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LESSONS FROM THE OLD COUNTRY



Basque dancing instructor Joxema Mendiola takes youngsters through the paces Thursday.

Expert tutors Basque dancers

Cultural exchange is part
of prep for annual dance

Herribatza Dantzariak troupe members received some native instruction Thursday in preparation for next month's annual Homedale

Basque Dance.

The Txoko Ona Basque Club was one of the stops for Joxema Mendiola during his whirlwind tour of the western United States teaching fandango and arin-arin dance workshops.

— See *Basque*, page 5A

Gem County investigating Mayor Wilson

City asks for review of mayor's
actions with US Bank, dinner

An independent prosecutor has been asked to look into the actions of Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson.

City Councilman Aaron Tines confirmed Monday morning that City Attorney Michael Duggan requested Gem County Prosecuting Attorney Richard K. Linville examine Wilson's dealings with US Bank regarding the attempted acquisition of property adjacent to City Hall as



Harold Wilson

well as the mayor's use of his expense account to help pay for a Homedale Police Department Christmas dinner.

Tines said the inquiry was made under the advisement of the city's insurance carrier, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program. He said it is to measure whether there is any liability on the city's part.

— See *Wilson*, page 5A

Bridge width restricted when rehab works begins next month

ITD project set
to last into May

Forty years after its construction, the bridge spanning the Snake River outside Homedale will be rehabilitated beginning next month.

The Idaho Transportation Department announced this week that rehabilitation and overlay of the U.S. Highway 95 bridge deck will begin March 15. The

\$638,815 project, contracted to Boise's Concrete Placing Co. Inc., should be completed in mid-May.

The bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic during the construction, and the structure's allowable width will be reduced from 16 feet to 12 feet. The width restriction will be in place for six to eight weeks, according to an ITD advertisement appearing on Page 10A in today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

According to ITD's description of the project, an extra inch of pavement will be added to the bridge deck during the overlay and the approaches on both the Owyhee County and Canyon County sides of the bridge will be repaved for 50 feet. Bridge joints will be replaced and one of the piers in the river patched.

Other work includes the replacement of 50 feet of curb and gutter, and 27 feet of guardrail will be reset.



Long overdue work starts March 15

Motorists make their way across the 40-year-old bridge outside Homedale. The structure that carries U.S. Highway 95 traffic over the Snake River hasn't seen any roadway improvements since 1969.

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Fair board asks for better communication

Members learn that fewer state dollars could impact FY '09 revenue

The Owyhee County Fair Board learned last week that declining sales tax and revenue-sharing receipts could impact its fiscal year 2009 budget.

Fair board chair David Rutan and several board members as well as fair secretary Kelly Haun visited the Feb. 17 Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy to clear up misunderstandings that stemmed from the recent report that the fair budget had a short fall in FY 2008.

The bottom line if the fair board's presentation was shoring up communication with the

county about how much money is in the fair's budget and when it's available.

"We just want to have a better understanding of where the money comes from and how it comes in," Rutan said, alluding to the situation in October when the board thought the money for FY 2009 was available only to find out that it wouldn't be on the books until property tax turnover in January.

Fair board member Tiffany Hipwell asked that the county provide a monthly accounting for the fair budget, so she could make reports at meetings. Another board mem-

ber, Kelly Aberasturi, stressed the importance of keeping the lines of communication open.

"I think everything went smooth," commission chair Jerry Hoagland said of the meeting. "They know a lot more about what has to be done and also there are some reports that will be available to them, and we'll try to get some that will show them what revenues are available and when they will be available to them."

Hoagland said he thought monthly financial reports for all county departments would be beneficial and help avoid fiscal binds.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn told the commissioners that there could be a shortfall of more

than \$7,200 in anticipated FY 2009 revenue for the fair board. Treasurer Brenda Richards, however, was confident that property tax receipts would meet expectations.

Sherburn also said cash-on-hand for the two budgets as of last week's meeting was about \$10,500 in the fair budget and \$27,000 in the building and grounds fund.

Rutan told the commissioners that the fair board has planned no major projects for this year and he anticipates a more conservative fiscal year.

Haun pointed out that some of the largest yearly expense comes from paying crews for overnight cleanup and setup during the August fair. She said that the expense

has been paid out of both the county fair fund and the buildings and grounds fund in recent years, something that Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery said was OK according to his interpretation of Idaho Code.

"I think we're heading in the right direction," Rutan said. "People enjoyed the fair and thought it was great. We want to keep us heading in the right direction for the kids."

District 2 Commissioner George Hyer echoed that sentiment.

"The fair and the rodeo is the highlight of my year," he said. "I do want to say you've done a wonderful job."

— JPB

USEI drops bill that would have cut county revenue

Commissioners reappoint Aman rec task force chair

On the same day that they were presented with a letter from Owyhee County elected officials opposing the move, US Ecology of Idaho officials announced they had abandoned a piece of legislation that would have siphoned money to help maintain a road in another county.

