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Crews act fast to repair Oreana roadway

Owyhee County road maintenance worker John Tyson uses a shovel to hold up a communications line during Wednesday repair of a sinkhole on Oreana Loop Road near Picket Creek in Oreana. Heavy rains led to reports of flooding on Silver Creek and Reynolds Creek roads recently, it was revealed in the Jan. 18 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Photos by Carol Brand



Homedale trustees set levy vote

Election on two-year,
\$720K levy slated March 8

Facing uncertainty in both the stability of property values within the district and the level of support from the Idaho Legislature for Homedale students, school trustees have unanimously decided to put a supplemental levy on the March 8 ballot.

By a 5-0 count, the board agreed to ask patrons

to pass a two-year, \$720,000 supplemental levy. If passed, it would appear on tax bills this fall, after the current \$520,000 Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency Regional Technical Center levy expires.

Trustees began discussing a possible levy election in December, and set the Jan. 18 special meeting earlier this month in order to meet the Jan. 21 deadline to ask the Owyhee County Clerk's office to set the election.

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HMS engineering students heading to D.C. after win

Middle school's
third trip to
Future City
regional pays off

The third time was the charm for a group of Homedale Middle School eighth-graders, who now are preparing for a trip to the nation's capital.

Turning in a dominating performance that won several awards, students from Jennifer Martin's Science class finally reached the pinnacle Saturday at the seventh Idaho Regional National Engineers Week Future

City competition, which was held at Boise State University.

A group of 11 students worked on the essay, model, simulation and presentation surrounding their Future City, called Dynamis. Martin's students received help from volunteer mentor and Homedale resident Don Vander Boegh, who owns Vander Boegh Engineering.

"This is such an accomplishment for our FCE students and Mrs. Martin," HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said. "I am very happy for the FCE team, our school and community, a huge accomplishment."

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Council set to discuss LID in work session

Public will be allowed to sit in, but no
comment will be taken

No public comment will be taken, but the Homedale City Council will convene an open meeting Thursday to work on details of the Local Improvement District.

The work session to discuss elements of the LID, including aspects of the property assessments, will begin at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. It follows the council's regular meeting, which starts at 6 p.m.

The public may attend this meeting, but according to the agenda, no public comment will be taken. The city council, Mayor

Harold Wilson, city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney and personnel from the city's engineering firm Project Engineering Consultants Inc., are scheduled to attend. The required public hearing will be held at a later date, the agenda stated.

Bonney recently told The Owyhee Avalanche that she expects the protest hearing for LID property assessments to take place near the end of February or the beginning of March. She said that work on the draft assessment

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State championship team honored

Top left: Members of the state champion 1980 Homedale High School girls' basketball team gathered Jan. 18 when their Legends of the Game banner was hoisting into the rafters at the gymnasium. *From left:* Stacie Matlock, Diana Uranga Maxwell, Teri Metzer Uria, Suzanna Drum Brockett, Nancy Breshears Smyth, Susi Larrocea Phillips, head coach Dean Vance, Shelley Sayers Shenk, Cindy Breshears Weigel, Melissa Hughey Cornish, Julie Uranga, Bonnie Haylett Beutler and Andrea Jackson. *Above:* The banner hangs against the south wall of the gym, directly across from the team's championship banner.



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OCSO puts truck in service before purchase OK'd

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday approved the purchase of a sheriff's patrol vehicle that had been in service weeks before the money was appropriated.

The 2-1 vote came Monday, the new day for the commissioners' weekly meetings.

BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland (District 1, R-Wilson) voted against approving the \$22,500 claim because commissioners weren't aware Sheriff Daryl Crandall was shopping for new rigs.

Hoagland said commissioners approved a \$500 claim for decal work on the truck last week.

Hoagland said other claims for an LED light bar and prisoner cage will come before the board on Feb. 7.

"I'm not opposed to the purchase, but I am opposed to the way it was handled," Hoagland said.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick voted for the purchase then told Hoagland he agreed with his colleague's reasoning for casting a nay vote.

Crandall said Sgt. Slade Heeb

solicited bids from local dealerships and other outlets as far away as South Dakota before the sheriff's office settled on a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado crew cab from the Ken Garff Automotive Group in Salt Lake City.

"It was under the \$25,000 limit (required by state law to solicit bids), so we really didn't have to get bids," Crandall said.

Despite no previous action by the commissioners, the Silverado has been in service since at least the first week of January. Crandall said his office made sure the truck was insured.

"We were good to go from Day 1," Crandall said.

"It's still not paid for, Daryl," County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said before the vote. "I don't know if we're good to go."

A second Silverado could be purchased next month, although no paperwork has been submitted.

Part of the paperwork tabled by the commissioners Monday included the cost for a prisoner cage for the second truck.

— JPB



From left: Chris Romans, Billy Sevy and Kate Blackstock work on a birdhouse in the Marsing FFA building last week. The FFA students will donate three birdhouses to be auctioned off at the 50th annual Marsing Disaster Auction on Feb. 5.

Auction offers plentiful food options

Tickets still available for \$10 and \$1 raffle prizes

With the 50th Marsing Disaster Auction a little more than one week away, tickets are still available for the \$10 and \$1 raffle prizes.


Some of the items up for auction include bird houses made by Marsing High School FFA students; autographed Boise State University items by Shea McClellin; 18-inch chainsaw and backpack leaf blower from Marsing Hardware and Pump; Rossi Trifecta gun by Matteson's; Mars-

ing Fire Department crab feed tickets; Grandfather clock from Parma Furniture; one-year supply of movie rentals and popcorn from In the Grind Espresso and Video; 12-person rafting trip from Owyhee County Farm Bureau; rib-eye steak packs from Three Brothers Cattle Ranchers; 24-gun Rhino safe from White Automotive; storage shed from Russ Lindemann, Valley Construction and CKT Trucking.


Food prices have been set for the fundraiser that helps replenish funds for local disaster relief and funding for the Marsing Ambulance crew.

Hamburgers, \$2.75 (with cheese \$3), double hamburger, \$3.25 (with cheese \$3.50); nachos, \$1; tacos, two for \$3; turkey noodles, \$2; hot dogs, \$1; chorizo, \$3; soda, \$1; slice of pie, \$1.50, ala mode \$2; popcorn, 50 cents; coffee, 50 cents; doughnuts, 25 cents each or \$4 a dozen.

Face painting will also be available for 50 cents and a children's raffle for \$1.



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Latest winners honored
Halie Grant, a chair for the 2011 Homedale International Smorgasbord, presents weekly prizes to sixth-graders, from left, Angel Chavez (Pat Warren's class), Korbin Osborn (Lesa Folwell's class) and Christian Neri (David Hann's class). The presentation took place Friday morning at Homedale Middle School. The final Smorgasbord will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Homedale Elementary School.



Smorgasbord equipment on sale as final fundraiser looms

Utensils, plates, etc., available; student art show entries taken

With the final Homedale International Smorgasbord on the horizon, organizers are set to sell off the inventory of items used to prepare the meals, among other things.

Michelle Burks, last year's chair who has been helping out the 2011 chairs, Halie and Perry Grant, announced last week that when this year's event concludes after 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, that large roasting pans, drink pitchers, plates, silverware, salt and pepper shakers and cream and sugar packets will be available for purchase.

"Whatever items I don't pre-sell will probably be set up on a table later in the day, and I will try to sell these items as well," Burks said. "We will donate the leftover paper items to the three schools to be used as needed for parties and events."

Anyone interested in obtaining any of the items can call Burks at 337-4244. Burks also said that

chairmen from past Smorgasbords can pick up the posters from their years, if they would like, after the conclusion of this year's Smorgasbord.

The food booths will be donated to the Homedale Trojan Athletic Association for use with the booster club's future fundraisers.

Burks also said that leftover food such as chorizos, chicken and desserts will be sold at "cheap" prices once the Smorgasbord closes.

The Smorgasbord art show for all grades in the school district will return this year as well, with Shannon Johnson and Katy Belanger coordinating the exhibition.

Johnson's middle school art students have been working on new projects for the show, in addition to old favorites, Johnson said.

"I had students painting self-portraits using only black and white paints and mixing them to find shades of gray," Johnson

said. "In my advanced art class, students designed Styrofoam heads to represent themselves in a collage fashion, which turned out to be a big hit. They are quite bright, colorful, and interesting to say the least."

In addition to kaleidoscope designs, Johnson's students have continued the Smorgasbord show tradition of half-face symmetry drawings and painted masks.

Any student can enter the art show, Johnson said.

Categories include: Elementary School Pencil and Mixed Media; and Elementary 3-D Art;

Middle School Pencil Drawings; Middle School Mixed Media; Middle School 3-D Art; Middle School Painting; and Middle School Photography;

High School Pencil Drawings; High School 3-D Art; High School Mixed Media; High School Painting; and High School Photography.

The show will be judged by Sharon Frost, a longtime teacher, coach and mentor for the Homedale schools.

— JPB

Homedale rec sports signups planned

Baseball, softball entries taken Tuesday at elementary school

Homedale Youth Sports Inc. has begun preparations for another spring and summer of baseball and softball.

HYS officer Brad Dines said the registration fees for all age levels hasn't changed from 2010 prices.

Registration must be received by Feb 4. Afterward, there is a \$15-per-child late fee.

Parents can register their children by mail, or attend Tuesday's registration night from 6 to 8 at Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave. Registration also can be mailed to Homedale Youth Sports Inc., P.O. Box 552, Homedale, ID 83628.

Entry fees this year include:

- \$35 for coed T-ball, open to ages 5-7 (child must be 5 before June 1)
- \$45 for coach pitch for ages 7-8 (child cannot be 9 before May 1)
- \$45 for 8U girls softball (cannot be 9 before Jan. 1)
- \$75 for boys Cal Ripken

9-10 (cannot be 11 before May 1) and Cal Ripken 11-12 (cannot be 13 before May 1)

- \$75 for 10U girls (cannot be 11 before Jan. 1), 12U girls (cannot be 13 before Jan. 1), 14U girls (cannot be 15 before Jan. 1) and Babe Ruth 16 girls (cannot be 17 before Jan. 1)
- \$90 for boys prep 13 (cannot be 14 before May 1)
- \$100 for Babe Ruth ages 14-15 (cannot be 16 before May 1)

For more information on signups or possible financial arrangements, call (208) 880-4552.

Parents can get breaks on registration fees by securing sponsors for the HYS program. A child's entry fee will be waived if \$250 in sponsorships is secured, and half the fee will be waived if \$150 in sponsorships are garnered. Sponsorships are available for \$250 (gold), \$150 (silver) and \$50 (bronze). Sponsors' names will be displayed on a banner at Sundance Park.



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Homedale High in line for state academic award

Trustees extend superintendent’s contract until June 2014

The state’s accreditation committee has placed Homedale High School in rarified air this year. HHS principal Mike Williams recently announced that the school is one of two in the state selected as a finalist for the ISAC’s Exemplary Schools Award.

The award recognizes schools for work in student achievement and innovation in improving student performance. Committee members will soon make a site inspection as one of the final elements of the process before a vote in March. If HHS wins, the school will receive a plaque. Williams credited the work of the administration, faculty and staff in programs such as credit recovery and after-school tutoring. He also announced that the

school will begin an after-school credit recovery program similar to the one that is operated in the summer. The focus will be seniors who have failed a class required for graduation.

Lejardi earns monthly award

Already with a strong personal investment in the Homedale School District, Margaret Lejardi keeps a keen eye on finances at the middle school, the building’s principal said recently. Luci Asumendi-Mereness presented Lejardi during January’s regular school board meeting as trustees honored her with the monthly Award of Excellence. “Margaret is friendly, very unassuming, never complaining or tooting her own horn,” Asumen-

di-Mereness said. “She is so efficient; there isn’t a dime that isn’t accounted for. “We are fortunate to have someone whose attention to details is very precise.”

Asumendi-Mereness recounted Lejardi’s value to HMS during the Jan. 10 school board meeting. Lejardi and her husband, Steve, have three children — one at each of Homedale’s schools as Esteban attends high school, Michael middle school and John elementary. “(Sixth-grade teacher) Pat Warren writes: ‘Margaret Lejardi certainly deserves all the honor we can give her’,” Asumendi-Mereness read during the pre-



Margaret Lejardi

sentation. “ ‘In addition to her three fine sons, which testify to her parenting skills and wisdom, she is adept at managing multiple accounting tasks for our school, and she does it all with a warm smile.’ ” Asumendi-Mereness pointed out that Lejardi handles the school’s vendors as well as myriad fundraising offers shrewdly yet with grace. “I don’t know how Margaret manages all that is involved at the middle school with day-to-day finances, fundraising, athletic programs, ordering supplies and knowing the prices and names of salesmen without having to refer to notes,” Asumendi-Mereness said. “What is remarkable about this is she does it all in half a day.” Other testimonials spoke of Lejardi’s dedication and willingness to help. Lejardi also helps interpret for

the school’s Spanish-speaking parents and also finds time for involvement in the band parents group because two of her sons are musicians, Asumendi-Mereness said. “I am sure it might be hard to believe that one person could be this great,” Asumendi-Mereness told the trustees, “but let me remind you, of course she is fabulous. She’s Basque.” **Superintendent’s contract extended** Trustees extended the contract of superintendent Tim Rosandick through June 2014 during the personnel portion of their Jan. 10 meeting. The entire head-coaching roster for fall sports at the high school also was retained, including Matt Holtry in football, David Correa and Oscar Arguello in soccer and Janel VanDyke in volleyball.

