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Murphy: Capital for a Day



Above: Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School senior Courtney Bennett chats with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna as her classmates and Grand View Mayor Tammy Payne look on. **Below:** Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter addresses the crowd in Murphy with Lt. Gov. Brad Little at his side.

Owyhee's issues get Otter's ear

Amid the impassioned pleas for help with some of the biggest issues facing Owyhee County, the future spoke to Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter during Friday's Capital for a Day in Murphy.

Accompanied by Grand View Mayor Tammy Payne, who happens to be involved with their day-to-day school life, four Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School seniors rubbed elbows with the upper echelon of state government while pointing questions at Otter and other officials inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum's McKeeth Hall.

Jose Araujo, Courtney Bennett, Oscar Gomez and Annabelle Meza chatted with Superintendent

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A glimpse into those helped by Marsing Disaster Auction

Community groups, individuals
have received over \$500,000
throughout past nine years

In the past 50 years, committee members from the Marsing Disaster Auction have been silently writing checks to area families faced with hardships. The group has also made substantial donations to organizations within the community.

The "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" motto flows throughout the community as organizers prepare for the 51st annual auction on Saturday at 10:13 a.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

Although he can't remember what year he became the president of the auction, Roman Usabel has been involved since he was in high school.

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"I worked on it every year really, and started in high school collecting eggs and livestock that were donated back then," Usabel said. "The first couple years we would raise \$9,000 to

State inmates pulled from Owyhee jail

No insurance
led to decision;
BOCC finds
compliance issues

A lack of liability insurance led to the loss of state inmates at the Owyhee County Jail. Now the Murphy facility may be facing other compliance issues.

The Idaho Department of Correction hasn't placed a state inmate in Owyhee County Jail since December. Department

spokesman Jeff Ray said the agency removed five of six inmates from the facility in Murphy on Dec. 1. The sixth inmate remained because of a pending court date, he said.

Ray said IDOC officials made the decision to remove the inmates after The Owyhee Avalanche reported that the county's insurance carrier had stripped the sheriff's office of its liability insurance.

"We, as a standard practice, cannot house offenders in a

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Trailing permits discussion destined to dominate OCA meet

Ranchers hold semi-annual
gather Saturday in Oreana

Idaho appears to be the battleground as environmentalists push to get the Bureau of Land Management to enforce an element of the Taylor Grazing Act that could be detrimental for ranchers.

The BLM has launched a scoping effort to require trailing permits for permittees who want to move cattle from one pasture to another, even if the pasture

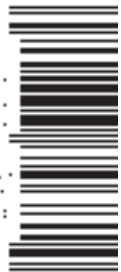
is theirs. They're also called crossing permits

"If (you) have cattle in (your) allotment in Pasture A and need to get to Pasture C and have to cross Pasture B and it's in rest, you'd have to get a crossing permit for your allotment," Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Matt Tindall said.

To the common-sense world of the rancher, who abides by nature's law first and is forced by statute and lawsuit to adhere to federal regulations

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Proposed FSA closure would force farmers to Canyon or Elmore

State director urges public input at Monday meetings

Local farmers will have the option to get federal services in Caldwell or Mountain Home if the Owyhee County Farm Service Agency office closes.

FSA officials will hold two public meetings Monday to receive comment on the proposed closure of the county office, which is located inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center at 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

The plan is to consolidate the office with the Canyon-Ada post in Caldwell.

“I would encourage people (to attend),” FSA state executive director Dick Rush said. “They’re not going to upset me to come in and give us their opinion.”

The first meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at American Legion Post 134 at 410 Roosevelt Ave., in

Grand View.

A second meeting will start at 2 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The consolidation is one of four proposed for the state of Idaho and is among more than 250 such plans throughout the FSA system. Rush said the 2008 Farm Bill gave the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture latitude to consider closures if an FSA office employed two or fewer people and was within 20 miles of another FSA office.

