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Council considers HYS lease tonight

Oaths scheduled in Homedale city council's 2012 opener

The first order of business for Homedale's new administration could be handing the operation of Sundance Park to Homedale Youth Sports Inc. for the next five years.

Mayor Paul Fink's sixth term in office begins tonight when he takes the oath of office along with

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Homedale man gets 15-year sentence

A 53-year-old Homedale resident was sentenced for lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16 and will spend at least 7½ years in prison.

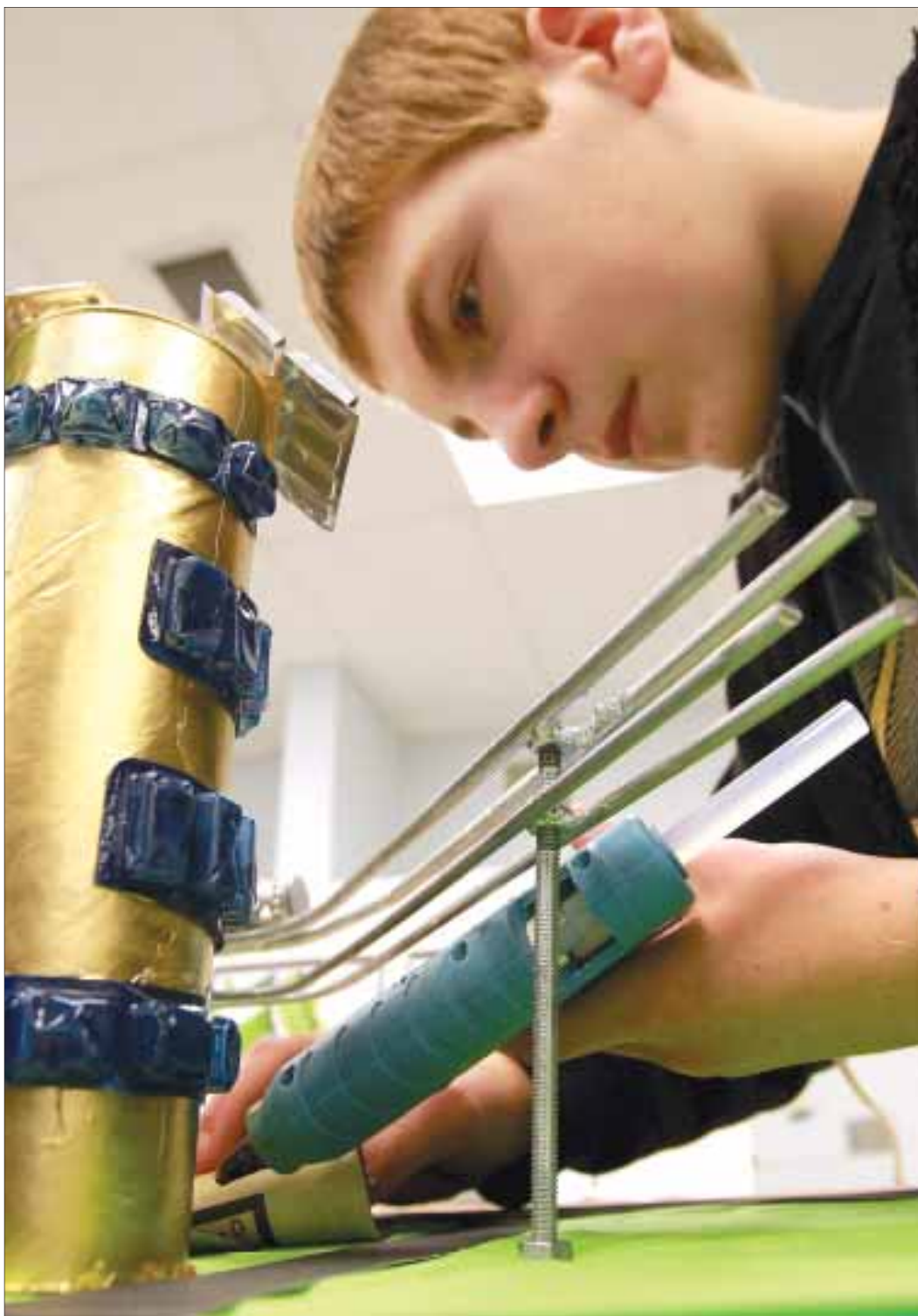
Martin Lee Young, 53, was sentenced



Martin L. Young

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Middle school scientists build Future City

Andy Parker uses a glue gun to attach roadway to RAIN, the Homedale Middle School entry for this year's Future City regional competition, which takes place Jan. 21 at Boise State University. Parker and other HMS eighth-graders in Amy Vitek's Advanced Science class are working to win the school's second consecutive berth in the national competition, which takes place in February in Washington D.C. For more on the Future City project, see **Page 12**.

Merrick elected BOCC chairman

Commissioners raise weed spraying rates

The Board of County Commissioners has a new chairman for the first time in two years.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick of Grand View was elected to lead the board for 2012 after District 2's Kelly Aberasturi made the nomination during Monday's reorganization process.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland had held the chairmanship since 2009.

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Wild horses shot near Wilson

The Bureau of Land Management is offering a \$1,000 reward for information following the slaying of two wild horses in the Wilson Creek area last week.

Boise District public information officer MJ Byrne said the BLM received information on Jan. 3 about the two horses from a "local" individual who was in the area.

"The investigation is ongoing," Byrne said. "It probably happened

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BOCC meeting moved for observance of Dr. King holiday

Other closures announced

The Board of County Commissioners meeting scheduled for Monday will move to Tuesday as part of a string of holiday closures.

Usually scheduled for Mondays, the BOCC meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

County government offices as well as city halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian will be closed in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Fire, medical and law enforcement services will be available throughout the county and in Homedale as usual.

School is out in the Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian districts. Bruneau-Grand View students also will have an early release on Friday this week (1 p.m. for Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students, 1:30 p.m. for Grand View Elementary School and a 1:20 p.m. bus departure for the Bruneau Elementary students).

Banks and post offices will be closed.

Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will remain open, but libraries in Homedale, Grand View and Bruneau will close.

The senior centers in Homedale and Marsing also will be closed for the holiday.

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Bruneau teacher receives CapEd grant

Owyhee native earns \$750 to help students in math

A Bruneau Elementary School teacher will bolster her students' math education with a CapEd grant.

Luisa Lowry, who teaches Bruneau fourth- and fifth-graders, received a \$750 grant in a surprise presentation around noon Tuesday.

The Owyhee County native is one of four teachers in Southwest Idaho to receive Teacher Grant of the Month awards for December from Capital Educators Federal Credit Union.

According to a press release from CapEd, Lowry plans to use the money to buy the Math Manipulative Masters program for her class.

Through the project, students use manipulatives to build

a stronger foundation for mathematical concepts ranging from geometry skills and basic number sense. Manipulatives are tools such as counting blocks or geometric shapes that help students work out math problems.

A graduate of Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga., Lowry is the daughter of Miren Lowry, the granddaughter of Tim and Rosa Maria Lowry and the great-granddaughter of Bill and Nita Lowry.

Homedale band launches shoe drive

Trojans seek crucial uniform accessory before next marching season

The Homedale Marching Band needs new shoes, and a fundraiser has been launched to achieve the goal.

The band began advertising for donations on the back of programs for home basketball games before the Christmas break.

"We are working toward new marching uniforms and we decided to start small," band director Jessica Hanna said. "The worst part of the uniform are the shoes."

While the old saw says that armies march on their stomachs, musicians most assuredly march on their feet as exhibited by the Homedale band's participation in hometown parades as well as successful performances at competitions in Caldwell, Boise and Ontario, Ore.

Comfortable shoes are important for the musicians to be at the top of their game, Hanna



Homedale Marching Band members perform during the 2011 Homecoming parade in September.

said.

The current shoe inventory is anything but footing the bill, she added.

"They are falling apart and are extremely uncomfortable to the point the students have severe blisters after wearing them for any length of time," she said. "The new shoes are well designed specifically for marching. They are comfortable and look sharp."

The basketball program encourages supporters to donate toward the purchase of a Glide marching shoe. According to the advertisement, the shoes, which are shown as coming in either black or white, sell for \$22.95 a pair.

They're versatile, too, she said.

"The shoes are multi-purpose, and the students would also be able to wear them with their concert dress in the spring for band festival."

Hanna hopes to have enough shoes to outfit the band — about 100 pairs — in time for the 2012 marching season, which begins in the fall. She said the fundraiser goal is \$3,000.

For more information on helping out the band, contact Hanna or Homedale High School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness at 337-4613.

The music program will hold a Homedale Idol fundraiser at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 inside the high school's old gymnasium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

— JPB

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Traffic traveling over Reynolds Creek bridge again

Rabbit Creek Road culvert work to start

The Reynolds Creek bridge opened to local traffic last week, and a similarly reconstructed crossing on Jordan Creek will open by the end of the month.

There’s still some work left on the Reynolds Creek project that could affect motorists in the spring, though.

Idaho Transportation Department spokesman Reed Hollinshead relayed the news from Matt Hall, a consultant with HMM Engineering who has been working with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) on the two bridge replacement projects.

With the end of substantial construction on the Reynolds Creek bridge, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said the Concrete Placing Co.

crew will shift its attention to replacing a culvert on Rabbit Creek Road.

“The crane is already there, and they have a big excavator and the equipment there, and we’ll bring the gravel and other material,” Hoagland said.

The total price of the project is about \$50,000, he said, including \$10,000 for the installation and \$40,000 for a box culvert built by Old Castle Precast of Nampa.

Hoagland said Rabbit Creek Road should be closed about a week during the replacement work.

As reported earlier, the Reynolds Creek bridge has been outfitted with temporary barriers, and permanent guardrails will be installed in the spring.

“There is still earthwork to



Construction workers from Payette-based Braun Jensen Inc. place concrete and steel girders at the site of the new Jordan Creek Bridge on Flint Creek Road in December. Photo by Matt Hall / HMM Engineering.



An excavator and crane work to replace the nearly 47-year-old wooden-and-steel bridge that takes Upper Reynolds Creek Road across Reynolds Creek. Traffic began flowing on the new bridge last week. Photo by Matt Hall / HMM Engineering.

be completed in the spring,” Hollinshead reported from Hall.

“As weather allows, the contractor will resume activities that may impact traffic.”

Concrete Placing Co. of Boise has installed a two-lane concrete-and-steel bridge at Reynolds Creeks, replacing nearly 47-year-old wooden-and-steel structure that carried Upper Reynolds Creek Road into the Reynolds Creek community.

The Jordan Creek bridge, which carries Flint Creek Road over Jordan Creek, will be open to traffic by the end of the month.

“Then we’re in pretty good shape throughout the county on bridges,” Hoagland said.

Unlike Upper Reynolds Creek Road, which was closed and traffic detoured a far distance around the construction site, crews built a temporary stream crossing near the Jordan Creek bridge site to divert traffic.

Hoagland also said that Silver City Road and Bachman Grade Road, which usually are closed because of winter conditions by this time each year, remain open for the foreseeable future.

“I’ve been holding off closing it. (What little snow there is) hasn’t created any problems yet,” Hoagland said.

The Board of County Commissioners usually issues closure proclamations each winter when snow accumulates on the two treacherous roads. — JPB

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Former Sho-Pai chair faces prison, fine

The man heading up an organization created to protect tribal interests related to fish, wildlife and natural resources has pled guilty to theft of federal funds.

Former Shoshone Paiute Tribe chair Kyle Prior entered his plea in U.S. District Court on Jan. 3.

Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill will sentence the 38-year-old Nampa resident during a March

20 hearing in Pocatello. Prior faces up to 10 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and up to three years of supervised release.

During his guilty plea, Prior admitted that between Sept. 16, 2008, and July 28, 2009, while acting in his capacity as executive director of the Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation (USRT), he used a Wells Fargo bank debit card issued

to the foundation to make purchases for his personal use.

According to court documents, after Prior was terminated from employment, an audit and subsequent investigation found Prior made numerous inappropriate transactions. On Nov. 24, 2010, during an interview with a Department of Energy, Office of Inspector General investigator, Prior admitted using USRT funds for his personal use.

The USRT was created to protect tribal heritage related to fish, wildlife and other natural resources. It is a non-profit organization led by a commission consisting of a tribal member from each of the Shoshone-Paiute, Shoshone-Bannock, Paiute-Shoshone, and the Burns-Paiute of Oregon tribes. The Bonneville Power Administration Fish and Wildlife program awarded a contract of federal funds to USRT to facilitate and coordinate the four member tribes' participation in the regional activities involving implementation of the Fish and Wildlife program.

"Mr. Prior violated the public trust placed in him by the tribes who direct the Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation," U.S. Attorney Wendy Olson said. "Those who are entrusted with public money have a solemn obligation to use that money for its intended purpose. Those who violated that trust for their own personal gain will be prosecuted."

Benefit fundraiser set for local residents fighting cancer

A fundraiser for two local residents fighting cancer is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20 in Marsing.

