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## Deputy saves Homedale family

**Early-morning call reveals 8 people  
overcome by deadly carbon monoxide**

A sheriff deputy's quick reaction and bilingual skills is being credited with the life-saving rescue of a family of eight.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said last week that commendations are in order for the conduct of Deputy Aron Streibel,

who single-handedly evacuated eight Homedale residents from their single-wide trailer after it had filled with deadly carbon monoxide early on the morning of Feb. 26.

"He's a hero in my book," Aman said. "He saved eight

people's lives. I just can't say enough about him.

"The actions he took were truly heroic."

Aman said he plans to present Streibel with a live-saving medal and a meritorious conduct medal. The awards presentation probably will take place at a meeting of the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners in the coming weeks, the sheriff said.

Streibel brushed off any hint of the special nature of his actions.

"I was just doing my job," he said. "I told the sheriff, 'That's what you pay me to do.' I don't feel any extra-special."

The residence in which the eight people lived had no power, so the family was using a charcoal barbecue placed on the living



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### Homedale crash hamstrings morning commute

Javier Gonzales, 21, of Homedale stands near his wrecked Toyota 4-Runner SUV on Friday morning on the U.S. Highway 95 bridge crossing the Snake River into Homedale. The SUV slid out control and crashed into the bridge walls. The single-vehicle crash backed traffic up for nearly an hour. More on last week's area accidents, **Page 2A**

## Snowmobilers found dead in Owyhee cabin

A father and daughter from Boise were found dead Monday morning after the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for the two overdue snowmobilers on War Eagle Mountain near Silver City.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman

confirmed that the bodies of Russell Latulippe, 45, and his 16-year-old daughter, Kaila, had been found in their cabin south of the Red Jacket Mine at 11:15 a.m. Monday.

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## Dozens of cases await action from prosecutor

**Sheriff, police chief express  
frustration over lack of  
filings, number of plea deals**

A recent audit by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office revealed that the agency has dozens of charges dating back to November 2005 that haven't been filed by prosecuting attorney Matthew Faulks.

And county Sheriff Gary Aman said any perceived lack of activity on the part of the prosecutor's office clouds the public's perception of the law enforcement end of the system.

"The victims of crime want justice. They want the system to work," Aman said. "The first people they deal with after they become a victim is law enforcement, so if they don't see some action, it's an automatic belief that it's law enforcement's fault.

"(Victims) call me. They complain. They don't think we're doing our job when we have sent the report to the prosecutor six or eight months before."

Messages left last week for Faulks seeking comment were not returned.

Aman said last week that he has no idea why as many as 83 unfiled misdemeanor and felony charges still sit on Faulks' desk in Murphy. The sheriff said the lack of action by the prosecutor was revealed by a report Aman runs periodically. He said he hasn't run a report in about two months.

— See *Prosecutor*, page 5A



# U.S. 95 not kind to Owyhee drivers



**Homedale bridge wreck stalls commuters**  
*A single-vehicle crash on the bridge near Homedale backed up traffic well into Canyon County and delayed commuters for nearly an hour Friday morning. By 8:30 a.m., the bridge was cleared and traffic resumed. No injuries were reported.*

## Single-vehicle accident on Homedale bridge halts traffic

Commuters were delayed Friday morning after a single-vehicle crash on the U.S. Highway 95 bridge crossing the Snake River toward Homedale brought traffic to a standstill for nearly an hour.

Javier Gonzalez, 21, of Homedale was traveling northbound in a 1994 Toyota 4-Runner at approximately 7:30 a.m., when he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the side of the bridge. Speed and ice are listed as contributing factors in the crash, according to the Homedale Police Department. Gonzalez was the only passenger in the vehicle and was not injured.

“He was northbound on the bridge and hit a little bit of ice,” Homedale Police Cpl. Ian Takashige said. “He was going a little too fast for road conditions.”

Dozens of cars were backed up traveling in both directions on the bridge. Traffic also was backed up

coming westbound off Homedale Road in Canyon County.

Homedale High School principal Mike Williams reported that some teachers were late for class because of the backup.

“He (Gonzalez) hit the east side of the bridge with his passenger-side rear bumper, which caused his vehicle to spin,” Takashige said. “He collided with the bridge, ended up facing southbound. Both airbags deployed. He (Gonzalez) was not injured.”

Takashige said officers were not able to reconstruct the accident to determine Gonzalez’s precise speed.

Gonzalez was cited for driving with a suspended driver’s license.

By approximately 8:30 a.m. traffic was moving normally on the bridge.

— JWB

## Homedale crews respond to head-on crash

A 59-year old Homedale man was taken to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell after a car crash north of Homedale.

Authorities say alcohol may have been involved in the 10:30 a.m. accident Feb. 26 on U.S. Highway 95.

“There were two vehicles involved. The white Ford was coming north, leaving Homedale, and the red Dodge was coming into Homedale (south),” said Deputy Bryce Smith of the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office.

“The driver of the red Dodge crossed the center line and hit the white Ford,” Smith said.

Smith said the driver of the white Ford, Thomas King of Boise, was able to slow and move over from the center of the roadway, thus avoiding a more serious accident. His wife, Cynthia King, also of Boise, was a passenger. Both were wearing seatbelts and were not injured.



“The guy driving the Ford (King) saw it coming, so he slowed down and cleared off to the side of the road, so he got side-swiped instead of head-on, so nobody was hurt terribly bad,” Smith said.

The red Dodge pickup was driven by Peter Jensen of Homedale. He was wearing a seatbelt and walked away from the crash, but was transported to West Valley Medical Center as a precaution.

Canyon County Sheriff’s Lt. Darren Ward stated that deputies collected a blood sample from Jensen at the hospital and will investigate further to determine if alcohol was a factor in the crash.

No citations have been issued, pending the results of the blood test, which may take several weeks.

Emergency personnel from Homedale were first on the scene, but the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office is the investigating agency because the crash occurred north of the Snake River.

— JWB



**No injuries reported in U.S. 95 crash**  
*Above: Homedale area resident Peter Jensen, 60, stands with emergency personnel behind his red Dodge pickup after a near head-on collision on U.S. Highway 95 north of Homedale on Feb. 26. Jensen was transported to West Valley Medical Center, where a blood alcohol test was administered. Below: Both the driver and passenger of this Ford pickup, a husband and wife from Boise, walked away from the wreck. Both reportedly were wearing seatbelts*

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# Commissioners stay busy

Board hires interpreter service for jail and court, learns personnel manual is still in prosecutor's hands

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners took care of an array of business at its meeting last week.

During the Feb. 26 meeting in Murphy, commissioners chose a new vice-chair and discussed topics including the progress being made on the county personnel manual, what to do with county surplus property and a grant for the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

The commission also voted to raise the business credit card limit for Road District 1 supervisor Larry McDaniel.

The commissioners didn't meet Monday because chair Dick Freund and District 1 commissioner Jerry Hoagland attended Owyhee Initiative meetings in Washington, D.C.

Former commission chair Hal Tolmie was named vice-chairman of the board. He will serve as board chairman in Freund's absence.

The Board also approved a contract with Language Line Interpreter Services, which will assist the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Owyhee County Courts with foreign language interpreter services via telephone.

County clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the service costs \$1.85 per minute. At times, the sheriff's office has relied on jail inmates to interpret when no other option is available, a situation that is not always reliable or safe for jail staff.

Additionally, Sherburn said the current cost of hiring an inter-

preter for the courts is \$35 per hour plus mileage.

Sherburn said the county is considering options in dealing with the accumulated surplus property, including recovered stolen items that have gone unclaimed.

"The sheriff has gotten quite a few tools and guns from cases in the past, and the judge released the property. (Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman) was wondering what to do with it," Sherburn said.

"The Board approved his request to contact licensed gun dealers and sell county surplus weapons through dealers."

Sherburn said the commissioners would check to see if the road district could use tools — including generators and air compressors — or other property in the cache before deciding the next step, which probably would be a surplus sale.

No plans have been announced to have a public sale of any county items.

The board approved raising McDaniel's business credit card limit from \$500 to \$1,000. Sherburn said the \$500 limit is not adequate to purchase needed items, such as tools, for the district. She said the commissioners felt the higher limit would enable Mc-



Hal Tolmie

Daniel to purchase needed items more efficiently.

Commissioners also decided to apply for a grant on behalf of the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

The museum already has asked for the \$150,000 worth of grant money from the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, but in order for the grant request to be accepted by the state agency, it must be applied for through county channels.

Sherburn said the grant money will help fund an ongoing expansion of the museum's current facility and community center in Murphy.

Sherburn said the funds will be used to:

- Pave the entrance into the community center
- Grade the rear of the facility
- Make conversions to the main entrance to comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Repair interior flooring stage facilities
- Upgrade the audio system
- Work on the restrooms.

The Board also looked at the new county personnel manual. No new information is available on details of the manual, which remains under review by Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks.

"The prosecuting attorney is still working on it, but we really haven't gotten anything approved," Sherburn said.

— JWB

# Local conservation district changes name

New moniker reflects agency's overall objective

The organization formerly known as the Owyhee Soil Conservation District has changed its name to better reflect a universal approach to protecting the resources in the western half of the county.