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✓ HMS: Martin’s science students knock off two-time reigning champs

“These kids will remember this experience and their trip to Washington D.C., for a long time. It is very exciting.” The final competition included a presentation featuring students Katlin Carbone, Miguel Salazar, Jennifer Hernandez, Elise Shenk and Daniel Silva (who was omitted from last week’s preview of the competition that appeared in The Owyhee Avalanche). The rest of the team includes Carlie Purdom (model team), Brooke Armenta (model team),

Alec Egurrola (simulation team), Kerigan Morris (essay), Morgan Nash (essay) and Kyler Landa (simulation). Carbone and Hernandez also contributed to the essay, while Salazar and Shenk were involved with the model and Silva helped out with the computer simulation. This year’s Homedale team snaps two years of runner-up finishes by predecessors. Now they travel to Washington, D.C. for the 19th annual Future City National Finals on Feb. 18-22

at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. They’ll compete against 34 other regional championship teams for the grand prize of a trip to Space Camp in Alabama, which is provided by Bentley Systems, Inc. Second place is \$5,000 from the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the third-place team wins \$2,000 from IEEE-USA. The second- and third-place prizes go to each team’s respective school-based technology programs. “Dynamis” is a Future City

where health and happiness coincide as a Medicinal Research Station. It creates conditions for nearly all-medicinal and experimental plants used along with virtual medicine to treat patients from their own homes and provide premier care to patients worldwide. Their Future City followed the 2010-2011 Idaho Future City theme of “Providing a Reliable and Effective Health Care Product or System That Improves a Sick, Injured or Disabled Patient’s Quality of

Life and Comfort.” The Future City of Dynamis also won Special Awards for the Best Essay/Abstract, Best Model, and the People’s Choice Award. Homedale faced competition from 25 teams traveling from as far away as Blackfoot, Coeur d’Alene and Kalispell, Mont. There were 17 schools represented. Homedale finished ahead of Idaho Distance Learning Academy, the team to which HMS had finished second each of the past two years.

✓ Council: Vote on contract with prosecutor also slated

rolls by project manager Andrew Kimmel of PEC Inc. is nearing completion. Assessments will be issued after a review by the city council, she said. Prior to the work session, the council’s regular meeting will be held at 6 p.m., at which time several issues will be raised, including: • The ratification of a written contract between the city and prosecutor Russell Metcalf. Although Metcalf has been working under a verbal agreement since the middle of last month, the council never has appointed the Homedale lawyer. His appoint-

ment is scheduled for Thursday after the city finally received a written contract proposal from him late last week. • The presence of semi trucks on residential roads, which comes when the police department report kicks off the meeting • Updates on the water and sewer bonds as well as the LID and municipal airport during the public works report. • Discussing of hangar size at the airport and the consideration of an ordinance to adopt the 2009 International Building Code during the building inspector report. — JPB

✓ Levy: Passage would increase taxes on \$100K property by \$51.28 per year

A levy aimed to raise \$360,000 per year would cost a landowner with \$100,000 in taxable property value \$184.59 per year, or \$51.28 more per year than what they are paying now for the COSSA tech center levy. School officials began mulling the levy idea when faced with a possible six to seven percent reduction in financial support from the Idaho State Department of Education, depending on what type of education budget legislators hammer out during their 2011 session. Homedale schools superintendent Tim Rosandick told trustees earlier

this month that such a cut could result in a loss of about \$330,000 in revenue for the district. “We’ve suffered greatly over the past two years because of a lack of funding from the state,” Rosandick told trustees during their regular meeting on Jan. 10. A nosedive in revenue because of the double-whammy of declining property values and reduced state funding has forced Homedale to sap its cash reserve (by 42.4 percent between fiscal year 2010 and FY 2011) as well as drop salaries a net of 7.6 percent after utilizing half of the funding provided by a federal jobs bill late

last year. Under the state’s new consolidated election rules, patrons have until 5 p.m. on Feb. 11 to pre-register for the March 8 election, until 5 p.m. on March 2 to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot, and face a 5 p.m. March 4 deadline to request an in-person absentee ballot. — JPB

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Obituary

Antonio “Tony” Andres Aquiso

Antonio “Tony” Andres Aquiso, 88 of Oreana, passed away on Monday, January 17, 2011 at a Boise hospital. A Rosary was held Friday, January 21, 2011, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mtn Home and a Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Oreana and burial followed, with military honors, at the Oreana Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mtn. Home.

Tony was born on March 9, 1922, in Winnemucca, Nevada, the son of Pedro and Trinidad Aquiso. Tony lived his childhood in Denio, Nevada, and graduated from Crane Union High School in Crane, Oregon.

He served in the US Army Air Corps from 1942-1946. Then he moved to Southwestern Idaho where he met and married Mary



Jayo; together they raised three children: Jose’ Luis, John Antonio and Dolores Maria.

Tony worked hard on various ranches in Southwestern Idaho until his retirement in 1988 when he shifted to hunting, fishing, gardening and spending time with his children, grandchildren and most recently his great-grandchildren.

Tony never met a stranger and he was counted instantly as a friend by all who met him. For all of us children of the very large “Jayo family” our fondest childhood memories always include time with Uncle Tony. He will be missed.

Tony is survived by his sons John and his wife JayDene Aquiso of Bruneau, Jose’ Luis and his wife Nancy Madarieta, of Mountain Home, his son-in-law Rex Steiner, of Oreana, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary, his brother Pedro “Pete”, his sister Bessie, and his daughter Dolores.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Grand View Ambulance, C/O 573 No. Bennett Rd., Grand View, ID 83624 or the Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 453, Grand View, ID 83624.

Homedale Senior Center

presents dances next month

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center has announced its schedule for February.

The Saturday night dances will continue on Feb. 12 and Feb. 26, running from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is invited to attend and enjoy live music. Admission is \$4 and a plate of finger food.

The center will present free

blood pressure clinics at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Feb. 15.

The Feb. 15 blood pressure clinic coincides with the monthly foot examination clinic. Appointments for foot exams begin at 8 a.m., and the cost is \$10. Call the center reserve a time.

For those with a love for shopping, the center’s van will

be making a trip into town on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14. The van leaves the center at 9 a.m. Call the senior center to reserve a spot.

The board of directors holds its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

The center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., and can be reached at (208) 337-3020.

Dust Devils

4-H starts pig raffle

The Dust Devils 4-H Club has launched a pig raffle as a fundraiser.

Tickets are \$1 each and six for \$5. Tickets are available through any Dust Devils member or by calling club leader Sylvia Bahem at (208) 249-6889.

The club will sell tickets at Paul’s Market in Homedale on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Ed Leavitt donated the pig. Johnston Brothers Meat Packing of Caldwell will donate the cutting and wrapping after the Dust Devils members finish the smoking process.

Homedale seniors quilt raffle winner



Romona Andrus presents Christy DeVinaspre with the quilt the Homedale Senior Center raffled off during the holidays.

Death notice

BERNIECE CALDWELL JOHNSTON AUSTAD, 98, who attended school in Wilson and later ranched in the area with her first husband, died on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011. There were no services, and her remains will be buried next to her mother and father at Wilson Cemetery at a later date.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Jan. 26: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Jan. 27: Chili or beef bagel bites, roll, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Jan. 28: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, whole wheat sugar cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Jan. 31: Chicken tenders or country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/ gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Homedale Middle

Jan. 26: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Jan. 27: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Jan. 28: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/ gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Jan. 31: Hamburger or hot dog, potato wedges, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Homedale High

Jan. 26: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk

Jan. 27: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, sherbet cup, fruit & salad bar, milk

Jan. 28: Polish sausage or Pork BBQ or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & salad bar, milk

Jan. 31: Pizza, nachos or chef salad, fruit bar, cookie, milk

Marsing

Jan. 26: Rib-b-que or chicken sandwich, carrots, potato chips, salad bar

Jan. 27: Sloppy Joe, corn, chicken nuggets, salad bar, pudding

Jan. 28: Corndog, sharks & whales, mixed vegetable, salad bar, maple bar

Jan. 31: French dip sandwich, cole slaw, chicken nuggets, baked beans, salad bar, dessert cups

Bruneau

Jan. 26: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, peaches, milk

Jan. 27: Tacos, corn, applesauce, cinnamon roll, milk

Jan. 28: Turkey sandwich, wedges, fresh veggie & fruit, oatmeal cookie, milk

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Jan. 26: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll

Jan. 27: Chicken cacciatore w/spaghetti, salad, roll

Marsing Senior Center

Jan. 26: Spaghetti, Brussels sprouts, tossed salad, cobbler, French bread, milk

Jan. 27: Pork chops, Spanish rice, apple salad, roll, green beans, cookie, milk

Jan. 31: Breakfast buffet: French toast

Rimrock Senior Center

Jan. 25: Baked potatoes bar w/soup, chili, cheese, broccoli, bran muffin, fruit

Jan. 27: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, tossed salad, California mixed vegetables, roll, cherry crisp

Birthday

Friends invited to celebrate Mrak’s 100th in Caldwell

The family of Frances Mrak invites all friends to an open house to celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011. The open house hosted by her family takes place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Autumn Wind Assisted Living, 200 W Beach Street in Caldwell. For more information, call Frances Meyers at 899-5607.

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Calendar

Today

Preschool story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

Thursday

Senior center lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Soup and prayer day
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., freewill offering accepted, Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 965-1650

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

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

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

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Friday

Story time at library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Monday, Jan. 31

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale. (208) 442-2220

Tuesday, Feb. 1

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

Grand View Irrigation board meeting
11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

Afterschool story time
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. Kindergarten through third grade welcome. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons for more information.

HYS baseball and softball signups
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 880-4552

Grand View PTA meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St., Grand View

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Preschool story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

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

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Snake River Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Thursday, Feb. 3

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

Winter weed seminar
10 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Den, Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000

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Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 337-3888

Bruneau Booster auction planning meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2842 or (208) 845-2282

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Friday, Feb. 4

Story time at library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Saturday, Feb. 5

OCA winter beef school
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Marsing Disaster Auction
10:13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W 2nd St. N., Marsing

OCA winter meeting
12:30 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Monday, Feb. 7

Homedale library board meeting
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale. (208) 442-2220

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Rimrock quilting group
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2665

El-Ada commodity distribution
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Owyhee County El-Ada office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

Afterschool story time
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. Kindergarten through third grade welcome. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons for more information.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.



Bet You Didn’t Know

Postage put a stamp on Panama Canal’s locale

It’s interesting to note that Panama was selected to be the site of the canal rather than Nicaragua because of the fact that a letter was written to members of Congress using a stamp showing a belching volcano erupting in Nicaragua. Congress was afraid the volcano would destroy the canal.

abdicated to marry Mrs. Simpson. You knew that.

So, if you get a card from a friend in Japan and it has a lot of dragonflies on it ... what does that mean? It would indicate that someone is wishing you good luck.

King Louis XII ordered all of the trash removed from outside of the walls of Paris in 1512. Was he concerned for the health of the citizens? Nope, he was afraid invaders would be able to climb the garbage and gain entrance to the city.

Fellow by the name of James Hetherington of England got himself arrested in 1797 for wearing what? A top hat ... seems the powers-that-be decided that it was unsightly and calculated to disturb timid people. Times have changed, haven’t they?

Speaking of Kings ... King Edward VIII of England was the king for 11 months (January to December 1936) before he

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Lizard Butte Library participating in Big Read Boise and Beyond

“The Call of the Wild” is the featured book for newly forming club

The Lizard Butte Library is looking for anyone interested in joining a book club in conjunction with the 2011 Big Read Boise and Beyond that began at the start of the year.

Librarian Janna Streibel said Lizard Butte has partnered with the project in hopes of starting a book club at the library. She said the classic adventure book “The Call of the Wild” by Jack London will be first on the slate for discussion.

“This really is a way for us to start a book club,” Streibel said. “The Big Read is a project that the Boise and Ada County areas promote, and we wanted to join with them. We are really

wanting anyone who is interested in starting a book club.”

Streibel said those wishing to participate in the Big Read need to contact the library before Feb. 2. There is no cost to participate. She said everyone is welcome and participation isn’t limited to Marsing residents.

To register, contact the library at (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons or e-mail lizardbuttlibrary@yahoo.com.

Individuals who have their own copy of “The call of the Wild” don’t need to register. The kick-off meeting for the Big Read will be held Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. The library is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W. in Marsing.

“The Snowman” comes to Story Time in Homedale

Preschoolers will hear about a boy who builds a snowman that start moving when “The Snowman” by Raymond Briggs is read for Story Time at the Homedale Public Library.

The event begins at 10:15 a.m.

at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Along with the story, there will be songs, refreshments and crafts.

For more information, call (208) 337-4228 afternoons between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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Back row from left: Gary Boeger, Jim Markham and Frank Millet. Front row from left: Vera Lea Jayo, Willie Roby, Jackie Lucas, Laura Fredrickson. Submitted photo

New leadership convenes for Rimrock Senior Center

The Rimrock Senior Center recently held elections for officers and board members. Jim Markham was elected as president, Laura Fredrickson will serve as vice-president. Vera Lea Jayo was elected to secretary and Jackie Lucas as treasurer. Board members include Frank Millet, Gary Boeger and Willie Roby. The center offers nutritious meals every Tuesday and Thursday at noon. The Tuesdays Quilters meet

Tuesday afternoons. The quilters will raffle a handkerchief designed quilt during the Valentines Dinner on Feb. 12. Tickets for the Valentine’s Dinner cost \$7 for seniors, \$8 for adults, \$15 for couples and \$4 for children 12 and younger. To purchase tickets, contact Carolyn Larson (208) 834-2808. Tickets can also be purchased from any of the board members or at the senior center, which is located at 525 Main St. in Grand View.

