Demshar Jr., who hit upon the probable reason that the annual parade sponsors, Xi Alpha Delta sorority, chose to honor the seven families who established the Austrian Settlement outside Homedale as they celebrate their 75th anniversary of arrival here this year.

“I can’t believe the tenacity and courage of those people, and the hardships they endured,” Demshar said recently. Exactly. Their courage, endurance and contributions in shaping western Owyhee County will be recognized during the countywide parade, with the following family members serving as marshals: Fannie Kushlan Mrak, Joe Jesenko, John Cegnar, Art Bahem, Fred Demshar, Jr., Joe Marchek and Monte Dolence.

Owyhee students participate in U of I JETS Program

Three Owyhee County students were among the 65 students from Idaho and Eastern Washington who took part in the JETS Program at the University of Idaho recently.

The JETS (Junior Engineer Training Society) summer program provides an introduction to college life, information about engineering and science-related careers and a chance to earn two university credits.

The three county students participating in the program were: Angela Shelton and Tony Uberuaga of Homedale, and David Cerda of Marsing.

Owyhee County educator meets First Lady

Percy Christiansen, president of the Idaho Association of Secondary School Principals, met with First Lady Barbara Bush, a strong proponent of improved literacy, along with other national figures during a leadership conference sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Christiansen, who is principal of Rimrock Junior-Senior High School, Bruneau, was one of 43 educators who attended NASSP’s 8th annual Leadership Workshop for officers of its affiliated state associations.

“These individuals are educational leaders in their communities and strong spokespersons for quality schools,” said Scott Thomson, NASSP executive director. “During the conference they were able to share their opinions with those who are setting federal policy and direction for local education.”

Christiansen met with Mrs. Bush, who discussed the importance of school principals and assistant principals in the literacy movement, and Gregg Petersmeyer, deputy assistant to the President and director of the Office of National Service, who spoke on the President’s youth service initiative.

Itano, Smyth had busy summer with camps, programs

Lori Itano and Kristin Smyth, both local seniors this fall, probably share honors as among Homedale’s busiest student-athletes this summer.

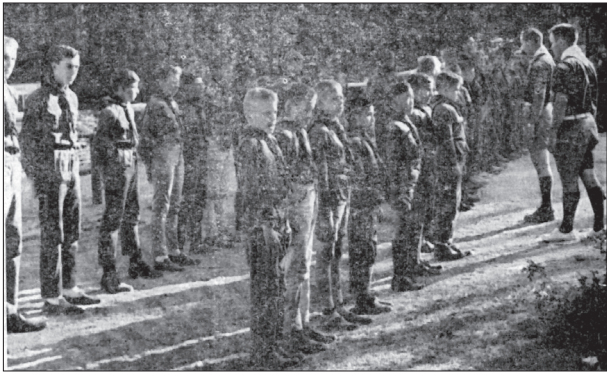
Both 17-year-olds represented Homedale at Girls State June 18-24 at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa. Itano later was one of only about 50 students selected statewide to attend the prestigious Whittenberger Summer Institute’s humanities and arts program at The College of Idaho, July 16-29, where she delved into the study of Shakespeare and attended four plays by the English dramatist in Boise.

Now, she has two volleyball camps on her schedule, one of which started Monday at Boise State and the other which starts later in the month in Homedale.

Smyth barely got home from a trip to Western Europe in time to attend Girls State, after which she took part in a Business Week program at Boise State and in a series of tennis matches on the Treasure Valley Junior Circuit.

50 years ago

July 30, 1964



Troop 74 Boy Scouts of Homedale took first place in the uniform inspection at the recent scout camp at Warm Lake. Front row (left to right) Raymond DeVore, Richard Johnson, Harry Zanks, Carey Inouye, Joni Uda, Roy Eiguren and Kelly Ferguson. Back row, Mike Carter, David Vance, Paul Mills, Allen Bidwell, Jim Ross, Jim Robinson, Paul Reimer, Royce Lineberger, Gary Garrett, Craig Blessing and Scoutmaster George Kubosumi.

Wind uproots trees as storm hits Wednesday

Lightning flashes lighted streets and alleys blocked by uprooted trees, splintered branches, and a litter of limbs as The Chronicle went to press last night. No report of injury to anyone in the city was noted, however.

Hardly a household in Homedale escaped the might of the storm, which swept the city, beginning about 6:45 pm., dumping sheets of water until the streets resembled canals, and flattening trees, shrubbery and flowers before a tornadic wind.