The board of supervisors of the newly christened Owyhee Conservation District voted for the name change at a recent monthly meeting. The next meeting is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at the district office, 19 Reich St., in Marsing.

"We're not just confined to soil and water," OCD supervisor Chuck Kiester said. "We also are concerned with the air and the agricultural way of life."

"We want to preserve our heritage."

Kiester said the name change, which was unanimously approved by the board of nine elected officials, was facilitated by a request from the state government that the words "soil" and "water" be included in the name of all of Idaho's conservation districts.

Kiester and OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard both said the board felt adding another word to the name would make it unwieldy. Besides, Kiester said, most folks already refer to the organization as simply the name it has now adopted.

"We decided to change the name because the board is interested in

all aspects of conservation in our county," Millard said. "The first thought was to change it to say Owyhee Soil and Water Conservation District. But that is a mouthful, so they decided to go with just Owyhee Conservation District."

"All areas of conserving the Owyhees are important to the OCD."

Kiester said that the name change won't change the board's dedication to the task with which it is charged — protecting the quality of natural resources in the county with a cooperative effort with the county's residents.

"The supervisors serve and work with other members of the community to make sure we don't abuse our land," he said.

The board is comprised primarily of farmers, so the monthly meeting time will switch evenings soon after Daylight Savings Time and the farming season begins. The change could come soon as the board's April meeting as Kiester said the supervisors could vote on the schedule tweak at Thursday's gathering.

"Farmers get pretty busy around this time of year, and they don't have the time in the daytime for meetings," Kiester said.

The board meets on the second Thursday of every month. The evening meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

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✓ Deaths: Fatal end to search and rescue is a rarity in Owyhee County


Aman said it appears that both died of carbon monoxide poisoning hours after arriving at the cabin Saturday. (Saturday) and said they had got to the cabin.” Aman said Owyhee County Coroner Harvey Grimme will perform additional tests to determine a more precise time of death. Three deputies, a posse member and two Latulippe family friends helped search for the father and daughter after the county received an overdue report from a family friend at 8:30 Monday morning. The pair was scheduled to return from the snowmobiling trip Sunday. Aman said the cabin is extremely well-built. The two were using two propane heaters, a propane lantern and a propane oven. — JWB and JPB

✓ Deputy: Ordeal points out the dangers of unorthodox home heating

room floor to heat the structure on a night in which the low temperature was 30 degrees. A 63-year-old man, two adults females and five children ranging in age from 6 months to 6 years old lived in the mobile home. Streibel said it appeared that the five children and one adult slept in one small bedroom. Streibel said he was on patrol in Marsing when a call came in at 2:24 a.m. Feb. 26 about a medical emergency at the Quintana Ranch off U.S. Highway 95 near Homedale. The deputy, a three-year veteran of the Owyhee office, said he was unsure of the specific situation. The female who called 911 spoke in broken English, and the only information the dispatchers had was that the woman’s sister needed help. It took Streibel five minutes to respond from his Marsing location. He found a Hispanic female in her 30s passed out in a doorway near the rear of a single-wide mobile home. “When I got there, I was not sure if I was dealing with a drug overdose or what,” Streibel said. After Streibel entered the residence, though, it became clear that the use of the coals to heat the house had created a deadly situation. He rushed to get the family out of the house and then open all the windows to ventilate the house. But he soon found out his work wasn’t done. “As (Homedale Ambulance) was getting everybody oxygen, (the family members) asked (in Spanish), ‘Where’s the baby?’ “ Streibel said. The deputy ran back into the house and, after a short search, found the baby unresponsive. Streibel said the baby began to “come around” by the time he had exited the house. “Aron is also bilingual, and that assisted him tremendously in dealing with these people and resolving the situation, especially that baby,” Aman said. “If he hadn’t been able to understand or speak Spanish, it would have been another 15 or


20 minutes. That ability (was) extremely valuable.” Streibel said the communication barrier wasn’t the biggest problem. The family members were incoherent and disoriented because of the effects of about three hours of carbon monoxide exposure. “The fire department said levels were dangerously high,” Streibel said. All eight family members were transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell. Aman said Streibel also was taken to the hospital to recover from his carbon monoxide exposure. The deputy said the message of the ordeal — the danger of carbon monoxide in the house — should outshine the actual rescue. One sister became violently ill from the effects of the carbon monoxide poisoning. She awoke in the middle of the night and tried to get to the bathroom, Streibel said, but collapsed in the hallway. That roused the other sister from her sleep. She discovered her sister then ran to the neighbor’s house to call 911. The carbon monoxide buildup was caused by the use of the charcoal barbecue and the resulting open flame. Poor ventilation added to the dangerous situation. According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency Web site, carbon monoxide can kill in minutes. A barbecue, cook stove or gas oven never should be used to heat a house, and all household appliances that are fuel-based (wood stoves, kerosene or oil heaters or gas stoves or furnaces, for example) should be properly cleaned and maintained to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Proper ventilation through flues and chimneys is vital. — JPB

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# Initiative group meets to plot strategy

Chairman expected legislation to be re-introduced in Senate this week

Nearly two dozen people squeezed into a small meeting room at a Boise law firm Thursday morning to hear an important announcement: The Owyhee Initiative is heading back to Washington, D.C.

Owyhee Initiative chairman Fred Grant told the members of the working group gathered Thursday that he expected Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) to re-introduce the implementation legislation into the U.S. Senate this week.

Representatives from the offices of Crapo, and the other members of the Idaho congressional delegation — Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Bill Sali — were joined by a representative from Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s office as well as people from the different interest groups who have toiled six years to create a document that will help preserve all land uses in vast Owyhee County.

The group heard about the current status of the Initiative, including the ongoing re-working of the Wild and Scenic Rivers language. Grant also briefed the contingent on what needed to happen to ensure optimal success of the legislation.

One part of the Initiative that evidently caused friction last year was the cultural resource

protection project associated with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe.

“I’m going to ask the (Owyhee County) commissioners to try to schedule a meeting under the Memorandum of Agreement with the Tribe when we get back (from Washington),” Grant said.

“The meeting will be to discuss the plan and try to tie down language so it doesn’t become an issue as it did last year.”

The chief of staff for Crapo’s Boise office, John Hoehne, also discussed the content of meetings that were to be held early this week in Washington

Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chairman Dick Freund and District 1 commissioner Jerry Hoagland were among a group that traveled to the nation’s capital earlier this week for a round of meetings that Grant said probably would be prep work leading to the reintroduction of the legislation.

Hoehne confirmed that reintroduction of the bill probably would happen this week, barring any major overhaul in the language.

“It’s roughly contemplated that without any changes, we don’t have to go to the legislative counsel,” he said, “And Monday, Tuesday or (today) we’ll put the bill back in.”



## Initiative group hears the latest

Craig Gehrke, the Idaho regional director for the Wilderness Society, left, and Owyhee Initiative chairman Fred Grant, center, listen as John Hoehne, the chief of staff from the Boise office of Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) talks about how this week’s meetings in Washington, D.C., would unfold.

The work group voted unanimously to advise Crapo to introduce the bill even if the final Wild and Scenic Rivers language wasn’t finalized. At Thursday’s meeting, Grant said Idaho Rivers United executive director Bill Sedivy and Chad Gibson from the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association still were working on a few final points in the alteration of the rivers agreement that is designed to head off any challenge from the national interest group American Rivers.

“We’ll tell the people in D.C. that we’ve heard their concerns and that we’re working on it,” Grant said.

The Bureau of Land Management’s leaders in Washington have expressed

dissatisfaction with the Owyhee Initiative, and Grant said another task this week was to obtain the agency’s long-overdue written testimony from last year’s subcommittee hearing to determine the precise areas of opposition.

Grant delivered good news at the meeting, too, saying that the American Farm Bureau finally had come on board, joining the bureau’s branches in Owyhee County and Idaho.

“(American Farm Bureau’s) executive director (Mark Maslyn) said that state support was mandatory for the national group to come on board,” Grant said. “I’m told he is very effective in Congress.”

Building support and momentum with the new Democratic-held Congress is a major task for the Initiative’s supporters these days.

Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), the new chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, has voiced displeasure about the compensation package extended to ranchers who will be giving up land. But Grant said the current climate of land values in Owyhee County justifies the \$15 million price tag.

“We’ll have a ranch broker take an appraisal look at the private land of the ranchers,” Grant said. “We will come out with a package, I’m certain, that won’t be talking about inflated land values.”

Grant also stressed that gaining the support of groups who are influential with Bingaman would be a key, including the powerful New Mexico Stockgrowers Association.

Ted Hoffman, a veterinarian and former Idaho Cattle Association president who was serving as an alternate at the meeting for Brenda Richards, also pointed out that a New Mexico conservation group called the Quivira Coalition — created by a rancher and two environmentalists 10 years ago — could help the fight in committee.

“I think they would be receptive, and they carry just as much weight with Bingaman as the stockgrowers,” Hoffman said.

— JPB

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### ✓ Prosecutor: Authorities say situation reflects poorly on justice system

“I don’t have any idea,” Aman said when asked why the cases hadn’t moved forward.

The problem doesn’t affect only Aman’s office. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller also expressed frustration with the situation.