Two weeks ago, USEI attorney Roy Eiguren had addressed the commissioners about a proposed bill that would have for two years eliminated restrictions on how the county spent its share of state commercial disposal fees paid by the Grand View hazardous waste

site. During that same time span, about \$100,000 of funds now going to Owyhee County would have been channeled to maintenance of Simco Road in Elmore County.

District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund expressed concern that the revenue that the county would give up under the proposal would not return after the two years if the State of Idaho realized that Owyhee could operate without it.

Moments after Owyhee County commissioners had approved a letter opposing the hazardous waste storage company's plan to push a bill through the Idaho Legislature, American Ecology chairman and CEO Steve Romano told the board that his company had dropped the idea.

"In talking to the Legislature, we came to the same conclusion (as the

county's letter)," Romano said.

Romano stressed that Simco Road has played a crucial role in the vitality of USEI because the road serves as a link between the waste site and the company's train-to-truck transfer station. He also pointed out that traffic on the road has increased 1,400 percent since American Ecology and Simplot Co., teamed to pave it. He also said that the company had \$200,000 in unexpected expenses to maintain the road a year ago.

Romano asked the county to keep an open mind in supporting future efforts to find a solution to maintain the road.

Commissioners received an economic impact study revealing that U.S. Ecology of Idaho generated \$59 million in the economy in 2007, including nearly \$9 mil-

lion in taxes and fees. That figure is over half the amount paid in salaries and bonuses to its 81 employees.

Aman reappointed

With unfinished business on two fronts, the Board of County Commissioners last week reappointed Gary Aman as chair of the county Recreation Task Force.

Board chair Jerry Hoagland said re-forming the task force is necessary to deal with the re-writing of the ordinance governing which county roads are to be closed to ATV use, and the Bureau of Land Management's Murphy Sub-region Travel Management Plan.

Hoagland said that the chairmanship has remained vacant since Aman resigned after his tenure as sheriff ended. He was reappointed during the afternoon session of the Feb. 17 commissioners meeting.

Hoagland said the Recreation Task Force, which is made up of recreationists, environmentalists, ranchers and BLM representatives, will be tasked with making corrections to the ATV closure ordinance. Due to inaccurate legal descriptions, some roads marked for closure have remained open.

Resolutions passed

Commissioners approved three resolutions at last week's meeting, and they were scheduled to take up an ordinance to further solidify moving their weekly meetings to Tuesday this week. Resolution 09-06 will move three of the

four meetings to Tuesdays, while leaving the meeting on the second Monday of the month intact as mandated by Idaho statute.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn suggested the meetings switch occur on April 1 because there is commissioners business already scheduled in the coming weeks. An effective date for the switch was expected to be finalized this week.

Resolution 09-04 addresses the sale of county property given that the sheriff's office may seek to sell its boat when a new one, financed by a state Parks and Recreation grant, arrives. Freund said he'd like to see "two or three" appraisals of the boat before it is sold.

Resolution 09-05 establishes a confidentiality procedure for county employees and officials. By month's end, all employees will sign a confidentiality agreement to prevent the public disclosure of personal information.

Along those same lines, Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery said that information like dates of birth and Social Security numbers should be redacted from documents posted to the county Web site and released to the public to reduce the liability to the government.

"It's a particular concern, especially in this day of identity theft," Emery said, adding that a person "inclined to criminal activity" could use stolen personal information and home computer software to create bogus checks.

— JPB



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Marsing mulls solution to sewer issues

Too much irrigation water is robbing Marsing's wastewater treatment system of available capacity.

Representatives of Boise-based J-U-B Engineers told the City Council and Mayor Keith Green at a Wednesday meeting that irrigation and storm water run-off can pump as many as 100,000 gallons of excess fresh water into the sewer system each day in the summer. That number dives to 10,000 gallons per day in the winter.

But J-U-B's Brett Converse had good news — fix the aging pipes in the infrastructure, and Marsing would eliminate the influx and infiltration (I&I) problem and preserve capacity at its wastewater treatment facility on Idaho highway 78.

"If you don't fix the operational problem," Converse said, referring to the excess water, "you'll need significant expansion in the future."

With the existing system shored up, the Converse estimated that the city could keep up with the two percent growth rate antici-

pated over the next 20 years. The rate of flow in a repaired system could rise to 156,000 gallons per day in the winter and 275,000 gallons daily in the summer.

Converse pointed out that the I&I problems means the city is meeting the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) guidelines of its wastewater permit only 85 percent of the time.

"(The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and federal Environmental Protection Agency) doesn't like that 15 percent," he said.

The city sewer system violates the Total Suspended Solids (TSS) guidelines 23 percent of the time, Converse added.

But, again, Converse said tightening up the leaky system would reduce both problems.

Eliminating those problems also would end the need to expand the four-lagoon wastewater treatment plant.

"What I would like is a commitment from the city to go after the I&I and get it out," Converse said. "If you get it out, you won't need a new facility."

Dave Bauer, another J-U-B employee, said that the existing treatment plant could handle the demand of an additional 1,000 sewer users per day if the pipes were repaired.