The statewide FSA workforce already has been reduced through budget cuts, although Rush said the 16 departing workers voluntarily retired; there were no layoffs. Those reductions also left the FSA too short-staffed to man every existing office in the state, he said.

Consolidation also would eventually affect the county committees, which are peer panels to which farmers can appeal FSA decisions they find unfavorable.

“We just had elections,” Rush said. “The county committees will stay the same until we have the next election a year from now.”

Owyhee County’s committee consists of three members and a non-voting advisor representing socially disadvantaged farmers. The Canyon-Ada committee was expanded to five when those county offices were combined a few years ago. Rush said that the committee would remain at five if Owyhee was brought in, but the representation would be equalized through the expansion of Local Administrative Areas, which are similar to legislative districts.

Rush also said Monday’s meetings are only part of the public comment process, which

runs through Feb. 16. Comments also can be submitted by emailing theresa.pobst-martin@id.usda.gov or sending written comment to Idaho Farm Service Agency, Attn: Terry Pobst-Martin, 9173 West Barnes Drive, Boise, ID 83709.

More information is available by calling the Idaho Farm Service Agency at (208) 378-5650.

“The secretary (Tom Vilsack) made it very clear that at this point in time this is a proposal, and we are to go out and listen to any suggestions or thoughts from anybody who wants to comment,” Rush said.

“Once that is done, we’ll summarize the comments. We will send the information to the national office and, eventually, a final decision will be made.”

Rush said that the USDA would like to complete the process by July 1.

Board of County Commissioners

chair Joe Merrick said the commissioners will continue their regular Monday meeting at the Marsing site in order to attend.

Last week, the BOCC sent Rush a short letter urging reconsideration of the consolidation proposal.

“Owyhee County is an agriculture-based community, and we feel to move the FSA office into another county would be a disservice to our citizens,” the commissioners wrote.

This isn’t the first time that removing a county FSA office has been considered. There used to be a second office in Grand View about 30 years ago, but it was closed and Grand View-Bruneau area farmers were given the opportunity to do their business at the Elmore County office in Mountain Home or the Owyhee branch in Marsing.

Rush said a similar option would be available if the USDA follows through with the current plan.

State FSA program chief Ron Abbott said there are about 864 farms in Owyhee County. Merrick, who farms in the Grand View area, said that not every county farmer uses FSA services, and he is unsure of the number of farmers in his area who may travel to the Elmore office. He said he only uses the FSA a couple times a year.

— JPB

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- Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)
- Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), which is an alternative of DCP
- Farm storage facility loans
- Market Assistance Loans
- Loan Deficiency Payment
- Various crop disaster programs
- Milk Income Loss Compensation

Note — Farmers already must travel to the Ada-Canyon FSA office in Caldwell to participate in the Farm Loan Program.

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Marsing farmer named conservationist of the year

Second-generation Owyhee producer selected for annual award

For the second time in the family-run Briggs Farms history, they were honored as the Conservationists of the Year during the Owyhee Conservation District’s annual banquet last week.

At the banquet, Jim Briggs, a second-generation Owyhee farmer, was recognized for his conservation efforts at the family’s 400-acre farm outside of Marsing that has been in operation at its current location since 1970.

In 1989, Jim’s father, Bob Briggs, received the award, and he’s proud to see the legacy of smart farming practices carry on with his son and his grandson Garrett.

“I wanted to be everything but a farmer when I started,” Bob Briggs said. “That boy (Garrett) is dang well determined to be a farmer. It makes me proud to see the legacy carried on.”

For Jim — who has worked on the family farm for as long as he can remember — preserving the land and allowing it to stay productive for future generations is vital for everyone.

“Preserving this land through good practices and management

is important,” Jim said. “Through conversation efforts and good husbandry of the land, hopefully my son will be able to continue on this land.”

Throughout the 400 acres, the Briggs’ grow alfalfa, clover and grass seed and have worked continually to replace concrete ditch systems to gated pipes with water-saving control valves and incorporating sediment basins.