The benefit organizers have titled "Boobs & Butts" for Stacey Kelly and Marty Floyd will feature a live and silent auction along with a raffle at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

An all-you-can-eat dinner of chili, tacos and hot dogs will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family.

Kelly, a 38-year-old single mother, was diagnosed with breast cancer in December and is scheduled to have her first

surgery this week.

Floyd is a 1971 Marsing High School graduate and was recently diagnosed with Stage 3 rectal cancer. Organizers said Floyd is "facing a long road ahead" with radiation and chemotherapy treatments along with surgery.

Organizers are looking for donations for the auctions along with the raffle prizes.

For more information or to donate items, call Greg Kelly at (208) 919-3364. Auction items can also be dropped off at Caba's in Marsing or Moxie Java Bistro in Homedale.

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✓ Council: Westowns also appears tonight

new city councilman Steve Atkins and returning councilman Aaron Tines, who will begin his second four-year term.

The first meeting of 2012 begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Homedale Youth Sports Inc. has operated the city's largest recreational park with seasonal leases each of the past three years, paying the city \$5 per annum. The 2011 lease was expanded to a year-round rental as HYS expanded use of the park to its flag football youth program.

The new rental agreement would give HYS control of Sundance Park year-round until Dec. 31, 2016 at the going rate of \$5 per year.

Under the agreement, the city will continue to provide watering, mowing and general maintenance for the fields at the park. HYS

will apply diamond dust to the fields and will be responsible for trash cleanup and cleanup of the restroom.

HYS also will purchase concession permits and pay all utilities at the park.

City officials have said that HYS' management of Sundance Park and the related youth baseball and softball programs saves Homedale money on running those programs from insurance to city staff time taking care of registrations.

The proposed agreement gives HYS priority for use during baseball and softball season, but the park will be available for other parties when the non-profit organization doesn't have games scheduled.

Also on the agenda is approval of the fiscal year 2011 audit as presented by city auditor Mike

Parker, a presentation from Westowns Disposal Inc., and reports from city department chiefs.

Atkins and Tines earned four-year terms as the top two vote-getters in November's election. They defeated Eino Hendrickson, a former University of Wisconsin basketball player and owner of the Last Chance Saloon, and city resident Vonnice Harkins, who works in the medical field.

Fink returns to City Hall after a four-year absence. He beat Harold Wilson in November, four years after Wilson had unseated Fink for the city's chief executive spot.

Dave Downum and Tim Downing continue their terms in office. Downum and Downing are up for re-election in 2013.

A new council president will be elected after the oath of office.

—JPB

Grand View leaders take oaths tonight

Four people will take oaths of office tonight at the first Grand View City Council meeting of 2012.

Current city councilperson Tammy Payne will begin a four-year term as Grand View mayor.

Two other women with city council experience also will be sworn in as Marie Hipwell and Opal Ward take on two-year stints on the council.

Donald W. (Bill) Mead starts a four-year term as a city council member tonight.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

Hipwell continues her time on the governing board, while Ward is returning after some time away.

Payne, who lives in Grand View with her husband Tom, succeeds Paul Spang, who decided against seeking another term. Payne's husband was misidentified in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

All four were elected in November voting.

The Grand View City Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

✓ BOCC: Commissioner districts, voting precincts remain as they were

"I'm glad to let somebody else have it for a change," Hoagland said. "I've always believed that (it should rotate among commissioners)."

Merrick presided over the remainder of the business meeting in Murphy, including the adoption of resolutions and the appointment of supervisors for various departments and representatives for various regional boards.

Two of the resolutions dealt with political boundaries within the county.

The borders of the three commissioners districts remained the same despite a wide variance in District 3 population as compared to more closely aligned Districts 1 and 2.

Election precinct boundaries also remained the same with Aberasturi's home precincts continuing as North Homedale and South Homedale, Hoagland's precincts remain the two in Marsing and his home precinct of Wilson, and Merrick's precincts remain the other eight voting



District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, left, hands the Chairman nameplate to new Board of County Commissioners chair Joe Merrick, the District 3 commissioner.

districts in Owyhee County.

According to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, if the new state legislative districts withstand a challenge in state Supreme Court, Merrick will work with senators and representatives from both District 10 and District

the chemical up-charge, which includes storage, shipping and upgrade costs, will be 25 percent of the value of the chemical. The county also will charge property owners 55 cents per mile to travel to spots where spraying is requested.

The mileage fee represents a 10-cent increase over the 2011 charge. Earlier Monday, Weed Department head Craig Whitted lobbied for the change, citing increased costs, including the price to pump diesel into county weed trucks.

Meanwhile, the county will continue to reimburse employees and elected officials at a rate of 45 cents per mile for mileage. There was talk of raising the mileage expense to 55 cents per mile (a half-cent below the federal allowance), but Clerk Charlotte Sherburn discouraged an immediate move because it could affect the fiscal year 2012 budget.

In his motion keeping the 45-cent rate for the calendar

year, Hoagland included that the commissioners could readdress the issue during FY 2013 budget talks later this year.

The county's indigent burial fee remains \$750.

Aberasturi will continue as the county's representative to the Southwest District Health Board, Treasure Valley Partnership and Western Alliance for Economic Development.

Merrick will represent the county on the Third Judicial District Magistrates Commission, which — among other things — fills vacancies on the magistrate bench throughout the district.

Merrick will continue as supervisor for County Road District 3, the Solid Waste Department and the Planning and Zoning and Building departments.

Hoagland remains Road District 1 supervisor and will also supervise the Weed Department.

Aberasturi will serve as supervisor for the Probation Department.

—JPB

✓ Horses: Reward offered for information

over the weekend, but we don't know. It is speculation at this point as to when exactly it happened."

The BLM is offering the \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for shooting the free-roaming mustangs, a press release said.

The horses were located in the Hardtrigger Wild Horse Herd Management Area nearly 15 miles southeast of Marsing.

Byrne said with current laws, the maximum penalty for violation of the 1971 Wild Horse and Burro Act allows for a fine of up to \$100,000 and up to one year in jail.

The last reported slaying of a wild horse was in 2010 near Challis, Byrne said. This is the first reported case in the Boise District, she said.

Anyone with information about the shooting is encouraged to call Loren Good, Idaho BLM law enforcement at (208) 373-4024.

"If someone has information and wants to send an email, they can go to the BLM website and send an anonymous email," Byrne said.

To contact the BLM by email, visit www.blm.gov/id, and click on "contact us" on the left-hand side of the page.

"Because that area up

there is so heavily recreated, we encourage people to call in anything suspicious," Byrne said. "Don't put yourself in harm's way. Get a license plate if possible and a good description. Good citizen stewardship is much appreciated in reporting suspicious activity on public lands."

Within the Boise District, there are three Herd Management Areas — two in Owyhee County and one in Gem County — the Hardtrigger and Black Mountain areas in Owyhee account for 170 of the 800 known wild horses in the state. Statewide there are six herd management areas.

—JLZ

✓ Sentence: Prosecutor expects long stay for Young

by District Court Judge Thomas J. Ryan in December after he pled guilty to two felony charges of lewd conduct with a minor under 16. The court set a fixed 7½ year sentence for Young and also ordered 7½ years of indeterminate time.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said Young will be required to register as a sex offender and provide DNA samples to the state.

Young was arrested in January 2011 by the Homedale Police Department following an investigation into allegations of lewd conduct with minor. According

to court records, the incident took place between December 2010 and January 2011.

"Young will have to do not less than 7½ years," Emery said. "He is 53 years old. Anticipating he will be doing a bit more than his determinate time, the likelihood is he will be a pretty aged man when he comes out of there."

—JLZ

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Obituary

Allen Lee Richards

Allen Lee Richards, 89, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on January 7, 2012 in Homedale. Allen was born to Cecil and Helen Peter Richards March 14, 1922, in Boise. At the age of 6, he & his family moved to Silver City where he loved exploring and learning to ski. Upon returning to Boise, he attended Boise schools through his freshman year. The family then moved to Homedale, where they homesteaded a farm southwest of town. He spent his after school hours helping his family clear sagebrush and prepare the land to farm.

Allen graduated from Homedale High School in 1940, where he was Student Body President and Salutatorian. He won numerous math and chemistry awards. He was also a violinist for the school orchestra.

Allen married Lois Dunaway on March 14, 1948, in Roswell, Idaho. They had two daughters, Jan (John) Thompson and Marcia (Cary) Hoshaw. Lois and Allen remained on the farm until it was sold in 1993 at which time they purchased a home in town.

Allen enjoyed hunting, photography, bowling, attending his grandsons' sporting events, and being with his kids and grandkids. He also enjoyed carpentry with his dad.

He served as a deacon at the Homedale Christian Church and



was a member of the Rod & Gun Club in Homedale

Despite many medical issues, Allen never lost his sense of humor. He was a great jokester, always ready with a mischievous grin or a funny face.

Allen is survived by Lois, his wife of 63 years; daughters Jan (John) Thompson, Nashville, and Marcia (Cary) Hoshaw, Homedale; grandsons: Jason Haylett, Homedale, Tyler Haylett, and great grandchildren Baylor and Annabelle Haylett, Meridian, Tarek (Erin) Thompson, Phoenix; sister: Shirley Kushlan, Homedale; sisters-in-law: Vearl (Marvin) Sorenson, Parma, and Wanda Palmer, Meridian, and brother-in-law Sterling Swanson, Mountain View, California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Allen was preceded in death by



sister-in-law, Sybil Swanson and brothers-in-law, John Kushlan and Don Palmer.

The family would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff of Owyhee Health & Rehab for their 10 years of loving and devoted care.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Jan 11, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale (27 E. Owyhee). A private family burial at Roswell Cemetery will precede the memorial service. The memorial service will be held Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Mountain View Nazarene Church at the corner of Ustick and Batt Corner Roads in Wilder. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Allen's name to Owyhee Health & Rehab Activities Fund. Condolences may be given at www.FlahiffFuneralChapel.com.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Jan. 11: Chicken patty or rib-b-que sandwich, French fries, fruit, cake
- Jan. 12: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit, brownie
- Jan. 13: Cheese pizza or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit, cookie
- Jan. 16: No school
- Jan. 17: Nachos or ham/cheese hot pocket, veggie, fruit, cinnamon breadstick
- Jan. 18: Hamburger or oven fried chicken, baked beans, fruit, cookie
- Jan. 19: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, fruit, goldfish crackers
- Jan. 20: Fish nuggets or burrito, Spanish rice, green beans, fruit, fruit snacks

Homedale Middle

- Jan. 11: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover
- Jan. 12: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat
- Jan. 13: Chicken tenders or baked ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll, fruit
- Jan. 16: No school
- Jan. 17: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice, broccoli, fruit, fortune cookie
- Jan. 18: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, veggie bar, apple crisp
- Jan. 19: Spaghetti or Philly cheese steak hot pocket, veggie bar, fruit, bread stick
- Jan. 20: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, fruit, cookie

Homedale High

- Jan. 11: Enchilada or pizza hot pocket, mixed veggies, fruit & salad bar
- Jan. 12: Chicken patty, hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, sherbet cup
- Jan. 13: Chicken taco or burrito, corn, salad bar, fruit bar
- Jan. 16: No school
- Jan. 17: Beef nuggets or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar
- Jan. 18: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar
- Jan. 19: Toasted cheese, chicken patty or deli sandwich, soup, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, turnover
- Jan. 20: Polish sausage, pulled pork BBQ or French dip sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit bar

Marsing

- Jan. 11: Teriyaki chicken bowl, mixed veggies, sandwiches, potato chips, soup & salad bar, strawberries
- Jan. 12: Pepperoni pizza, baked potato, salad w/ranch, soup & salad bar, chocolate chip cookie
- Jan. 13: Chili and chips, Malibu chicken, green beans, soup & salad bar, fudge brownie
- Jan. 16: No school
- Jan. 17: Hot dog, green beans, sub sandwich, potato chips, salad bar, applesauce
- Jan. 18: Tater tot casserole, grilled chicken sandwich, mixed veggies, soup & salad bar
- Jan. 19: Pulled pork sandwich, cheesy chicken noodle bake, mixed veggies, soup & salad bar, chocolate cake
- Jan. 20: Pepperoni pizza, salad w/ranch, egg rolls, rice, soup & salad bar, chocolate chip cookie

Bruneau

- Jan. 11: Spaghetti, romaine salad/croutons, garlic bread, peaches
- Jan. 12: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
- Jan. 13: Chicken burger, wedges, carrot sticks, apple, oatmeal cookie
- Jan. 17: Pizza, romaine salad, corn, pineapple
- Jan. 18: Turkey dinner, potatoes/gravy, carrots, roll/butter, apple crisp
- Jan. 19: Nachos, romaine salad, corn, banana, maple bar
- Jan. 20: Weiner wrap, baked beans, tots, broccoli, kiwi, cherry almond cookie

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Birth

Cameron Reed Grant

Perry and Halie Grant, of Homedale, have announced the birth of their son.