Bauer offered four options for the city to repair the 60-year-old Transite pipelines in its sewer system:

- A small diameter effluent system through which each sewer connection on the system would have its own septic tank, allowing the city to install smaller four-inch diameter pipe instead of eight-inch transmission line.
- A septic tank effluent pumping (STEP) system in which the solids in the sewer line would be pumped from each connection out to a main.
- A low-pressure system, in which each house would have a pump to move the wastewater into the main.
- Upgrading the gravity flow system that is now in place.

Bauer said the small diameter effluent system would be the least expensive, at \$3.9 million, but that upgrading and repairing the exist-

ing gravity flow system would cost only \$300,000 more and save another \$200,000 in maintenance over the 50-year life of the system over the small diameter system.

"In the long haul, replacing the gravity system you've got is the best way to go," Bauer told the council.

Green seemed ready to get the wheels turning on a path to new pipe in the ground.

"We've got to start repairing pipe and replacing pipe so much each year," he said, "and this is a good time to start."

The council took no action after the hour-long informational meeting that preceded the regular council meeting.

Other business

The council voted to adopt Ordinance A-170, which changes many code violations from misdemeanors to infractions to eliminate the step of prosecution and avoid putting undue misdemeanors on the records of property owners who let their weeds go.

— JPB

OCSO hires new deputy, dispatcher

New personnel has joined the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office both in dispatch and on the beat.

Additionally, the Board of County Commissioners approved a bump in pay for jailer Steve Menendez.

According to minutes from the afternoon session of the commissioners' Feb. 9 meeting in Murphy, Menendez now will receive sergeant's pay of \$18.15 per hour.

New employees include dispatcher Melissa Renteria, who will start at \$13.34 per hour, and Deputy Farrel Ramsey, who will be paid \$15.56 per hour.

Also, the new federal stimulus package has revived a grant that the commissioners had abandoned after state funding dwindled. Commission chair Jerry Hoagland said the issue of dust control on county roads was revisited after that the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) asked agencies to submit a list of shovel-ready projects.

The commissioners also approved a grant application for \$650,000 to purchase a dump truck with a 3,500-gallon slide-in unit and two 18,000-gallon storage tanks for the road districts. The grant, part of the Congestion and Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, also will provide funding for 2,300 tons of magnesium chloride, which will be used to control dust emissions in the summer and fall in the road districts.

While the previous grant for dust retardant required an 11 percent match, Hoagland said he was unsure if there would be any matching fund stipulation with the new grant.

— JPB

Food assistance in high demand locally

Study lists region, county high for hunger in state

While Owyhee County fares slightly better than its Region 3 neighbors in some areas, Southwest Idaho is facing serious challenges according to statistics released in the Idaho Hunger Atlas (IHA) this month.

Region 3 — which includes Owyhee, Adams, Gem, Payette, Washington and Canyon counties — has the highest number of households receiving food stamps of any region in the state. It also has the highest percentage of low-income children at 53 percent — 66 percent in Owyhee County — a child poverty rate of 21.4 percent and the highest number of children participating in free-

lunch programs statewide.

The statistics show a need for programs addressing the issue, the IHA overview states, and while some news is grim — with poverty, unemployment, fuel and housing costs — the people involved in the Boise State University study hope the findings will encourage solutions to the growing needs of hungry and food-insecure families.

The IHA, a pilot project, described its purpose as "to help Idahoans gain a greater understanding of the extent and depth of food insecurity and hunger in the state." The Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force contracted with researchers at BSU's Public Policy Center and Social Science Research Center in the summer of 2008 to prepare the Atlas.

The stats from www.idahohunger.org, speak for themselves.

Region 3 worries:

Highest number of households receiving food stamps at 9,570.

Highest percentage (53 percent) of low-income children.

Highest child poverty rate at 21.4 percent.

Highest number of summer feeding program sites at 84.

Highest percentage (26 percent) of children participating in free lunch programs.

Highest per capita participation in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program the most WIC dollars spent.

Lowest average wage per job at \$26,819. Females receive the lowest average median earnings in Region 3 at \$19,567.

Owyhee County data:

Households receiving food stamps: 359.

Percentage of low-income chil-

dren: 66 percent.

Child poverty rate: 26.2 percent, summer feeding sites: nine.

1,739 total WIC participants, with \$261,391 spent. Average wage per job: Male median \$25,146, female \$20,718.

Statewide numbers:

Household receiving food stamps: 42,425.

Percentage of low-income children: 45 percent.

Child poverty rate: 15.9 percent, summer feeding sites: 276.

70,625 total WIC participants, with \$21,541,595 spent. Average wage per job: Male median \$32,603, female \$22,939.

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As part of community service Shelley has volunteered for Lifeline Crisis Pregnancy Center, 4-H, and Homedale Fan Club.

Shelley enjoys reading, riding horses and walking with her dogs. Shelley and her husband Jeff have two children, Tyson who works for SSI and coaches for HHS, and Jessica who attends Lewis Clark State College.

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✓ **Basque:** Live music, dance and shared culture on display March 14

Herribatza Dantzariak teacher Gloria Lejardi said Mendiola’s appearance in Homedale was more than a chance for her youngsters to learn from a master.

“For the teachers, he shows methods to teach the children,” she said.