“I think there needs to be better communication between the agency, the prosecutor and, most importantly, the victims because ultimately they’re the ones who feel like nothing’s being done,” the 16-year veteran of the Homedale force said.

“And that’s not good for the prosecutor. It’s not good for the police department, and the impression it gives isn’t very good in general for the picture people have on law enforcement.”

Eidemiller said he didn’t know the number of Homedale Police cases that remain unfiled by Faulks, and the nine-year chief said it wouldn’t be fair to speculate on the specific number.

The chief said the number of outstanding charges awaiting action isn’t his biggest concern.

“The biggest issue I have ... is the constant plea-bargaining,”

*‘I think there needs to be better communication between the agency, the prosecutor and, most importantly, the victims because ultimately they’re the ones who feel like nothing’s being done.’*

— Jeff Eidemiller  
Homedale Police chief



Eidemiller said. “My officers do some good work down here, and to have the charges dismissed, some before they go to preliminary hearings ...”

Eidemiller said that the plea bargaining can’t be laid exclusively at Faulks’ feet, though.

“Part of it is law enforcement’s fault, too,” Eidemiller said. “Sometimes we don’t send cases that the prosecutor feels are viable for a felony.”

Aman said that a backlog with the prosecutor’s office is nothing new, but it’s “nothing like we

have now.”

“I know he had a certain amount of caseload when he came on already backed up,” the sheriff said.

Although Faulks could not be reached for comment this week, he addressed the backlog in an earlier interview.

“Right now, I just need to set aside some time,” Faulks said, adding that he’s “on the whole” not necessarily overwhelmed by the workload.

“Some days, some weeks are just busier than others.”

Aman says he doesn’t think workload is a problem either.

“I think maybe case priority is a big deal,” the sheriff said. “Violence against people is a lot more important than a crime against property.”

The sheriff speculated that the hang-up could be time management or case management.

“I think it’s more important to file felony crime against somebody that has violated or hurt physically a person than it

is to worry about a misdemeanor citation,” Aman said.

Aman said while he has no recourse in jump-starting the situation, he does call Faulks often to get progress reports.

“I call him frequently, asking about a particular case and relaying the information that it’s a very important case and victims are in need of justice,” Aman said. “I do that frequently or have my officers do that frequently.”

— JPB

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# Obituaries

## Marilyn I. Geertson

Marilyn I. Geertson, of Greenleaf, died Friday, March 2, at home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, at the Greenleaf Friends Church. Interment followed at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Marilyn Irene Campbell Geertson was born on November 8, 1938 in Boise, Idaho to Irene and John Campbell. As a child, she remembered living in many places throughout the Northwest following her father’s construction work for Tertling, finally setting back in Boise. She finished grade school and high school in Boise, Idaho where she enjoyed her large family and helped her mother and older sister with taking care of her four younger brothers.

She attended Boise Junior College where she earned an associate degree in accounting and met Phillip Walter Geertson. They were married on October 24, 1959.

They then moved to Boulder, Colorado where she worked to help Phillip finish his education in engineering. Her first daughter, JoAnn Irene was born during that time.

They then moved to Olympia, Washington for several years where her second daughter, Janet Lynn was born. After that, they returned to Boise where they had three more children, Steven Rolf, Leslie Sue and Carol Jean.

In 1972, they purchased a small



farm in Ridgeview, Oregon. Over the next 35 years she was a wife, mother and business partner in a successful farm and business. During that time, she was an active member of the Ridgeview Pollyanna club. She enjoyed and supported her children, paying for all of their college and graduate school educations. They all married, moved away and gave her 15 grandchildren, Amanda and Eric Rangel, Shayna, Nicole, Cassandra and Cale Rule, Jacob Behrends, Dominique, Brianna and Gavin Geertson, Katerina, Gabriella and Adriana Lupenko and Winston and baby Chadwick and 2 great grandchildren, Aubrey and Lindlee Trinkle.

In 2006, she moved to Greenleaf, Idaho to live with her mother and stepfather. She was an active supporter of the Greenleaf

Friends Academy and enjoyed giving her time and support to the students.

One of her greatest passions was traveling and seeing other countries of the world. During her life, she was able to visit more than half the states of this country, Canada, Denmark, Scotland, England and New Zealand. In February 2007, she enjoyed one of her lifelong wishes by taking a two-week trip to Australia. She truly enjoyed the trip.

Preceded in death by her father, John Campbell, her sister, Patricia Campbell and her niece Katherine Garvin.

Survived by her husband of 48 years, Phillip Walter Geertson. Her mother and stepfather, Irene and Richard Wright. Her children, JoAnn Behrends and husband Douglas, Janet Rangel and her husband Ralph, Steven Geertson and his wife Lisa, Leslie Lupenko and her husband Andre and Carol Chadwick and her husband James. Her brothers, John Campbell and wife Diane, Roger Campbell and his wife Judy, James Campbell and Lloyd Campbell and his wife MaryLynn. Her step-sister Charlene and her husband Ben Wilcox.

All memorials should be given in her name to the Greenleaf Friends Academy.

A visitation was held from 4 until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

## Marie I. Waite

Marie Iverson Waite passed away from natural causes, March 1, 2007, at the Brigham City (Utah) Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, at the age of eighty-seven.

She was born December 6, 1919, in St. George, Utah, the daughter of Victor and Leoma McCain Iverson.

She attended schools in Mt. Trumbull, Arizona, St. George, Utah, and Bunkerville, Nevada.

She married Rodney Waite August 3, 1938 in St. George, Utah. Their marriage was solemnized in the St. George Temple November 9, 1938. They lived in Bunkerville and Las Vegas, Nevada and in Homedale, Idaho. She lived in Ogden and Honeyville, Utah after the death of her husband.

Her husband died on November



25, 1984 in Homedale. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, a brother and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by her six children; Laron of Heyburn, Idaho, Gary of Coquille, Oregon

, Richard of McCall, Idaho, Pat Clausse of North Ogden, Utah, Mark of Peru, Indiana and Julie Bilbrey of Honeyville, Utah. Other survivors include three brothers, a sister, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was active in the LDS church and served in many capacities. She was a very good mother and well loved by her family. She had great concern for people and spent many hours helping others.

A viewing was held from 2-4 p.m., Monday, March 5 at the Myers Mortuary, 205 South, 100 East, Brigham City. There was an additional viewing at the LDS Church in Homedale, Idaho, Tuesday, March 6, from 1-3 p.m., after which graveside services were conducted at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, friends donate to the National Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.myers-mortuary.com](http://www.myers-mortuary.com).

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

- March 8: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 9: Hot ham & cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 12: Wiener wrap or chicken pot pie, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispy bar, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 13: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 14: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Homedale Middle

- March 8: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, green beans, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 9: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 12: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 13: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Homedale High

- March 8: Chicken patty sandwich & soup, potato wedges, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 9: Crispito, rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 12: Pizza, chicken bacon melt, chef’s salad, strawberry shortcake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 13: Been nuggets, chicken fritters, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 14: Lasagna, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Marsing

- March 8: Burritos, corn, strawberries & bananas, milk, baked potato & chili bar, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- March 9: Weiner wraps, veggie, fruit, milk, chicken nuggets, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- March 12: Turkey soup, corn, fruit, milk, chicken fried steak, maple bar, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
- March 13: Hamburger, veggie, fruit, milk, hot dog or chorizo, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- March 14: Chicken patty, veggie, fruit, milk, soup & sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

## Bruneau

- March 8: Haystacks, corn, bread sticks, peaches, milk.
- March 9: Fish sandwich, tots, veggies, fruit, milk.
- March 12: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, fruit, milk.
- March 13: Cook’s Choice!
- March 14: Chicken wrap, fried rice, stir fry veggie, fruit, milk.

# Death notices

- PAUL D. AKICHIKA**, 74, formerly of Homedale, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, in Boise. A viewing was held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2007, followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m., at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise.

**WILBUR W. MANCKE**, 90, a prominent Homedale businessman during the 1940s and early 1950s passed away in a Salem, Ore., hospital on Jan. 21, 2007. Mancke co-owned a John Deere dealership in Homedale beginning in 1947, which would later become Campbell Tractor Co. The original store location was on East Idaho Avenue, and would later become Greenway Tractor and then Homedale Auto Wreckers. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Salem.

**WILLIAM “BILL” ROSS**, 79, of Boise, formerly of Jordan Valley, Ore., died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 at home. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 5, 2007 at the Jordan Valley Methodist Church, Jordan Valley, Ore. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell. Services were under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.



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# Your finances

## Patience is the key to open husband's eyes to family debt

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have about \$60,000 in credit card debt. He doesn't feel bad at all about it, but I'm determined to clean it up and start living right with our money. I'm starting to get tired of trying all by myself, though. What can I do to reach him?

— Donna

Dear Donna,

The last thing you want to do is go around yelling "Dave said do this" and "Dave said do that." If you start hammering him over the head with that kind of stuff, he'll tune you out in a heartbeat.

Right now, let's just be patient and keep talking to him about the issue. He may need some time to think things through and realize how important this is to you. Try adding up all your payments to show him just how much of your money is going into other people's pockets every month. If you've got \$60,000 in credit card debt, it's a lot!