Power service was disrupted, but restored to most of the city shortly after the storm. Telephone lines were downed, but many phones remained in use. The line to Jordan Valley was out.

Water was turned off when power service failed, and downed trees near the main city well forced Watermaster Warren Stimmel to put the small city well near the water tower into service after the storm.

24 youths finish first driver training course

The first driver training course ended recently with 24 students completing the study, according to Herbert Fritzley, instructor.

The course included six hours of actual driving and 30 hours of classroom studies.

Students completing the drivers’ training were Sarah Brandon, Kathy Brown, Steve Cahill, Kelly Curtis, Dale Dickson, Steve Galemore, Diana George, John George, Cindy Hyer, Charlotte Lawrence, Fred Lukson, Yolanda Macias, Merrilee Metcalf, Tresa Middleton, Karen Murray, Blaine Pearson, May Pierce, Jim Robinson, Jim Ross, Charles Runger, Allen Search, Leon Search, Richard Stansell and Peggy Yamamoto.

Owyhee Lake to be scene of 2nd hydro boat races

The 2nd annual hydro boat races to be held at the Owyhee Lake Resort at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 2, will be sponsored by the Ontario, Ore., Jaycees with funds raised to be used in promoting their public service projects, according to Steve Stevens.

Six races will be held in each of two classifications: Hydro will have 4 races: D, C, B, and the unlimited “free for all” plus two classes in the ski or pleasure crafts.

Already signed up are: Bob Warrich and Bob Curtis of Caldwell; Dale Toliver, H. Miller, Ken and Chuck Martin of Boise; Paul Curtis of Baker; Steve, Sr. and Steve, Jr. Edwards of Weiser; Vic Worth of Huntington; Jim Boyer of Payette; Bob Moore, Cal Hendon, and Frank Johnson of Ontario.

According to Kenneth Goul, chairman of the Miss Malheur contest sponsored by the JCs, the trophies will be presented by the lovely contestants: Sally Flynn, Sue Westfall, and Kitsey Ybarzabal of Ontario; Linda Bates of Vale; Beth Banner of Nyssa; Rebecca Fretwell and Doris Gourley of Jordan Valley.

140 years ago

August 1, 1874

WHINING. There is a class of persons in this world, by no means small, whose prominent peculiarity is whining. They whine because they are poor; or, if rich, because they have no health to enjoy their riches; they whine because it is too shiny; they whine because they have “no luck,” and others’ prosperity exceeds theirs; they whine because some friends have died and others are still living; they whine because they have aches and pains because they whine, and they whine, no one can tell why. Now we would like to say a word to these whining persons: First, leave off whining; it is no use, this everlasting complaining, fretting, fault-finding and whining. Why, you are the most deluded set of creatures that ever lived. Do you not know that it is a well-settled principle of physiology and common sense that these habits are more exhausting to nervous vitality than almost any other violation of physiological law? And do you not know that life is pretty much as you make it and take it? You can make it bright and sunshiny, or you can make it dark and shadowy. Then leave off whining and fretting, and go on your way rejoicing.

THE REVERE MINE. We visited this mine yesterday. It is owned by Frank Glisan, Sam Slake, and Frank Babb, and is situated about a quarter of a mile north of Silver City, a short distance east of the Morning Star mine, and appears to run parallel therewith. It has been leased to George Stokes who is now at work taking out as fine and rich backing ore as can be found anywhere in camp. The shaft is down 54 feet, north of the bottom of which a drift is now in about 25 feet. The vein is from a foot to 16 inches in width, permanent looking and well-defined. The ore resembles in character that of the Morning Star, and ought to average, by milling process, from \$100 to \$200 per ton. We noticed a pile of ore on the dump, in almost any of which free gold mingled with sulphrets of silver. Mr. Stokes will make a nice “stake,” and at the same time develop a valuable property for the lucky owners.

THE FORGERY CASE. In last Saturday’s Avalanche, we made mention that P.M. Sullivan had been arrested on a charge of forging orders of the County School Fund. He demanded and was granted a private examination before Justice C.S. Leonard last Saturday afternoon. The case was adjourned till 10 o’clock A.M., on Monday. In the meantime, it was suspected that a man named Isaiah Smith, who kept a whisky shop near the Mahogany mine, had something to do with the forgery, and on Monday he was arrested and brought before Justice Leonard to answer a charge similar to that proffered against Sullivan. Sullivan acknowledged to having forged the orders, but testified that Smith furnished him the blanks and compelled him to fill them out under the influence of a cocked revolver. Sullivan further insisted that, subsequently, Smith made him kneel down and promise, under the penalty of death, never to reveal his (Smith’s) connection with the forgery. Smith denied all this, and it is certainly one of the hardest cases that ever came under our observation. On Wednesday, Justice Leonard ordered that both of them be held to bail in the sum of \$1,000 each, to appear before the next Grand Jury. Bail was readily obtained and the prisoners discharged from custody. Sullivan’s sureties are his two brothers, Harry and John. Joel and George Slack are responsible for Smith.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Silver City now has two “shiners.”