Public invited to Bruneau Boosters auction planning

Further planning for the Bruneau Booster Club’s annual fundraising auction will take place during a Thursday, Feb. 3 organizational meeting. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St. Anyone who wants to help out with the event is welcome to attend the meeting. The auction, which generates money for the boosters’ various community projects, will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, at the American Legion Post 83 hall on Belle Avenue in Bruneau. The annual event features a free meal followed by live and silent auctions. Kyle Colyer and Dick Strickland will be commanding the microphone for the live auction as they have in the past. The auction draws a wide variety of goods and services donated by local businessmen and a significant number of handmade items made by craftsmen in the area. The Boosters use the proceeds to pay the city of Bruneau’s streetlights and provide a scholarship to a graduating high school senior every year. They also fund improvements to the city park and provide financial assistance to community members for a variety of reasons. This year, in addition to these

community contributions, the Boosters will target funds for the design and construction of a walking path at Bruneau Elementary School. For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Judy McBride at (208) 845-2842 or Ginny Roeder at (208) 845-2282.

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Report shows water supply on track for 2011

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is reporting that snowpack in the Snake River basin is ranging from 129 to 155 percent and predicts an adequate water supply this year. In a press release the NRCS cited the above-normal fall moisture and the snowfall in December as a promising forecast for the water supply in the state. In the press release, NRCS water supply specialist Ron Abramovich said, “Southern Idaho is on the northern edge of the storm track, so basins south of the Snake River are faring very well with snowpacks ranging from 129 to 155 percent of average.” The NRCS conducts snow surveys at the end of each month December through May. For more information about snowpack, precipitation, runoff and water supplies for specific basins, view the complete January 2011 Water Supply Outlook Report online at www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow and click on the ‘Water Supply’ link.

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Honor roll

Homedale High School

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3.99 to 3.5 – Elsberry, Levi R., 3.86; Albor, Elizabeth, Brinkerhoff, Amber L., Graves, Kaitlyn M., Lauson, Stephen J., Mainarick, Nickele Jr., and Ortiz, Lucia T., 3.83; Caledron, Llesenia M., Cornwall, Sydney R., Davis, Shawnee M., Martinez, Jade K., McRae, Alexandra, Padilla, Angie, and Tijerina, Mariah C., 3.67; Ensley, Marissa A., Escutia, Maria H., and Watkins, Taylor J., 3.6; and Perry, Nathan L., 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 – Demshar, Ada M., 3.43; Bautista, Norma S., Gonzalez, Jonathan, Gonzalez, Mario, Henry, Jessica Ann L., and Vega, Lucia, 3.33; Fry, Brook A., and Lomeli, Luis D.,

3.29; Cardenas, Humberto J., Lair, Tanner W., and Villarreal, Blanca A., 3.17; Bahem, Todd A., Lootens, Colin J., Lootens, Trevor J., Perkins, Theron J., Raita, Merita V., and Whitworth, Justin M., 3.0
Juniors
4.0 grade-point average – Eaton, Katie L., Emry, Deena A., Farwell, Kyline N., Hetrick, Nichole M., Kelly, Raven D., Lynde, Cody M., Matteson, Lane M., Mavey, Laurien D., and Nash, Aubrey L.
3.99 to 3.5 – Adams, Anthony J., Amezquita, Adrian, Calzacorta, Justine R., Gardner, Carissa D., and Gonzalez, Rachel M., 3.86; Christoffersen, Casey G., Johnson, Clay M., and Vega, Brenda, 3.83; Lowder, Zachary T., Purdom, Kyle S., and Salazar, Angel, 3.71; Gallagher, Holly N., and Leslie, Ashley M., 3.67; Dillon, Adrienne N., Hyer, Bodie L., Kushlan, Kylie S., and Ryska, Brett M., 3.57

3.49 to 3.0 – Corta, Trey B., 3.43; Prado Martinez, Wendy, 3.33; Christiansen, Dominic M., Mello, Kayla A., and Prado Martinez, Jenny, 3.29; Cook, Amanda M., Hurtado, Maria L., and Lopez, Jazmin R., 3.17; Coombs, Lyndee A., D’Alessio, Veronica A., and Harris, Nateasha R., 3.14; Chase, Austin L., Ramirez, Steven A., Scott, Tyler D., and Walden, Shyanne L., 3.0
Sophomores
4.0 grade-point average – Albor, Elizabeth, Borja, Melissa C., Eiguren, Kade J., Hann, Emilee B., Hellman, Derek F., Keller, Nicole M., Maggard, Steven R., Murray, Jacob O., Nash, Gabrielle N.; Sanchez, Veronica I., Schamber, Corbin J., and Uriarte, Brenda
3.99 to 3.5 – Mavey, Mikel D., 3.86; Brady, Jordan L., Twedt, Cole R., and Vance, Randol A., 3.71; Abbott, Alexandra A., Romriell, Heather, Shenk, Erin M., Uria, Whitney A., Villarreal,

Stephanie, and Wright, Nadine O., 3.57
3.49 to 3.0 – McMichael, Mackenzie M., McRae, Shelby, and Montes, Cayetano, 3.43; Culver, Mikal S., and Dillon, Jeremy O., 3.39; Beckman, Andrew M., Coffman, Rebecca M., Evans, Robert S., Farnetti, Carli M., Fernandez, Mariza, Mackie, Mariah K., and Pollard, Jaden L., 3.29; Peterson, Shane R., 3.17; Esparza, Debra A., Jeppe, Cole R., Lomeli, Ruben, Martinez, Jacqueline A., Rice, Ariana E., and Vasquez Ana S., 3.143; Barbosa, Alfonso A., Brand, Ethan J., Harper, Kenneth B., Krzesnik, Hayden S., and VanWassenhove-Criffield, Shelby, 3.0
Freshmen
4.0 grade-point average – Aman, Lydia M., Hyer, Tell R., Lee, Shelby A., Lejardi, Esteban J., Sanchez, Eric C., Thatcher, Kathryn C., and Vega, Edmy
3.99 to 3.5 – Garcia, Alisandro

I., Jones, Jedidiah, Lane, Trey B., Long, Destiny N., Maxwell, Madelon R., and Muller, Noelle A., 3.86; Albor, Leslie, Cardenas, Benjamin J., Chavez, Lizett, and Rupp, Kaylee N., 3.71; Deal, Katie A., Hall, Quincy D., Hill, Mykal V., Kilby, Brenlyn E., Rice, Abigail M., and Vega, Brenda V., 3.57
3.49 to 3.0 – Brandhagen, Cameron D., Cardenas, Angel E., Craft, Lauren C., Eubanks, Britt A., Hurtado, Jakelin, Hurtado, Stephanie, Martin, Alissa D., and Steinmetz, Cheyenne N., 3.43; Aguilera, Stephanie, Castro, Maria D., Dycus, Kody A., Forsythe, Shelbi N., Martinez, Erik, Padilla, Jesse, and Stansell, Curtis L., 3.29; Burns, Lillie N., Hart, Juliana L., Henry, Karl L., Leslie, Nathan H., Maggard-Qualls, Riley Z., Ramirez, Ricardo G., and Vega, Christian, 3.14; Cardenas, Eduardo, Kushlan, Haley E., Luisjuan, Jeovany C., Moore, Logan T., and Vega, Larry C., 3.0

Homedale graduate is the accidental actor

Favor for a friend turns into craft

He stumbled into acting by accident, but in hindsight, Lee Vander Boegh figures it was a calling.
A friend, who was in the acting company at the old CAN-ACT Theater in Nampa, prodded him.
“She tried to get me to come out a couple times because I’m kind of loud and annoying, which is everything that an actor is supposed to be ... and fearless,” the 1996 Homedale High School

graduate said.
Vander Boegh always put it off, but finally gave in when the odds against him getting a part disappeared.
“She called me up one time and said they have a play going on and they need dudes,” he said. “I thought it was rocket science, and I didn’t stand a chance.
“(But) I thought if I had a 100 percent chance of making it, I’d give it a shot.”
The shot turned out to be a pretty meaty part in “The Philadelphia Story” — the lead role of Mike Conner, which Jimmy Stew-

art handled in the 1940 film adaptation.
“The first time I opened up the script and saw those lines, I thought I was going to die,” Vander Boegh said.
The musician-journalist-blogger-actor didn’t bomb in that 2007 role. In fact, he has outlasted the Nampa-Caldwell community theater where he got his start.



Lee Vander Boegh

The latest role for the 32-year-old son of Homedale residents Don and Barbie Vander Boegh is Schmee in a production of “Pita Pun!” at the Prairie Dog Playhouse in Boise.
“Pita Pun!” kicks off an eight-week run with a Friday premiere at the Prairie Dog Playhouse, 3820 Cassia St., in Boise. There will be shows on Fridays and Saturdays and three Sunday matinees through March 20.
Call (208) 336-7383 or e-mail iveseenelvis@yahoo.com to request tickets. Tickets also are available on TicketWeb.com and \$13 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors 65 and older and \$8 for children 12 and younger. Tickets also are available at the Prairie Dog Playhouse box office, but they only accept cash or checks.
The irreverent “Pita Pun!” is the second Prairie Dog production for Vander Boegh. Earlier in the season, he was Hairagone in “Lord of the Ring Dance”.
The Best Actor award-winner for the 2009 season at Can-Act, Vander Boegh also has hit the stage at the Boise Little Theater, Daisy’s Madhouse and Stage Coach Theater in Boise and Bogus Creek Ranch outside of Meridian, which presents original Western action-themed plays each summer.
He also uses his craft for good, playing something called a “scenario actor” (he has called the role a crook in the past) at the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training academy in Meridian.
Vander Boegh worked as a journalist after earning a Bachelor’s degree in Mass Communication and Journalism and a Master’s in

Public Administration, both from Boise State University. He also has numerous blogs, including a satirical site chock full of “fake news stories” called Vander Bites at www.vanderbites.com.
He was a finalist in last year’s XRock Casting Couch contest in which he tried to become an on-air personality for a radio station.
And he still finds time for the occasional drumming gig around the valley.
But one glance at his resume proves that he has taken to this acting thing.
While live acting continues to be his bread-and-butter, Vander Boegh branched out into local feature-length films in 2009. He made his film debut as Junior Tucker in director Andres Ellis’ “The Highly Contested Election for Payette County Sheriff”, which was entered in the Idaho Film Festival. He appeared as Oogy in 2010’s Cannibals, under the guidance of well-known local director Larry Dennis, with whom he has worked in several stage productions. The 6-foot, blond-haired, blue-eyed Vander Boegh has been cast as Dell in the feature-length Possession of Ocean View Manor, which currently is in production.
His filmography also includes shorts and 2008’s “Why Choose?”, a commercial for the Market Limone Restaurant in Nampa.
“Looking at all the shows I’ve done, I can only come to one true realization: I must not have a life ...,” he wrote in an e-mail. “It’s weird to think all of that happened as a result of being coerced to a ‘guaranteed’ audition.”
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Homedale’s Reel Time Video settles into new location

Co-owner Jessica Morford stands under the new release board in the new location of Reel Time Video of Homedale. Morford said they are looking to expand the business by offering video arcade machines and a craft room.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Reel Time Video moved into its new location at 102 W. Idaho Ave. and reopened the doors the beginning of December. The new location boasts more space for the nearly 3,000-title video collection.

Reel Time Video is open seven days a week, Sunday noon to 8 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 9 p.m.

For more information, call (208) 337-6199.

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 46 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,804 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 28 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 327,491 acre-feet of water, on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site at 11 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
01/18	7.4	24.0	11.6	46.6	29.3	39.0
01/19	7.5	-99.9	11.8	39.9	21.0	31.8
01/20	7.3	27.0	11.8	34.2	7.3	25.0
01/21	7.6	26.0	11.9	33.3	6.6	21.4
01/22	7.7	25.0	11.9	41.7	21.6	33.1
01/23	7.6	26.0	11.8	39.0	13.5	30.6
01/24	7.6	25.0	11.9	36.5	13.6	24.4
Reynolds Creek						
01/18	1.3	1.0	12.1	45.0	33.3	39.2
01/19	1.6	4.0	12.5	39.4	27.7	33.4
01/20	1.5	4.0	12.6	27.7	18.1	22.8
01/21	1.7	3.0	12.5	34.5	20.5	28.9
01/22	1.6	2.0	12.8	40.3	33.3	36.5
01/23	1.4	2.0	12.8	34.7	26.4	31.6
01/24	1.4	2.0	12.9	41.2	29.8	35.2
South Mountain						
01/18	11.4	32.0	21.0	42.3	29.8	37.0
01/19	11.9	-99.9	21.5	40.1	27.9	33.6
01/20	11.8	-99.9	21.5	30.0	16.5	23.2
01/21	12.0	35.0	21.7	37.2	19.6	29.5
01/22	12.1	-99.9	21.8	42.8	33.1	36.3
01/23	11.9	34.0	21.7	36.7	23.9	30.6
01/24	12.1	34.0	21.7	44.6	28.4	34.0

*-99.9 indicates invalid data received from sensor

Weather

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Jan. 18	57	29	.00
Jan. 19	45	31	.06
Jan. 20	40	23	.00
Jan. 21	39	22	.00
Jan. 22	36	26	.00
Jan. 23	46	25	.00
Jan. 24	36	24	.00

Weed seminar planned in JV

Experts will give updates in the fight against noxious weeds during the free Winter Weed Seminar on Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Jordan Valley Lions Den.

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area will host the event beginning at 10 a.m. at the Jordan Valley Lions Den.

The seminar’s agenda says pesticide users recertification will be available at the meeting for sprayers in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada.

Bureau of Land Management law enforcement personnel and noxious weed specialists from the state departments of Agriculture in Idaho and Oregon will talk about the use of noxious weed-free hay on Bureau of Land Management ground.

Dr. Patricia Talcott from the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine will educate seminar attendees on the poisonous plants that should be avoided by their cattle and horses.

Laura Gordon of the Oregon Department of Agriculture will give an update from that agency.

Rasmussen and ODA colleague Dan Sharratt will talk about weeds of interest.

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HHS football loses two pivotal coaches

Rimrock boys roll to eighth win

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Lady Huskies roll to easy win, improving to 16-2 on the season

Marsing recognizes four pivotal seniors prior to Thursday’s game

The Marsing High School girls’ basketball team made all 12 of its free throws and coasted in an easy 2A Western Idaho Conference win over visiting North Star Charter, 53-17, on Thursday.