Cameron Reed Grant was born at 4:16 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011 at St. Luke's in Meridian. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and

was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Daryl and Coleen Reed of Harpster and Bob and Debbie Grant of Homedale. The great-grandparents are Zoe Reed of Emmett, Bill and Ellen Farley of Hayden, Louise Murray

of Homedale, and Zelda Grant of Brockton, Mass. Numerous aunts including Sara Daugherty of John Day, Ore., Jamie Reed of Boise, Jan Reed of Emmett, and Angie Waters of Homedale welcome Cameron.

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Calendar

Today

Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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

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

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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

Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 459-2860

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

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

Friday

Grand View Lions Club meeting
11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main Street, Grand View.

Saturday

OCHS membership meeting
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Sunday

Marsing Gun Club shoots
11 a.m., \$3.50 per shoot (members), \$4 per shoot (non-members), \$25 individual membership, \$50 family, off Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 989-7367

Monday

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

Knit and crochet session
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2213

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8 a.m., \$10, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

El-Ada Marsing food distribution
Distribution is made across from the Marsing Senior Center.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View

Eastern Owyhee CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Firehouse

Thursday, Jan. 19

Bruneau-Grand View School Board meeting
1 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School music room, 39678 State Hwy 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2253

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

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

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board meeting
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639

Monday, Jan. 23

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

Knit and crochet session
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2213

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Thursday, Jan. 26

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

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

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

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

Bruneau Valley Library District board meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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Photographer launches new Bruneau and Beyond season

A new season of the Bruneau and Beyond speaker program begins as the new year dawns. Mountain Home native Jerry Kencke is the first guest up for the program. The photographer/artist will present a photography program.

Kencke is well-known in the area for his work, which has an emphasis on western art. He does his own custom matting and hand-crafted frames to create exceptional works of art. He works outdoors using only natural light to preserve the beauty of nature with his camera.

The first 2012 program at Bruneau Valley Library will be held at noon next Wednesday and includes a free luncheon. The event is open to the public, and those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling the librarian at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345. Please RSVP by Monday to ensure enough food is prepared.

The library is located 32073 Ruth St. in Bruneau. If more space is needed, the program will be moved and notices posted at the library.

Children's Clothing Exchange

Sunday, January 15
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

FREE CLOTHING

If you have good used clothing, please bring them.

Garnet Road Youth and Community Center

(Building Next to the Church, 16613 Garnet Road)
From Homedale: Take 95 North. Take first Right after bridge (Homedale Road) Go 1/2 mile then turn right on Garnet Road.

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Call us! (208) 337-4681. Community happenings, events or issues.

Owyhee County Church Directory

Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W. Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm • Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion, Vier - Oracion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henrioulle, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2011 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Feb.12 - March 12 - April 9 - May 14 - June 11 - July 9 - Aug. 13 Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 10 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

Tickets on sale for church’s annual men’s game feed

Following up on the successful turnout from last year’s annual Men’s Wild Game Feed at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, the men’s group is set for its ninth event.

Caldwell’s Tony Greer will deliver the keynote during the church’s Men’s Group fundraiser, which takes place from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21. The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road in Wilder.

As an avid chukar hunter and Christian, Greer runs chukartalk.com providing insight into what he calls “an annual four month illness”.

Last year, the men’s group saw record attendance and had to print an extra 50 tickets a few hours before the event to accommodate the 189 participants.

Tickets are \$10 for the dinner and auction, which will feature hunting and fishing items. There also will be a drawing for a \$50 gift card to an area sportsman store as the main door prize as well as other drawings throughout the evening.

Tickets are available at the door or from any member of Mountain View Church of the Nazarene men’s group or by calling the church at 337-3151.

In addition to the smorgasbord of wild game, the men’s group added two seminars before the 6 p.m. dinner. The dinner will last until around 7 p.m. when Greer will speak. The auction will begin

around 8 p.m.

Two workshops beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the church foyer will give men an opportunity to learn about turkey calling and knife sharpening. Meridian’s Ed Sweet will lead the turkey calling seminar and last year’s keynote speaker and freelance outdoor writer Tom Claycomb will give a presentation on knife sharpening.

The game dinner serves as one of two annual fundraisers for the church’s Men’s Ministry, which also mans a tri-tip barbecue station during Mountain View’s Family Fair and Roundup in September at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

The Men’s Ministry helps people in need in the community each year continues to support single moms, widows and children. Funds generated through the men’s group stays within the community, organizers said.

The Men’s Ministry has several activities besides the Wild Game Dinner slated in 2011, and they hold a Men’s Bible Study every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Other activities include a free fishing event in June, monthly prayer breakfasts, and a barbecue and rifle sight-in in August.

For more information on the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Men’s Group, visit www.mvcnaz.org and click on the men’s ministry link.

— JLZ

Christian recording artist to perform in Marsing

The Marsing Church of the Nazarene will host a Christian concert and recording artist and former Broadway musician on Sunday.

Paul Saik will perform at 11 a.m. during a free concert at the Marsing church, 12 S. 2nd Ave. W. A “love offering” for Saik will be received following the concert.

Saik has performed with opera companies throughout the world and has worked in New York in Broadway productions, Nazarene pastor Bill O’Connor said in a press release.

At the age of three, Saik learned to play the piano and by 13 he was the pianist for the First Baptist Church in Pearl, Miss., and worked his way into playing the organ

during services.

Saik earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano from Mississippi College. Following the completion of his degree he traveled abroad and studied at the University of London. As a Presser Scholar, he received a Masters of Music in church music from Baylor University.

Currently, Saik is the Artist in Residence at Boise’s Cathedral of the Rockies. Throughout his career he has recorded and released seven CDs of “sacred music”, the press release said.

“Paul Saik is one of the most talented artists I’ve met, and has one of the finest voices I’ve heard,” O’Connor said. “It’s an honor for our congregation to be able to present him to our region.”

Bowling fundraiser set for Sunday

A fundraiser for the Homedale Youth Bowlers is scheduled for Sunday.

The event will be held at Owyhee Lanes located at 18 N 1st St. W., to help raise funds for the group’s youth scholarship program. The event will begin with the first round of games at 1 p.m. and another at 4 p.m.

Three games of bowling along with a shoe rental will be included

in the \$15 per-person entry fee. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to RSVP by Friday.

Participants will be awarded “bowling bucks” that they can use towards, prizes. A silent auction will run throughout the event.

For more information about the scholarship program, contact Tami Radford at (208) 337-3625.

To RSVP, call Owyhee Lanes at (208) 337-3757.



A 2005 photo Dan Pease took south of Marsing of wild horses in the Owyhees that is on display at the Lizard Butte Library this month.

Lizard Butte names featured January artist

Local photographer Dan Pease has been announced as the Lizard Butte Library’s artist of the month.

The Marsing resident will display 13 landscape photos from the Owyhees and other areas during the monthlong display.

The 30-year professional farrier developed an interest in cameras at a young age while growing up in Northern California. Pease was drawn to Idaho in 1965 to attend The College of Idaho and moved to Marsing in 1999.

“I was born and raised in Weed, California at the foot of Mount Shasta and frequently vacationed by camping in the mountains,” he said. “My parents had a 8mm movie camera that they used for documenting birthdays, holidays and vacations. It wasn’t long before I talked my way into getting to use that camera,

though Dad was not always happy with how much film I used taking pictures of sunsets.”

Over the years, Pease primarily used 35mm film cameras to capture landscapes, but recently switched to digital.

“Taking pictures gives me another way of looking at the world,” he said. “We can all go to beautiful and interesting places, but having a camera can help us look at smaller pieces of that world.”

Pease is the father of Marsing Elementary School librarian Heidi Kendall.

The Lizard Butte Library is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday, the library is open noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call (208) 896-4690.

Friends of Lizard Butte board reconvenes

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board of directors will reconvene monthly meetings beginning Thursday, Jan. 19.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. inside the Community Room of the Marsing library, 111 3rd Ave. W. The meetings are open to the public, and the group welcomes anyone who is interested in joining.

Dawn Roy serves as board president. Other officers include vice-president Roy Heidt, secretary Dottie Christensen and treasurer Regi Nachbar.

Two Friends members serve as volunteers at the library. Marge Bachman and Jean Davis work to put returned books back on the shelves at the library and also distribute posters throughout Marsing to promote Friends of

the Library-sponsored events.

The Friends of the Library group maintains a stock of used books that are available for purchase. Proceeds have furnished to the library items such as a cordless phone system and a Wii video game system.

The group also provides matching funds for grants and is a sponsor of the ongoing juried art exhibit that brings the work of a different area artist to the library each month.

Friends members also have participated in bar-coding books at the library for easier cataloging.

The group also sponsors an Easter coloring contest at Marsing Elementary School.

Friends of the Library garner funds through dues, donations, book sales and yard sales.

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01/03	0.6	3.0	3.0	44.8	31.6	38.8
01/04	0.6	3.0	3.0	51.6	28.0	37.4
01/05	0.6	2.0	3.0	54.7	26.8	38.3
01/06	0.6	2.0	3.0	50.2	23.4	35.8
01/07	0.6	2.0	3.0	35.1	17.6	28.0
01/08	0.6	2.0	3.0	32.4	21.6	26.6
01/09	0.6	2.0	3.0	39.7	16.3	26.2
Reynolds Creek						
01/03	0.7	1.0	4.3	51.1	27.9	40.1
01/04	0.6	1.0	4.3	47.8	32.9	39.2
01/05	0.6	1.0	4.3	54.0	35.1	44.4
01/06	0.5	1.0	4.3	49.5	25.9	39.4
01/07	0.5	1.0	4.3	31.8	17.6	26.8
01/08	0.5	1.0	4.3	28.4	20.5	24.8
01/09	0.5	1.0	4.4	39.0	27.5	32.9
South Mountain						
01/03	2.1	5.0	6.5	48.2	40.6	45.9
01/04	2.1	4.0	6.5	48.6	32.9	42.1
01/05	2.1	4.0	6.5	54.0	41.7	47.5
01/06	2.1	3.0	6.5	47.1	29.7	39.7
01/07	2.1	3.0	6.5	35.8	25.7	30.4
01/08	2.1	6.0	6.5	25.9	20.5	23.0
01/09	2.1	5.0	6.5	41.7	24.4	32.2

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 70 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 223 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 52 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 497,487 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 8 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

Library Story Time explores what happens when cats, cupcakes mix

Cupcakes will be served Friday as part of a themed Story Time for a reading of “If You Give a Cat a Cupcake” at the Homedale Public Library.

The preschooler reading event begins at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The children will receive snacks and have a chance to sing, too.

This week’s story was written by Laura Numeroff.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228 in the afternoon.

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New BLM field manager introduced next week

Early open house start may exclude some from attending

An open house will be held next Wednesday to introduce the new Owyhee Field Office Manager for the Bureau of Land Management Boise District.

The open house for Loretta Chandler will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the field office, 20 1st Ave., in Marsing.

“I look forward to working with the excellent staff in this field office and with the community in carrying out BLM’s multi-purpose public land stewardship mission,” Chandler said.

The timing of the open house was discussed during Monday’s Board of County Commissioners meeting when Treasurer Brenda Richards informed the commissioners of the event.

“(The scheduled time) is not

conducive to ranchers that are feeding cattle in the winter,” Richards said. “7:30 in the morning works for the BLM, but not as well as for permittees.”

In a Jan. 6 letter announcing the open house, Chandler offered to arrange home or office visits over “the next few months” for anyone who is unable to attend the open house.

“I hope this Open House will be an opportunity for me to introduce myself as the new Field Office Manager and for you to meet and chat with a number of new (and not-so-new) members of the staff here at BLM’s Owyhee Field Office,” Chandler wrote in the letter.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland pointed out that some

people may be unable to attend because of the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area’s winter seed seminar scheduled for the same day in the Oregon border town.

Chandler succeeds acting field manager Glen Burkhardt.

Chandler began her career with the federal government in the Department of Interior’s Solicitor’s Office in Billings, Mont., where she provided legal counsel to the BLM, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Reclamation. She later moved to the Office of the Regional Solicitor in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Chandler has degrees from the University of California, Notre Dame and University of South Dakota Law School, where she studied natural resources, water and Indian law.

Chandler grew up in California,



Loretta Chandler was announced as the new Owyhee Field Office Manager for the Bureau of Land Management.

Utah and Oregon and spent summers on her grandparents’ farm.

Loretta has three daughters, a son and seven grandchildren. Her third daughter is a graduate of the University of Idaho in natural resources, with emphasis in rangeland management. While raising her family, she lived in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Annapolis, Maryland and South Dakota.

Loretta said, “We moved to South Dakota to have a place where my kids could roam safely and bike to school and the library.”

Owyhee’s unique landscape takes center stage in photo exhibit

Grand opening planned Jan. 20 in Ontario

Natural features from landscapes in Owyhee country will be on display later this month when a photography exhibit opens in Ontario, Ore.