You might also take all those payments and show him how much you guys could save and invest if those credit cards were gone. I'll bet there's lots of stuff you'd both like to do but can't afford because the credit shark is gobbling up all your cash. Your income is your best wealth-building tool, Donna. Without all those payments, you two could save and invest like mad, have some fun and retire a wealthy little old couple.

Right now you're both slaves to the credit card companies. But once he has a chance to process this information, I'm guessing you'll see some righteous anger out of the guy.

And hopefully he'll be motivated to join the fight!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'd like to send my kids to a private Christian school, and the tuition is \$3,500 a year. They'll start school the same month we'll finally be out of debt. We'd have to pay this out over the course of the school year, so would you consider this to be an investment or more debt?

— Ed

Dear Ed,

I don't borrow money whether it's an investment or not. But lots of private schools have tuition plans where you don't have to borrow money, and you just make two or three payments during the academic year.

I don't know if I would really call that a debt, because you can always take the child out of the



school if you see you can't make the payment. Just make sure you carefully look over any contract involved and know what you're getting into before you sign up for the ride.

You don't want to obligate yourself to money you don't have. Just save up, and have a place in your budget for tuition.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Is getting a guaranteed rider on a term life insurance policy a good idea?

— Chris

Dear Chris,

It used to be that I wouldn't buy anything but a guaranteed level term policy. But these days the marketplace is very competitive. If your company raises its rates, you can easily shop around and find another for the same price you were paying before or even less — providing that you're not seriously ill.

One of the best guarantees is the marketplace. It's a real dogfight out there today in terms of pricing on these kinds of policies, and the real winner is the consumer.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at [Davesays.org](http://Davesays.org). For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to [syndication@daveramsey.com](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

# Community chess tourney planned at HMS Saturday

A community chess tournament organized by the Homedale High School chess club and its faculty advisor, Mark Thatcher, will be held Saturday at Homedale Middle School.

The event is open to all ages as well as players outside of Homedale. Registration will be taken from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The five-round tournament begins at 10 a.m., and no late registration will be allowed.

Pre-registration is available by e-mailing Thatcher at [thatcher@homedaleschools.org](mailto:thatcher@homedaleschools.org) or by calling 337-4613 and leaving your name.

This is the first community-wide, all-ages tournament the school's has planned.

## Calendar

**Today**

Melba Cottage Library book club meeting, 7 p.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive, Melba. (208) 495-1063

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

**Thursday**

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting, 10 a.m., 19 Reich St., Marsing

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, guest speaker Nampa Chamber CEO Georgia Bowman-Gunstream, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. (208) 337-3252

Rhythm and Rhyme at the library, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

Owyhee Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Marsing School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Friday**

Adrian High School Senior Citizen Luncheon, 1 p.m., Adrian

Schools cafeteria, 202 High St., Adrian, Ore. (541) 372-2335

Greenleaf Friends Academy Quaker Country Auction preview and early auction, 6 p.m., Greenleaf Friends Academy, 20565 N. Academy Road, Greenleaf. (208) 459-6346

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

**Saturday**

Greenleaf Friends Academy Quaker Country Auction and Kids Carnival, 8 a.m. breakfast; 10 a.m. carnival in lunchroom; 10 a.m., auction in gymnasium, Greenleaf Friends Academy, 20565 N. Academy Road, Greenleaf. (208) 459-6346

Community chess tournament, registration 9 a.m., tournament, 10 a.m., Homedale Middle School, 17550 Johnstone Road. (208) 337-4613 or [thatcher@homedaleschools.org](mailto:thatcher@homedaleschools.org)

Txoko Ona Basque dance and auction, 6 p.m., \$5, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 Main Street, Homedale. (208) 337-3840 or (208) 337-4619

**Sunday**

Snake River Valley Fellowship

Bible study, 10 a.m., 532 W. California Ave., Homedale. (208) 475-3733

**Monday**

Homedale School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Melba School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

**Tuesday**

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

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, 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 [jbrowneditor@cablone.net](mailto:jbrowneditor@cablone.net). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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# Garden club to spruce up Marsing spot

The Owyhee Garden Club is seeking interested individuals to share a garden plot at the Marsing Community Garden.

Spring cleanup of the garden is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, and organizers say it will provide a great community service opportunity for youth groups. Volunteers must supply their own shovels, rakes, gloves and ambition, according to club members.

The club received a US Ecology grant this year, and the Owyhee Garden Club and Marsing Schools are working in conjunction to provide education to the children at the greenhouse and in the garden.

About 20 children attend an after-school program at the Marsing greenhouse, and there

are plans for a children's summer day camp at the garden.

Some of the plants that the children are planting at the greenhouse will be used in planters at the Owyhee County Fair.

The annual Marsing FFA plant sale is scheduled for April, and the Owyhee Garden Club also is raising plants at the greenhouse for that event. Most of the funds raised at the April sale will be used for the beautification of the Community Garden.

The Owyhee Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

New members always are welcome. For more information, call Sharon McIlveen 896-5474.



**Greenhouse spring cleaning comes early**  
*Owyhee Garden Club members have extended an invitation to volunteers and youth groups to lend a hand Saturday for the clean up of the Marsing community garden and greenhouse. Photo by Jan Aman*

# Three Creek

*by Lola Blossom*

Three inches of snow and 16 degree temperature on Feb. 19.

Teacher Marylinn Boss and husband Eddie went to Boise over the weekend to see Marylinn's nephew and team win the game over New York by one point. Mrs. Boss was excited when she was notified that she had been selected to be listed in the "Who's Who of American Women" and will be in the 2007 edition. She is also chosen to be in "Who's Who Among Professionals in Teaching and Educating" for 2008.

Kathy Jones is a happy first-time grandmother. Her son Michel and wife Maria got the new baby boy on Feb. 8, 2007. He was born at the Jerome hospital and has been named Casey Michel. He has three half-brothers, Tyler, Branden and Justin, to welcome him home.

Matt Rice and family are leaving Simplot's Seven Triangle ranch and going to another Simplot outfit.

A large crowd attended the funeral of Ralph Schnell held at the Twin Falls Reformed Church in Twin Falls of Feb. 6. He passed away at his ranch at Rogerson on Jan. 31, 2007. Ralph was born on Sept. 5, 1919 at the family ranch west of Rogerson. His parents were Paul and Anna Leonard Schnell, who were immigrants from Europe about 1906. They were the first caretakers of the Salmon Dam waters after it was completed and the first to live in the caretaker's house there. Lois Emery Colyer used to ride a horseback from Cedar Creek to get the mail at Schnells.

Ralph married Hazel Howard in 1950, and they have two pretty daughters, Janie (Ron) Pierce and Betty (Beny) Freeman. Betty was Miss Rodeo America in 1976. He is survived by the above and four grandchildren and his sister, Helen Young, postmistress at Rogerson. Ralph irrigated many, many acres with Salmon T River water and was an excellent cowman.

## HMS holds Project Alert open gym

The Project Alert open gym program is coming to a close at Homedale Middle School.

The last event for fifth- and sixth-graders will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

In addition open gym, there will be a Project alert lesson and board games. Refreshments also will be served.

Students who attend the Project Alert lesson will be eligible for a prize drawing.

The final open gym for seventh- and eighth-graders is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 16.

For more information on the program, contact Susan Ankeny at 337-5780 or e-mail ankenys@homedaleschools.org.

## Friends of Lizard Butte Library to meet Monday in Marsing


The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library will meet Monday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 126 2nd St. W.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Erin McCusker, a consultant from the Idaho State Library, will be on hand to explain how the Lizard Butte organization's support of the Marsing library can be most effective.

The group also will discuss the Treasure Valley Reading Foundation, and how the Friends of Lizard Butte Library can obtain free books for the library.

The Lizard Butte Library is located on Main Street in Marsing.



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This beautiful birthstone, which comes from Brazil as well as the Middle East, Russia, and Africa, also was believed to endow the wearer with foresight, courage, and happiness. And it was foretold that wearing this beautiful gem provided powers for healing, and was said to be effective as a treatment for anxiety. So maybe that is why Aquamarine is also the preferred gemstone gift for 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries.

At the present **Aquamarines** are usually faceted, but when cut as a cabochon, they may display a cat's eye effect known as **"asterism"**, pronounced **"as-ter-iz-mm"** which displays from the gem a luminous star like effect that are more commonly exhibited in gemstones like sapphires, garnets, and rubies. Asterism is caused by the inclusions of tiny, parallel, futile needles and may result in four, six, or even twelve rayed stars.

In days of old **Aquamarine** was cut *Cabochon* style (pronounced "cab-uh-shon) meaning it was cut with a rounded convex surface and a flat base, as opposed to a calibrated cut that has exacting sizes. Thus, a Cabochon cut has no facets and is one of the oldest and simplest of stone cuts. Other precious stones that see the Cabochon cut are ruby, amethyst, citrine, and garnets.

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## Senior menu

**Homedale center**

March 7: Ham & beans with corn bread, drink.

March 8: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, drink.

March 13: *Birthday lunch.* Oven friend chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, roll, drink.

March 14: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, roll, drink.

## Arock's Lucille Montgomery to celebrate 90<sup>th</sup>

Lucille Montgomery of Arock will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2007, at the Jordan Valley Parish Hall in Jordan Valley.

Friends and family are invited to attend. Cake and coffee will be served.