Our weather is variable — hot as Hades, and quite frigid by turns.

The telegraph will be completed to this place in two weeks from to-day.

Some sneak-thief stole a couple of chickens from Dick Puckett last Saturday night.

Joe Davis eloped from Walla Walla with another man’s wife and baby, and, last Tuesday morning, the injured husband made a raid on the guilty pair, at a cabin, near the Minear Mill, and carried off the child.

Public notices

Notice of Public Hearing
FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (FY2015)
CITY OF HOMEDALE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 (FY2015). **A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming at 6:00 p.m. on August 13, 2014.** Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Homedale City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

Funds	FY 2013 2012-2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 2013-2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 2014-2015 PROPOSED
	Expenditures		
01 General	\$658,370.00	\$672,317.00	\$724,428.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$227,485.00	\$324,180.00	\$309,765.00
03 Parks	\$124,521.00	\$95,295.00	\$96,045.00
04 Library	\$66,423.00	\$66,986.00	\$68,508.00
05 Local Improvement District	\$50,000.00	\$42,757.00	\$42,757.00
06 Law Enforcement	\$370,320.00	\$400,195.00	\$433,809.00
25 Water	\$816,030.00	\$818,031.00	\$798,321.00
26 Sewer	\$635,155.00	\$625,630.00	\$712,230.00
27 Sanitation	\$99,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$115,000.00
30 Airport	\$109,525.00	\$161,025.00	\$110,025.00
60 Irrigation	\$134,285.00	\$139,750.00	\$129,450.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (all funds)	\$3,291,114.00	\$3,446,166.00	\$3,540,338.00
Property Tax Levy	Revenue		
General Fund	\$309,000.00	\$331,105.00	\$341,000.00
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Park & Rec	\$15,660.00	\$16,130.00	\$16,700.00
Airport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Property Tax:	\$324,660.00	\$347,235.00	\$357,700.00
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$349,370.00	\$341,212.00	\$383,428.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$227,485.00	\$324,180.00	\$309,765.00
03 Parks	\$108,861.00	\$79,165.00	\$79,345.00
04 Library	\$66,423.00	\$66,986.00	\$68,508.00
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30 Airport	\$109,525.00	\$161,025.00	\$110,025.00
60 Irrigation	\$134,285.00	\$139,750.00	\$129,450.00
Total Other Sources	\$2,966,454.00	\$3,098,931.00	\$3,182,638.00
TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)	\$3,291,114.00	\$3,446,166.00	\$3,540,338.00
		4.72 % Increase	2.74% Increase

Alice E. Pegram
Homedale City Clerk-Treasurer
July 30th and Aug 6th

CITY OF HOMEDALE
Quarterly Revenue/Expenditure Report
3rd 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	\$ 377,027.00	56.1%	\$411,517.00	61.2%
03 Parks	\$ 95,295.00	\$ 44,786.00	47.0%	\$36,539.00	38.3%
04 Library	\$ 66,986.00	\$ 39,732.00	59.3%	\$34,748.00	51.9%
05 L I D	\$ 42,757.00	\$ 42,757.00	100.0%	\$30,393.00	71.1%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 400,195.00	\$ 274,041.00	68.5%	\$247,030.00	61.7%
30 Airport	\$ 161,025.00	\$ 9,538.00	5.9%	\$9,705.00	6.0%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,438,575.00	\$ 787,881.00	54.8%	\$769,932.00	53.5%
02 Streets & Highways	\$ 324,180.00	\$ 84,371.00	26.0%	\$88,005.00	27.1%
60 Irrigation	\$ 139,750.00	\$ 91,323.00	65.3%	\$99,768.00	71.4%
25 Water	\$ 818,031.00	\$ 366,650.00	44.8%	\$266,461.00	32.6%
26 Sewer	\$ 625,530.00	\$ 178,545.00	28.5%	\$240,799.00	38.5%
27 Sanitation	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 76,435.00	76.4%	\$87,063.00	87.1%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 3,446,066.00	\$ 1,585,205.00	46.0%	\$1,552,028.00	45.0%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.
Publish: July 30, 2014