Oregon residents Clint and Candace Shock have taken landscape photos on both sides of the Idaho-Oregon state line for the past 20 years. Some of the areas chronicled include the South Fork of the Owyhee River, Juniper Mountain, Leslie Gulch, Succor Creek, the Honey Combs and Pillars of Rome.

The 44-piece “Landscapes: Exploring The Back Country Of Malheur And Owyhee County” exhibit opens Friday, Jan. 20 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario.

Admission is free, and the exhibit will be open through March 20.

The cultural center, which is located at 676 S.W. 5th Ave., in downtown Ontario, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A grand opening event for the photo exhibit will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20. Wine and refreshments will be served, and Clint Shock will give a talk on the locations depicted in the photos beginning at 6 p.m.

“The Owyhee Uplands possess natural grandeur and living wonders,” Clint Shock said in a press release announcing the exhibit. “A photograph is at best an impression of a moment in time. The photographer does not create beauty but is only a record keeper of a moment’s perspective.”

The photos depict fields of wild flowers, dramatic rock formations, the terrain, the wide-open sky, and locations that are familiar to us. But, they also depict many images that we are not familiar with. Many of the photos are taken from locations that are not accessible by road or any type of land vehicle.

“The Four Rivers Cultural

Center wanted to bring these photos to the gallery here in Ontario because while they are of general human interest, they have a greater importance to the people of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho,” cultural center executive director Matthew Stringer wrote in a press release.

“These photos depict our area, highlight its beauty and instill a sense of pride in the environment we live in, along with a renewed commitment to protect these natural wonders.”

The photographers worked with areas that they’ve come to know through their careers. Clint works at the Oregon State University Malheur Experiment Station, and Candace writes water assessments for the Owyhee Watershed Council.

“These photographs are so compelling when you realize that outside of the change in technology of photography equipment, these images would look the same whether they were shot 10 days ago or 500 years ago,” Stringer said. “These are relatively untouched landscapes here in our (counties).”



South Fork Owyhee – A rhyolite dome is reflected in the South Fork Owyhee River on the 45 Ranch. Submitted photo

Sage-grouse conservation discussed in Jordan Valley on Jan. 24

Oregon sage-grouse conservation efforts will be reviewed later this month in a meeting in Jordan Valley.

The Jordan Valley Sage-Grouse Local Implementation Team will meet from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24. The meeting takes place at the Jordan Valley Lions Den, which is located on U.S. 95 North in Jordan Valley.

Planners are to review Core Area and Conservation Opportunity Area maps that illustrate newly mapped action

areas that share common threats to sage-grouse and focus efforts for future habitat management actions and/or mitigation needs. The Jan. 24 meeting is a follow up to the Nov. 18 Vale Local Implementation Team meeting, which was lightly attended because of weather conditions.

The Jordan Valley group is one of five Sage-Grouse Conservation Strategy Implementation teams in Oregon. There is one in each of the five Bureau of Land

Management Districts within the current distribution of sage-grouse in Oregon as well as one in the Baker Resource Area in the Vale district.

The Jordan Valley meeting comes as the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service continues its quest for public comment winds down. The two federal agencies have proposed writing an Environmental Impact Statement to incorporate greater sage-grouse conversation measures

into land use plans and land management plans.

The public comment deadline is Feb. 7. A public scoping meeting was held in Boise on Monday, and other meetings will be held today in Salmon, Thursday in Dillon, Mont., Jan. 25 in Twin Falls and Jan. 26 in Pocatello. The BLM and USFS will incorporate conservation measures into all relevant plans by September 2014. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has

set a 2015 deadline to determine whether to list the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act.

Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- Web: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse/western.html>
- Email: sagewest@blm.gov
- Fax: 775-861-6747
- Mail: Western Region Project Manager, BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502

BLM trailing permits aim to protect species, habitat

The Bureau of Land Management has proposed issuing livestock trailing permits for ranchers who move their animals across federal grazing allotments in Owyhee County.

Crossing permits for producers in the BLM’s three field offices — Owyhee, Bruneau and Jarbidge — would be issued for three years, according to a scoping packet produced by the federal agency.

Producers would be required to submit the size of the herd, class of the livestock, dates for trailing and duration of the activity. Permit applications would have to be submitted to give the BLM sufficient time to respond, the agency said.

The Owyhee Field Office has received 20 applications for the 2012 grazing season. There are 154 grazing allotments encompassing 1.32 million acres in the field office.

The Jarbidge Field Office, which covers 93 allotments and 1.323 million acres, has received 11 applications for the 2012 season.

The Bruneau Field Office has received 10 permit applications. According to the field office’s website there are 39 allotments covering 1.45 million acres.

Each field manager would be responsible for trailing authorization.

Permits would outline the allotments to be trailed across, the dates of usage, the number and kind of livestock and total number of Animal Unit Months

(forage for a cow and calf) to be removed.

The authorization also would identify the trail route with a specific width of trailing corridors, minimum distance of travel per day and overnight areas. The permits also would itemize off-limit areas such as sensitive species habitat, burned areas and other resource concerns.

In all the field offices, some of the areas of concern outlined in the scoping document include the effects of livestock on native plants, special status plants, sage-grouse, migratory birds, Bighorn sheep, big game, soils and cultural resources. The potential spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants also is identified.

The BLM proposes ending sheep and goat trailing in the area west of Clover Creek from its confluence with the Bruneau River and west of Three Creek to the confluence with Clover Creek in an effort to reduce transmitting disease to Bighorn sheep.

There are several other proposed restrictions throughout the year to protect big game, sage-grouse and sagebrush habitat.

Trailing also would be limited to protect Slickspot peppergrass habitat.

The Bruneau Field Office proposes three alternatives, including no action, action requested in permittees’ applications or identifying routes from applications and additional routes available.

County natural resource advocates join BLM panel

Two Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee members have received appointment to a Bureau of Land Management citizen advisory group.

Karen Steenhof and Bill Walsh will hold three-year terms on the Boise District Resource Advisory Committee.

Steenhof, who also has been involved in sage-grouse conservation efforts in Owyhee County, will serve as the RAC’s environmental organization representative. Walsh will be the commercial recreation representative.

Steenhof is president of the Raptor Research Foundation.

Walsh and Steenhof join ranchers Brenda Richards (Reynolds Creek) and Donna Bennett (Grand View) as RAC members with Owyhee County ties. Dr. Ted Hoffman, another rancher on the RAC, also has experience grazing cattle in the county.

Canyon County Commissioner Kathy Alder will serve as the RAC’s elected official representative, stepping into

a role that had been filled by Owyhee County elected officials Dick Freund and Gary Aman for years.

“I want to welcome our new and reappointed RAC members and commend them for their commitment to public service,” Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a press release. “Their counsel will serve the BLM well as the agency carries out its multiple-use mission.”

Composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, the RACs help the BLM carry out its stewardship of 245 million acres of federal lands. Each RAC consists of 10 to 15 members with an interest in public land management, such as conservationists, outdoor recreationists, ranchers, Tribal officials, state and local government officials, academics, and others.

“The diverse membership of RACs results in a balanced outlook that the BLM needs in managing the public lands for current and future generations,” BLM Director Bob Abbey said.

County: Trailing permit plan ignores Initiative provisions

Commissioners point out inconsistencies in BLM proposal

In the eyes of Owyhee County officials, proposed livestock trailing restrictions would violate elements of the Owyhee Initiative.

In a comment sent to the Bureau of Land Management last week, the Board of County Commissioners said that Scoping Documents (SDs) for proposed Environmental Assessments (EAs) for trailing permit criteria hints that trailing in Wild Scenic and River Corridors and in designated wilderness could be prohibited, which goes against the decade of work that became the Owyhee Initiative law.

“Clearly, if historic trailing routes and activity was not compatible with WSR corridors, the WSR would not have been agreed to by the Owyhee Initiative and would not have been designated in the Owyhee legislation,” the county’s comment on the proposals said.

The county also said that any restrictions should be addressed in a wilderness management plan and not through a permit process.

The Initiative matter was just one of many objections the Board of County Commissioners raised in a multi-page document sent to the BLM last week. Rangeland consultant Chad Gibson prepared the comment for the county despite a short window of opportunity.

“It should be noted that a two-week window during the Christmas holidays for submitting comment is entirely inadequate for detailed analysis and development of a more detailed constructive comment,” Gibson wrote in his response.

The county also contends that the BLM contradicts itself when

the EAs for its three field offices in the county are compared for goals, strategies, restrictions and standards.

Furthermore, the county says, there are no negative effects from livestock trailing. Mitigation of negative impacts is a premise used by the BLM to implement a separate permit process.

“I don’t understand the reasoning for a trailing permit when it’s part of your grazing system,” BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said.

Hoagland is also concerned that the BLM is about to spread its range analysts too thin again. They’re already working on completion of reassessments for Owyhee Resource Area allotments ordered by a federal judge.

“It’s going to create a terrible hardship and a mess,” Hoagland said of any further analysis required by trailing permits.

According to BLM documents, the EAs will help the federal agency issue trailing permits to producers who need to move livestock across federal land, and the permits would regulate how the crossings can be carried out.

Some EAs could be finalized next month, according to the BLM, while the Bruneau Field Office’s request for comment said its document could be finished by the end of January.

There are varying alternatives for each proposed EA. One each has been designed for the Owyhee, Bruneau and Jarbidge field offices.

“All three of these SDs address the same issue with the same objective and yet there are major inconsistencies among them,” Gibson wrote in the opening

sentence of his analysis and review.

The county says all three proposals suggest that trailing permits could be denied, but there is no analysis of the impact on range management if a trail route is rejected.

Gibson points out that the SDs for each field office do not address ecological-related objectives, which according to the BLM’s crossing permit rule are the goals of any permit to be issued. Instead, the SDs only address the administration of range-related objectives as required in the permit rule.

Furthermore, the county contends that even though the SDs have identical purposes, the procedures and anticipated outcomes are different for each of the three.

For example, the Jarbidge document would create mile-wide trailing corridors, while the SDs for Owyhee and Bruneau limit the trailing path to a quarter-mile width.

The county proposes half-mile-wide corridors throughout the county to ensure management guidelines and grazing permit requirements are met.

The county also contends that crossing permits would be redundant if the trailing of livestock follows terms and conditions of grazing permits already in place.

The county also said that trailing permits shouldn’t be necessary if livestock already is authorized to graze under a grazing permit or if a grazing permit allows crossing unauthorized land to implement grazing rotation or if trailing occurs on a public road.

None of the EAs analyze the impact of trucking, which the county says has a greater environmental impact than traditional trailing.

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Homedale Middle School science teacher Amy Vitek helps eighth-graders Andy Parker and Ben Schamber place roadway on their Future City model after school last week. The students are set to compete in the Future City Regional on Jan. 21 at Boise State University.

HMS young scientists look to build on last year's success

With school resuming after the Christmas break, the Homedale Middle School Future City team is hitting the home stretch.

The school's batch of Advanced Science eighth-graders, led by first-year advisor Amy Vitek, will enter the Future City regional finals, set for Jan. 21 at Boise State University.

Last year's HMS team finally broke through for the regional championship and made an appearance in the National Engineers Week Foundation's 2011 competition in Washington D.C.

Last year's advisor, Jennifer Martin, has left her post with the school district, and first-year HMS teacher Vitek has assumed the reins for the Future City team.

The 2012 team includes Jennifer Bautista, Dylan Burks, Connor Carter, Garrett Carter, Kirsten Egurrola, Madison Fisher, Elizabeth Hernandez, Michael Lejardi, Andrew Parker, Dylan Phariss, Benny Schamber, Jordan Stuart, Richard Symms and Alex Vega.

They've named their Future City RAIN — Renewable Alternative Innovative Neighborhood.

Vitek said the Advanced Science students chose the Future City challenge as their first-semester project. With the start of the new year, the students work on the project after school with oversight from Homedale resident Don Vander Boegh, who also volunteered his

engineering expertise last year.

The 2012 theme is Fuel Your Future: Imagine New Ways to Meet Our Energy Needs and Maintain a Healthy Planet. Contestants are tasked with coming up with an energy source to replace dependence on fossil fuels.

In daily afternoon meetings at the school, the HMS students have split up into teams to work on different elements of the contest.

The essay team focused on biomass fuel and a double gasification system.

The model team is focusing on implementing five alternative energy sources into the HMS submission model. The energy sources include wind, pressure pads, biomass, hydropower and solar panels and shingles.

A third element of the competition is presentation, which will take place during the regional tournament with the model serving as a visual aid.

The national competition will be held Feb. 19-25 in Washington.



Counter-clockwise from left: Eighth-grader Ben Schamber puts the finishing touches of paint on the reservoir. Andy Parker cuts sections of roadway for the HMS Future City titled RAIN. Jordan Stuart paints elbow noodles that serve as components of the biomass fuel facility of the project.

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Mendoza makes mat statement in Trojans' home loss

Senior wrestler narrowly missed shot at redemption vs. Fruitland foe

The gap between two of the state's top 3A wrestlers grew noticeable narrower Thursday night.