“One of the things we do every year is put straw down to stop water from washing out the soil under the pipes,” Briggs said. “I learned that from Dad years ago. With the water we have, we actually gain soil by doing this.”

After serving as a board member for the Owyhee Conservation District for more than 10 years, Jim retired two years ago to support his children — Deidrie and Garrett — at school and sporting events and pursue other civic opportunities.

“I had to cut back on all the things I was involved in,” Jim said. “I was getting busy with coaching and wanted to be there to support my kids and some other organizations.”

The 1987 University of Idaho



Marsing’s Jim Briggs was named the Owyhee Conservation District’s Conservationist of the Year.

graduate — and 1983 Homedale High School alum — is active in the Idaho Alfalfa Growers Association, Caldwell Community Foundation and the Marsing Lions Club as well as being an assistant coach for the Marsing High School football team.

“I hope that through the practices my father started here we can help preserve the land for when Garrett takes over,” Jim said. “As long as the economy stays strong in agriculture, he can continue on the legacy.”

— JLZ

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Homedale students collect seven BPA championships

Twelve students qualify for March state meet

A dozen members of the Homedale High School Business Professionals of America chapter will compete next month at the state meet in Boise.

The state tournament takes place March 8-10 at the Boise Centre on the Grove and the Boise State University Student Union Building.

The 12 students earned passage to the state competition with top-three finishes in their respective events at last Wednesday's regional in Nampa.

Five students won seven regional championships at Skyview High School:

Senior Deena Emry (Advanced Word Processing Skills and Interview Skills) and sophomore Kaylee Rupp (Fundamental Word Processing Skills and Advanced Office Systems and Procedures) were dual winners.

Other champions included:

- Sophomore Esteban Lejardi in Basic Office Systems and Procedures
- Junior Reed Maggard in



From left: Jordan Brady, HHS advisor Casey Grove, Shelby McRae, Brenda Uriarte, Kaylee Rupp, Stephanie Villarreal, Reed Maggard, Rachel Gonzalez, Esteban Lejardi, Aubrey Nash, Deena Emry, Edmy Vega and Katie Price. Submitted photo

Database Applications

- Senior Aubrey Nash in Medical Office Systems and Procedures

Nash also will compete in the state competition for Advanced Word Processing Skills after finishing third last week.

Maggard qualified for Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications with a runner-up showing at the regional.

Other Homedale BPA'ers who will be on hand for the state tournament after top-three regional showings include:

- Sophomore Jordan Brady — Third in Database Applications
- Senior Rachel Gonzalez — Third in Medical Office Systems and Procedures
- Junior Shelby McRae — Third in Integrated Office Applications
- Senior Katie Price — Second-place finishes in Medical Office Systems and Procedures, and Advanced Word Processing Skills
- Junior Brenda Uriarte — Third-place showings in Fundamental Word Processing Skills, and Legal Office Procedures
- Sophomore Edmy Vega — Third in Basic Office Systems and Procedures
- Junior Stephanie Villarreal — Second-place finishes in Word Processing Skills, and Legal Office Procedures

"The kids competed very well this year," Homedale BPA advisor Casey Grove said. "I think they will represent Homedale very well at state in March and hopefully at Nationals in April."

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Marsing qualifies for four BPA state events

Marsing High School students will compete in four different events at the Business Professionals of America state tournament next month.

Marsing collected three championships during the regional competition last Wednesday at Skyview High School in Nampa.

Josh Larsen was a two-time champion, winning the Advanced Spreadsheet Applications championship and serving on the winning Small Business Management Team.

Other members of the Small Business Management Team included Alicia Garcia, Angel Loera and Annie Finley.

Reina Acosta will compete in Boise on March 8-10 in two events.

She was part of the winning team in the Global Marketing competition, joining forces with Sylvia Montes, Isaiah Corrales and Deena Morris.