For more information, contact her daughter, Carol Coleman, at (541) 586-2437.

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# Revolutionary procedure enlivens heart patient

Mike Brown was told he had just one year to live in April.

Now, instead of making final arrangements, the Homedale resident is devising plans to take his wife, Betty, on a cruise.

“Every time you look at your wife, your kids or your grandkids, you want to be around a little longer,” said Mike Brown, the father of two and a grandfather to five.

And for his new outlook on life, the 64-year-old retired Morrison-Knudsen employee can thank a medical procedure that isn’t even available in the United States.

In early February, Brown began a process with the trademarked name VesCell and carried out by a company called TheraVita that entailed his own stem cells being injected into his heart to fight off his advanced heart disease.

The adult stem cell therapy still is in its infancy — in fact, he says he was only the 68th person to receive the treatment — and it wasn’t covered by Brown’s insurance.

“But what was it going to do? Kill me?” asked Brown, who says he suffers from “end stage” heart disease. “I’m dying already.”

Brown has had six bypass surgeries and several stents and other procedures to battle his heart disease. He also has suffered heart attacks — including one 11 months ago that prompted doctors to tell him that the end was near unless he had a heart transplant.

“We went to Salt Lake City and Spokane looking at transplants, but for several reasons I didn’t want to consider it,” Brown said.

“Years ago, I had read about stem cells and heart disease, but



**Thailand trip has couple looking to future**  
*Mike Brown, left, and Betty Brown sit with their dog, Mugs, in the living room of their home west of Homedale. Mike suffers from heart disease, and recently underwent a stem cell transplant designed to improve his quality of life.*

my doctor (Murali N. Bathina of Idaho Cardiology Associates in Caldwell) said no clinical studies were being done in the United States.”

While researching the stem cell option, Brown came across a man from his old stamping grounds in Eastern Oregon who had had the VesCell procedure.

“We knew some of the same people,” Brown said of the gentleman from Athena, Ore. “He had real good results and raved about it.”

After assuring himself that the expensive proposition — it cost about \$40,000 — wasn’t a scam, Brown decided to go through with the process.

“Initially, I had some reservations, but (TheraVita representatives) give you a lot of references and furnished me with information for my doctor,” Brown said.

He said the company even

offered to fly his cardiologist to the Far East so he could observe the procedure.

Because the VesCell process isn’t approved for the U.S., Brown and his wife, who have been married 38 years, flew to Bangkok, Thailand, for the procedure.

Traveling was nothing new for the Browns. They have traveled all through Central America both for pleasure and as part of Mike’s former job.

Once Mike Brown was in Thailand, doctors drew about a quarter of a liter of blood. The sample was flown to Israel, where Brown said the originator of the process oversaw “culturing “ of the blood, or the extraction of stem cells. After the weeklong culturing, the stem cells were flown back to Thailand, and on Feb. 7 — the Browns’ 38th wedding anniversary — doctors used a procedure similar to an angiogram to inject the stem cells

into Brown’s heart via his femoral artery.

According to company literature, the stem cells injected into the patients encourage growth of new blood vessels, creating natural bypasses for weaker parts of the heart and vascular system.

“I noticed a difference. Maybe it was psychological, but I felt better right away,” Brown said. “My memory was better. Betty said I got some color back.”

Memory loss is one symptom of heart failure because of the lack of oxygen getting to the brain. But Brown also noticed a boost in his energy level.

“I’m staying up longer at night,” he said. “I’m not dead tired the way I was before. I have a more positive outlook.”

Brown said doctors told him the procedure has an 81 percent success rate, but neither Mike nor Betty seem to be paying attention to the numbers for signs of success.

“I just have a real good feeling that it’s going to work, and that’s half the battle,” Betty said.

“In his day-to-day life, I can already see a difference.”

Although doctors said results wouldn’t be evident for between three weeks and six months, Betty

said Mike’s daily routine is much fuller than it had been.

“He’d get up in the morning and eat breakfast, and he’d be dead tired,” she said. “Going to Boise was a major thing.”

While Mike said TheraVita plans to bring the adult stem cell therapy procedure to clinics in Canada and the Bahamas in the coming years, he’s pessimistic that the discipline will find its way to America’s shores anytime soon.

“Stem cell procedures are being done, but not with folks with advanced heart disease,” he said.

Mike added that adult stem cells are used in these procedures, not embryonic stem cells, which have created such controversy in the U.S.

While he still has a couple weeks before he first electrocardiogram since the stem cell transplant, which will be the first hard evidence of how well the procedure has worked, Brown has faith in the process.

“I feel optimistic about this,” he said, adding anyone interested in more information on his experience and the procedure can e-mail him at brown.mike@frontiernet.net.

— JPB

## Reynolds Creek 4-H news

by Bailey A. Helm  
club reporter

More than 35 parents, leaders and youth in the Reynolds Creek 4-H Club gathered to begin another 4-H year at the Wilson School on Feb. 19.

This first, organizational meeting was highlighted by the election of club officers. Newly elected officers include Josh Dygert, president; Riley Stirm, vice-president; Kimber Krivanec, treasurer; Logan Stirm, secretary; Bailey Helm, reporter; and Zach Dygert, sentinel.

The new officers led the club in planning the activities for the year. The club has scheduled both a service project and a fund-raiser. Homemade brownies provided a sweet ending for the meeting.

The next Reynolds Creek 4-H Club meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 19 at the Wilson School House.



**Reynolds Creek 4-H elects 2007 officers**  
*The new officers for the Reynolds Creek 4-H Club include, from left to right, Riley Stirm, Bailey Helm, Kimber Krivanec, Josh Dygert and Zack Dygert. Logan Stirm is not pictured. Submitted photo*

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# Marsing BPA holds messy fund-raiser

Marsing High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter members on Wednesday showed their appreciation for those who were instrumental in raising funds for a BPA trip this week.

"Appreciation" in this case, meant a pie in the face ... in front of the entire student body.

The grand prize went to Marsing High School teacher and varsity baseball coach Mark Worley. Donors deposited \$63.80 in his nomination jar, making him the prime target for the pie throwing. His reward was a double-pie facial from BPA president Jessica Elsberry.

A month earlier, several members of the school's faculty, students, parents and other family members volunteered to have their names placed on collection jars. Donors were encouraged to put money in the jar for the person they most wanted to see "pied," according to BPA advisor Brandy Smith.

"The total money raised for the teacher and student jars was \$169.03," Smith wrote in e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche a day after the pie-throwing assembly, which also served as a pep rally ahead of Marsing's participation in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout boys basketball tournament in Boise.

"All winning participants had the option of matching their funds and opting out of getting pied. They then chose someone else to take their place," Smith said.

"Daniel Ineck matched his money and donated \$20 to BPA. He chose Samantha Wilson, former BPA president, to take his place. Mr. (Ed) Pfeifer, who was home sick (Wednesday), opted to match his funds as well and chose Mrs. Melanie Metzger to take his place."

The school's "hit list" of potential victim/volunteers, with



### Marsing High's most wanted

Marsing students and community members contributed \$63.80 to see Marsing High School math teacher Mark Worley catch a pie (or two) in the face. The second-place teacher was Ed Pfeifer, who was absent on pie-throwing day. Money raised help finance the BPA's trip to Boise State University this week.

money raised in their name, included:

Worley, \$63.80; Pfeifer, \$38.67; student Daniel Ineck, \$19.02; student Charlene (Charlie) Eells, \$14.80; student Jessica Elsberry, \$14.47; teacher Daryl Lemos, \$4.89; teacher Don Heller, \$4.27; teacher Jake Walgamott, \$2.12; student Samantha Wilson, \$1.72; teacher Brandy Smith, \$1.31; teacher Dana Hammer, \$1.25;	teacher Kirk Hubbard, \$1.07; student Aaron Salvas, 98 cents; student Johnathon Cossel, 66 cents.
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Only Worley, Eells, Wilson and Elsberry had the honor of being pied.

The funds will be used to finance the BPA's trip to the State Leadership Conference, which will take place Thursday through Saturday at Boise State University.



### BPA president gets in licks for fund-raiser

Marsing Business Professionals of America president Jessica Elsberry plasters fellow Marsing High School student Charlene Eells with a pie during last week's BPA fund-raiser.

Some chapter members will attend the state competition and vie for an opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference, which is scheduled for May in New York City.

The Marsing Chapter of BPA has 18 members. Nine of the members will enter the state competition in four events:

- A Parliamentary Procedure team with seven members, including Jennifer Pfeifer, Lindsey Jo Brewer, Jessica Elsberry, Samantha Jensen, Shea McClellin, Johnathon Cossel and Troy Dines.
- Brewer also will compete in the open event of Financial Math and Analysis Skills. She scored better than 90 percent on her test at Regionals.
- Manuel Herrera will compete in Graphic Design Promotion.
- Shylah Eells will compete in Fundamental Word Processing Skills.

—JWB



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## Convict from Owyhee kills self in Texas prison

### Payne made 2006 escape from facility



Scot Noble Payne

Scot Noble Payne, a former Marsing resident and convicted sex offender, killed himself Sunday at the Dickens County Correctional Center in northern Texas.