Nearly 14 months ago when Homedale High School's Ismahel Mendoza met Tim McDonald, the Fruitland wrestler notched a technical fall victory to win the 3A state championship at 171 pounds.

When the pair met last week in the 182-pound division, a technical mistake cost Mendoza his shot at revenge.

"It was the match of the night," Trojans coach Toby Johnson said. "He made one error in the third round that cost him."

"When you have a state title match repeat in your home gym, it's always exciting."

Mendoza-McDonald was the marquee matchup in the

Grizzlies' 62-21 3A Snake River Valley conference victory to spoil the Trojans' 2012 home debut.

McDonald got a near-pinfall late in their rematch Thursday to card a 9-6 victory. With the match deadlocked 4-4 after four minutes, Mendoza had surged ahead earlier in the third round on the strength of a penalty point and a reversal.

"It's obvious that Mendoza has improved a lot and has his mind set on state gold," Johnson said. "He certainly can do it."

Homedale drew a tough opponent to start its conference season.

"Fruitland is one of the top two teams in the state for 3A," Johnson said. "They are really loaded. We didn't back down at all. We wrestled tough; we're just really young."



Homedale's Ismahel Mendoza grapples with Fruitland's Tim McDonald during the Trojans' home meet last week at Homedale High School.

Homedale's top youngsters, though, held their own in the lower weights.

Freshman 120-pounder Devin Fisher continued his strong rookie campaign with a pin of Fruitland's Dakota Myers 12 seconds before the end of the first period.

Sophomore Michael Deleon collected the second of three

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Kelly, Rupp double up as HHS girls end skid

Rebounding returns in Trojans' win over Pirates

Double-doubles from Raven Kelly and Kaylee Rupp propelled Homedale High School to another conference victory in girls' basketball.

The Trojans applied the pressure early and rolled to a 45-32 victory Jan. 3 over 3A Snake River Valley conference opponent Payette.

Rupp led the way with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Kelly had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Homedale (8-4 overall, 2-1 in conference) snapped a two-game skid that included lopsided losses to Weiser and Vale in the final week before the holiday break.

The Trojans suffered through a poor shooting and rebounding performance in a 56-29 setback at home against Vale, Ore., on Dec. 20.

Memories of that game were gone last week, though.

"This was a much better rebounding game for us," HHS coach Matt Holtry said of the victory against Payette. "It was a great turnaround for our team from the game against Vale."

Last week's rebounding performance allowed the Trojans to overcome a paltry 9-for-23 showing from the foul line.

"We have been stressing the importance of getting rebound at

practice, and we felt as though it paid off for us," Holtry said.

Homedale built a 16-7 first-quarter lead and never looked back against Payette.

Gwen King scored 12 points to pace the Pirates. Kate Bradshaw tossed in eight points.

Dec. 20: Vale 56, Homedale 29 — The Vikings took control with a 17-4 streak through the second quarter.

The Trojans trailed by two points, 12-10, after the first eight minutes, but managed only four points from Kylie Farwell in the second quarter.

"We started off well only down two points after the first quarter, but the lack of rebounding and poor shooting percentage got us in trouble the rest of the way," Holtry said.

"The girls played hard, but we didn't box out like we should have and were beat up on the scoreboard because of it."

Farwell had a team-high 11 points, while Aubrey Nash added six and Deena Emry kicked in five.

Megan Williams scored a game-high 19 points, while Vale teammate Amy Delong added 14 points. The pair hit three of the Vikings' five three-point goals.



Marsing's Andrea Rodriguez, left, attempts to block a pass from Cole Valley's Molly Verska during the Lady Huskies' 51-33 win on the road Saturday night in Meridian.

Lady Huskies rebound from loss with dominant 18-point win

Marsing readies for last half of season

Even though the first game of the new year didn't go its way, the Marsing High School girls' basketball team rebounded Saturday with an 18-point road win over Cole Valley Christian.

In a 2A Western Idaho

Conference rout the Lady Huskies (9-4, 5-1 2A WIC) kept the Chargers (1-14, 0-6) running as Marsing outscored their host 24-14 in the second half to claim a 51-33 win.

Ashley Hull set the pace for both teams, sinking four of her five free throws to finish with 14 points. Hull recorded five steals, three assists and three rebounds. Andrea Rodriguez picked up 11 points, six steals, four assists and three rebounds and drained all three of her shots from the

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Sports



Homedale's Hayden Krzesnik drives around New Plymouth's Chase White on Thursday night in the Trojans' 60-41 road loss.

Trojans can't get footing against NP

Homedale High School played from behind all night Thursday before New Plymouth threw a haymaker in the third quarter of the non-conference boys' basketball game.

The Pilgrims sealed their 60-41 home victory with a 24-7 run in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Hayden Krzesnik threw in two three-point goals as part of his team-high 10 points for the Trojans (3-8 overall).

Trey Corta scored eight points, and Xavier Hernandez fired in a

pair of treys for six points.

Homedale found itself down by double digits when New Plymouth opened the game on a 20-10 tear.

Chase White erupted with five three-point goals on the way to 16 points. Teammate Carson White led New Plymouth (9-1) with 17 points.

The Trojans, who have lost six of the past eight games, open the 3A Snake River Valley conference season at 7:30 p.m. today on the road against Parma.

Cove explodes in third to stymie Adrian boys

Adrian High School's boys' basketball team lost its edge Friday and suffered its fourth consecutive loss.

After opening the third quarter on a hot streak, Cove held off its host for a 51-40 non-league victory.

Cove took control with a 14-3 run to start the second half.

"If it wasn't for the third quarter, I believe we would have come out on top," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "We made a run in the fourth but just a little too late."

Adrian (2-10) outscored the Leopards (8-4), 16-10, in the final eight minutes to close the gap. Cove stayed in front for its third consecutive victory.

Adrian's Paxton Shira led all

players with 21 points and 19 rebounds.

"We played with intensity early in the game," Ishida said. "I think our defense and rebounding is getting where we need to be."

Wednesday: Ambrose 52, Adrian 47 — Three players scored in double figures, but the Antelopes couldn't get enough shots to fall in their non-league loss to the visitors from Meridian.

Paxton Shira scored 16 points, but Adrian connected on just 28.8 percent (17-for-59) of its shots and couldn't overcome an 11-point halftime deficit.

"It was like someone put a lid on the bucket," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "We had

plenty of looks at the bucket but just couldn't get our shots to fall."

Kurt Nielson scored 13 points, and Juan Munoz added 12.

Shira was limited to seven rebounds as the Archers ruled the glass, 42-17. Ambrose held a 14-11 edge on its own backboards, and limited second-chance shots with a 28-6 advantage on Adrian's end of the floor.

"One thing we struggled with was on the defensive boards," Ishida said. "I thought our defense was pretty good, but we need to be able to shoot better in tight games."

Ambrose's David Liimakka led all scorers with 22 points.

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consecutive pins by HHS wrestlers when he dispatched Fruitland 113-pounder Michael Mannery in 1 minute, 31 seconds.

Andrew Randall, like Fisher among a strong pack of ninth-graders, pinned Eric Castillo eight seconds 1:52 into their 106-pound match.

Johnson also pointed out the effort of 145-pound KJ Atkins in a 17-3 loss to Fruitland's Cody Baumgarner

"I was very pleased with our light weights," the 15-year coach said. "Andrew Randall is coming along nicely. Devin and Michael both look strong. KJ Atkins

really gave 100 percent."

Fruitland picked up nearly half of its points from five forfeits. Homedale won four matches on the mat, and the Grizzlies took half of their six victories by pinfall.

"It is difficult giving up forfeits," Johnson said. "Cole Jeppe (126-pounder) being injured doesn't help either."

"But this team is very positive, hard-working, and we're growing. Because we have quality kids, we are a good tournament team. We have had solid performances at both Nyssa and Ontario."

Brad McCain's late reversal against 195-pound opponent

Garrett Larson clinched a 7-4 victory and Homedale's first three points of the night.

The junior leads the team with seven pins and was a bright spot at the fifth-place finish in the Ontario Holiday Tournament three weeks ago, winning his weight class.

McCain is one of the seasoned wrestlers this year, but Johnson sees a bright future with a solid roster comprised of 60 percent first-year wrestlers and another 25 percent of the roster in their second year with the program.

There were 18 exhibition matches wrapped around the varsity dual Thursday night.

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Brad McCain Junior Wrestling

The Play — The 195-pound wrestler celebrated his birthday Thursday with a thrilling 7-4 victory over Fruitland's Garrett Larson for the Trojans' first points in their 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener. McCain returned from vacation as a champion at the Ontario Holiday Tournament and leads the team with seven pins this season.

Coach's Take — "Brad is also a two-time state qualifier. He is one of our key upper-weight wrestlers."

— Toby Johnson

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Thursday, Jan. 12 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, Jan. 12 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
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Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
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Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Melba, 6 p.m.

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Monday, Jan. 16 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
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Sports

Raiders ride balanced attack to even record

Four players in double figures pushed Rimrock High School’s boys’ basketball team to the .500 mark Friday night.

Ricardo Garcia and Jacob Black scored 12 points apiece in the Raiders’ 54-38 non-conference victory over Canyon Springs in Bruneau.

Clay Cantrell and Austin Meyers scored 11 points each for Rimrock, while Kevin Fernandez’s 20 points led Canyon Springs, which hails from Caldwell.

Thursday: Rimrock 44, Gem State Academy 43 — A fourth-quarter surge gave Rimrock a comeback victory Thursday in 1A Western Idaho Conference boys’ basketball action.

The Raiders fell behind early against host Gem State Academy, but rallied in the final minutes for a 44-43 triumph in Caldwell.

Clay Cantrell’s nine points led Rimrock’s balanced attack. Cody Steele (two three-pointers) and Ricardo Garcia added eight points each, and Austin Meyers contributed seven.

The Raiders were able to stay close with the Jaguars despite converting only five of 18 foul shots.

Jose Lopez scored 18 points for Gem State, leading all players.

Marsing drops Greenleaf, 58-44

Following a 2A Western Idaho Conference shellacking, the Marsing High School boys’ basketball team won its final non-conference game, 58-44, over Greenleaf Friends Academy on Saturday at home.

Senior Dakota Hill led all scorers with 18 points for the Huskies (6-6, 0-4 2A WIC) followed by teammates Jason Galligan and MacKay Hall with 10 points each. Jose Acuna finished with nine points, and Miguel Leon picked up seven and four assists.

Marsing product J.B. Bermudez-Koch led the Grizzlies with 15 followed by Homedale athlete Dalton Penrod with six.

Friday: New Plymouth 64, Marsing 38 — The Pilgrims blasted the host Huskies and improved to 4-0 in 2A WIC play.

Hill paced Marsing with 11 points followed by Galligan with eight points, six rebounds and three blocks.

New Plymouth’s Carson White picked up a double-double, scoring 19 points and pulling in 12 rebounds.

Jan. 4: McCall-Donnelly 44, Marsing 35 — In their first game back from claiming the Husky Holiday Classic for the second consecutive year, the Huskies dropped its first game of the new year to the Vandals.

Adrian girls end three-game skid with fast start

Madi Purnell’s 20 points helped the Adrian High School girls’ basketball team snap a three-game losing streak Friday night.

The Antelopes rode a fast start to a 44-26 non-league victory over visiting Cove.

Adrian (7-5) led 24-9 at halftime after blowing the game open with a 15-6 run in the second quarter.

The Antelopes also received 10

points each from Olivia Morton and Nichole Orosco.

The Leopards (4-8) were paced by six points each from junior guard/forward Renee Mills and freshman forward Kayla Johnson.

Wednesday: Ambrose 41, Adrian 37 — The visiting Archers mounted a 15-8 charge in the fourth quarter to send the Antelopes to

their third consecutive loss.

Annie Bowns led the way with 11 points for Adrian, which built an 18-13 halftime lead with a 15-point second quarter.

Ambrose won the game at the foul line, getting 14 more chances and making six more shots than Adrian. The Archers were 15-for-29 from the charity stripe, while the Antelopes hit nine of

15 shots.

The teams combined for 48 turnovers, and Adrian fell despite shaking a season-long shooting problem and converting 14 of 38 field goals (36.8 percent). Ambrose knocked down just 26 percent of its shots (13-for-50).

Hannah Elmore put in a game-high 15 points, and Caitlyn Boeck added 11.

Rimrock girls march to victory behind Bachman brigade

Rimrock High School roared out of the gate to start each half Thursday in a girls’ basketball rout in Caldwell.

Bailey Bachman and Sami Jo

Bachman scored in double figures in the Raiders’ 50-26 1A Western Idaho Conference blowout of Gem State Academy.

Rimrock set the tone early

with a 19-7 opening frame. The Raiders outscored the Jaguars, 17-5, to start the second half.

Bailey Bachman, a junior guard/post, registered a co-game-

high 13 points, and sophomore guard Sami Jo Bachman added 11. Teammate Kyla Jewett, a sophomore guard, chipped in 12.

✓ MHS: Set to host McCall-Donnelly on Friday night

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charity stripe.