Acosta also finished third in Graphic Design.

The top three competitors in each event at the regional tournament qualified for the state meet, which will take place at the Boise Centre on the Grove and the Boise State University Student Union Building.

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Neighbors helping neighbors

Marsing Senior Center — From 2008 up until this year, the auction has donated \$50,000 to assist with the operating expenses for the organization.

In 2007, organizers donated \$10,000 for the purchase of a van for the Meals on Wheels program at the senior center.

Marsing Ambulance — In 2008, the auction allocated \$57,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance. Last year, organizers donated \$2,850 to buy a Stryker chair to assist in transporting patients.

Terry Reilly Health Services — The Marsing Clinic of TRHS received \$10,000 in September of 2009, which was the “cornerstone” to begin the nearly \$250,000 renovation that added x-ray services for the small clinic.

Marsing School District — Received \$10,000 over three years — 2008 through 2011 — for Marsing Summer Recreation Program to help with the baseball and softball diamonds.

City of Marsing — In March of 2010, the City of Marsing was given \$3,500 to help install the electronic reader board at the entrance to town.

Marsing Resource Center — Over the course of two years — 2009 and 2010 — the resource center, which offers computers with internet access to the community, has received \$4,000.

✓ Auction: 51st annual auction to help Marsing residents in need set for Saturday

\$10,000. Every year since it has been up, up, up with a few dips in there.”

With a passion and dedication to seeing the auction succeed, Usabel has to pause here and there when talking about the community and their generosity.

“It’s the community... It is hard to beat,” he said. “I’m overwhelmed all the time... Every year it is special.”

Since 2003, the organization has donated \$268,530.13 — their largest allocations — to different groups within the community.

Usabel said the \$268,530.13 is only a sliver of what the auction disperses to community organizations. In the past nine years, the auction has granted \$233,348.86 in requests to those in need.

“We get the most requests from people needing help with medical expenses,” he said. “The amount we give to those in need is probably about 60 percent to help pay medial bills.”

Usabel said there are times when the disbursement committee will hear of someone in need and approach the individuals or families and offer help. The names of those helped is an ever-growing list over the past 50 years that organizers wish to keep anonymous.

“For some, it is a life-changing event,” he said. “Some of the people we have helped are now actively involved. We have families who have received assistance that are continuing to make the auction bigger and bigger every year.”

Throughout the past nine years, the auction has given \$501,878.99 to individuals and organizations.

From the front row lined with chairs — adequately titled “Usabel Row” — Roman doesn’t miss an item, often times bidding on items against family members only to have them give back to him.

“It really is special to see the people,” he said. “Some just stop in for lunch, some stay all day. It is special.”

— JLZ

✓ Jail: OCSO running out of time to get detention deputy certified

facility that doesn’t have liability insurance,” Ray said, adding that IDOC officials checked with Idaho Counties Risk Management Program before making the final decision.

Sheriff Daryl Crandall previously had touted the income generated from housing state inmates at the jail.

Ray said that the state had as many as 10 inmates in the county jail and averaged about six per month. The state pays each of the 30 counties that house inmates \$42.50 per day per offender. At the peak of 10 inmates, Owyhee County would have made \$12,750 per month. The average would net \$7,650 monthly.

Board of County Commissioners chair Joe Merrick said the lack of the extra revenue isn’t causing any problems currently. But more money could mean more staff.

“Right now, it isn’t affecting the bottom line because we budgeted accordingly,” he said. “If there was more money coming in, there would be more money for more employees. If (the inmate income) was consistent, we could budget more.”

After the Board of County Commissioners conducted its quarterly inspection on Jan. 23, the jail may have other compliance issues that would threaten liability insurance — if OCSO were still covered.

The commissioners’ inspection found that the jail does not meet mandatory Idaho Sheriff’s Association Jail Standards pertaining to staffing and certification.