Lejardi and Lisa Corcostegui of an Ontario group of Basque dancers jumped right in with their pupils to follow Mendiola’s non-stop instruction. Another dance teacher, Trinity Rodriguez, drove 12 hours from Buffalo, Wyo., to take part in the Homedale clinic, Lejardi said.

During his workshop in Homedale, Mendiola would count dance steps in Basque and also have Corcostegui translate other detailed instruction. He was accompanied by College of Idaho student Jake Murguitio on accordion. Murguitio also helped guide the younger dancers in their steps during the clinic.

Thursday night during a break in the frenetic action, Mendiola commented on how many in the Homedale troupe caught on to his training. But he was going to reserve judgment on the final product.

“I’ll have the answer in a year,” he said through Corcostegui when asked how he thought the dancers were doing.

“He sees some kids that are getting it very easily,” Corcostegui said. “He can tell they’ve worked at it.”

Before visiting Homedale, Mendiola conducted workshops last week in San Francisco and Boise. He finished the tour Friday with another clinic in Chino, Calif., before he and his wife, Rosa Mari, returned home to the Basque Country.

Mendiola is a former longtime

member of the dance group Argia and has visited Boise for the twice-a-decade Jaialdi festival as dance director for the group Arkaitz.

He returned to the States last week as part of an cultural exchange program funded by grants from the Basque Country.

“(The grants) send a number of teachers and musicians and cultural activities to the us in the U.S., and it’s up to the clubs’ to host them,” Lejardi said.

The eighth annual Homedale Basque Dance takes place at 6 p.m. on March 14 at Txoko

Ona, 333 S. Main St. Dancing exhibitions will be performed by Lejardi’s children’s group as well as the Oinkari Basque Dancers from Boise.

Live music will be provided by Amuma Says No, and there also will be a raffle and live and silent auctions. Food, pop, wine and beer will be available.

The all-ages event has a \$5 admission fee.

— JPB

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✓ **Wilson:** Investigation advised by municipality’s risk management agency

“The main thing out there is (people) think we’re out to get him, but the thing you have to understand is that it’s from our risk management group and mainly to cover the city and to cover the mayor,” Tines said.

Wilson declined to comment.

Linville confirmed that he

had received a “prosecutorial assistance” request last week, but declined to offer details.

“We will either conduct an investigation — or cause one to be conducted — and see if there is anything that requires prosecutorial attention,” Linville said.

Tines said the review was suggested after the city consulted ICRMP in the wake of articles appearing in The Owyhee Avalanche detailing Wilson’s use of \$280 of his expense account to buy prime rib that was prepared by his son, Scott, for a December appreciation dinner for HPD’s

personnel and families as well as the possibility that Wilson threatened to pull municipal funds out of US Bank if the corporation didn’t relinquish a 90-foot easement for a possible new library site.

Tines said he isn’t sure if Linville has begun his review,

and the Gem County prosecutor couldn’t give a specific timeline for his work.

“I expect this to take some time to figure out,” Linville said. “But we will come up with a conclusion as to whether we’re involved or not.”

— JPB

Courts roundup

Watson pleads not guilty

A trial date of May 18 has been set for a Homedale High School graduate accused of attempted kidnapping.

Danny Ray Watson Jr., 39, entered a not guilty plea to a felony charge of attempted kidnapping in the first degree during an appearance last Wednesday in an Ada County courtroom.

Meridian Police arrested Watson in early January after he allegedly tried to grab a young boy from his



Danny Watson Jr.

mother’s arms. He was also issued two citations for battery.

Jolley arraignment set

Homedale businessman Mark Jolley faces a Friday felony arraignment in Third District Court in Murphy after his preliminary hearing Monday.

Jolley will stand before Judge Thomas J. Ryan at 9 a.m. in the Owyhee County Courthouse.

The owner of Allied Signs and the Owyhee Ice Cream Co., faces two counts of aggravated assault with the use of a deadly weapon. He was arrested on Dec. 8 after allegedly putting a gun to the head of an agent who was trying to repossess a vehicle owned by Jolley’s daughter.

Power outage leaves area dark

Idaho Power customers in most of Homedale and all of Adrian were without electricity for about 2½ hours Thursday morning.

Idaho Power spokesperson Stephanie McCurdy said the outage was caused by the failure of a lightning arrester connected to power lines going into the substation located at the corner of Ustick

Road and U.S. Highway 95 in Canyon County, just over the Snake River from Homedale.

The outage affected nearly 1,500 customers in Owyhee, Malheur and Canyon counties and began at 6:26 a.m. McCurdy said power was restored by 9:02 a.m.

Part of Wilder also was left dark.

County energy task force members sought

District 2 Commissioner George Hyer is looking for individuals from the Marsing-Homedale area who are interested in serving on the Owyhee County Energy Task Force Committee. The committee is chaired by Sid Erwin and works to implement the county’s Energy Plan. For more information on the volunteer positions, call Hyer at 412-4835.

Group has bags, books for open space cleanup

A local group formed by the Idaho Wildlife Federation to combat littering in our open spaces has teamed with federal, state and county officials to continue the effort to Teach Responsibility And Save r Heritage (TRASH).