Ashley Hull led the Lady Huskies, going 6-for-6 from the line to finish with 14 points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Shelbi Ferdinand made all four of her free throws and scored 10 points. Ferdinand finished with two rebounds, two assists and one steal. Rebecca Cossel knocked down 2-of-2 from the line to score eight points for Marsing (16-2 overall, 9-1 2A WIC).

“This was probably her best game between varsity and junior varsity for Shelbi,” Marsing coach Tim Little said. “When she hit that first shot, it got her confidence rolling. It was good for her. She has been working hard all year. All the girls are motivated. If things go their way from the get-go, they stay rolling.”

Andrea Rodriguez went 3-for-3 from the floor for six points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Candy Leon and Deidrie Briggs each picked up four points. Leon had three assists, two steals and one rebound. Briggs pulled in six rebounds and one steal. Kat Welch had three points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Andi Merritt and Lacey Usabel each scored two points. Merritt had two rebounds and two steals.

Usabel finished with one rebound, one assist and one steal.

“This was a good week to have this game. We were able to work on the little things and fine-tune our game without having to prep too hard for an upcoming game,” Little said. “These types of games are always tough to coach in. You still need to have respect and not run up the score. It allows all the players to get some varsity time, which really helps out.”

Marsing now prepares for its final regular-season home game on Thursday night against Cole Valley Christian. Earlier in the month, the Lady Huskies traveled to Meridian to take on the Chargers (7-3 2A WIC) and rolled to a dominating 52-38 win.

“We spent a lot of time going into the game against Cole Valley last time. We will do the same thing for Thursday’s game. We want to prepare like we have all year,” Little said.

Prior to the start of Thursday’s game Kate Blackstock, Cossel, Leon and Merritt will be recognized during Senior Night.

Blackstock has scored 16 points, grabbed 19 rebounds, seven assists and four steals for the Lady Huskies coming off the bench.

“Kate has filled a real significant role for us this year. Throughout the year, we have

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Homedale’s Kenny Esparza gets an extra boost from Marsing’s Miguel Leon during Thursday’s matchup. The Trojans routed the visiting Huskies, 60-39, in a non-conference clash. Esparza and Jonny Stacey led Homedale with 11 points each.



Marsing’s Kate Blackstock, left and Shelbi Ferdinand, fight for a loose ball against North Star’s Abby Schwartz during Thursday’s game. The Lady Huskies improved to 16-2 overall and 9-1 in league.

HHS boys end skid vs. Marsing

Mario Gonzalez hit a pair of three-point goals and scored all 16 of his game-high points from the field in Homedale High School’s easy non-conference boys’ basketball victory over Marsing.

The host Trojans put the hammer down through the first three quarters to prevail 60-39 over their Owyhee County rivals.

Homedale snapped a four-game losing streak with the victory, while the setback is part of a six-game losing streak for the Huskies.

Agustin Paramo led the Huskies with 12 points, four rebounds, three steals and one assist. MacKay Hall scored 10 points and picked up two rebounds. Dakota Hill had nine points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Jason Galligan pulled in nine rebounds and scored six points, one assist and one steal. Michael Collett went 2-for-2 from the line to finish with two points, six rebounds and two assists.

Homedale started the game on a 15-6 tear and widened its lead to 20 points, 48-28, at the end of three quarters.

Seniors Jonny Stacey and Kenny Esparza scored 11 points each for the Trojans, while teammate Zac Lowder added 10.

The two teams meet against in Marsing on Friday, Feb. 4.

Sports

Lady Trojans have clear district mission: finish strong

Homedale must sweep final SRV week, hope for help

Homedale High School rode a clutch shot to a crucial 3A Snake River Valley victory, but the Trojans need a ton of good fortune this week to get the third seed in the girls' basketball district tournament.

Junior forward Deena Emry's game-tying shot was the catalyst for a third-quarter run and a 48-42 victory over Payette on Jan. 18 that momentarily created a virtual tie for third place in the standings. The Pirates surged ahead by a game with a blowout victory over Parma on Friday night.

"The shot was probably the biggest of the evening," HHS coach Jeremy Chamberlain said.

Emry's shot snapped a 28-28 deadlock in front of a home crowd that included the entire 1980 state championship girls' basketball team, which was honored with its Legends of the Game banner placed in the gymnasium rafters.

Coupled with Fruitland's loss to unbeaten conference leader Weiser on Friday, the win preserves the Trojans' outside shot at the No. 2 seed in the 3A District III Tournament, which begins next week in Ontario, Ore.

Homedale (3-15 overall, 2-4 3A SRV after Thursday's 47-33 non-conference loss to Melba) seized complete control in the

fourth quarter for its second win in three games.

The beginnings of the game weren't as rosy for either team, though.

Neither team scored until Pirates senior Erin Blackwell hit the second of her free throws after being fouled by Raven Kelly midway through the first quarter. Sydney Cornwall tied the game, 1-1, with a foul shot of her own 21 seconds later.

Another Payette senior, Brandy Blackburn, made the game's first field goal with a short jump shot at the 3:14 mark. It marked the 6-foot-2 senior's only points of the night. Cornwall drained the Trojans' first basket for a 3-3 tie with 1:56 remaining.

"Early on, both teams were trying to gain the upper hand, and the game was rough and sloppy," Chamberlain said.

"We settled down a bit in the second quarter and ran some offense and go some quality possessions."

Homedale led throughout the second quarter, but could never get ahead further than four points because of clutch — and deep — three-point shooting by Payette's Hailey Gross, another senior.

"About the time I thought we would pull away a bit, Payette (10-8, 3-3 after a 56-30 Friday victory over Parma) would hit a big three-point shot and be right

back in it," Chamberlain said.

The outside shot was the only thing that Payette could see, though, with the likes of Sydney Cornwall and Raven Kelly clogging the middle. Justine Calzacorta anchored Homedale's perimeter defense.

"We just made it hard for them to get anything going on the inside," Chamberlain said. "They had to do everything from the outside, and we contested their shots pretty well."

While Homedale shut down Blackburn, the Trojans' taller players — especially Cornwall, a 5-11 senior, and 5-9 freshman Kaylee Rupp—made a difference. Cornwall scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while Rupp led the team with 12 points and collected six boards.

"Our big girls also played well," Chamberlain said. "Kaylee Rupp was very consistent, and Sydney Cornwall had her best game since early in the season."

Kyle Farwell scored 11 points to cap Homedale's players reaching double digits.

"We saw the floor better tonight and made some real good passes," Chamberlain said. "Kyle Farwell had a huge game. Not only did she score, but she handled the ball very well."

The Trojans enter the final week of the conference season needing to win both of its games and hope the Pirates stumble after Payette got the upper hand for the third seed in district with its 56-30 blowout of Parma on Friday night. The 3A District



Aubrey Nash drives around Payette defender Erin Blackwell during the Lady Trojans 48-42 win over the visitin Pirates.

III Tournament starts Feb. 3 at Treasure Valley Community College. The Pirates beat visiting Homedale, 48-41, on Dec. 16.

Homedale plays a 7:30 p.m. Senior Night tilt against SRV second-place Fruitland on Thursday and a road finale Saturday against a Parma squad

that the Trojans beat, 44-40, on Jan. 13. The Trojans must win both games and see Payette lose in order to have a shot at the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye.

Payette wraps up the regular season on the road in Weiser on Thursday and in Fruitland on Saturday.

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Kylie Farwell Jr. Guard

Stats: Averaged 10 ppg this week and had 5 assists

Coach's comment: "Kylie has been playing very good ball as of late. She helped us go 1-1 this week. Kylie is also doing a great job handling the ball right now. She is seeing the floor well and setting other players up to score."

— Jeremy Chamberlain

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Girls' basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 31 at 3A Snake River Valley conference Tournament, Fruitland, TBA
Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 3A Snake River Valley conference Tournament, Fruitland, TBA
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 27, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 31 at 3A Snake River Valley conference Tournament, Weiser, TBA
Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 3A Snake River Valley conference Tournament, Weiser, TBA

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 28 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 28 at Weiser, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 28 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 28, home vs. Weiser, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29, home for Homedale Team Dual Tournament, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 1 at tri-meet vs. Vale, Ore., and Burns, Ore., Vale H.S., 6:30 p.m.

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Sports



Bernardo Galvez gets a shot blocked by Cole Valley defender Avery Westendorf during the Huskies' loss to the Chargers, 49-38.

Marsing shellacked by Melba, team drops sixth straight game

Huskies take on New Plymouth at home Friday night

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team is riding a rollercoaster that has taken them from a 6-1 record before Christmas to a six-game skid following the holiday.

The Huskies are now 1-6 in the 2A Western Idaho Conference and hit the heart of league play starting Thursday night with a road game against McCall-Donnelly, the only conference foe they've beaten. The Huskies beat the Vandals at home on Dec. 18, 57-52.

"The bottom line is somehow we have to get over being concerned about ourselves," Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "Some of the guys hang their heads when they are down and aren't cheering on the other guys. When we were winning, everything was easier to handle. As soon as they started losing, they let down and lost some of the energy."

Melba's Joey Nebeker posted 26 points as the Mustangs trounced the Huskies on Friday, 67-29.

Agustin Paramo led Marsing with 12 points and two rebounds. Dakota Hill finished with seven points, two rebounds, two steals and one assist. Jason Galligan pulled in nine rebounds and scored five points. Miguel Leon

went 3-for-3 from the line for three points, four rebounds and one assist.

"Winning is fun and everyone wants to be a part of it but, when the going gets tough and you lose nobody wants that. They want to feel bad for themselves," Chadez said. "The bad thing is when we go and play we aren't quite to the level yet of Cole Valley, Melba and New Plymouth. They are a notch above everyone in the league. Bottom line, talent-for-talent those three teams have more talent, but we can still beat them. We just have to work hard."

Dec. 18: Cole Valley Christian 49, Marsing 38 — In the closest game of the week, Marsing was shut down by the Chargers as they overpowered the struggling Huskies 14-4 in the fourth quarter.

Paramo went 4-for-4 from the line to lead with 13 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals. Leon finished with seven points, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Michael Collett picked up seven rebounds, five points, one assist and one steal. Hill and Galligan each scored four points. Galligan picked up 12 rebounds, two steals and one assist. Hall went 3-for-4

from the line to finish with three points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal. David Loeffler scored two points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

"I think what we have to do is get these guys to realize what is at stake. We can still get fourth or fifth in the league and, compared to the last three or four seasons, that is great," Chadez said. "There is no magical pill or miracle that can take you to district champs or state champs. It is the small things, and we need to get back to everyone caring about the team."

— JLZ

✓ Marsing: No. 1 seed for districts

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seen the most improvement from her," Little said. "She has worked real hard and made some huge strides."

Cossel has had a dominant senior season, leading the team in rebounds with 163. She has scored 171 points, putting her second on the team behind Hull with 213. She has picked up 24 steals, 21 assists and 10 blocks going into senior night.

"Rebecca is one of our captains. She was a first-team all-league player last year. Her work ethic and willingness to improve are all special qualities she has," Little said. "She is the first one to tell you when she had a bad game and what she needs to work on."

Leon has paved the way for the Lady Huskies scoring offense, leading the team with 76 assists and 40 steals. She has posted 46 points, 37 rebounds, 10 charges and one block.

"Candy she is another captain for us. She doesn't score a lot of points but leads us in assists and is one of our best perimeter defenders," Little said. "She is one of the key leaders on the team. She is the girl that will take a charge or knock someone down and then help them up and apologize."

Merritt comes in third for Marsing on points with 103. She has picked up 92 rebounds, 15 steals, six assists and one block.

"Andi is a four-year letterman for us," Little said. "Last year, she was held back with a knee injury. This year, she has gone above and beyond. She finishes real well and is a strong force inside. She is real physical and comes up with big plays."

— JLZ

MARSING HUSKIES

Student Athlete Spotlight



Shelbi Ferdinand Jr. Wing/Post

Stats: 10 points, 2 rebounds vs. North Star Charter

Coach's comment: "This was probably her best game between varsity and junior varsity for Shelbi. When she hit that first shot it got her confidence rolling. It was good for her. She has been working hard all year."

— Tim Little

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Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 27 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 27 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2A Western Idaho Conference Tournament, TBA
Monday, Jan. 31 at 2A Western Idaho Conference Tournament, TBA

Wrestling

Thursday, Jan. 27 at tri-meet vs. New Plymouth and Melba, New Plymouth H.S., TBA
Saturday, Jan. 29 at New Plymouth Invitational, TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Melba, 2 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 28 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2 at North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday, Jan. 28 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29, home vs. New Plymouth, 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2 at North Star Charter, 6:15 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Jan. 28 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2 at North Star Charter, 4:45 p.m.

Sports

Trojans lose football coaches

Johnson to run 5A team’s offense;
Nakis to lead Melba

Opportunity has altered the Homedale High School football coaching staff.

Head coach Matt Holtry confirmed last week that offensive coordinator Erik Johnson and special teams-linebackers-running backs coach Ken Nakis both have accepted jobs elsewhere in the Treasure Valley.

Nakis is Melba’s new head coach, returning to a lead role with which he was familiar with in Arizona, earlier in his 17-year career.

“He brought a great enthusiasm for the game of football and a high energy level to the program,” Holtry said. “His excitement will be missed at practice and at our games for sure.”

Meanwhile, Johnson has accepted the OC job with 5A Rocky Mountain High School in the Meridian district.

“I know the guys on the staff, and it’s one of those opportunities to re-evaluate your goals and see if you’re heading in the right direction,” Johnson said.

Holtry and Johnson can be considered the brain trust that moved from Nampa High School and turned around the fortunes of the Homedale program. With Holtry guiding the defense and Johnson organizing the offense with Trey Corta at quarterback, the Trojans reached the 3A state playoffs for the second time in school history last season.