Prison staff found Payne slumped in a shower, bleeding and unresponsive at approximately 1 a.m. CST. Medical personnel were called but were unable to revive him. Idaho Department of

Correction officials stated Monday that a razor was used to cause his wounds. They are listing his death as a suicide.

Payne was currently serving a 20-year sentence on both Ada County and Owyhee County cases.

Payne made headlines in December of 2006 after escaping the prison and leading authorities on a foot chase for

approximately week.

Payne was charged with lewd conduct with a minor under 16 in Owyhee County and arrested on April 9, 2001. At the time, Owyhee Sheriff Gary Aman said that computers were involved in the case and that multiple victims may have been involved.

Payne was one of 100 Idaho Department of Correction inmates housed at the Texas facility.

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# Nampa Chamber chief primed to help Homedale

The organization she leads has more than 550 members, but Nampa Chamber of Commerce CEO and president Georgia Bowman-Gunstream is convinced the business model will work for the Homedale Chamber, which has a fraction of the membership.

New Homedale Chamber president Gavin Parker asked Bowman-Gunstream to speak at Thursday's monthly luncheon precisely because he wants his organization to become as successful as its Canyon County counterpart.

"I think what it's going to do is, I hope, give us some direction on how to build our Chamber from the ground up," Parker said of Bowman-Gunstream's appearance at the noon luncheon.

The meeting will be held at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Bowman-Gunstream, who recently was named one of 25 Treasure Valley women of the year by Idaho Business Review, says she has no intention of standing before Thursday's luncheon audience and giving a detailed road map.

But she is ready to help her Homedale colleagues arrive at a strategy to bolster flagging membership and participation.

"It's always good to step back and identify and look at your strengths and weaknesses and re-visit the mission statement and get a survey of Chamber members and see what their expectations are," Bowman-Gunstream said.

Parker said any advice or guidance is welcomed as Homedale tries to emulate Nampa's monthly luncheons, which have been called "events" rather than "meetings."

"We're working on getting back to our mission of promoting our local businesses, and I think the No. 1 component — and I think we can get some insight from (Bowman-Gunstream) — is how to make our monthly luncheons as effective as possible at promoting local businesses," Parker said.

The Nampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon has sponsors each month. The member organizations pay for the privilege of putting their names on the meeting for a given month. The businesses also receive a spotlight at that meeting.

"We have three businesses that sponsor each month because we have so many that want to sponsor," Bowman-Gunstream said. "We have a 25-business waiting list."


Parker said the Homedale Chamber isn't at the point where it can expect member businesses to pay more money to get the spotlight treatment, saying that any title sponsorship program as the Chamber tries to find its feet will be a "privilege of membership."

Bowman-Gunstream, who has turned around the Nampa Chamber in the past 10 years, said it's not unrealistic for the Homedale group to have big dreams.

"The quality (of the meeting)

*'It's always good to step back and identify and look at your strengths and weaknesses and re-visit the mission statement and get a survey of Chamber members and see what their expectations are.'*

— Georgia Bowman-Gunstream  
Nampa Chamber of Commerce CEO, president



Nampa Chamber in June 1996, the organization had a membership of 380, but languished with virtually no money in its bank account. Today, the Nampa Chamber has a war chest of about \$80,000, Bowman-Gunstream said.

She said the formula to reinvigorate any Chamber is simple, just like the plan she used to kick-start Nampa. And it doesn't stand solely on collecting dues.

"You have to go out and sell yourself and sell your product and be able to stand by your product," she said.

"You do that by making things new and fresh and adding new events. It's just basically rebuilding the business."

— JPB

## Marsing Legion plans stew feed at community center Saturday

Marsing American Legion Post 128 will hold its annual free stew feed Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

The center is located at 126 2nd St. W.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a no-host happy hour. The stew feed, auction and raffle begins at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the auction and raffle will benefit the Marsing American Legion post's general fund.

For more information, contact any Marsing American Legion member.

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# SRO: Parking limits curb problem, enhance safety

Parking zones with 2-hour limits near Homedale High School are a big success, according to Homedale School Resource Officer Michelle Babcock.

Officers haven't needed to issue any citations yet. Babcock said that, in general, motorists have complied with the restrictions, and public reaction has been positive.

Babcock credits education as a factor in compliance.

"It's working great," Babcock said last week. "As soon as the signs went up — and I warned them (students) — they have been complying, and I haven't heard any complaints."

City crews installed the signs on Feb. 21, the day Homedale's amended parking ordinance went into effect. Parking on portions of East Idaho Avenue and East Owyhee Avenue is restricted to a maximum of 2 hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Babcock said early on there were a few isolated issues with students parking in the strip mall parking lot at the corner of East Idaho and East 2nd Street South. She said Homedale Police intends to deal with students parking in that area on a case-by-case basis.

"We'll address a few issues with students parking in private parking lots," Babcock said.

Babcock said police and school officials initially were concerned that the parking restrictions would lead to a traffic overflow in the school's parking lot. Those concerns have proven to be unfounded.

"Our parking lot at the high school seems to accommodate everybody," Babcock said. "We were worried about that, but it seems to work out fine."

Last week, Babcock said that Homedale Police currently is more concerned with educating the students and public about the new parking restrictions, rather than bombarding violators with citations. So far, the strategy has worked, and officers haven't needed to do more than give warnings.

"Right now, we are just educating people about not parking there (in restricted areas)," Babcock said. "I haven't had anybody repeatedly park there."

According to Babcock, the public's feedback about the restrictions has been positive.

"I've gotten comments from citizens that say the streets look much nicer. They (citizens) can see the park from the road, and everybody thinks it looks a lot better without cars parked everywhere," Babcock said.

Also, student safety and traffic flow has improved as a result of fewer pedestrians crossing



## Parking restrictions near high school doing the job

**Left:** A student waits in the back seat of a Nissan Altima after school in the 2-hour parking zone on 2nd Street across from Homedale High School. **Right:** Signs proclaiming new restrictions are posted on East Idaho Avenue, East Owyhee Avenue and 2nd Street around the school.

East Idaho Avenue to reach the school.

"The congestion seems to have been cut down after school and during lunchtime, with students running across the street to get in their cars," Babcock said, adding that it has helped enhance student safety immensely.

On the north side of the high school, the parking restrictions on the north side of Owyhee Avenue also have been successful

in making the area a safer and less congested.

"Same situation (on Owyhee). We don't have the after-school crowd that rushes across the street when the buses are unloading to get in cars. We don't have the garbage we had at the church. We don't have people speeding around there when the kids are getting dropped off," Babcock said. "It hasn't eliminated every issue, but it has cut down on them

greatly." Babcock said Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and city attorney Michael Duggan still are working out details of a new city parking ordinance.

Until details are finalized, Babcock said officers still have the option of citing a violator under Idaho State Statutes. Infractions can lead to a fixed fine of \$36.50.

— JWB

# Homedale students inducted into honor society



## National scholarship program nominees

National Honor Society national scholarship nominees, Bonnie Price, left, and Ryan Johnson, right, stand with Homedale High School Principal Mike Williams. Submitted photo

The Homedale High School chapter of the National Honor Society held its 59th annual induction ceremony Wednesday evening, and 20 students were accepted into the club to replace the upcoming graduating seniors.

The following students were inducted:

**Seniors** — Becky Thomson and Cory Uria

**Juniors** — Daisy Aguilera, Mandy Brasher, Meagan Byerly, Jarrod Driskell, Gage Egurrola, Mathew Hansen, Yeraldin Juarez, Joshua Klug, Mark Klug, Samuel Sanchez, Sarah Scarratt, Kelsey Silva, Shravan Sriganesh, Dayton Syme, Zach Tolmie, Jaime Uriarte, Belen Vega and Rachel Wheeler.

Senior class president Bonnie Price and Honor Society vice-president Ryan Johnson both were nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship sponsored by

Homedale High School principal Mike Williams. They will compete for a chance to win a piece of \$200,000 worth of scholarship funds.

In order for students to be accepted to the National Honor Society, they must have a minimum of a 3.3 cumulative grade-point average, then they are given an application in which they must include past community service, leadership roles and work experience. The applications are then sent to the Faculty Advisory Council, which consists of five teachers. The council rates the applicants and decides who will be inducted in National Honor Society.

As part of their commitment to community service, Honor Society members have done the following deeds in the past year:

- Last spring, this year's seniors helped set up chairs for

- graduation.
- Seniors serve as guides during each of the parent teacher conference sessions.
- NHS members made Halloween-grams for students and staff.
- This year's seniors helped paint the school's media center.
- NHS members provided teachers with boxes for the Homedale School District canned food drive in December and helped to organize food items and then distribute them to needy families in Homedale.
- Senior NHS members gave kindergartners books and then read with them.

For leadership, seniors helped to plan the NHS induction ceremony and volunteered time to the annual International Smorgasbord. Upcoming leadership activities include the decoration of lockers during National Leadership Week in April and honoring Homedale High School teachers with flowers in May.

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# Marsing Lions search for members

Club officials want to recruit younger adults to help with worthwhile causes

Marsing Lions Club members want to make sure their chapter doesn't experience the same fate as other U.S. chapters of the international service club.

Membership is down in several Lions Club chapters, but the Marsing group has set out to bolster its numbers and ensure the club will continue strong toward its golden anniversary. The Marsing Lions were chartered on Nov. 1, 1960.