In its attempt to educate about litter and other irresponsible uses of the land, TRASH has distributed 5,000 teacher’s manuals, entitled “Teaching TRASH”, in the Idaho public schools system through Project Wild. Other books have been circulated at Idaho Hunter Education courses and to organizations such the Ore-Ida Scout Council, Silver Sage Girl Scout Council and the Grand Teton Scout Council. Other copies will be sent to charter schools

in Idaho, according to a TRASH press release.

Additionally, more than 9,000 TRASH bags are available for volunteers to pick up and use to keep the land clean. The bags can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management’s state office, the BLM Boise District Office and the BLM Owyhee Field Office in Marsing, the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional offices, Idaho Hunter Education and the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.

Beginning in April, a 30-second video will be shown, according to the press release.

For more information, call (208) 455-2550 or (208) 342-7055.

Homedale Youth Sports, Inc. would like to take this opportunity to thank all the 2008 sponsors and those that assisted us in our first annual Texas Hold’em Tournament. We appreciate all the time and money donated to the football, baseball and softball programs by the coaches, parents and community. The money raised goes to provide scholarships, new equipment and finish the playground at Sundance Park. Additionally, due to everyone’s generous support, we weren’t forced to increase the players’ registration fees like many area programs were forced to do this year. We would also like to thank the community for coming out and supporting us through our fundraisers.

- Sincerely, the Homedale Youth Sports, Inc. Board of Directors

Calendar

Today

Free HIV screenings
10 a.m. to noon, El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 345-8994

Tobacco cessation meeting
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Thursday

Women’s exercise course
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

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

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

County P&Z power line meeting
6:30 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium, 39678 State Hwy 78, Bruneau. (208) 495-2095

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

Friday

Children’s story time
10:15 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Emergency response training
10 a.m., Community Emergency Response Teams training, pre-registration required, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5630

Benefit poker tournament
6 p.m., first deal at 6:30 p.m., Homedale High School varsity softball Texas Hold ‘em Tournament fundraiser, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 919-3364

Monday

County Board of Commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Athletic association meeting
6 p.m., Homedale Trojan Athletic Association regular meeting, Homedale High School library, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Tuesday

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Every Child Ready to Read
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Children’s story time
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 W. 3rd St. S., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Senior citizens dinner
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Marsing PTA meeting
7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room,

208 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4273

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
7 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

South Board of Control board meeting
7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

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

Wednesday

TRIAD meeting
1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

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

Homedale American Legion meetings
7 p.m., American Legion and Auxiliary meetings, Homedale American Legion Post 32 Hall, 16 E. Owyhee Ave.

Thursday, March 5

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Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

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

Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. (208) 337-4575

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

Friday, March 6

Children’s story time
10 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Monday, March 9

County Board of Commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Melba school board meeting
4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
6 p.m., the Spot Pizza Parlor, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

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Bet You Didn’t Know It’s time to set record straight about clocks

When we see clocks in advertisements, the hands are generally set at 10:10 ... or 8:20 ... it was thought that this was in honor of the time that Lincoln died, but not true. Lincoln died about 7:30 the morning after he was shot. The hands are set in these positions to allow the name of the manufacturer to be seen.

Soldier’s uniforms ... if you’ll recall, from your history books or movies, those in use up until the Napoleonic wars were bright and colorful. They changed after this time period with the advent of guns and better firearms. Colors weren’t so important in the days when you were fighting very close to your enemy with a sword. At longer distances, you were easier to identify thus the coming of drab colors for the military.

Along the same line concerning fashion ... why are judge’s robes always black? Well, they weren’t until the death of Queen Mary in 1694. They were changed to black in her honor and weren’t ever

changed back to their previous colors.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reports that two out of every five women in this country dye their hair. How did they get this information? I’ve never had any woman admit this to me.

We will soon celebrate the holiday called ... Festum Stultorium. What, you’ve never heard of it? Why it’s been around since early Roman days. We know it as “April Fools Day.”

Virginia Dare ... sounds like some exotic dancer doesn’t she? Nope, she was the first American-born child of English parents in the year 1587. Happened at the Roanoke Island Colony. Nobody knows what happened to those folks. They just disappeared.

— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com*

Cowboy Up poker benefits sick baby

Homedale’s Cowboy Up Saloon will hold a benefit at 1 p.m. Saturday to help raise money for the health care costs of a Nampa infant facing crucial medical procedures.

He still faces other costly treatments for DiGeorge syndrome, which compromises the immune system.

A \$30 donation is being requested for entry into the Cowboy Up poker tournament.

Homedale Story Time has new time

The time of Story Time at the Homedale Public Library has been changed to 10:15 a.m. on Friday when the book “Adventures of Frog and Toad” will be showcased.

since. Frog and Toad’s story is one about the ups and downs of true friendship.

Author Arnold Lobel first introduced readers to Frog and Toad 25 years ago. The story about two friends has won numerous awards in the years

Along with the story there will also be singing, refreshments and a take-home craft.