Johnson’s departure may be just a chapter in his personal and professional relationship with Holtry, with whom he played football at Vallivue High School in Caldwell and McPherson College in Kansas.



Ken Nakis



Erik Johnson

“We are still best friends, and I am sure we will still break many films down on weekends together,” Holtry said. “Our goal is to end up coaching together again at a future date and time.

“We feel that is not only a move up for him, but it will be a great learning experience for him as

he gets to coach at the 5A level against the top competition in the state.”

As expected, Johnson was on the same page with Holtry on the reason for taking the challenge.

But the man who devised an offense Corta piloted to six victories during a 1,000-yard rushing season in the fall isn’t leaving without some glances back over his shoulder. He took about three weeks to make the decision to move on.

“Matt and I are so close, and Trey is one of the best players in the state,” Johnson said. “He’s very good. He’s going to have his line back, and it’s just loaded.”

In the end, though, Johnson made a personal decision.

“I don’t know how many sleepless nights there were, but I had to look at my family. If I stayed at Homedale, this opportunity wouldn’t be there (later),” Johnson said.

Holtry will take over the offensive reins, and he’s bringing aboard his younger brother, Alex, to serve as defensive coordinator in 2011.

“We are very excited about having Alex join our staff, and we are excited about the knowledge and experience he will bring to the table,” Holtry said.

The younger Holtry has spent five years as linebackers coach at Nampa, and also held the special teams coordinator position for the past two years with the Bulldogs. He will also help his brother and Chris Wright with special teams with the Trojans. Alex was the linebackers coach when Matt Holtry served as defensive coordinator for Nampa’s state finalist team. Like his older brother, Alex also played football at McPherson.

— JPB

Local wrestlers land in state-wide rankings

Ceballos, Ensley hold first place in respective divisions

In the state-wide rankings, four Owyhee County wrestlers hold top positions in both the 2A/1A and the 3A classes.

Marsing High School senior Oscar Ceballos is wrestling in the heavyweight division and, with a recent win at the Magic Valley Classic, claimed the top spot in the 2A-1A rankings. Ceballos is also ranked seventh across the board throughout the state of Idaho.

Homedale’s Justin Ensley wrestles in the 119-pound division and holds the top ranking for his weight class in 3A. Ensley also ranks eighth state-wide among all classifications.

MHS wrestler Austin Glenn picked up a No. 4 ranking in the 189-pound class for 2A-1A rankings. HHS wrestler Phillip Moulton snagged the No. 5 ranking for 3A in the 125-pound division.

Overall rankings, 119-pound- 1- Kolten Glider-North Fremont-2A; 2- Garrett Belgarde-Sandpoint-4A; 3- Josh Carlton-Lewiston-5A; 4- Tannar Riekana-Post Falls-5A; 5- Aristeo Gallegos-Caldwell-5A; 6- Andrew Rossow-Boise-5A; 7- Kam Reddish-Columbia-4A; **8- Justin Ensley-Homedale-3A;** 9- Blaine Invernon-Bonnors Ferry-3A; 10- Cole Jerome-Kellogg-3A. **Overall rankings, 285-pound-**

1- Gaylen Edmo-Highland-5A; 2- Drake Peterson-Rigby-4A; 3- Ruben Martinez-Nampa-4A; 4- Josh Price-Borah-5A; 5- Josh Cutler-Highland-5A; 6- Layne Lasiske-Jerome-4A; **7- Oscar Ceballos-Marsing-2A;** 8- Ben Cornia-Firth-2A; 9- Riley Crossley-Melba-2A; 10- Dylan Lovejoy-Skyline-5A.

2A-1A rankings, 189-pound- 1- Kaleb Latimer – Challis; 2- Stephan Hardy - West Side; 3- Jared Robie – Grangeville; **4- Austin Glenn – Marsing;** 5- Todd Allen - McCall-Donnelly; 6- Dane Moon – Challis. **285-pound- 1- Oscar Ceballos – Marsing;** 2- Braxton Sagers – Oakley; 3- Lucas Pancheri - West Jefferson; 4- Ben Cornia – Firth; 5- Ty Beare – Kooteni; 6- Riley Crossley – Melba.

3A rankings, 119-pound- 1- Justin Ensley Homedale; 2- Blaine Invernon – Bonners Ferry; 3- Cole Jerome – Kellogg; 4- Evan Miller – Parma; 5- Tony Casteneda – Snake River; 6- Kody Hongslo – Timberlake; 7- Kelton Crittenden – South Fremont. **125-pound-** 1- Casey West – American Falls; 2- Loveland – South Fremont; 3- Kylan Romrell – Bear Lake; 4- Dylan White Teton; **5- Phillip Moulton – Homedale.**

Three Adrian wrestlers medal at unofficial state meet

Three Adrian High School wrestlers picked up medals during the 1A Oregon state tournament in Lowell.

The tournament is considered the unofficial state tournament because 1A and 2A wrestlers are combined in the Oregon School Activities Association-sanctioned tournament next month in Portland.

Antelopes junior Mark Ishida settled for a silver medal at 145 pounds after a loss to Lowell freshman Lincoln Casarez.

Shane Miller, an Adrian freshman, beat Trent Emery of North Lake in the bronze-medal match at 125.

Sophomore Chance Marquez earned a fourth-place medal after losing the 152-pound third-place match to Cody Powell from Halfway, Ore.’s Pine Eagle.

Freshman heavyweight Travis Rust missed the medal round with a loss to Jacob Thiessen of Triangle Lake, but notched a victory over Jake



Trueax from Gilchrist in an earlier round.

“The boys wrestled a pretty good tournament overall, despite not having wrestled since Dec 30 due to illness and injuries,” Adrian coach Eddie Kinkade said. “We are really looking forward to getting back on the mat on Saturday in Homedale.”

The Antelopes are scheduled to take part in the 12-team Homedale Team Duals Tournament, which begins Saturday and will take place in both Homedale High School gymnasiums.

Mendoza earns bronze at Padilla meet

Trojans play host to Saturday dual meet tournament

Two wrestlers medaled at Padilla Invitational in Parma on Saturday as Homedale High School tuned up for its team duals tournament this weekend.

Ismahel Mendoza lived up to his No. 3 seeding at 171 pounds in Parma with a bronze medal.

“He made just one mistake in his opening match, but made up for it by winning the next four matches,” HHS coach Toby Johnson said. “Mendoza is really tuning-in. He had a slow start to his season, but is making strides now.”

Also seemingly in stride is 112-pounder Todd Bahem, who rallied from a semifinal loss and narrowly missed a consolation

final victory.

Despite the two losses, Bahem won his second medal in as many weeks.

In the consolation final, he nearly pinned his opponent, Johnson said. The senior caught his foe with five seconds left in regulation and rallied for five points to force overtime. He lost in the extra session, though.

Other top-six finishers for Homedale at the Padilla included 125-pounder Phillip Moulton after a 2-2 meet and Tano Montes at 140, who went 3-2.

Other competitors at the Padilla for the Trojans included Michael Deleon (1-2 at 112), Alfonso Barbosa

(119), Tell Hyer (130), Cole Jeppe (1-2 at 130), Alan Kennedy (135), Curtis Stansell (2-2 at 145), Jovan Cornejo (1-2 at 152), Ethan Brand (1-2 at 160), Brad McCain (2-2 at 189), Bodie Hyer (1-2 at 189) and Jorge Hernandez (285).

The Trojans lost a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet to Fruitland on Thursday, two days after sweeping a non-conference tri-meet against Melba and Garden Valley.

The Trojans meet Weiser at home Friday night in another conference dual meet before playing host to the Homedale Duals on Saturday.

Homedale’s duals tournament has attracted 12 teams. Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. on four mats inside both gymnasiums on the HHS campus.

Sports

Antelopes miss mark, drop in standings

Continued shooting complications resulted in two crucial early-season league losses for the Adrian High School girls' basketball team.

Teams above the Antelopes in the 1A High Desert League East Division swept to victory last week as Adrian shot less than 29 percent (29-for-109) from the field in back-to-back games Thursday and Friday.

Coach Gene Mills squad (11-5 overall, 1-2 1AHDL East) finished the week two games behind divisional leader Crane.

Friday: Crane 44, Adrian 33 — The Mustangs (12-1, 3-0), who finished third in the 1A Oregon state tournament a year ago, jumped out to a fast start and built a 1A HDL East victory with good shooting and strong rebounding.

Adrian managed just three points to start the second half, and

faced a 37-18 deficit heading into the fourth quarter.

The Antelopes connected on just 23.5 percent of their shots (12-for-51), while Crane hit 19 of 45 shots (42.2 percent). Meanwhile, the Mustangs controlled rebounding on Adrian's glass by a 23-10 clip.

Nichole Orosco led Adrian with 11 points. Madison Shira added nine. Madison Purnell was held to five points, but pulled down 11 boards.

Jessie Maley Loper scored 12 points for Crane, while teammate Paige Landon added 10. Emilee O'Toole hit nine points.

Thursday: Burnt River 45, Adrian 36 — A lack of success at the foul line contributed to an upset loss for the Antelopes in an HDL divisional game played in Unity, Ore.

Adrian converted 15.4 percent

of its free throws (2-for-13) and was unable to dig out of a 10-point hole at halftime.

The Antelopes also shot just 29.3 percent from the floor (17-for-58) and were out-rebounded 15-11 on their end of the floor.

Madison Purnell had a solid night for Adrian with 14 points, seven rebounds and five steals. Maddy Pendergrass added nine rebounds and six points, and Ester Gordon had six points and seven rebounds. Both those three players also committed 15 turnovers.

Burnt River (7-5, 3-1) received contributions from all five players that got on the floor and took advantage 20 turnovers from the Antelopes. Elizabeth Massingake and Celinsa Kezerle scored 15 points each for Burnt River, while teammate Whitney Anderson chipped in nine points.

Crane takes tussle vs. Adrian boys

Cold beginnings foiled Adrian High School's attempt to climb into the lead in the boys' basketball standings of the 1A High Desert League East.

With the geographically diverse league converting to divisional play to cut down 2010-11 season travel costs, the Antelopes saw perennial contender Crane for the first time Friday night in Adrian.

The Mustangs sped to a huge halftime edge, leading 31-9 at the break, and cruised from there to a 64-39 victory to stay unbeaten in the division.

"The first half we came out flat. We just couldn't make our shots," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "You can't do that against a talented

team like Crane and expect to play catch-up the rest of the game.

"Crane shot the ball very well. They are a very good team."

The Mustangs (10-4 overall, 2-0 1A HDL East) nailed 29 field goals, shooting 43.9 percent. The Antelopes (4-10, 2-1) hit 31.8 percent of their shots, but took 22 fewer attempts than the visiting squad and converted 15 fewer field goals. Crane also held a 21-9 rebounding edge on the Antelopes' end of the floor.

Senior Blake Purnell had a balanced night for Adrian with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Paxton Shira added 10 points and five boards. Tommy Miller also had eight points and eight rebounds.

Jeran Conaway scored 19 points for Crane, and teammate Levi Miller chipped in with 11.

The two teams meet again Saturday at Crane.

Thursday: Adrian JV 45, Burnt River 34 — The Antelopes developmental team erased a one-point halftime deficit with a 17-5 third-quarter rally.

Thomas Shenk scored nine points and snagged six rebounds to spark a balanced offensive performance by Adrian in Unity, Ore. Nate Meyer added eight points, while Leo Munoz had seven points and eight rebounds.

Daniel Juiz poured in 16 for Burnt River, while teammate Qilin Li added 11.

Trojans girls fade down stretch vs. Melba

Melba High School took advantage of a fatigued foe to down Homedale in girls' basketball Thursday.

Two nights after a big win over Payette, the Trojans found themselves trailing the host Mustangs by a basket heading into the fourth quarter.

Melba, however, pulled away for a 47-33 non-conference victory.

"In the fourth quarter, we completely ran out of gas," HHS coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "We played tired for a lot of the game, but found some energy in the third quarter to stay in the game. At the end, the tanks simply went dry, and Melba took it to us."

Homedale clawed back for a 31-30 lead before Melba's Shayla Richardson buried a three-point

goal at the end of the third quarter. The Mustangs then outscored the Trojans, 14-2, over the final eight minutes.

Richardson led all scorers with 14 points, while Kylie Farwell paced Homedale with nine points.

Jodie Hoagland scored 12 points for the Mustangs, while Kaylee Rupp chipped in six for Homedale.

Rimrock boys roll to eighth win

Stifling defense grounds Aviators

A fast start sent the Rimrock High School boys' basketball team to its eighth victory of the season.

Francisco Garcia scored eight of his game-high 15 points in the first quarter to spark a 51-27 non-conference over Compass Charter in Bruneau. Garcia led the defensive charge with 10 steals, too.

Garcia drained two three-point goals as Rimrock (8-5 overall)

built a 14-8 advantage after eight minutes.

Clay Cantrell notched 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Raiders, who have 1A Western Idaho Conference games remaining with Liberty Charter (Thursday) and Notus (Saturday) in Bruneau before ending the conference season Feb. 8 against Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Chance Pierce and Austin

Trojans' rough SRV start continues

Grizzlies stifle leading scorers in blowout victory

Old demons returned Saturday night in Homedale High School's 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball loss.

Suffering from low offensive output, the Trojans (7-7 overall, 0-3 3A SRV) slipped behind by 20 points in the third quarter and couldn't recover against Fruitland in a 65-39 loss on the road.

Homedale had beaten the Grizzlies twice last year en route to the 3A state consolation championship. Other than that, the Trojans never have posted wins over Fruitland since joining the 3A SRV.

The Grizzlies' defense against Homedale's Trey Corta, Kenny Esparza and Walter Almaraz was a key factor in the Trojans' downfall. Coach Kenny Thomas' three leading scorers were limited to 10 points.