A handful of members gathered early last week at Marsing Hardware and Pump to discuss how to increase the community's awareness of the club and its activities.

Even though the Marsing Lions are active in sponsoring Optimist youth football and youth wrestling as well as putting on annual community events, some members worry that men and women who might be interested in joining the club are unaware of the club's existence.

"I don't think there's a presence at all, and that's the problem," said Chris Salove, the owner of Marsing Hardware and a Lions member for the past 10 years.

In the winter, the Marsing Lions Club holds meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Once daylight savings time hits, the meetings are moved to 8 p.m. for the spring, summer and fall months. Annual club dues is \$60.

The Marsing membership stands at 36, but the club has embarked on a campaign that is familiar with many of the Lions chapters throughout the nation: Bring in new blood and younger members to perpetuate the club's good work.

The push for new members in Marsing seems to reflect a national trend to bolster once-thriving clubs, according to numbers provided by Dane LaJoye, a public relations representative for Lions Club International.

LaJoye reports that Idaho's 78 Lions Club chapters welcomes nearly 1,300 members.

"The membership in Idaho has held fairly steady over the past

five years," LaJoye wrote in an e-mail.

However, nationwide, Lions Club membership has slipped over the same period. From 2001 to 2006, membership has declined from 461,000 to 413,000.

Men and women 18 years old and older can become Lions, but Marsing officials point out that the youngest member in their chapter is in his mid-30s. The Marsing Lions age range tops out at about 82, but most members fall into the 40-60 range.

Prospective members must be sponsored by a current Lion. Anyone interested in joining the Marsing Lions can contact a member or call Malmberg at 896-4204.

Bob Malmberg, a Marsing Fire commissioner and current Lions president, has been in the club since 1975. He's aware that the dynamic of life today puts a strain on the free time folks can devote to community service clubs.

"We need to get the younger generation," Malmberg said, but he acknowledged that young families are pressed for time because of children's activities.

"Kids do make a difference. There are just too many things going on with the kids (to be active)."

While there are nearly 40 members currently paying dues, club leaders say only a handful are active in Lions events.

"One-third are active," club secretary David Bahem said. "There are only eight, 10 or 12 active, and that makes for a lot of workload."

Salove said that a large, active membership would naturally perpetuate participation.

"If we had more people, it would be less work and more fun," Salove said, stressing along with his fellow Lions that the club is a social organization as well as a service organization.

The Marsing chapter is the second-oldest Lions Club in Owyhee County behind the Grand View Lions, a group that celebrated 50 years in 2006. Malmberg said the Marsing chapter had as many as 72 members at one time and rivaled the Mountain Home



Marsing Lions' raffle prize

Lions as one of the state's largest clubs.

Malmberg said the Marsing Lions have been instrumental in bringing other local clubs in District 39W online, including serving as the sponsoring chapter for Homedale and Vallivue. District 39W of Lions Club International encompasses Southwest Idaho and Southeast Oregon.

The Marsing Lions' reputation of helping other chapters is just a reflection of the club members' history of involvement. The tradition, though, has fallen to a hard-core few in recent years.

And now, with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce dormant, Lions leaders say the Marsing chapter is one of the few organizations in town dedicated to community service.

The Lions took over the annual Third of July Celebration Doodlebug Race from the Chamber last year and will run it again in 2007.

The club also sponsors youth football and wrestling each year. Club vice-president Jim Briggs said nearly 90 boys and girls took part in the Optimist football and cheerleading program last year. As many as 40 young athletes are signed up for the wrestling program, which began last month.

Other events backed by the Marsing Lions include the annual Easter breakfast and Easter egg hunt held on the Marsing High School athletic fields.

Between November and April, the Lions hold a monthly bingo night at the Phipps-Watson community center. The games are held on the first Saturday of the month beginning at 6:45 p.m., and proceeds benefit a different cause each month. Recently the Lions scholarship fund and the community center maintenance fund were supported. In the past, Hope House, the Marsing Senior Center and the Lions Sight and Hearing program also have received assistance.

At Christmas, the Lions distributed 125 gift baskets to Marsing residents.

The biggest service for the club the motto of which is "We Serve" probably is the eyesight testing that the Marsing Lions bring to the town's elementary school each year.

In November, the Lions-sponsored eye tests were administered to about 300 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders, and the examinations resulted in a handful of students receiving free eyeglasses.

The Lions Club also provides hearing aids for the needy.

The Marsing Lions Club currently is holding a raffle to raise money for its programs. An emerald earring and ring set is the prize in the contest for which only 350 \$5 raffle tickets will be sold. Contact Malmberg or any Lions Club member to enter the drawing.

— JPB

# Homedale grad prepares for LDS mission

Shannon Rae Rupp, a 2004 Homedale High School graduate, entered LDS missionary training in Provo, Utah, on Feb. 21.

Rupp will be serving in the Berlin, Germany, Mission.

After two months of language training, Rupp will leave April 23 for Germany.

She is the daughter of Gary and Tynagh Rupp.



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Snow, water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that Owyhee Reservoir was 75 percent full and that 33.1 cubic feet per second of water was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8 a.m. Monday:

Date	Snow Depth	Reynolds Creek			
		Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
02/27	3.9	7.8	31	21	25
02/28	2.7	7.9	29	16	23
03/01	3.2	8.0	27	17	22
03/02	6.1	8.5	24	17	21
03/03	6.0	8.6	28	19	23
03/04	4.3	8.5	35	25	29
03/05	3.3	8.5	38	25	31

Date	Snow Depth	South Mountain			
		Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
02/27	42.8	18.0	30	20	24
02/28	41.5	18.1	29	17	22
03/01	43.7	18.4	29	17	21
03/02	52.3	19.5	25	17	22
03/03	51.0	19.9	34	22	27
03/04	46.7	19.9	45	29	33
03/05	44.6	20.0	48	31	39

Date	Snow Depth	Mud Flat			
		Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
02/27	14.0	7.8	35	17	27
02/28	15.0	7.8	38	17	27
03/01	15.8	8.0	37	16	24
03/02	N/A	9.1	33	20	26
03/03	25.7	9.2	41	21	30
03/04	21.1	9.2	46	26	35
03/05	18.5	9.2	49	27	37

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Feb. 27	45	29	.02
Feb. 28	48	27	.00
March 1	45	27	.00
March 2	45	27	.02
March 3	no reading taken		
March 4	no reading taken		
March 5	53	21	.07

Ranch horse community huddles together in Oreana

Despite snowy weather in Oreana on Feb. 25, the ranch horse clinic and competition sponsored by the Poison Creek Posse 4-H Horse Club was well attended with 13 boys and four girls.

Roger Haylett, Penny Grant and Lorna Steiner made hot chocolate/coffee lattes all day for everyone gathered around the fire pit.

Denise Collett, a neighbor, handed out forms and encouraged the young riders to participate in the upcoming American Quarter Horse Association- and Idaho Quarter Horse Association-approved Irene Tyson Memorial Versatility Ranch Horse Show, which will be held April 14 at the Canyon County Fairgrounds in Caldwell.

Phillip Fry, a high school senior from Horseshoe Bend, showed everyone the saddle he made and explained the process he used to build it.

Jake Steiner, a high school senior from Oreana, put together a large straw bale arena to block the wind. Ranch Riding, the ranch equitation class, was performed inside that arena. The big bale arena also served as a warm-up pen for riders throughout the day.

Gena Showalter, Marty Gill, Ted Hagler and Bruce Reuck served as the instructors and judges for the event. John Steiner performed an exhibition reining pattern.

Kendal Thomas and Homedale’s Rachel Williams won the silk



Young rider shows top form

Chisholm Grant works a yearling during the recent youth ranch horse competition in Oreana. Grant won the novice ranch riding contest and placed well in novice ranch cutting. Submitted photo

scarves drawing. Ted Hagler donated shoo flies and wild rags to be awarded to the top placers in all the classes. All competitors received ribbons:

Novice Ranch Riding — 1. Chisholm Grant; 2. David Haylett; 3. Nathan Haylett

Advanced Ranch Riding — 1. Kendal Thomas; 2. Jay Long; 3. Phillip Fry; 4. Taylor Anderson; 5. Chani Taggart; 6. Mason Sideroff; 7. Drew Gill; 8. Rachel Williams

Novice Ranch Cutting — 1. Nathan Haylett; 2. David Haylett; 3. Chisholm Grant

Advanced Ranch Cutting — 1. Kendal Thomas; 2. Jay Long;

3. Bryce Collett; 4. Phillip Fry; 5. Taylor Anderson; 6. Mason Sideroff; 7. Drew Gill; 8. Rachel Williams; 9. Chani Taggart

Dummy Roping on Foot — 1. Chisholm Grant; 2. David Haylett; 3. Nathan Haylett; 4. Justice Cook

Novice Working Ranch Horse — 1. Nathan Haylett; 2. David Haylett; 3. Chisholm Grant

Advanced Working Ranch Horse — 1. Bryce Collett; 2. Jay Long; 3. Phillip Fry; 4. Kendal Thomas; 5. Taylor Anderson; 6. Jake Steiner; 7. Chani Taggart; 8. Mason Sideroff; 9. Drew Gill; 10. Rachel Williams

Rimrock FFA news

by Chelsey Lemon, chapter reporter

On Feb. 20-21, four members of the Rimrock FFA chapter attended Made For Excellence in Boise.