Signed: Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OR CONVEYANCE:
A resolution of the City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho declaring the intent of the City to Dispose Certain Real Property of the City; Property which is underutilized, not used for a

public purpose, and of nominal value relating to surplus personal property: declaring certain personal property of the City to be surplus; authorizing and directing the disposal of the surplus property; providing for related matters; and providing an effective date.
Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the

Council and Mayor of the City of Homedale on the 13th day of August, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho.
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk, City of Homedale
7/30;8/6/14

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of the HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT have tentatively adopted the 2014-2015 Budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing for the adoption of such budget will be held at the Moxie Java, 404 US Highway 95, Homedale, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2014. Such budget may be examined at the above mentioned location prior to the hearing.

HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET OCT. 1, 2014 TO SEPT. 30, 2015	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$410,000.00
State & Local Tax Revenue	310,922.80
Ambulance Charges	80,000.00
Interest Income	683.00
Permits	200.00
Total Revenue and Beginning Fund Balance	\$801,805.80
Professional Fees	\$37,175.00
EMT & Firemen Expense	2,400.00
Equipment & Building Improvements	240,600.00
Utilities & Phones	15,900.00
Contingency Fund	50,000.00
Education and Training	10,000.00
Dues & Memberships	3,000.00
Wages & Payroll Expense	200,150.00
Gas, Oil & Tires	8,500.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	29,500.00
Property Taxes	176.00
Supplies	16,500.00
Meals & Meeting Expense	4,000.00
Ending Fund Balance	178,904.80
Total Expenditures & Fund Balance	\$801,805.80
7/30/14	

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2014-2015 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 1016 Main Street at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call 896-4581 for an appointment.

Dated this 21 th day of July, 2014	
Proposed Budget Oct. 1, 2014 – Sept. 30, 2015	
Anticipated Beginning Balance:	447,045.00
Anticipated Revenue:	
County and Local Revenue:	
Property Tax including penalties & interest	50,000.00
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax	2,112.00
Sales Tax	10,000.00
Interest	250.00
Miscellaneous	10,500.00
State Revenue:	
Highway Users Fund	300,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue:	\$ 372,862.00
Anticipated Budget Balance:	\$ 819,907.00
Anticipated Expenditures:	
Gas, Oil & Tires	20,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	15,000.00
Labor & Salaries	100,000.00
Lease	10,000.00
Office Expense	5,500.00
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	25,000.00
Legal & Accounting	8,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	10,000.00
Roads & Bridges	250,000.00
Shop Expense	3,200.00
Utilities	8,500.00
Weed Control	20,000.00
Equipment Capital Outlay	50,000.00
Contingency	100,000.00
Total Anticipated Expenditures:	\$ 625,200.00
Anticipated Ending Budget Balance:	\$ 194,707.00
Stella J. Bush, Secretary-Treasurer	
7/30;8/6/14	



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (FY2015)
CITY OF GRAND VIEW

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 (FY2015). A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise avenue, at 6:00 PM on August 13, 2014. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Grand View City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

EXPENDITURES			
Fund Name	FY 2013 2012-2013 Actuals	FY 2014 2013-2014 Budgeted	FY 2015 2014-2015 Proposed
City General Fund	\$40,996	\$75,004	\$57,406
Street & Roads	\$21,292	\$128,341	\$38,030
Parks	*	\$51,750	\$9,285
Sewer	**	**	\$185,800
Water	**	**	\$284,332
Total Expenditures	\$62,288	\$255,095	\$574,853
REVENUES			
Fund Name	FY 2013 2012-2013 Actuals	FY 2014 2013-2014 Budgeted	FY 2015 2014-2015 Proposed
Property Tax Levy			
City General Fund	\$7,144	\$8,000	\$7,200
Total Property Tax	\$7,144	\$8,000	\$7,200
Revenue Other Sources			
City General Fund	\$42,894	\$67,004	\$50,206
Street & Roads	\$37,956	\$128,341	\$38,030
Parks	*	\$51,750	\$9,285
Sewer	**	**	\$185,800
Water	**	**	\$284,332
Total Other Sources	\$80,0850	\$247,095	\$567,653
Total Tax/ Other Revenue	\$87,994	\$255,095	\$574,853
Fund Balance Transfers	(\$25,706)	-	-
Total All Revenues	\$62,288	\$255,095	\$574,853