Joey Martarano, who did his share of damage against Homedale during the football season, led Fruitland (11-3, 2-1) with 18 points. Jake Crim added 17 points and Travis Holt, whose last-second shot beat the Trojans in last year's 3A District III Tournament final, added eight points.

Senior forward Jonny Stacey scored 12 points to pace Homedale, which had lost seven of its previous nine games before Tuesday's conference matchup against Parma, which was played after deadline.

Mustangs muscle their way to a pair of wins

Jordan Valley High School two distinct paths to its first two boys' basketball victories of the league season during the weekend.

The Mustangs swept a 1A High Desert League East Division home stand with defense one night and dramatic offense the next. Jordan Valley downed Harper on Friday and Huntington on Saturday.

Jordan Valley (3-7 overall, 2-2 league) found itself two games behind league leader Crane in the loss column with another game against Harper looming on the road Saturday.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 61, Huntington 51 — Clinging to a one-point lead after three quarters, the Mustangs erupted for 21 points to secure a victory over the pesky Locomotives.

"We managed to execute our offense very well the last three minutes," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "We finally had a strong inside game."

Nate Easterday erupted with a double-double, scoring 18 points and tearing down 16 rebounds. Tom Nelson also doubled up with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Huntington (8-3, 2-2) jumped out to an early lead, but Jordan Valley rallied to take a 27-26 halftime lead.

"This was a hard-played game by both teams," Workman said. "Most of the game was four to six points (leads) for either side."

Ty Warn hit a pair of three-point goals on the way to 16 points. He also had three steals.

Austin Wilcox hit half of the Locomotives' six treys en route to a game-high 20 points. Blake Wiley scored 12 points, and Bobby Wiley added eight before fouling out.

Friday: Jordan Valley 65, Harper — The Hornets' chances at victory were swatted away early by the host Mustangs, who opened the game with a 24-0 run.

Holding a 32-5 lead at the break, Jordan Valley picked up where it left off in the first stanza and blew past Harper, 23-4, in the third quarter.

"It was nice to get a league win," Workman said. "The team played well, and the bench players did a good job."

Ty Warn scored all of his game-high 16 points from the field, including two three-pointers. Tyler Elsner added nine, and three players — Nate Elsner, Taylor Lucas and Quinn Fillmore — chipped in eight apiece.

Milo Marsh scored all but three points for Harper (0-6, 0-2), finishing with 10. Logan Fisher hit a trey for the balance of the Hornets' scoring.

MHS football fundraiser ends Thursday

The Marsing High School football team is wrapping up a fundraiser to go toward the purchase of equipment.

Members of the team are selling one dozen tamales for \$10. To purchase tamales, contact any team member or coach before Thursday. Team members will also sell them during the girls' basketball game on Thursday night.

The tamales will be made and delivered at a later date.

Those interested in purchasing tamales can also contact MHS coach Jaime Wood at (208) 941-1930.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 29, 1986

“Think positively”, Whittom tells local farmers

Bill Whittom of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation said Saturday that the nation’s farm economy has hit a low point, and that Idaho farmers may soon see brighter days.

“I’ve heard about all the doom and gloom I want to hear.” Whittom said at the Homedale Chamber of Commerce’s annual Farm-City Breakfast. “I think we’re lucky, because I think we’ve hit a turning point.”

Whittom, the Mayor of Rupert, told a crowd of 135, that the area’s farmers need to remain steady for the next year to wait out the financial storm that has besieged many. He said that although it hasn’t been reflected at the gas pump, crude oil prices have decreased, and interest rates are also on their way down.

“We have seen several signs in the last few months of a leveling off,” Whittom said.

Whittom said farmers should think positively amid what many times appears to be a dead-end economy.

“When we go downtown and are afraid to by something because we’re worried about how it’s going to be next fall, we’re hurting our own community,” Whittom said.

City authorizes drilling on new domestic well

The Homedale City Council last Tuesday night authorized a Boise engineering firm to proceed with plans for drilling a municipal well, and approved a monthly surcharge to city water users to cover the expected expense of the new well.

The city is in an emergency situation because it has been operating with just one well since last fall when sand build-up caused the pump mechanisms in two of the city’s wells to fail, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said.

The city’s fourth well, the one at the city park, isn’t currently being utilized because of an inadequate pressure level, and because excessive amounts of sulphur and iron are in the water at the site, Fink said.

\$1.35 million bond election Feb. 25

The Marsing School Board made final Friday night plans for a \$1.35 million bond election Feb. 25, which, if approved by school district patrons, would make funds available to replace the existing high school with a new junior-senior high school.

The board on Thursday night voted unanimously to put before its patrons the 20-year proposed bond and authorized Nampa architect Stan Olson to continue with plans for the 27,000-square-foot structure that would house 250 students in grades 7-12.

On Friday night, another special meeting was held to receive and sign a standard agreement form from Olson.

Marsing wallops New Plymouth 61-56

John Cossel’s basketball act Friday night at Marsing would have made Houdini proud.

Cossel solved New Plymouth’s defensive combination for 17 of his game-high 27 points in the second half in leading Marsing High School to a 61-56 Western Idaho Conference basketball victory.

Cossel made a few of his patented, twisting lay-ups without interference, and connected on a 11 of 13 second-half free throws to lead the Huskies to their tenth victory in 14 games.

Homedale wins in first round of A-3 girls’ tourney

Michelle Sonke hit a six-foot jump shot with 12 seconds to play Monday night to propel the fifth-seeded Homedale Trojans to a 36-35 opening-round victory in the Third District girls basketball tournament at Marsing.

“I told the gals if they wanted it, they could have it,” said Homedale Coach Dennis Ankeny, who watched his team avenge an early-season 56-17 loss to the Vandals.

Homedale, 6-11 with the victory, fell behind early, but ran off nine unanswered points and took a 13-9 lead early in the second quarter. And the Trojans led 19-15 at halftime.

50 years ago

January 26, 1961

Fair board elects officers, discusses other business

The Owyhee County Fair Board met Wednesday night and re-elected Walt Yarborough, Grand View, chairman. John Malmberg, Marsing, will be vice chairman and Phil Edwards, Marsing, will again serve as secretary and manager.

A delegation from the rodeo board, Kiwanis and Jaycees attended the meeting and discussed the possibility of moving the lights to the high school athletic field. No agreement has been reached at the present time.

The board also set up the budget for the coming year and agreed to develop the new land recently purchased by the board, which consists of three lots just east of the armory building and a small house. The house will be used by the Owyhee County weed control organization, and the lots will be used principally for implement dealers’ exhibits during the fair.

Owyhee Sheriff’s posse elects new officers

John Wright, of Murphy was elected president of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s posse at their meeting.

Other officers selected were Ed Muller, Star route, Melba, vice-president; and Jim Bachman, Oreana, secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing officers are president, Bob Harris, Grand View; Tom Johnston, Star route, Melba, vice-president and Morris Larsen, Marsing, secretary-treasurer.

Top hands elected were Dick Jayo, Murphy; Tom Johnston, Alfred Curtis of Homedale; Willet Garsja, Grand View; Roy Parker, Oreana; Cecil Hampton of Indian Cove; and Darrel Pascoe, Marsing.

Hugh Riddle, Grand View, was initiated as a new member to bring the posse’s strength to 21.

Trojans roll to 75-49 win over Wilder

Homedale’s Trojans remained in contention for Snake River Valley B basketball honors here Saturday night by spilling Wilder 75-49

The Trojans started with their subs but trailed 15-5 after the first quarter and then the regulars went to work to gain a 39-29 halftime advantage. After three quarters Homedale led 53-37.

Pacing the Trojans was Dan DeGroat who hit for 32 points in the wild scoring fray. High for Wilder was Ken Dillon with 19.

The win was Homedale’s fourth against two losses in the league and now the Trojans are 8-4 for the year. Wilder is 0-6 in the league and 0-8 for the year

Sage Creek 4-H’ers enjoy swim party

Eleven members of the Sage Creek 4-H Livestock club enjoyed a swimming party at Givens Springs on December 29.

Afterwards a wiener roast was held at the home of Louis Breshears. One guest, Fred Wood, was present.

A meeting was held on January 4, at the home of Louis Breshears. Ten members were present. Reports were assigned to Brian Leavitt, sheep, Jeff Glanzman, beef. Entertainment was planned by Glenn Miller.

Refreshments were served by Larry Huter - Shelia Wood, reporter.

Reference book lists 103 Owyhee Co. Businesses

Statistics released today by D. E. Smith, district manager of the Salt Lake City office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., reflect the trend of the business population in Owyhee County during the past year. Figures obtained from a physical count on the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book for January, 1961, totaled 103 manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers in this area as compared to 100 two years ago, January, 1959.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Josephine Kershner and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Runger and family Sunday.

143 years ago

January 25, 1868

NEW BANK FOR BOISE CITY. Thos. Cole, Jr., & Co., enterprising bankers of this place, have made arrangements and will soon start a general banking business in Boise City. Mr. Cole, the chief business member of the firm, has been doing a very successful business here during the last few months. A large portion of the bullion shipped below by Wells, Fargo Co. over the Railroad Stage line, is bought by him, for which he pays coin or greenbacks here, or else gives checks on Wells, Fargo & Co. in San Francisco and various other places, as suits the convenience of his customers.

GYMNASIUM. A gymnastic club has been organized by the young men of Silver City. A room for the purpose is being nicely fitted up in the front of Sommercamp’s building, under the saloon. Gymnastic exercises properly conducted conduce much to the bodily and mental health of all persons of sedentary occupations. A full attendance of the members of the club is requested next Monday evening at half past seven o’clock for the transaction of business.

TREASURE SHIPMENT. Wells, Fargo & Co. have shipped below per the Railroad Stage, during the present month, to date, a tun and a half of bullion, valued at \$110,000. This is the exclusive product of Owyhee – pretty good for the middle of winter.

WILLOW CREEK. This week we had a call from Sam Skinner, a well-known Owyheean, who had just returned from Willow Creek, where, in company with other Owyhee men, he owns some water rights and several placer claims. We were shown some of the gold; it is fine and bright and is probably worth between seventeen and eighteen dollars per ounce. Mr. S. is of the opinion that next season while water lasts the placers will pay good wages. The gold appears to be evenly diffused throughout the gravel from the surface downwards. No work is being done this winter except getting out lumber for sluice-boxes, &c., ready for use in the spring. Mr. S. is one of our most energetic pioneers, one of the firm of Jordan, Skinner & Co., who own the Reynolds and Jordan Toll Roads and various mining interests in Owyhee. He says that the Owyhee boys stand about first in the way of having a good thing in the new diggings. Has gone back himself, but would not advise a rush out there this winter, as prospecting cannot be carried on to any advantage and provisions are rather scarce. The distance from here down the south side of Snake River to the mines is estimated at 120 miles.

TERRITORIAL FINANCES. The following is a synopsis of the report of the Territorial Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 30th. 1867: Amount received from Alturas County, \$3,532.14; Ada, \$9,756.40; Boise, \$24,865.92; Idaho, \$1,488.91; Nez Perce, \$2,270.46; Owyhee, \$13,255.51; Oneida, \$200; Shoshone, \$1,470.18; which with \$120 for Library Fund foots up \$56,968.52, amount received during the year. The balance on hand Dec. 2nd, 1866, was \$7,090.74, which added to the latter sum, makes a total of \$64,059.26. The disbursements during the year were \$58,665.76 thus leaving at the beginning of the present year in the Treasury a cash balance of \$6,953.56. The outstanding liabilities are \$75,622.18, in twelve per cent bonds, and \$19,745.67 warrants on different funds; total \$97,767.65 from which deducting the cash on hand leaves \$88,714.15 the entire Territorial debt.

By reference to the Comptroller’s report, we find the following balances due from the different Counties up to Dec. 31st 1867;

From Alturas County, \$9,164.15; Ada, \$9,151.54; Boise, \$40,297.21; Idaho \$10,147.37; Nez Perzes \$7,167.42; Oneida \$7,910.45; Owyhee \$1,816.83; Shoshone, \$2,568.96.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Makin’ a livin’ in the cow bidness

An interviewer asked me how one can make a living in the cow business. Actually he said, “As we’re heading into the next couple years with declining cattle numbers and steady prices, how do you think you should position yourself to take advantage of the market?”

I assume he’d mistaken me as an authority in the cattle business. Maybe he thought I was a Wall Street speculator who heard rumors of another run on ethanol. Or maybe he mistook me for a dairyman, who works harder than an Egyptian hod carrier, and lives between dairy buyouts and the price of cheese in Laos.

Or I might have looked to him like a jaded packing-house buyer who spends his day drawing blood from renegade cattle feeders and learning to speak Portuguese! OR an economist who practices economic monetary cat-ability that allows him to spring back from the embarrassment and disrepute of making wrong market predictions over and over, like a ragged Phoenix with his tail feathers scorched.

Or maybe a cattle-feeding addict who can’t quit risking everything he has on the belief that he can outsmart the rancher on his left and the packer on his right. He’s like the fellow who keeps rewinding the video movie “The Alamo” and replaying it thinking, “Surely, Davy Crockett’s bound to win sooner or later!”

Or he might have thought I was a stocker-grower who haunts the sale barns gambling on each bid that the calf in the ring just looks rough because there was mud in the alley, and the rat-tail and pot-belly are genetic defects. You’ve got to admire someone who brags he only has a 10 percent death loss!

Or the lonely cow-calf operator who is the only part of the industry wherein “lifestyle” is counted on the financial statement under “asset”, and his banker’s cell phone number is listed under “One More Year!”

You would think that I might have come up with some constructive answer to the interviewer, being as how I have been a keen observer and participant in this great thing we call, “The Cattle Bidness.”