The members that attended were Derrick Meyers, Alex Meyers, Brian Meyers and Connor Merrick.

“It was great,” Derrick Meyers said, “I learned willpower.” Unlike his cousin, Alex, who said he learned “how to pick up women.”

The members learned how to decide their future for themselves and not let others decide it for them.

The members had an enjoyable time at the conference, whether it was to get out of school or to learn more leadership skills.



Rimrock FFA delegates learn about excellence

Rimrock FFA chapter members, from left to right, Alex Meyers, Connor Merrick and Derrick Meyers, enjoy themselves during the Made For Excellence event in Boise last month. Submitted photo



Three Little Pigs performance at Homedale Library

Emma Parker and Olivia Cardenas sit in front-row seats during the library’s performance last week. Puppeteers are library employees, Diane Williams and Ann Umphrey. More children’s puppet shows are in the works, but no schedule has yet been established.

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# Fear Factor ... Husky style

## Competition tests students' gag reflexes

Teams of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors at Marsing High School competed in their own version of Fear Factor during Wednesday's pep rally send-off for school's boys basketball team bound for the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

No, the students didn't have to eat dung beetles, drink 100-year-old eggnog or jump from a moving helicopter.

They did have to gag, choke and retch as they consumed plates of Vienna sausages, sauerkraut and Spam, followed by a game of Russian roulette with caramel covered fruits and vegetables, only one of which was a delicious

apple.

Luckily, garbage cans were placed within easy spewing distance of each of the four eating stations. The names of those who put the garbage cans to use were withheld because the media couldn't get close enough to gather that information.

The teams worked in relays, so no individual had to endure the entire smorgasbord alone. As one team member finished his or her assigned dish, the next team member began.

Students breathed deep, held their noses, and dug in.

It is unknown which class actually "won" the relay.

— JWB

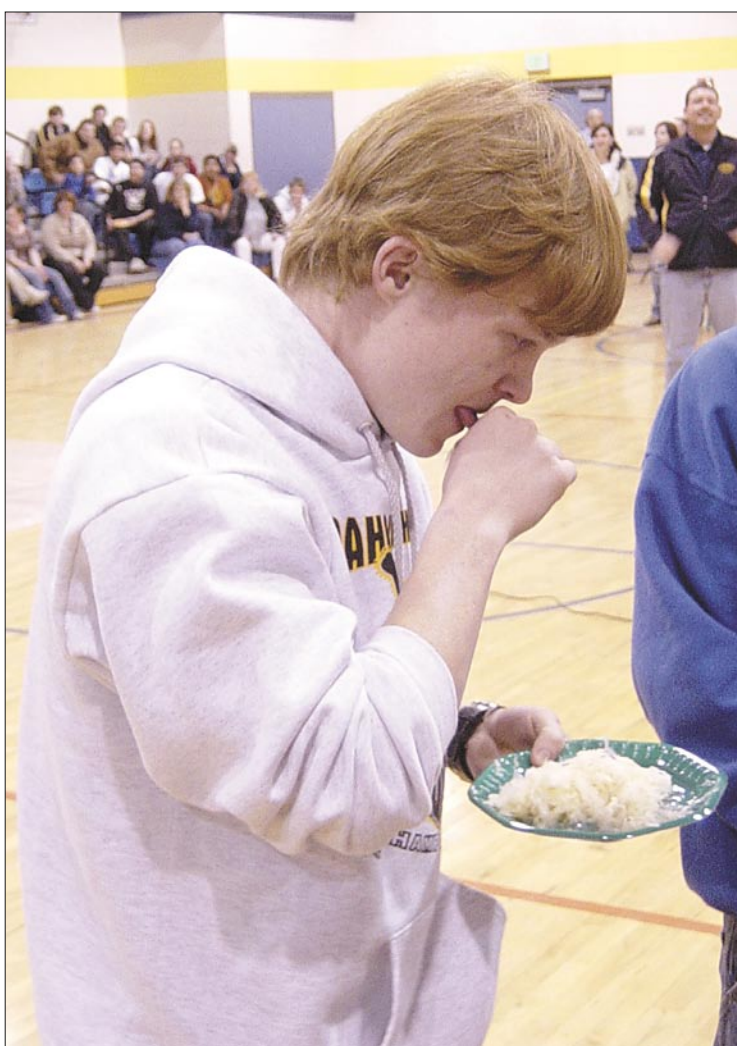


### Fun facts about Spam

According to Hormel Foods, which produces the product, Spam is described as a "family of meat products that are very fun and tasty." Ingredients listed are chopped pork shoulder with ham meat added, salt, water, sugar and sodium nitrate. Tyler Blackstock — a freshman at Marsing High — gags as he tastes each and every one of those "fun and tasty" ingredients.

### Brave souls, cast-iron stomachs

**Right:** Junior Amanda Staudenmier drew the short straw in the final event of Marsing's Fear Factor. That is a caramel-covered onion. Behind her, David Marcial, a senior, tore through a caramel-covered green pepper. **Below:** At the left, Marsing athletic director Don Heller enjoys the site as students try to keep down Vienna sausages.



### Sauerkraut entrée

Marsing High School junior Kris Young winces as he chokes down a mouthful of sauerkraut.







# Snake River Mart





## March Madness Specials

Boneless Beef  
**Rump Roast**



**\$2.19**  
lb.

Boneless Beef  
**Bottom Round Steak**



**\$2.39**  
lb.

**Easter Treats for Every Bunny in your home! Candy, Baskets, Cards & More!**

**Navel Oranges**



**79¢**  
lb.

Pork Country Style  
**Spare Ribs**



**\$1.39**  
lb.

Boneless Beef  
**New York Steak**



**\$5.99**  
lb.

**Salad Mix**



**\$1.19**  
ea.

**Apples**



**59¢**  
lb.

Gold-n-Plump 24 oz.  
Chicken Drums or Thighs **3 for \$5**

Western Family 16 oz.  
String Cheese **\$2.99**  
ea.

Western Family 8 oz.  
Cream Cheese **99¢**  
ea.

Bar-S 16 oz.  
Bologna **99¢**  
ea.

Rosa's Deli  
Burritos **39¢**  
ea.

Market Pack  
Cheddar Cheese **\$2.59**  
lb.

Avocados **\$1.19**  
ea.

10 lb.  
Potatoes **\$1.99**  
ea.

Tomatoes **99¢**  
lb.

Cauliflower **\$1.29**  
ea.

5 lb.  
Red Potatoes **\$1.99**  
ea.

1 lb.  
Baby Carrots **\$1.19**  
ea.

**Red Baron Pizza**



**4 for \$10**

Western Family 16 oz.  
Cottage Cheese **2 for \$3**

Ore-Ida  
**Frozen Potatoes**



**2 for \$4**  
20-32 oz.

32 oz.  
Gatorade **\$1.19**  
ea.

**Coca Cola Products**



**2 for \$9**  
12pk 12oz Cans

2 Liter Bottle  
Coke Products **\$1.29**  
ea.

**Keystone Beer**



**\$9.99**  
ea.

24pk 12oz Cans

12pk 12oz Cans  
MGD or Miller Lite Beer **\$8.49**  
ea.

Western Family  
Milk **\$1.49**  
ea.

1/2 Gallon

Meadowgold  
Ice Cream **\$2.89**  
ea.

1/2 Gallon

Western Family  
Spring Water **2 for \$7**

24pk .5 lt Bottles

Rhodes  
Rolls & Bread **\$3.49**  
ea.

Asst'd Varieites

Pringles  
Potato Chips **\$1.19**  
ea.

163 gr.

Doritos  
Tortilla Chips **2 for \$5**

13 oz.

Wonder Whole Grain  
White Bread **\$1.69**  
ea.

20 oz.

Western Family  
Apple Juice & Cider **\$1.29**  
ea.

64 oz.

Western Family  
Canned Tomatoes **59¢**  
ea.

14.5-15 oz.

Western Family  
Asst'd Pasta **79¢**  
ea.

12 oz.

Kleenex  
Facial Tissue **\$1.59**  
ea.

Asst'd 85-200 ct.

Friskies Buffet  
Cat Food **3 for \$1**

5.5 oz.

Western Family  
Soup **2 for \$3**

26 oz.

Western Family  
Tuna Fish in Water **59¢**  
ea.

6 oz.

Marie Callender's  
Pies **\$4.99**  
ea.

42-45 oz.

Cascade Dishwasher  
Detergent **\$3.99**  
ea.

75 oz.

Western Family  
Peanut Butter **\$3.29**  
ea.

Creamy & Chunky 40 oz.

Propel  
Flavored Water **\$1.19**  
ea.

23.7 oz.

Hamburger-Tuna-  
Chicken Helper **\$1.89**  
ea.

Asst'd Sizes

Western Family  
Refried Beans **59¢**  
ea.

16 oz.

Tide Laundry  
Detergent **\$6.99**  
ea.

70-100 oz.

Dawn  
Dish Soap **2 for \$5**

25 oz.

SRM COUPON

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Wine **\$1.00**  
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