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Bruneau comes alive with events



Auction sets record

Right: Auction spotter Matt Tindall laughs Saturday at the Bruneau American Legion Hall. Between 300 and 400 people showed up for the Bruneau Booster Club auction and dinner. Publicity chair Ginny Roeder said the event raised \$13,000 — \$3,000 over the previous high.

Series draws crowd

Left: Bureau of Land Management Ranger Barbara Forderhase holds “Little Hawk”, during Wednesday’s monthly Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon at the Bruneau Valley Library. Little Hawk has been raised in captivity. Forderhase also took the hawk and an owl named Merlin to Bruneau Elementary for a visit before the lunch. Submitted photos



Power shopping comes to Paul's



Big haul for lucky winner

Sugar flies as Homedale's Gloria Conner rifles through the baking supplies aisle Saturday in the first 60 seconds of her two-minute shopping spree at Paul's Market. Conner won the Founder's Day Western Family shopping spree during the Paul's 54th anniversary celebration and cashed in with three shopping carts full of groceries valued at \$284.99. "I think this will be one of the best ones ever," Paul's manager Jerry Dalton said as Conner made her way through the store.

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Lamb producers face Friday deadline in referendum

Lamb producers have until Friday to vote in a nationwide referendum on the future of the federal Lamb Promotion, Research and Information Order.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, through its Owyhee County Farm Service Agency office, said the vote is open to lamb producers, feeders and first handlers who can certify through sales receipts or remittance forms that they were engaged in the industry during the 2008 calendar year.

In order to vote, a form LS-86 must be obtained from the county FSA office in Marsing, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., or by mail, fax or online at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms>. Persons must vote in the referendum at the county FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For those persons not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land.

The promotion program is funded through an assessment of one-half cent per pound when live ovine animals are sold. First handlers, primarily packers, pay an additional 30 centers per head on ovine animals purchased for slaughter.

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Recognized in the 2009 Pathfinder Report are:

- The Colyer Cattle Co., of Bruneau, which has 15 registered Angus cows in the publication.
- Homedale's Doug and Janice Burgess with seven registered cows listed.

Fewer than seven percent of the 33,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to Bill Bowman, the association's chief operating officer and director of performance programs.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, Bowman says. Nearly 1.8 million eligible dams and more than 5.7 million weaning records were examined to determine Pathfinder status.

The 2009 Pathfinder Report lists 10,017 individual cows and 263 Pathfinder sires. It is published online at www.angus.org, and printed copies are available from the association.

Included in the association's Spring 2009 Sire Evaluation Report are:

- Homedale's Doug and Janice Burgess own one bull listed in the report.
- William L. White of Murphy has two bulls appearing in the spring report.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 5,175 sires, and is currently accessible at www.angussiresearch.com.


"This report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," Bowman said.

The semi-annual analysis for the Sire Evaluation Report contains more than 17 million measures used to generate more than 47 million EPDs for the Angus Breed.

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The Snake River Bridge at Homedale is scheduled for maintenance March 15

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OCHS quilt raffle gets going

The Owyhee County Historical Society's annual quilt raffle, a run-up to June's Outpost Days, has begun.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Murphy resident Charlene Nettleton created the king-size quilt up for grabs this year.

The quilt will be given away at the raffle drawing during the June 6-7 Outpost Days at the museum and adjoining grounds.

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HHS actors achieve stage success in adaptation



Scenes from a school play
Above left: Homedale High School Drama Club actors, from left, Tanner Lair (as Deputy Askew), Kirsi Thatcher (as Mary Alice) and Rowdy Lair (as the sheriff) perform in a scene entitled “Bringing Law and Order to the town she didn’t give two hoots about.” *Above:* Jonathan Page portrayed a Civil War veteran in the scene “A Great Depression was Hoovering over the land.” Submitted photos

HHS Drama Club’s presentation of original adaptation of “A Long Way From Chicago” plays to hundreds

The Homedale High School Drama Club recently performed an original production in front of a packed house inside the old junior high gymnasium.

The production of senior Kelsey Thatcher’s adaptation of Richard Peck’s book “A Long Way From Chicago” had show times on Feb. 9-10 and drew about 140 each night, club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said.

“We had a lot of fun,” she said.

In all, 27 current and former students were involved in the production either as actors or stage crew, including:

Kim McAbee, Shane Witt, Holly Gallagher, Jessica Parker, Phaedra Stevenson, Ashly Downum, Sam Hart and Brian Folwell.

The seniors in the Drama Club — Kelsey Thatcher, Page, Witt and Rowdy Lair — were honored after each performance.

“A great big thank you to all the community and family support,”

DeAnn Thatcher said.

She added that performing “A Long Way From Chicago” was a dream come true for her and daughter, Kelsey.

“Every time I think of the play, I smile,” Kelsey said.

DeAnn Thatcher said that a strong foundation of students will preserve the club in coming years.

“This group of kids have been awesome to work with. We have laughed at every practice. I love the bond that develops between cast members,” Thatcher said.

“I know the last thing teenagers want is another mother, but I hold a place in my heart for each one of them.”