Last week I bought two solid-mouth, bred cows both marked third-trimester pregnant. The first one weighted 1,390. My reasoning was even if I only kept her for one calf, I could sell ’em both back in the fall and make money! Oughta work! The second cow weighed 930, I paid \$785. Got ’er home. She’s got popcorn teeth, is four months along and has a bad temperment! Turns out I bought the one that came in after the one I thought I bid on! Gonna be hard to make her pay.

So, when he asked “... How should we position ourselves ...”, I aligned myself with the PGA, the NBA and the NRA, “Shoot for the center!” I said.

— Visit Baxter Black’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features, merchandise and his latest release, a double DVD entitled “Baxter Black Live”.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee

Get serious about being curious



I had every intention of writing something positive in this space this week.

Maybe something about mighty-mite Korbin Osborn, the sixth-grader who somehow doubled 2011 Homedale International Smorgasbord ticket sales all by himself last week.

Maybe a few words about the Marsing High School girls’ basketball team and its passionate yet respectful fans. At 16-2 through week’s end, the Lady Huskies are off to probably the best start in school history (please, someone, set me straight if there’s been a better year).

Or a blurb about the great coaching contributions from Ken Nakis and Erik Johnson upon their departure from the Homedale High School football program.

And the great work by the Bruneau Booster Club speaks for itself as the organization’s annual auction rolls around next month.

But for all the great things I mulled while considering a column, one thing stood out like a halogen beacon in a Snake River fogbank:

People really should do a better job of getting involved in their governmental affairs.

In stark contrast to the standing-room-only turnout for Friday’s Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee public hearing on public education in Idaho, nary a patron showed last week when the Homedale School District Board of Trustees set a supplemental levy election.

Of course, the opportunity to speak out on the proposed two-year, \$720,000 levy has not passed. Patrons still can call school board members or write letters to the editor. And they will have the ultimate say — yea or nay — on March 8.

But in a country chock full of reactionary elements — from calls for gun control after an assassination attempt (be it of an iconic Republican president or a third-term Democratic congresswoman) to asking a Board of County Commissioners to approve the purchase of a sheriff’s vehicle after it has already been decked out with the office’s decals

and put into service — it should come as no surprise that the populace yawns first and screams questions later.

More than an opportunity to voice opposition or support, open government meetings such as the Jan. 18 school board meeting or Thursday’s Homedale City Council meeting are perfect opportunities to get educated on topics — four-day school weeks, school levies and the state of school finances, what’s new with the Local Improvement District or plans to reinvigorate a riverside park or any number of irons in the fire in Murphy.

Yet, for the most part, people don’t take advantage of the democracy living and breathing amongst them. Sure, they’ll make phone calls to their representatives, but, frankly, there’s already too much whispering going on during this particularly opaque period in Owyhee politics.

That’s why I find Thursday night’s Homedale City Council meeting fascinating. It could unfold like a soap opera (insert your own cheesy melodramatic organ riff after each of the following questions):

- Will council members finally get a chance to appropriately hire Russell Metcalf as the city’s prosecutor?
- Will Mayor Harold Wilson be forthcoming with details of Metcalf’s contract?
- Although no public comment will be taken, will property owners affected by the LID show up and can they expect to witness frank, honest and open discussion of the costs associated with the downtown work?
- Will they get a true sense of what they could pay over the next 10 years?
- Will Wilson elaborate on the true cost of the LID to the city, and how he expects to pay for it?

If you’re concerned about these issues or anything the council will tackle, set the DVR to catch Bones or Grey’s Anatomy or the NBC comedies and tune in live at the meeting.

Not only are you missing a great show; you’re missing a great opportunity.

Letter to the editor

Writer: Homedale school levy try wrong in principle

The Avalanche reported recently that the Homedale School District Board of Trustees is looking to increase property taxes again with a supplemental levy for the district. I found myself perplexed by the apparent failure to apply certain principles that usually govern civilized social interaction.

It seems so peculiar that local conservatives find the forced redistribution of wealth so abominable when practiced by someone of the opposite party on a national level, but find no difficulty engaging in the participatory larceny of their neighbor. “It’s for the children,” is the most common defense. I know several families in need and many noble causes to which I have voluntarily given, but to justify theft (taking what’s not yours) in that manner means that you must also say that it is acceptable for your locality to arbitrarily take you and your neighbor’s property, so long as 51 percent of the tax jurisdiction agree upon it.

Much like the ponzi scheme known as Social Security, which is utterly broke and this author entertains no hope of seeing any of that which he was forced to put in, property taxes have no provisions for opting out, whether you had or have kids participating in the system or not.

This is simply the nature of democracy’s politics, which as Thomas Jefferson said “is nothing more than mob rule, where 51 percent of people may take away the rights of the other 49 percent.”

Friends, I challenge you to understand that taking what

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the March 8 election until noon on Feb. 25.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer

Submit letters in one of four methods:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeeavalanche.com
 - Faxed to (208) 337-4867
 - Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

is not yours is wrong, whether you give it to others or you do it by the vote. I will leave with a quote from the economist Frederic Bastiat: “Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.”

Stop legal plunder locally, then we can make a difference nationally.

A.J. Ellis
Marsing

Commentary

Financial management

Be noble but wise when buying vehicle for estranged wife

Dear Dave,

My wife is divorcing me, and we just had our first baby boy. I feel it's my responsibility to take care of her until the divorce is final, and to keep her in a safe vehicle. She's driving a 1982 Honda Civic, and it's so small any kind of wreck could be a disaster. I'm thinking about buying her a new car. What do you think?

— Mike



Dear Mike,

I'm really sorry you guys are going through all this, especially with a brand new baby in the

mix. I appreciate your nobility and attitude about the situation, but you need to realize that once you're divorced, it's no longer your responsibility to take care of her. Divorce carries a lot of emotional stress and worry for everyone involved, but I don't think buying her a new car will solve anything. It may actually lead her to expect even more from you later on.

I'm going to take a wild guess

that the truth of the matter is you're worried about your child, and this whole thing is breaking your heart. That's natural, Mike. It means you love your baby. But a "safe" car doesn't have to mean a brand new car. You could put her in an old Suburban and she'd be safe, because those things are tanks!

If it were me, and the relationship couldn't be salvaged, I'd find a large used car — one that either

one of you can pay for with cash — and let her drive off into the sunset. But spend every second you can hugging and loving on your little boy, and make sure you're a fixture in his life. He's going to need someone like you.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*.

Coping with out-of-control government

National debt's critical mass requires immediate action

America's growing debt crisis threatens national survival, and we must take decisive action now. While the president's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform's plan is flawed and incomplete, the proposed tough spending reforms would provide important budget discipline necessary to start putting our country's financial house in order.

Since 2007, our public debt nearly doubled from 36 to 62 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Our more than \$14 trillion debt equals a \$45,000 debt burden per U.S. citizen. If our current course continues, this debt is estimated to reach 90 percent of GDP in 2020 and up to 185 percent of GDP by 2035. But, it will never reach that level. If we don't take decisive action soon, the economy and our debt-holders will. Then, forced consequences will change economic dynamics in painful, difficult and damaging ways to every American. The consequences will be far worse and will last far longer than any sacrifice caused by principled fiscal restraint now.

Growing debt drags down our economy. Debt of this magnitude increases interest rates for all borrowers and restricts economic growth through squeezing out private investments. Driving up entrepreneurs' and businesses' job expansion, operation improvement and capital costs results in larger debt, years of high unemployment and struggling families. Further, waiting for the economy to reset itself will leave less and more severe remedies. The Congressional

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington



Budget Office found that 10 years of inaction could cause an economic decline requiring nearly double the spending cuts and revenue to plug the hole today.

Relentless, unrestrained federal deficit spending caused the debt explosion. The annual federal budget has been in balance 12 times since World War II. During those years, annual spending never exceeded 19.4 percent of GDP. In 2007, spending was 19.6 percent of GDP, our budget deficit was \$161 billion, and we were on a track to balance the budget within a few years. Since then, Congress and the president have embarked on a massive, and escalating, spending spree, causing spending to explode to more than 24 percent. If we continue on this path, spending will reach 35 percent of GDP by 2035. The problem is not that taxes are too low, it is that spending is too high.

I supported the commission's plan because it would keep the hole from growing by providing hard spending

caps to return to 2008 spending levels by 2013 and reach a balanced budget by 2035. Spending would be reduced to 21 percent and our debt to 40 percent of GDP by 2035. I prefer even stronger spending reductions and reaching balance much earlier, but this plan would at least stop us from going over the brink and put us on a sustained track to a balanced budget.

The plan's debt-reducing mechanisms would be backed by strong enforcement procedures. Sixty Senate votes would be required for proposals to exceed budget caps on spending bills, or the proposals could be blocked. During commission consideration of this provision, I pressed for a higher threshold of 67, because it should be more difficult to exceed budget caps. The plan would also reduce the abuse of so-called emergency spending by limiting Congress' ability to avoid fiscal constraints through emergency spending designations.

The proposed spending caps are strong medicine, but our nation's debt has reached such critical proportions that we must take serious action to get back on track. We all love our country too much to let it weaken further. We must work together to set our nation on a better economic course for our children and grandchildren. The time for gridlock and inaction has passed.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He sits on the Budget Committee and Finance Committee.

Big spending sprees are a problem closer to home, too

by Howard Rich

While the extension of Bush-era tax cuts dominated headlines during the recently concluded lame duck session of Congress, the new year brings with it a renewed focus on public debt — whether policymakers like it or not.

A fiscal reckoning is fast approaching — one that extends far beyond the \$13.8 trillion in debt accumulated by politicians in Washington D.C. (a figure which has more than doubled over the past seven years). State and local government debt is also spiraling out of control — climbing to a record 22 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) this year.

And unlike the federal government, states and municipalities cannot simply print money to continue fueling their reckless expansion.

"We've been living in fantasy land," liberal California Gov. Jerry Brown acknowledged last month in addressing California's \$19 billion deficit. "It is much worse than I thought. I'm shocked."

Like their counterparts in Washington, D.C., state and local politicians engaged in an orgy of unsustainable spending leading up to the recession. From 2000 to 2007, total state and local spending increased from \$1.73 trillion to \$2.66 trillion — a 23.7 percent increase after adjusting for inflation.

Counting the "stimulus" years, total state and local government spending has now climbed above \$3.2 trillion annually — a 49.2 percent increase from a decade ago after

adjusting for inflation.

By comparison, America's population grew by only 9.7 percent over the last decade.

After living on borrowed money (and borrowed time), the cost of maintaining unnecessarily large government at all levels is about to reach a breaking point. That means policymakers in Congress, state capitals, county council chambers and town halls all face a simple choice — scale back this rampant growth or generate new revenue through additional borrowing or tax increases.

Clearly tax hikes would cripple our economy — and after the November elections there is no way Washington will approve another federal bailout funded with borrowed billions. Also, with interest payments on the debt projected to reach half a trillion dollars annually within the next five years, the federal government simply cannot sustain any additional borrowing.

Assuming that state and local leaders lack the political will to make long-overdue cuts (a safe bet), where will these "cash-strapped" governments turn as they face skyrocketing Medicaid premiums and plummeting property values?

Enter the Federal Reserve Bank, which in addition to keeping interest rates artificially low has been printing trillions of dollars over the last three years in an effort to prop up America's faltering economy. Some economists are now speculating that the Fed may extend this "quantitative easing" policy to cover the purchase of state debt and municipal bonds — an unprecedented move that would

only delay the inevitable fiscal reckoning.

"Given the difficulties faced by state and local governments, this may well be the route they choose, at least for some of the quantitative easing," Dartmouth professor David Branchflower wrote recently.

Such a decision would have far-reaching ramifications for taxpayers. Most notably, it would create a mountain of new state and local debt — permitting these governmental entities to continue spending in the same "consequence-free" environment while adding tremendous explosive power to a ticking fiscal time bomb.

And while the Fed is technically precluded from purchasing longer-maturity municipal bonds, Bernanke could invoke "emergency powers" at the secretive central bank to authorize these purchases — much like the Fed used its emergency powers to dole out \$3.3 trillion in loans during the recession.

This is exact opposite of what our current economic situation calls for.

Rather than identifying clear examples of unnecessary spending — to say nothing of fundamentally redefining and reducing the role of government at all levels — our leaders are looking for ways to keep the "high times" rolling.

With the walls already closing in after a decade of excess, we cannot permit them to continue ignoring reality at the expense of future generations of taxpayers.

— Howard Rich is chairman of Americans for Limited Government.

Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF
OWYHEE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2011**

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials.

Re-Organization of the Board for 2011.

Adopted Resolution 11-02 Establishing (12) Voting Precincts.

Re-Appointment of Sean Dygert and Kent Curtis to the Fairboard.

Appointment of Lath Callaway to the Fairboard.

Nomination of Arlie Shaw, and Jamie Anderson, to the Capital Crimes Defense Fund Board.

Certificates of Residency for tuition assistance approved.

Alcohol Beverage License approved for Idaho Pizza

Approved salary for newly hired Dispatcher Kenneth Black, and Jailer Harry Packwood.

Approved request for salary increase for Deputy Sheriff Slade Heeb.

Notice of Appeal on CUP 11-01 issued to Sean Farwell.

Bid on Sheriff’s vehicle repair rescinded in the amount of \$1,785.

Indigent & Charity liens 11-01 through 11-04. Approved payment on Case #11-02.

Executive Session I.C. 67-2345

Authorized Prosecutor to write a letter to Mr. Jolley concerning shipping charges.

Authorized Prosecutor to amend proposed contract from Gordan Law Offices.

Tabled the matter of the Sage Grouse project.

Coordination meeting with Jarbidge District BLM.

Discussion on vehicle use policy.