Marsing was coming off a 48-39 conference loss to Nampa Christian two night earlier.

“Coming off Thursday’s loss, there were some things we needed to address,” Marsing coach Tim Little said. “All the things we talked about Friday at practice helped. Cole Valley plays hard, and they seem to play their best games against us. We kept at it and kept doing what we talked about and got the road win.”

Against the Chargers, Deidrie Briggs pulled in five defensive rebounds and locked up nine points. Dafni Clausen notched eight points and five rebounds followed by Lacey Usabel with four, Shelbi Ferdinand with three

and Morgan Hall with two.

Thursday: Nampa Christian 48, Marsing 39 — Playing their conference rival for the second time in a week, the Trojans picked up a hard-fought win and took over first place.

“Playing (Nampa Christian) and beating them the way we did in the (Husky Holiday Classic) and then going into their place the attitude was ‘We got this,’” Little said. “We had a lot of little things that cost us the game. There was a lack of preparation. Mentally, we were preconceived that we had it. It was a big league game.”

Starting the second-half of conference play with matching 5-1 records the Lady Huskies will have to finish out a tough second half schedule to regain first place

from the Trojans.

“Nampa Christian beat New Plymouth on Saturday to improve to 5-1,” Little said. “They are done with their tough teams. There is a good chance that the last game of the regular season will be a decisive game. The goal right now is to get the first or second seed; because if you win one, you are in the state tourney.”

Against Nampa Christian, Hull had 14 points followed by Briggs with seven, Usabel with six and Evon Timmons with four.

Marsing is scheduled to host Nampa Christian for their final game of the season and senior night on Jan. 26. Little said there is a potential they could face the Trojans a fourth time during the

District III tournament which begins on Feb. 2.

The Lady Huskies played at home last night after deadline against Melba.

Up next, Marsing will host McCall-Donnelly — a team they beat in December by 30 points — on Friday.

— JLZ

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MARSING HUSKIES




Student Athlete Spotlight

Deidrie BriggsSenior Basketball

The Play — Briggs notched nine points and pulled in five defensive rebounds in the Lady Huskies league win over Cole Valley on Saturday night.

Coach’s Take — “Her senior leadership throughout the season has kept us on track. She is always reminding the team of the common goal. She is a quite leader and reminds the girls what the big picture is.”

— Tim Little



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Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. North Star Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Go Huskies!



Tailgate Turkey Pile-On

It's a WIN-WIN!

How to feed football fans and fight hunger

FAMILY FEATURES

When it's your turn to call the plays on game day food, you need recipes that are easy to make, easy to eat, and will feed a crowd of hungry fans. These four recipes from celebrity chefs Pat and Gina Neely are a must for your tailgating playbook — full of satisfying flavor that will score big with football fanatics.

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It's a win-win for everyone — make the recipes for your friends, like the Kraft Fight Hunger Facebook page and you will help feed your neighbors.



Pat and Gina Neely

Zesty 100 Yard Bites

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

- 1/3 cup Kraft Mayo with Olive Oil Reduced Fat Mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 12 slider buns
- 12 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Honey Ham
- 12 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Slow Roasted Roast Beef
- 3 Kraft Big Slice Colby Jack Cheese Slices, cut into quarters
- 2 plum tomatoes, cut into 12 slices
- 12 Claussen Bread 'N Butter Pickle Chips
- 12 stuffed green olives

Mix mayo, Sriracha and lime juice in a small bowl. Spread each bun with 1/2 tablespoon (1 1/2 teaspoons) mayo mixture.

Fill each bun with 1 folded slice each ham and roast beef, a cheese slice quarter, tomato slice and pickle.

Top each bun with a small decorative bamboo skewer, skewered with an olive.

Substitute: Substitute hot pepper sauce for the Sriracha sauce.

Potato Dog Skins

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- 3 large baking potatoes (2 1/2 pounds), baked
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 Oscar Mayer Selects Premium Beef Franks
- 1/3 cup Bull's-Eye Original Barbecue Sauce, warmed
- 1/2 cup Kraft Shredded Colby & Monterey Jack Cheeses
- 1/3 cup Breakstone's or Knudsen Sour Cream
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives

Heat grill to medium heat. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise and spoon out the flesh, leaving half-inch shells. Mix garlic and melted butter. Brush potatoes on both sides with garlic butter mixture.

Grill franks 7 to 9 minutes, or until heated through, turning occasionally; slice into rounds. Grill potatoes until crisp, about 4 to 4 1/2 minutes on each side.

Spoon sliced franks into the potato shells; drizzle with barbecue sauce and top with cheese. Grill until the cheese is melted. Top with sour cream and chives.

Alternative Cooking Method: If you prefer, bake the buttered potato skins in a 250°F oven until crisp, about 15 minutes, before adding the toppings. Fill as directed and bake 5 minutes more.



Zesty 100 Yard Bites



Chipotle Chile Mac and Cheese



Potato Dog Skins

Tailgate Turkey Pile-On

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- 1 12-inch loaf Italian bread with sesame seeds, sliced in half horizontally
- 1/4 cup Kraft Mayo with Olive Oil Cracked Pepper Reduced Fat Mayonnaise
- 24 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Oven Roasted Turkey Breast
- 6 slices Oscar Mayer Fully Cooked Bacon, crisped
- 1/2 cup shredded iceberg lettuce
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives
- 1/4 cup drained roasted red pepper strips

Hollow top of bread slightly; discard removed bread or save for another use. Spread mayonnaise on both sides of bread.

Fill with remaining ingredients. Slice into 6 (2-inch) pieces.

Tailgating Tip: To make for easy eating, wrap sandwich in parchment paper (like at a sandwich shop) and then slice with a serrated knife. Wrap in foil for transport.

Chipotle Chile Mac and Cheese

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 35 minutes
Makes: 6 servings, about 1 cup each

- 1 package (14 ounces) Kraft Deluxe Macaroni & Sharp Cheddar Cheese Sauce
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup Kraft shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 Ritz crackers, coarsely crushed (about 1/4 cup)

Heat oven to 400°F.

Prepare dinner as directed on package. Meanwhile, brown beef with onion and bell pepper in large skillet over medium-high heat 5 minutes. Drain.

Add meat mixture to prepared dinner and stir in chipotle pepper. Spoon into greased 2-quart casserole or baking dish. Top with green onions, cheese and cracker crumbs.

Bake 15 minutes or until mixture is hot.

Tailgating Take Along: Make your casserole in a disposable foil pan. Just heat on a covered grill on low heat until mixture is golden and heated through.

Tip: For additional heat, increase to 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce.

Substitute: Prepare using extra-lean ground beef and Kraft 2% Milk Shredded Cheddar Cheese.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
The ground blizzard



I looked at my schedule for the first week in December: Jamestown, N.D., Denver, Colo., Laramie, Wyo., and Springfield, Ohio. I asked my secretary why she couldn't book me in Victoria, Texas, or San Diego, Calif., in the winter? She reminded me she had booked me in Miami last winter. "Yea," I said, "Miami, Manitoba!"

Actually, I don't worry about traveling in cold weather. It would be easier to plan if I could count on global warming, but it's just not reliable. Al Gore found that out. You just can't count on it when you need it! Jamestown started out clear and cool, but Denver turned frosty. I made it to Laramie behind the snowplow. We had a great crowd at the evening show ... winter doesn't stop Wyoming cowboys from comin' to town!

Unfortunately, my "Laramie Turnaround" involved leaving Laramie at 10:30 p.m. in 20-degree weather, icy roads and blowing snow headed for the Denver Airport and a 10 a.m. flight. I was driving a rented Chevy sedan with front-wheel drive. I could have taken the two-lane Highway 287 direct to Fort Collins. Its advantage was that it was downhill all the way, but I chose to stay on the freeway. I counted three other passenger cars on the highway (two of them pulled off to the side) and an estimated 2,300,000 semis as I coursed east along I-80 toward Cheyenne!

It is only 50 miles from Laramie to Cheyenne, but if you flattened out the 8,000-foot passes it's at least twice that far! I drove with confidence and got up to 23 mph once, accidentally, but the semis maintained a steady 40-50 mph. I think they calculated the exact speed it took to maintain a cloud of blowing snow at the roof level of a rented four-door Chevy sedan. It took almost two hours to get to Cheyenne and another two hours to reach Denver airport. I was regaling my friend Ken of my Wyoming adventure. He lives in Jackson Hole. He was polite and didn't poo-poo my little story, but he put me in perspective.

Ken is a veterinarian and was out all day one blizzardy day. His young son sat on the passenger side. In cold country, especially in the mountains, the roads are lined with "blizzard poles". I'm guessing they are eight feet high so when the snow pack buries the road you will have a marker to guide you. The trick is to keep the blizzard pole on your right. They came to a particularly windy swell and suddenly even the blizzard poles disappeared! "Keep looking, son!" Ken instructed as he slowed to keep his grip on the road. Suddenly, right in front of them was a pole! "There, Dad, there!" pointed the 8-year-old navigator. Ken swerved to keep the pole in his right side. Before he could sigh with relief, he nosed over into the bar ditch and stopped like a car-crash dummy! The blizzard pole was still on his right alright, but the bar ditch was on the left side of the road!

Then he told me of Cody's story about crawling along in a ground blizzard in his UPS truck and seeing a small, Volkswagen-ish vehicle off to the right. It was perpendicular to the road, its nose stuck up against a snow bank, wheels spinning furiously and throwing up a snow cloud behind it! Cody stopped to watch. The compact car continued to whine. Cody got out and walked around to the left side.

The driver was behind the wheel, foot on the gas, peering out the windshield ... he thought he was still driving!

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Jordan Valley 101



A major milestone passed in 2011 for a border town that has seen its share of history.

Jordan Valley officials hope to pull off a festival of some sort later this year as a belated celebration for the town's incorporation centennial.

The town has its origins about 150 years ago after gold was discovered by a group of prospectors led by Michael Jordan (not sure if there was a guy named Pippen on his team of miners) on an Idaho creek that would eventually bear his name. The village eventually shared its name with that creek, and on March 21, 1911, after the still-standing city jail was constructed, Jordan Valley was incorporated as a town in the state of Oregon.

The city council has been exploring fixing up the jail, including its eroding roof. The century-old block building is just one of several structures in town with historic significance. The 97-year-old pelota fronton, which is a Basque handball venue, dominates the center of town and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Elorriaga Boarding House, which was a focal point for Basque sheepherders and other countrymen who eventually settled in the United States, stands as the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum.

The museum has become a cradle for much of the town's history. Curator Joanne Cunningham and City Clerk Adele Payden will be among those huddling soon to figure out how to celebrate the Centennial-Plus-One.

Payden said representatives from local groups will receive invitations to the organizational meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for the spring. The celebration itself will be held in the spring or summer, she said.

The festival will showcase not only the city's birth milestone but also the jail, museum and budding historical blacksmith shop, and the general community spirit that has filtered down through the years as Jordan Valley progressed from a pioneer town to a border town with strong ties to several different cultures and ways of life.

Payden envisions the dedication of veteran's flags on the light posts along Main Street, which she says is a project the town's schoolchildren has tackled. A parade, vendors, swap meet and talent show also could be incorporated into the incorporation celebration.

The blacksmith shop is another example of the community togetherness. The piece of history was hewn from the tiny garage built in 1946 to house the brand-

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Proposed labor restrictions discourage future ag producers



According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS), the average age of principal farm operators in 2007 was 57 years, compared with an average of 50 years in 1978. ERS found that a decline in the number of young farmers and an increase in the number of aging farmers seem to be pushing this age trend. High startup costs and limited land availability make it difficult for many young farmers to get their start. With a growing U.S. population — projected at more than 312 million — and an estimated nearly 1 billion people chronically hungry worldwide, we must encourage, not discourage, the next generation of farmers and ranchers by ensuring access to the training necessary to overcome the considerable startup challenges.

Unfortunately, on Sept. 2, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) proposed a rule that sends the wrong message to young people who want to pursue farming and ranching, by limiting their ability to work on farms, even those owned by their immediate family. Many producers get their start at young ages working on family farms. They experience first-hand the rewards of hard work, the production methods that work best and the importance of farm safety measures. Obstructing this learning opportunity would negatively impact the structure of many education programs, farms, ranches and other agricultural businesses, and many throughout the agricultural community are understandably concerned. Restriction of job opportunities also limits students' ability to become financially responsible and viable and their ability to establish a college savings fund, which influences their access to further their education.

Because of DOL conducting a comment period on the proposed rule during fall harvest, among the busiest times for producers, I joined a bipartisan group of 32 senators, including Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, in requesting a 60-day extension of the comment period so that those most impacted by the changes would have the opportunity to voice their opinions. DOL extended the comment period 30 days.