The club has its sights set on presenting a children’s workshop on a spring Saturday, Thatcher said. The workshop will be open to kindergarteners through sixth-graders.

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On the inspiration

The play presented by the club is based on the Richard Peck book “A Long Way From Chicago”, in which a citified pair visit their grandmother and learn that there’s more to life than the windy city. To quote the Publisher’s Weekly:

Although the narrator, Joey, and his younger sister, Mary Alice, live in the Windy city during the reign of Al Capone and Bugs Moran, most of their adventures occur “a long way from Chicago,” during their annual down-state visits with Grandma Dowdel. A woman as “old as the hills,” “tough as an old boot,” and larger than life (“We could hardly see her town because of Grandma. She was so big, and the town was so small”), Grandma continually astounds her citified grandchildren by stretching the boundaries of truth. In eight hilarious episodes spanning the years 1929-1942, she plots outlandish schemes to even the score with various colorful members of her community, including a teenaged vandal, a drunken sheriff and a well-to-do banker.

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Hyer finds his (duck) calling

Through a haze of dust from several different materials, Jake Hyer has emerged from his Homedale basement as an up-and-coming custom duck call designer.

A member of a Homedale High School state championship football team and a former executive chef for the touring stars who visited the Idaho Center, the 28-year-old Hyer has found a new calling in his life.

He is the proprietor of Fowl Weather Custom Calls, a home business that grew out of his passion for waterfowl hunting and a Christmas present from Hyer's mother-in-law, Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

She bought him a Snake River Custom Call for his hunting hobby, and that blossomed into a duck and goose call collection that lines two walls of the Montana Avenue home Hyer and his wife share, Kacey, share with their three young daughters.

Before the Christmas present, Hyer used mass-produced calls bought at places like Cabela's and Sportsman's Warehouse.

"I was using big-name (calls). She bought that one for Christmas, and it just became an addiction," he said. "I started collecting and blowing at call competitions, and it just kind of exploded, I guess."

It exploded into a fast-paced learning process. Hyer has been building custom calls for only a year, but he is proficient enough to have turned out 350 duck and goose calls in his basement workshop during that time. All but 20 of them have been bought by waterfowl hunters in the U.S. and Canada.

What began as a hobby now has blossomed into the opportunity to

be a standard bearer for the custom duck-call community. While his day job is as an executive chef for Aramark in Boise, Hyer has been instrumental in starting the Banded Brothers, a small group of Idaho duck-callers who enter calling competitions and chat about duck hunting and calls on an Internet message board.

When it was discovered that Idaho didn't have a waterfowl calling state championship, Hyer also helped put together calling competition earlier this year at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Nampa. "What I wanted to do is kind of pay it back to the hunters because they didn't have a state championship," Hyer said.

There also are plans to present the Snake River Championship in June, to which he expects 50 competition callers to flock from seven different states.

The same can be said for Hyer's duck-call business. He has received tips from other custom builders during his meteoric rise to proficiency. He has duck calls built by other custom designers in shadow boxes on his walls, but Hyer also has sprinkled some of his own creations — many tinged with Boise State blue and orange — among

the others.

While he is proud to own high-end custom calls from makers such as Brian Watkins from Virginia and Snake River Custom Call designer John Stosich, Hyer has dipped into other influences to put his signature on his own brand of calls. He uses of all types of woods, Corian, acrylics and a decades-old process called Micarta by which fabric such as denim or a tie-dye T-shirt can be formed into a block of material under high pressure. The latter, he said, is used by many knife

makers to create handles, and also was a process by which airplane propellers were constructed more than 70 years ago.

He makes calls to customer's specifications, including one call for a former Air Force pilot who wanted to incorporate the brass casing of a 20mm round that he carried on his F-16 in Afghanistan.

Although Hyer never was a woodworker, he got started as a custom call maker after deciding to take his budget for collectible calls and sinking it into a lathe and other equipment necessary to hone blanks of various materials into the sleek, polished round forms of a duck call. He also has dabbled in building pens with Corian and would like to branch out into custom duck decoys at some point.

The son of District 2 Commissioner George Hyer, Jake said it takes him anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours to fashion a duck call. He turns the call on a lathe that sends particles all over the immediate vicinity; the acrylic shavings roll up on his lathe bits like Silly String. Using a tuning jig that he had custom-built, Hyer builds the tone board and tunes each call himself before shipping them off to his customers.

He perfected his tuning tech-



nique by trying out his calls in the field on hunting trips. In the field since he was 10, this is the first year that Hyer has used his own calls on his own excursions.

Although he sells his calls for anywhere from \$60 to \$150 and more, Hyer said the real satisfac-

tion comes in the fact that other hunters are using this hunter's creation to harvest birds.

"It's gratifying for myself to know that I'm building a very important tool in waterfowl hunting," Hyer said.

— JPB



Clockwise from inset: Homedale's Jake Hyer tunes the acrylic insert that he quickly built for a duck call. Hyer holds the first call he ever made as he stands next to part of his collection. Strands of acrylic peel away as Hyer lathes an insert. The job can get messy as evidenced by the saw dust that flies as Hyer finishes a barrel after placing a metal band on it.