* Indicates the fund was not being reported as a separate fund category during the noted budget period. **Water and sewer had previously operated as a separate nonprofit organization, publication was not required.
Tammy M. Payne, Grand View City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish 07/23,30/2014

CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report
For 3 Month Period - Quarter Ending 6/30/2014
As required by Idaho Code 50-1011

3rd QTR-FY 2014	2014 Budget	Actual Expense	% of Budget Expenses	Actual Revenue	% of Budget Revenue
GENERAL CITY	\$75,004.22	\$6,161.42	8%	\$7,716.24	10%
ROADS	\$128,340.67	\$5,476.50	4%	\$6,822.74	5%
PARK	\$51,750.00	\$13,003.61	25%	\$19,371.00	37%
TOTAL	\$255,094.89	\$24,641.53	10%	\$45,046.35	18%

The General Public is invited to inspect all support documents for the above financial statement at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho, during regular business hours.
Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk
July 23, 2014

Notice of Public Hearing
FY2014 PROPOSED BUDGET
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (FY2015)
CITY OF MARSING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 (FY2015). A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street 7:00 pm on August 13, 2014. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Marsing City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

Funds	FY 2013 2012-2013 ACTUAL	FY2014 2013-2014 ACTUAL	FY2015 2014-2015 PROPOSED
	EXPENDITURES		
01 General	\$401,994.00	\$451,571.00	\$593,140.00
02 Roads & Streets	\$168,578.00	\$171,930.00	\$136,678.00
03 Parks	\$22,080.00	\$23,162.00	\$135,954.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$20,500.00	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
25 Water	\$707,000.00	\$800,700.00	\$780,600.00
29 Irrigation	\$54,025.00	\$60,925.00	\$45,925.00
30 Sanitation	\$85,050.00	\$85,150.00	\$85,150.00
35 Sewer	\$471,400.00	\$447,500.00	\$486,920.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (all funds)	\$1,930,627.00	\$2,064,438.00	\$2,287,867.00
Property Tax Levy	REVENUE		
General Fund	\$102,584.00	\$105,661.00	\$104,176.00
Roads & Streets	\$26,728.00	\$27,530.00	\$28,356.00
Park	\$12,430.00	\$13,082.00	\$13,474.00
Total Property Tax:	\$141,742.00	\$146,273.00	\$146,006.00
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$260,252.00	\$345,910.00	\$488,964.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$168,578.00	\$144,400.00	\$108,322.00
03 Parks	\$22,080.00	\$10,080.00	\$122,480.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$20,500.00	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
25 Water	\$707,000.00	\$800,700.00	\$780,600.00
29 Irrigation	\$54,025.00	\$60,925.00	\$45,925.00
30 Sanitation	\$85,050.00	\$85,150.00	\$85,150.00
35 Sewer	\$471,400.00	\$447,500.00	\$486,920.00
Total Other Sources	\$1,788,885.00	\$1,918,165.00	\$2,141,861.00
Total All Funds	\$1,930,627.00	\$2,064,438.00	\$2,287,867.00

Janice C. Bicandi, Marsing City Clerk-Treasurer

7/23,30/2014

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Eastern Owyhee County Library District will be held on the 12th day of August 2014 at 4:30 PM at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in said library district at 520 Boise Avenue, Grand View, ID at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operations budget for the forthcoming year. This special meeting is called pursuant to Sec. 33-2713-A IC as amended.

BUDGET
EASTERN OWYHEE COUNTY LIBRARY
OCTOBER 1, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

REVENUES	2013-2014	2014-2015
Property Taxes	\$34,632.00	\$35,371.00
Personal Property	100.00	350.00
Sales Tax	7,000.00	7,000.00
Equip. Replacement	2,616.00	2,616.00
Memorials, Gifts, & Grants	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
TOTAL	\$44,348.00	\$45,337.00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	\$17,500.00	\$20,000.00
Books	6,000.00	6,000.00
Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Technology	2,500.00	1,537.00
Contingency	3,048.00	2,500.00
Election & Publications	200.00	-
Equipment	2,000.00	1,000.00
Fixed Charges	2,200.00	2,600.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,700.00
Legal Service	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	2,000.00	2,600.00
Operation of Plant	6,000.00	6,000.00
Travel & Training	200.00	200.00
TOTAL	\$44,348.00	\$45,337.00

Dated this 15th day of July 2014
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Kermit Tate, Chairman of the Board
Tammy Gray, Clerk of the Board
7/30;8/6/14

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