Review of the regulation confirmed concerns. Thus, I

joined a bipartisan group of 30 senators, including Sen. Risch and led by Sens. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Ben Nelson (D-Neb.), in detailing specific concerns with the rule and requesting that DOL withdraw its proposed rule. Some of the concerns raised are as follows:

- Youth — including nieces, nephews or grandchildren — would be further restricted in what jobs they could do on the family farm.
- The rule unnecessarily prohibits extension and vocational training and certification programs, such as FFA and 4-H, which provide quality education and training in rural communities across the U.S., while providing no data to substantiate this limitation.
- The proposal declares operation of all classifications of tractors as hazardous, but provides no justification that changing the current regulation would lead to any positive impact on safety.
- The rule includes an unnecessary prevention of youth from working with nearly all types of farm animals without information that demonstrates the changes will improve youth farm safety.

Ensuring farm safety and that young people are treated fairly in any work setting is essential. However, restricting youth from working on family farms without demonstrating that the changes would significantly improve youth safety, unjustifiably impacts future generations of producers and family farmers. A far better approach is working with farmers and ranchers to ensure that any changes are needed, make sense on the farm and do not unnecessarily restrict young people from getting indispensable on-farm experience. Making certain aspiring farmers and ranchers have access to the training and educational opportunities necessary will better ensure their success and a strong future for American agriculture and the U.S. economy.

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

Commentary

Financial management Company should provide employee with debit card for trips

Dear Dave,

My company makes me use my personal credit card for overseas travel. They take care of my expenses, but sometimes they don't send the money until after the payment is due. Does this affect my credit score?

— Marshall

Dear Marshall,

Unless you pay on time instead of waiting for their money, you bet it affects your credit score. It's your card! You signed for it, and it's in your name. Every late payment affects your credit bureau score.

I don't know who you work for, but this is a very dangerous and bad practice — both by you and your company. Your company is using your credit and abusing you in the process. Talk to them about furnishing you with a corporate card. Better yet, a corporate *debit* card! If your employer is going to send you overseas, or anywhere on the road, it shouldn't cost you



money or cause you problems.

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have gone from having almost nothing to making about \$90,000 in the past few years. The problem is that I can't get her interested in saving money. What's worse, her father is the preacher at our church, and he has convinced her that he knows the Lord is coming back in our lifetime. Thinking this, she says there's no reason to save because it will all be gone anyway. What can I do?

— Dave

— Brian

Dear Brian,

I'm all for people living their

lives according to God's word. But the Bible says that no man knows when the Lord will return. So, I get pretty leery when a guy — especially a preacher — tells me he knows when it's going to happen.

The Bible also tells us very clearly that it is wise to save, and the Bible does not contradict itself. So basically, if you don't save you're being foolish. Still, it probably wouldn't be a great idea for you to run and tell your wife that financially she's behaving like a fool.

This is a touchy situation in other areas, too. Right now her dad's theology is ruling your marriage, and that's not good. Husbands and wives should grow in their faith *together*. I think you guys should sit down with a good marriage counselor and, for the good of your family, come to an agreement on a new place of worship.

I mean, even if her dad is right about this — and if he turns out to be right, I'm pretty sure it's not because he has inside informa-

tion — there's some stuff going on here where he's interwoven his own ideas and spiritual authority in with your household authority.

And that kind of thing could cause more problems down the road!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I both work, and we just bought a great house for \$150,000. He makes \$50,000 a year, and I make about \$30,000. We've been getting lots of different mortgage life insurance offers in the mail. They say they will pay off the house if one of us dies. Do you think we should take advantage of this?

— Blasha

Dear Blasha,

No! These kinds of offers are terrible unless you're uninsurable, because most mortgage life insurance policies are a lot more expensive than term life insurance.

You and your husband both need

about eight to 10 times your annual incomes wrapped up in good, level term policies. Forget that over-priced stuff. These will take care of you both, and the house, for a lot less if something unthinkable happens.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. His new book, *EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Wisdom from the Trenches*, is available at retail outlets now. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. He also has a radio call-in show. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at davesays.org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

✓ Jordan Valley: Plans in the works for 2012

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new Ford sedan Pilar Elorriaga won for selling the most newspaper subscriptions for the Eastern Oregon Observer. Pilar passed away in November at the age of 91.

Jordan Valley resident Darrell Franke crafted the blacksmith shop using vintage wood from a barn on Cow Creek. That barn wood originally was milled at the DeLamar Mill. At the time of Franke's work in the summer of 2010, Cunningham said she envisioned a Pioneer Day festival with a working blacksmith shop as an attraction.

Pilar's family donated the house that slowly but surely has been transformed into the museum. In a recent letter to members of the museum, Cunningham said that work continues on the complex, including interior work on the blacksmith shop and the acquisition of blacksmithing tools, and creating more space for displays. Infrastructure work, such as signs advertising the museum throughout the town donated by Jim Elordi and a restroom construction and exterior painting project by members of the LDS work crew and Sam and Bonnie Mackenzie and LeRoy Miller, also has been completed.

With the amount of cooperation most events in Jordan Valley receive, there's a bright future for the celebration for this town so acutely aware of its rich past.



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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 15, 1987

Smorgasbord committees picked

“Country Classic” is the theme for the 26th annual International Smorgasbord at Homedale. The popular feed will be held January 24 at the Washington Building.

Co-Chairman Mike Parker said the theme was chosen to coincide with a display of homemade crafts, which will be at the smorgasbord. The crafts will be for sale, he said.

The event is a fund-raising effort by the Homedale PTA. The money is used for special purchases for the school, Parker said. Proceeds from the past 25 annual smorgasbords have totaled over \$86,000.

Chairpersons for the various booths and committees at the event have been released. They include:

- Food Booths*
American — Toni Ross and Nancy Hunt
Dessert — Terri Pearson
Bread — Nancy Wroten and Karla Haylett
Mexican — Paula Huddleston
Oriental — Mary Yamashida and Bette Uda
European — Merry and Gene Freelove and Mary Lou Wilson

- Basque — Candi Bicandi
Baked Potato — Kathy Watson
Committees
Kitchen — Larry Bauer
Garbage — Homedale Firemen
Booth Setup — Contel
Electrical — Homedale Electric and Idaho Power
Tables and Chairs — Fred Sarceda
Silverware — Nina Hyde
Ticket Sales — 6th grade classes
Courtesy Girls — Kristie Garrett
Hat and Coat Checkers — H Club
Clean-Up — Bob Sonke, Homedale Lions Club
Beverages — Tom and Robbie Busse
Babysitting — OEA, Sara Cornell
Food Check-in — Jane Busse and Frank Craig
Food Line Assistance — Rose Raine and Girl Scouts
Name Tags — Jeanie Beavers
Stage Display — Duane Ash

Price for tickets are \$16 per family, \$4.50 for junior high through adult, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.00 for grades 1 through 6, and \$1.00 for pre-schoolers, Parker said.

Oaths taken, commission meets

Two new county commissioners and a new assessor were among those who took their oaths of office as officials of Owyhee County this past Monday morning.

Taking the oath of commissioner were Chet Sellman and Harold Tolmie. They replace Don Davis and Woody Purdom, who have retired their posts.

New assessor for the county is Larry Bachman, who replaces Thomas Brunzell, who is also retiring.

Other officers taking the oath included Barbara Jayo, county clerk, auditor, and recorder; Joan Bachman, county treasurer and tax collector; Richard Bass, county commissioner, and Mick Craven, county coroner.

The new board of county commissioners went right into business following the ceremony, and elected Bass as chairman of the board. They adopted their first ordinance, which establishes a historic preservation code and authorizes a commission for its enforcement.

Homedale student named in “Who’s Who” Book

Susi M. Larrocea, Homedale, has been named to the 1986-87 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.” She is the daughter of Antonio and Teresa Larrocea.

Larrocea has been selected as the outstanding physical education major at Boise State University. She has been on the dean’s list for several semesters and has been a softball coach for three years, as well as a volleyball referee. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, the P.E. majors club and the Idaho Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

50 years ago

January 18, 1962

Tolmie given Outstanding Young Farmer Award

Mack Tolmie was named Outstanding Young Farmer of 1961 at the community development banquet held Saturday evening at the Washington school.

Tolmie was picked by representatives of eight farm organizations and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce in a secret ballot as the farmer 35 years old or under from the Homedale school district who showed the best improvement, most production increase and participation in community service.

Runner-up was Lawrence Kent and second runner-up was Ronald Vance. Mr. and Mrs. Tolmie were awarded an engraved plaque. Flower centerpieces went to Mr. and Mrs. Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Vance.

Smorgasbord termed ‘grand success’ by PTA

The International Smorgasbord was termed a “grand success” by local PTA members and Mrs. Ben Uda, chairman of the fund-raising affair, who said that enormous quantities of food from foreign lands as well as favorite American dishes were served to an estimated 1,000 men, women and children.

The huge crowd began forming lines that stretched outside the building shortly after 5 p.m. Monday and filled the multi-purpose room to capacity.

A few selections of the various dishes had dwindled when latecomers were served, but everyone had been assured enough to eat and plenty of food remained after everyone had been served, Mrs. Uda said.

Will Long, PTA President, and Dave Price, hosts, handed menus to guests at the door to enable easier selection of the vast variety of food. The courtesy girls who were stationed throughout the crowd to perform numerous duties, including helping mothers with small children, were Patsy Waite, Sherryl Bell, Linda Cegnar, Gail Waite, Sherry Kushlan, Janis Richards, Karen Kushlan, Carol Parker and Teri Wilson.

Others were Penny Wolff, Millie Nash, Cindy Hyer, Rayme Aberasturi, Linda Lowder, Elaine Eidemiller, Janet and Joan Kinder, Nancy Echeverria and Helen Selders.

Also assisting were John Kushlan, tickets; Mrs. Juanita Johnstone, beverages; Mrs. Lewis Cegnar, table arrangements, decorations and courtesy girls; and Mrs. Dolores Miller, kitchen. Mrs. Jim Duncan handled the publicity.

Money earned at the smorgasbord, approximately \$1,100, will be used by the PTA to buy maps, books, and two state flags for the schools, with the remainder to go toward the purchase of band uniforms, according to Mr. Long.

Owyhee County Rodeo Board re-elects officers

The Owyhee County Rodeo Board met January 10 at the city hall and re-elected Bob Basey president, Wait Love vice-president and Mrs. Marj Hays secretary-treasurer.

A vacancy on the board, created by the resignation of Don Carver, was filled by Paul Zatica, who was also named publicity chairman.

It was announced that Bingo, bucking horse of the year used in the finals of the Caldwell Night Rodeo in 1961, will be featured along with other bucking horses and Brahma bulls at the “all western style” Owyhee County Rodeo.

Highway 95 will connect with inland seaport area

Spud Murphy, recently elected vice-president of the Highway 95 Association, said the purpose of the association “is it promote a fast minimum grade highway to ease Idaho’s north-south traffic problem, as well as provide valuable interstate outlets to our neighbors, Canada and Mexico.”

The association has scheduled E. V. Lorenz, president of the Port of Lewiston, as keynote speaker for the annual spring meeting. Murphy said time and place of the meeting had not been set.

“1969 is the target date for the completion of slack water navigation from Portland to Lewiston,” Murphy says. “With swift road transportation along Idaho’s western border, through Lewiston, Treasure Valley stands to benefit enormously.”

140 years ago

January 13, 1872

THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Mr. Crosswell’s report shows that the Post-office Department is about as far as ever from paying its own expenses; but the service has been greatly extended and improved, and new features are to be introduced which will still further increase its convenience to the public. The system of railway post-offices, and the sorting and distribution of mails in transit, which has been for some time in operation on a few principal routes, will soon be established all along from New Brunswick to San Francisco, and from the Bay of Fundy to the Gulf of Mexico. How enormous are the distances which our mail service has to cover may be judged from the fact that these two trunk lines of railway offices alone are respectively 3,882 and 1,108 miles in length, while one of our foreign routes (that from New York to Rio) is about 5,500 miles long, and another (San Francisco to China and Japan) 7,000 miles. Mr. Creswell gives excellent reasons why the Brazil and China services should be made semi-monthly instead of monthly. He recommends the encouragement of American steamship lines by offering their projectors “a reasonable compensation” for conveying the mails in excess of the “postage receipts.” But it will be observed that the postage receipts earned by all the six English and German lines which carry the mails from the United States to Great Britain in 1871 amounted to only \$174,138 — an average of about \$600 a trip.

LEAP YEAR. Neglected maidens of uncertain age, cheer up. Screw your courage up to the sticking point, make a judicious selection from the numerous unprotected masculines who are drifting about without the rudder of duty or anchor of hope, and go for them. Leap year is upon you; remember that it is the early bird that catches the worm, and start in with the first of the year. Marriageable widows don’t need advice; they know how it is themselves, and are better acquainted with man’s nature and disposition than he is himself. Woman’s greatest study is man, and it doesn’t take them a thousand years to learn. Their nice and cultivated habits of observation give them full and due appreciation of the eternal fitness of things, consequently admonitions are useless and suggestions superfluous.

THE WORLD MOVES. The governor of Kentucky, in his annual message, recommends the adoption of a law for the admission of negro testimony in the courts of that state. At the present, even with the Civil Rights bill on the statute books, a white man may commit murder in the presence of twenty negroes and yet his acquittal is certain, because not one of the witnesses can testify against him.