The complete minutes can be viewed on line at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

1/26/11

**BEFORE THE OWYHEE
COUNTY PLANNING &
ZONING COMMISSION**

On THURSDAY February 3rd, 2011 beginning at 10:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below. After the hearing, the Commission will take up administrative matters.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear conditional use permit application 11-03 submitted by Misty and Bruce Benson to establish an additional single family residence on an approximately 73 acre parcel of land. The subject property is located in an Agricultural zone situated in sections 22 & 27 of Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho with an address of 12154 State Highway 78.

A copy of the proposed project is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.

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**CALL FOR BID FOR
SCHOOL BUS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2012 71-passenger school bus (complete – body and chassis).

Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday until day of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00am on March 1, 2011 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

/s/Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager

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**CALL FOR BIDS FOR
PURCHASE OF NEW BUS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Marsing, Idaho for the purchase of a new school bus. Bids, documents and detailed specifications are available at the Marsing School District Office, 209 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm., Monday through Friday until day of bid opening. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2011 to the Marsing School District Office, 209 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. On February 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any irregularities. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Deb Holzhey, Clerk, Marsing Joint School District No.363, PO Box 340, Marsing, ID 83639

1/19,26/11

NOTICE

Notice of Annual Meeting for Shareholders of South Side Bruneau Canal Company will by Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 3:00 pm, at the Idaho Power Jack’s Creek office, off State Highway 78.

1/26/11

**The following application(s)
have been filed to appropriate
the public waters of the State
of Idaho: 57-11796**

CHRIS UNRUH, 25289 HIPWELL LN, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624

Point of Diversion NWNW S21 T05S R03E OWYHEE County Source WASTE WATER Tributary SNAKE RIVER

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.5 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.5 CFS

Date Filed: 10/5/2010

Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T05S R03E S21 NWNW SENW

Total Acres: 25

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any

CITY OF MARSING					
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report					
4th FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2009/2010					
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$345,152.00	\$192,229.00	63.70%	\$265,088.00	62.90%
Law Enforcement	\$76,385.00	\$76,385.00	100.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
02 Roads & Streets	\$111,960.00	\$85,608.00	76.50%	\$71,746.00	64.10%
03 Parks	\$42,024.00	\$27,753.00	66.00%	\$17,452.00	46.30%
05 Planning & Zoning	\$17,505.00	\$12,242.00	69.90%	\$16,236.00	92.80%
Sub-Total	\$593,026.00	394,217.00	51.00%	\$370,522.00	72.00%
25 Water	\$1,385,500.00	\$719,385.00	51.90%	\$720,171.00	52.00%
29 Irrigation	\$49,185.00	24,964.00	50.80%	\$34,114.00	69.40%
30 Sanitation	\$98,200.00	\$80,747.00	82.20%	\$85,495.00	87.10%
35 Sewer	\$439,000.00	129,535.00	29.50%	\$236,734.00	53.90%
Sub-Total	\$1,971,885.00	\$954,631.00	43%	\$1,076,514.00	46.00%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$2,564,911.00	1,348,848.00	53.00%	\$1,447,036.00	57.00%

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

Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accounting procedures.

Publish: 1/26/2011

Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer

protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 2/7/2011. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Interim Director

1/19,26/11

**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO CV-2011-01852
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

IN RE: Nicholas Lino

A Petition of change of name of Nicholas Lino, a minor, now residing in the City of Grand View, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court of Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Nicholas Lino-Araujo.

The reason for the change in name is: We want Nicholas to have both parents last name as his last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o’clock a.m. on 2/28/2011 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 1/20/11

Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of the District Court

By: /s/Lena Johnson

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

On **Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, ID, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. as Trustee (the “Trustee”), will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

Lot 18 in Block 9 of Sunset Ranch Subdivision, part of N ½ SE ¼ and SW ¼ NE ¼, Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official

Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho, including that manufactured home more particularly described as a 1997 Champion, Spring Creek Model, 28 x 64, Serial No. 16975675102AB, including all fixtures therein, attached thereon, (the “Real Property”).

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described Real Property but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **128 Sunflower Lane fka 128 Sunflower Street, Homedale, ID 83628**, may sometimes be associated with said Real Property.

The Trustee’s sale shall be made pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust to satisfy the obligation secured thereby. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance. The Deed of Trust referred to herein was executed by ANGELA M. MERCADO, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow Corporation, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of Green Tree Servicing, LLC fka Conseco Finance Servicing Corp. fka Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, as Lender [Beneficiary], dated July 10, 1997 and recorded July 11, 1997, as Instrument No. 222263, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho (the “Deed of Trust”). Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 28-9-604(2), the Lender has elected to proceed as to both the Real Property and the personal property attached thereon in accordance with its rights and remedies in respect to the Real Property described herein.

THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE GRANTOR IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The defaults for which this sale is to be made are failure to pay:

(i) the regular monthly payments of principal and interest, as set forth and required by the Deed of Trust and Note, due on August 10, 2010, in the amount of \$691.15 and thereafter on the

10th day of each month until the date of sale or reinstatement;

(ii) late fees as set forth in the Deed of Trust and Note in the amount of the lesser of \$5.00 or 5% of the amount then due, for each payment of principal and interest not paid within 15 days of the due date, until the date of sale or reinstatement;

(iii) insurance fees;

(iv) delinquent property taxes for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009, together with penalties and interest; and

(v) real property taxes for the year 2010.

The original loan amount was \$84,578.40 with interest due thereon at the rate of 9.25% per annum, as evidenced by the Real Estate Note (the “Note”) dated July 10, 1997, executed by Grantor payable to Lender. The principal balance due on the Note as of October 26, 2010 is \$71,290.43.

The balance owing as of October 26, 2010, on the Note secured by the Deed of Trust and Note was \$79,868.08, including principal, accrued interest and late charges, but excluding delinquent property taxes, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations under the above-mentioned Deed of Trust and Note or in connection with this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees, as authorized in the Deed of Trust and Note.

DATED this 10 day of November, 2010.

ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., Trustee

By: Melissa Ambriz, Asst. Secretary

Sheila R. Schwager, HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP, P.O. Box 1617, Boise, ID 83701-1617. (208) 344-6000

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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE:

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, 83650, on April 19, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/30/2007 as Instrument Number 260791, and executed by JOHN C. BRUMBAUGH, AND AMANDA J. BRUMBAUGH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, State of Idaho. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 4, BLOCK 2, MORNING DOVE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED OCTOBER 15, 1998 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 226300, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, AND AMENDED BY AFFIDAVIT RECORDED FEBRUARY 8, 1999 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 227448, OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDS. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 517 MORNING DOVE WAY, Marsing, ID, 83639-5075 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or cashier’s check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 09/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.875% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$106,700.00, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys’ fees, Trustees’ fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO

CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 12/14/2010, Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94, SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821, PHONE: (800) 281-8219. TS # 10-0159003 FEI #:1006.122312
1/5,12,19,26/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-FHF-104659 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 19, 2011, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 STATE HWY 78, MURPHY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 2, BLOCK 2, SHARI HILL ESTATES PHASE I SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 211614, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY RECORDER, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 6350 SHARI HILL WAY, MARSING, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by SHAGAYE DALTON, AKA WRETHA S. DALTON & IRA N. DALTON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. OF IDAHO, as Beneficiary, dated 12/2/2005, recorded 12/6/2005, under Instrument No. 254372, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Beneficial Financial 1 Inc., successor by merger to Beneficial Idaho Inc., successor by merger to Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 12/2/2005, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 5/9/2010 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of January 12, 2011 Delinquent Payments from May 09, 2010

1 payments at \$841.26 each \$841.26 8 payments at \$593.91 each \$4,751.28 (05-09-10 through 01-12-11) Late Charges: \$222.90 Beneficiary Advances: \$140.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$5,955.44 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$76,183.59, together with interest thereon at 8.980% per annum from 4/9/2010 to 6/9/2010, 8.980% per annum from 6/9/2010, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 1/12/2011 PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lasberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3887121
1/26;2/2,9,16/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On May 12, 2011, at the hour of 12:00 o’clock PM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Lots 13 and 14, Block 4, according to the Resurvey of Block 4 of BOSMA’S SUBDIVISION NO. 2 to the Village of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, as shown on the official plat thereof filed November 13, 1941 as Instrument No. 63244, Owyhee County records and Resurvey filed April 2, 1946 as Instrument No. 71667, Owyhee County records

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **1015 Edwards St., Marsing, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Rex L. Huskey and Robin L. Huskey, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with American General Financial Services (DE), Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the

Deed of Trust recorded July 26, 2007, as Instrument No. 261879, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$928.60 for the months of August 2010 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$69,020.59 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 10.9% from July 1, 2010, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2011.

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for JUST LAW, INC., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.
1/12,19,26;2/2/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, on the corner of Hwy. 78 and Hailey St., Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

A portion of Government Lot 2 of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 2; thence

North 0°57’00” West, 292.00 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Government Lot 2; thence

North 41°03’00” East, 33.72 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of a County road; thence

North 0°48’43” West, 324.48 feet along the Easterly right-of-way of said County road to a point; thence

North 0°04’15” West, 58.12 feet along the Easterly right-of-way of said County road to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 0°04’15” West, 208.72 feet along the Easterly right-of-way of said County road, to the Southwest corner of a parcel of land described in Instrument No. 208962, records of Owyhee

County; thence

North 89°03’00” East 124.00 feet along the Southerly boundary of said parcel to the Southeast corner of said parcel; thence continuing

North 89°03’00” East, 84.73 feet to a point; thence

South 0°04’15” East, 208.72 feet along a line parallel to the Easterly right-of-way of said County road to a point; thence

South 89°03’00” West 208.73 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 6662 Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT E. MULLER and AMANDA M. MULLER, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of REPUBLIC MORTGAGE HOME LOANS, LLC, recorded April 16, 2007, as Instrument No. 260605, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on April 30, 2007, as Instrument No. 260780, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated April 16, 2007, in the amount of \$1,114.00 each, for the months of June through November, 2010, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.53% per annum from May 1, 2010. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$149,922.22, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.53% per annum from May 1, 2010.

DATED This 10th day of December, 2010.

CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

1/12,19,26;2/2/11

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Wednesday, the 4th day of May, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, on the corner of Hwy. 78 and Hailey St., Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

A parcel of land in the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Northeast quarter; thence

South 0°00’00” West along the Westerly boundary of said Northeast quarter a distance of 2032.17 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 90°00’00” East a distance of 1106.99 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way for the Opaline Ditch (said right-of-way lies 20.00 feet Westerly from and parallel with the centerline of said ditch); thence

South 3°31’47” East along said right-of-way a distance of 321.53 feet; thence

North 90°00’00” West a distance of 1126.79 feet to the Westerly boundary of said Northeast quarter; thence

North 0°00’00” East along the said Westerly boundary a distance of 320.92 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 9032 Clark Rd., Melba, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by TIM L. MOYERS, an Unmarried Person, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, recorded January 11, 2005, as Instrument No. 250545, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on January 18, 2005, as Instrument No. 250623, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated January 7, 2005, in the amount of \$648.00 each, for the months of June through December, 2010, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.25% per annum from May 1, 2010. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$79,693.17, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.25% per annum from May 1, 2010.

DATED This 3rd day of January, 2011.

CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
1/12, 19, 26; 2/2/11

NOTICE

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING. The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation will be holding a public scoping meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at Tribal Headquarters in Owyhee, Nevada to discuss the development of a management plan for the Wilson/101 Ranch, a 938 acre ranch located in northern Elko County just outside of Mountain City. The Wilson/101 Ranch was purchased under Bonneville Power Administration’s (BPA) Wildlife Mitigation Program as partial mitigation for wildlife habitat lost due to the construction of the Federal Hydropower System in the Columbia River Basin. The Tribes invite you to attend this scoping meeting to learn more about BPA’s Wildlife Mitigation Program, the Wilson/101 Ranch, the management planning process and the ways you may become involved. Please bring your ideas, issues and concerns. Scoping Meeting Information: Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 Time: 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) Location: Tribal Headquarters, Council Chambers, Hwy 51 at the Idaho/Nevada State Line. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information or questions, please contact Carol Perugini, Wildlife Mitigation Biologist at (775) 763-6015 or (208) 759-3246

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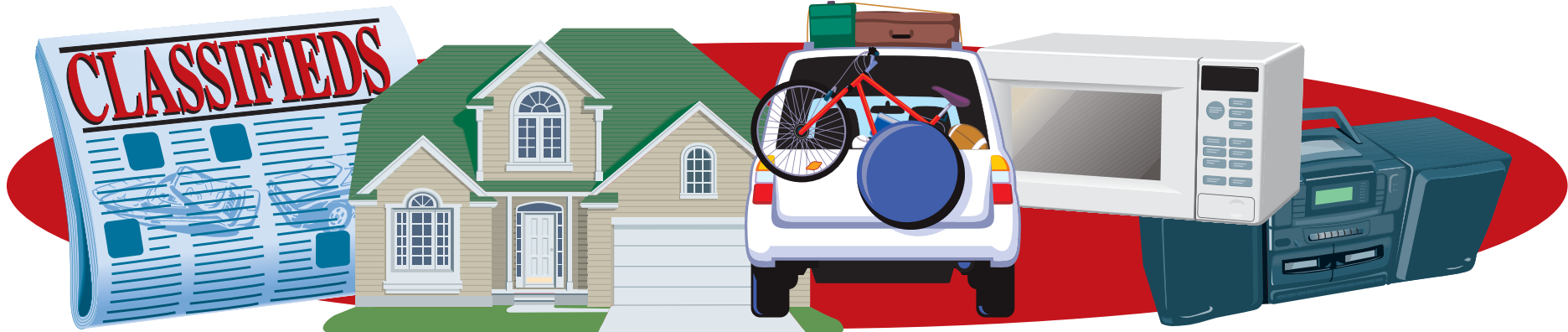
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Western Family
Burritos **2\$5**
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Sirloin Chops **\$219** lb.
100% Beef
Stk -Umm **\$299** ea.
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24 oz.
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7 lb.
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32 oz.
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