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Big Smorgasbord art show turnout reported

New category unveiled for middle-schoolers

The Homedale International Smorgasbord's art show is living up to the main event's popularity, it would seem.

"I believe there were more entries this year, which also made for a couple of new/different categories," art show co-coordinator Shannon Johnson said. "I even had more artwork I had to leave back because I knew there wasn't enough room."

Johnson, who is an Homedale Elementary School teacher, and high school art teacher Katy Belanger, put the exhibit together, which was housed in a gallery adjacent to the dining room during the Feb. 14 "For the Love of Education" Smorgasbord at the elementary.

Johnson said one of the new categories created this year was Middle School Advanced Art. The new category emerged, she said, "because that class had completed some really different kinds of projects (self-portrait collections) that didn't seem to fit any of the other categories."

Here are the awards from this year's art show:

Elementary School Pencil and Mixed Media

Grand Champion — Bryce Ellis, "Dogs"

1st Place — Jake Deal, "Knight on a Horse"

2nd Place — Lauren Barraza, "Log Cabin"

3rd place — Sophia Nash, "The Four Sheep"

Honorable mention — Lindsey Burks, "Clown Shoes"

Elementary 3-D Art

Grand Champion — Lainey Johnson, "Painted Mask"

1st place — Drew Deal, "House"

2nd place — Julia Gomez, "Bird House"

3rd place — Emma McMichaels, "Quilt"

Honorable mention — Lainey Johnson, "Painted Mask"

Middle School Pencil Drawings

Grand Champion — Gabrielle Nash, half-face symmetry

1st place — Lizbeth Hurtado, half-face symmetry

2nd place — Brad McCain, half-face symmetry

3rd place — Elijah Gonzalez, half-face symmetry

Honorable mention — Mac-



Clockwise from above: An art lover examines half-face symmetry entries from Homedale Middle School students. Middle-schooler Edmy Vega's mosaic self-portrait was voted a grand champion entry. Stephanie Gomez's photograph "Stolen Adventures" won grand champion in high school photography.

Kenzie McMichael, "Aptemis"

Middle School Mixed Media

Grand Champion — Edmy Vega, Mosaic Self-Portrait

1st place — Iesha Garcia, Mosaic Self-Portrait

2nd place — Nadine Wright, Mosaic Self-Portrait

3rd place — Antonio Sturgeon, Mosaic Self-Portrait

Honorable mention — Stephanie Villarreal, Kaleidoscope Design

Middle School 3-D Art

Grand Champion — Katie Deal, "Ballerina" (Wire Sculpture)

1st place — Cameron Brandhagen, "Monkey on a Ripstick" (Wire Sculpture)

2nd place — Destiny Long, Painted Mask

3rd place — Nathan Leslie, "Handstand Man" (Wire Sculpture)

Honorable mention — Leslie Albor, Painted Mask

Middle School Painting

Grand Champion — Kellie Barraza, "Teacups"

Middle School Photography

Grand Champion — Maya Correa, "The Shine"

1st place — Erin Shenk, "Outdoor Idaho"

Middle School Mixed Media Advanced Art Class

Grand Champion — Shelby McRae, Self-Portrait Collection

1st place — Emilee Hann, Self-Portrait Collection

2nd place — Gabrielle Nash, Self-Portrait Collection

3rd place — Hayden Krzesnik, Self-Portrait Collection

Honorable mention — Miranda Miklancic, Self-Portrait Collection

High School Pencil Drawings

Grand Champion — Kali McRae, "Mountain"

1st place — Raven Kelly, "Angelina"

2nd place — Gil Lootens, "The Determined"

3rd place — Justine Calzavara, "Channing Tatum"

Honorable mention — Kevin Dillon, "Mother Nature's Hand"

High School 3-D Art

Grand Champion — Nestor Machuca, "Koifish"

1st place — Nickle Mainarick, "Magic Carpet"

2nd place — Jessica Craft, "Egyptian Pottery"

3rd place — Marco Gaspar, "Fish Out of Water"

Honorable mention — Blanca Villarreal, "Indescribable Waters"

High School Mixed Media

Grand Champion — Megan Barraza, "Sun-days"



1st place — Chandra Johns, "My Anti-Drug"

2nd place — Holly Gallagher, "Mixed Media"

3rd place — Jordan Meligan, "Jakie"

Honorable mention — Raven Kelly, "Abstract People"

High School Painting

Grand Champion — Kali McRae, "Horse's Face"

1st place — Jessica Westergard, "My Abstract Dad"

2nd place — Angelica Garibay, "JaRule"

3rd place — Evelyn Williams, "Moon Watcher"

Honorable mention — Kim Hancock, "Personality Colors"

High School Photography

Grand Champion — Stephanie Gomez, "Stolen Adventures"

1st place — CiJae Christensen, "Trigger's Moment"

2nd place — Stephanie Gomez, "Year Book Cover"

3rd place — Stephanie Gomez, "Cherish"

Honorable mention — CiJae Christensen, "Jump Creek Falls"

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18pk Cans 20pk Bottles
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