COUNTY FINANCES. From the County Treasurer’s report for the quarter ending January 8th, 1872, we find the amount of Warrants outstanding on the various county funds, exclusive of interest, to be as follows: General and Forty-five Per Cent Fund, \$36,362.15; Hospital Fund, \$3,605.07; Expense Fund, \$1,781.67 — making \$441,748.89, as the total amount of warrants outstanding on all funds. There is cash on hand in the General Fund, \$949.42; Hospital Fund, \$15.23; Expense Fund, \$233.34 — making a total of \$1,198, cash in the Treasury to the credit of the County funds. Deducting this from the total amount of outstanding warrants as above stated leaves \$40,550.89, as the total debt of Owyhee County, exclusive of interest, on the 8th day of January 1872. By comparing the preset indebtedness with that of a year ago, which was \$45,348.48, we find that it has been reduced within a small fraction of \$5,000 during the year just closed. This is doing very well considering the much more than usual demand on the Hospital Fund, and if the County Fathers do as well for the current year, we’ll not grumble. There is also cash in the County Treasury to the credit of the Redemption Fund, \$516.42; School Fund, \$422.39; Territorial Fund, \$330.52 — total, \$1,289.33, which of course is not taken into account in the estimation of the County indebtedness.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES DECEMBER 27, 2011

Discussion on Jake Brake Ordinance between MM 25 & 26 on Highway 78. Approved Annual Road and Bridge Report. Indigent & Charity 11-47 withdrawal of application. Letters approved to BLM on Sage Grouse Conservation, and Proposed Livestock Trailing. Letter approved to SWDH on Three Creek Drop Box for Solid Waste.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office. 1/11/12

NOTICE

1988 TL SSTL, VIN 1s9g62427je180772. Livestock trailer and its contents be sold January 15, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Place of sale is 3818 Pioneer Rd, Homedale, ID 83628 1/4,11/12

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE CASE NO. CV2011-02286 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of: DONNA ORLENE CALL, aka DONNA O. CALL, aka DONNA CALL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development has filed herein a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative, a copy of which is on file with the above entitled Court in the above captioned estate pursuant to the statutes of the State of Idaho applicable thereto.

A hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 30th day of January, 2012 at 11:30 o'clock, a.m., at the courtroom of the above entitled Court in Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2011.

FOUSER LAW OFFICES, P.A., /s/Scott E. Fouser, Attorney for Petitioner, PO Box 606, Caldwell, ID 83606, 208-454-2264 Fax 208-454-0136

12/28/11;1/4,11/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On April 12, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM 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:

A parcel situated in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13; thence South 89°57'00" West along the North boundary, a distance of 12.26 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0°53'55" East (formerly South 0°03'00" East) perpendicular to the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet; thence South 89°57'00" West along a line parallel to the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet;

Thence North 0°53'55" West (formerly North 0°03'00" West) along a line perpendicular with the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet to a point on the North boundary; thence North 89°57'00" West along the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 **1671 Succor Creek Road, Homedale, 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 Lawrence G. Wass and Joan M. Wass, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded October 7, 2009, as Instrument No. 269441, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, recorded December 5, 2011, as Instrument No. 276239, in the records of said County.

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 \$1,466.20 for the months of August 2011 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 \$210,650.48 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 5.5% from July 1, 2011, 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 8th day of December, 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. 12/21,28/11;1/4,11/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 10:00 o'clock A.M. (recognized local time) on April 10, 2012, on the Front Steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, Scott D. Stuffelbeam, Attorney At Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 8, Block 2, Ponderosa Addition, Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2413. **According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 402 W. Utah Avenue, Homedale, Idaho is sometimes associated with said property.**

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Ellen E. Dexter, a single person, as Grantors, Lawyers Title Company of

CITY OF MARSING OWYHEE COUNTY GEM HIGHWAY

ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Beginning balance as of October 1 pervious year	<14,737>
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges)	25,578
Interest income	127
All other Local receipts or transfers in,	
Received check, farmer hit solar light & paid to replace	6,241
Total Local Funding	31,946
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	33,030
Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	5,416
Sales tax/Revenue sharing	8,292
Total State Funding	46,738
Total Receipts	78,684
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	19,700
Patching	1,217
Snow removal	2,084
Grading/blading	3,683
Total Routine Maintenance	26,684
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment lease – Equipment purchase	778
Equipment maintenance	1,776
Other/Street signs/paint crosswalks (78)	1,720
Total Equipment	4,274
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	992
OTHER	
Street lighting	8,651
Professional services – audit, clerical & legal	1,766
Professional services – engineering	5,252
All other local expenditures-Insurance	3,500
Total Other	19,169
Total Disbursements	51,119
Receipts Over Disbursement	27,565
Closing balance	12,828
ENDING BALANCE	-0-
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Total lane miles chips sealed or seal coated from line 35, less than 1 mile	19,700
Total lane miles graded or bladed from line 38, 4 times a year/16 miles	3,683
PROJECTS	
Available Funds using carry over	-0-
Project list, start year	
Chip seal & seal coating 1 miles plus/2012	23,000
Street light Hwy 78/2012	5,000
Estimated Cost of future projects	28,000
Funds available for other projects	-0-
Dated this 21 st day of January, 2011	
Keith D. Green, Mayor	
Attest: Janice C. Bicandi	
1/11/12	

Idaho, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, recorded June 26, 1989, as Instrument No. 199391, all records of Owyhee County, Idaho, by an Assumption Agreement executed October 29, 1993 between the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, and Carolyn F. Grooms, a single person, Carolyn F. Grooms assumed liability for and agreed to pay the indebtedness,

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make the monthly installment due on the 28th day of each and every month. As of November 7, 2011 the account is \$1,428.15 delinquent and the monthly payments are \$235.00. The last payment was made on May 6, 2011.

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)

(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The balance now due is \$29,644.16 in Principal; Interest is \$1,045.71 subsidy granted is \$29,209.74 and fees currently assessed are \$0 computed through November 7, 2011 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of 5.6507. Interest continues to accrue. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2413.

DATED December 12, 2011 /s/ Scott D. Stuffelbeam, Attorney At Law Successor Trustee 1/11,18,25;2/1/12



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RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On February 16, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 am of this day (recognized local time), in the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho 83650, in the County of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier’s check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

A parcel of land being the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT A 5/8” iron pin marking the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,

Section 17, T3N, R5W, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, said iron pin being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING and more particularly described as follows: thence

South 89°28’35” East 1,336.39 feet along the Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 17, to a brass cap marking the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 17; thence leaving said Northerly boundary

South 0°58’40” West 1,307.49 feet along the Easterly boundary to a 5/8” iron pin marking the

Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 17; thence leaving the said Easterly boundary of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter

North 89°48’01” West 1,331.29 feet along the Southerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, to a 5/8” iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 17; thence leaving said Southerly boundary

North 0°45’07” East 1,314.98 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

By reason of the automatic stay provisions of U.S. Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. 362, the original sale was discontinued, and pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 45-1506(A) this sale is rescheduled and will be conducted as allowed by the expiration or termination of the effect of the stay in the manner provided by that section.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of **2517 Succor Creek Road, Homedale, ID 83628**, 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 Dennis C. Griffith an unmarried man and Bonnie C. Porter, an unmarried

woman, as Grantor(s), to TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, and Henry Ogden, an unmarried man and Michelle Hurst, an unmarried woman, as Beneficiary, recorded October 8, 2010, as Instrument No. 272623, 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 when due, the principal sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) with interest thereon at six percent (6%) per annum from April 1, 2008, until paid in full as set forth on the Note secured by said Deed of Trust. That as of February 24, 2011, the Grantor is \$46,963.29 in arrears. Interest continues to accrue at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum. All amounts are now due and payable, 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 and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: 12/30/2011
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Homedale - Many Thanks! Dorwin Drum and Jared Brockett would like to thank the numerous family members and friends who attended an open house on December 17th at the Owyhee Lanes & Restaurant in Homedale. The event was a celebration of Dorwin's 80th birthday and Jared's recent graduation from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Products Business Management. Memories were shared and a good time was had by all who attended. Thank you for the well wishes, cards, and much appreciated gifts.

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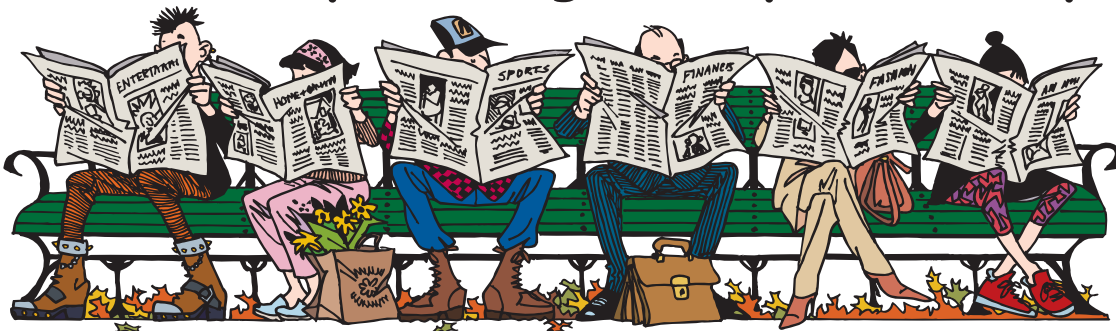
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Jordan Valley CWMA presents winter seminar

Group has teamed with other organizations to improve sage-grouse habitat, too

In its continuing efforts to target weeds on rangelands, the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area will host its winter weed seminar next Wednesday.

The event begins with 10 a.m. registration and coffee at the Jordan Valley Lions Den.

Speakers include Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison, Dr. Timothy Prather from the University of Idaho, Sherm Takatori of the Idaho Department of Agriculture and Dr. Patricia Talcott from Washington State University.

Morrison will give an update on the Jordan Valley CWMA's efforts at 10:30 a.m., followed by Prather's talk about the biology and management of *Ventena dubia*, which is commonly called North Africa grass.

After lunch, Takatori will discuss How to Interpret Modern Label Language on pesticides containers beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Talcott, who is a doctor of veterinarian medicine, will speak about poisonous plants at 1:45 p.m.

The seminar wraps up with partner and industry updates at 2:45 p.m. Each update should span about five to 10 minutes.

Pesticide recertification credits for Idaho, Oregon and Nevada have been applied for.

For more information, contact the Jordan Valley CWMA at P.O. Box 43, Jordan Valley, OR 97910, by phone or fax at (541) 586-3000 or by email at jvcwma@qwestoffice.com.

The Jordan Valley CWMA office is located at 508 Swisher Ave. in Jordan Valley.

The Jordan Valley CWMA was formed in an effort to create a community group that could better coordinate weed prevention and control efforts in the Jordan Valley area in both Idaho and Oregon.

In coordination with the Owyhee Watershed Council, the CWMA aims to increase public participation in weed management through increased local control and responsibility.

Nearly all of the target weeds are particular problems for rangelands, which make up more than 85 percent of the land use in the Jordan Valley CWMA.

Morrison said that while many weed species haven't appeared in the area because of the relative isolation of Owyhee and Malheur counties, there is a proliferation of a few "persistent" perennial species.

"All natural resource and land use agencies are concerned that these weed species could permanently alter the ecology

of some of the western states' most productive high desert environment," Morrison said.

One of the biggest concerns is increased recreational traffic bringing new weeds or spreading existing species across the Owyhee range, which is one of the most remote corners of the western region.

Morrison said the spread of weeds troubles local weed control personnel because of the vast and remote nature of the region and difficulty in conducting complete area surveys on an annual basis.

"There are many areas within the Jordan Valley CWMA that may not be seen by any humans for several years," Morrison said.

As part of its outreach program, the CWMA participates in the annual Owyhee Field Days at the Owyhee Reservoir. Five hundred of the approximately 600 fifth-graders who attended Field Days visited the CWMA's noxious weed station and learned about noxious weed impacts, identification and control. Morrison said the CWMA will continue this outreach because of the success of last year's exhibit.

Next week's weed seminar is just one of several other types of outreach the CWMA conducts, including tours and workshops highlighting noxious weeds of concern in the area.

"Education is important in being able to prevent weeds from getting a foothold as well as in treating known infestations," Morrison said.

The CWMA partners with several other organizations in battling weeds and other invasive plants.

- The group works with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in research, demonstration and control efforts with annual grasses. Five research/demonstration plots within the CWMA were reseeded and treated with the one-pass system. Seed germination research has been conducted in the area, and one site has been a bio-control release site.

- The CWMA teamed with the Owyhee Sage Grouse Local Working Group, The Nature Conservancy, the Natural Resources Conservation Service on juniper mastication projects on private ground to improve sage-grouse habitat. To date more than 785 acres of juniper have been treated with a combination of mastication and lop-and-lay techniques. Morrison said that sites that were masticated in 2009 have shown increased grass and forbs and sage-grouse have returned to one site.