Last week, Merrick said that there aren’t two jailers on duty at all times, and he said it was a budgetary problem.

ISA jail standards coordinator and inspector Cindy Malm said that the mandatory standard for two detention officers on shift at all times has been in place since last year. But she also said she approved an exception of sorts for Owyhee County during her most recent annual inspection.

“When I did their inspection last year, I was told they do have two detention deputies on as one was in Control,” she said. “If they have a person assigned to Control and a floor officer, I have OK’d it as two on shift.”

The POST certification issue centers on Deputy Jim Mackenzie, whom Merrick says has three more months to achieve detention officer certification from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) academy. All patrol and detention deputies must attain POST certification within a year of their employment in the position.

Malm, however, said that POST requires that detention deputies attend the academy within six months of being hired and that they must be certified within a year of employment. She added that agencies can apply for extensions on the deadlines.

There are POST detention officer academies planned for Feb. 19 to March 23 and May 13 to June 15. POST records indicate that Mackenzie is not enrolled in either.

This isn’t the first time in the past year that the jail has been out of compliance.

Malm conducted a May 2 inspection and found that records showed a lapse of several hours between walk-throughs by jailers. Mandatory standards require a patrol of the jail in 30-minute intervals. She said that the jail’s compliance on this regulation was restored after county detention supervisor Sgt. Steve Menendez provided documentation of security checks on May 6 and June 1.

Malm also reported in a June 5 letter to Crandall that the jail was out of compliance on record-keeping at the time of her on-site inspection, but as of the letter’s date the jail had regained compliance.

A certificate of compliance was issued after the issues were corrected. At no time did the jail lose certification last year.

Merrick said the county submits the quarterly inspection to the ISA for review.

“I use the commissioners’ quarterly inspection to help me know some of the specific standards I need to possibly address when I do my yearly inspection,” Malm said.

The ISA jail inspection team visits each county site annually, too. Each jail receives notice that an inspection is upcoming, he said.

“The only consequence for being out of compliance is the loss of the Certificate of Compliance for the year,” Malm said. “When I find a mandatory standard out of compliance, I usually give the agency a couple of months to come into compliance.” — JPB

✓ OCA: Cattlemen’s winter meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. in Oreana hall

when using public land, needing permission to cross your own ground seems ludicrous.

Perhaps because of the different prisms through which ranchers and BLM officials see the world, confusion runs rampant as the federal government struggles with how to apply the linear National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the fluid world of herding live animals.

Tindall and the rest of the OCA membership hope to gain another slice of clarity Saturday when the trailing permit issue is sure to dominate the ranchers’ winter meeting at Oreana Community Hall.

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. with registration with business starting at 1:30 p.m.

Supervising Resource Management Specialist Kurt Wiedenmann from the BLM’s state office will attend the meeting to try to shed light on the situation. Boise District manager Aden Sedlitz, new Owyhee Field Office manager Loretta Chandler and Bruneau Field Office manager Arnie Pike will join him.

As a compromise to get NEPA analysis on crossing permits moving forward, Congress came up with a plan that would allow essentially an up-or-down vote on each permit application. If either the rancher or any environmental group wants to halt the decision, the litigation will go straight to a federal judge for a ruling.

The rider, attached by Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) in an appropriations bill, also exempts existing permittees from the NEPA requirement for crossing permits when seeking a renewal of their grazing rights. The exemption lasts through 2014, but BLM still must do the analysis in preparation for future scrutiny under NEPA.

“I really think this trailing deal is going to be a huge issue,” Tindall said on his cellphone while moving cattle Monday morning. “Idaho is the first state to implement this. All the other states are waiting for Idaho to get done and see how it’s interpreted here.”

“And how fast the lawsuits will come. And with the no stays and no appeals, it’ll come fast.”

BLM is stuck in the middle — the ranchers on one side, radical environmental group Western Watersheds Project (WWP) on the other.

“In that rider, the language is broad enough, (BLM officials) think they’re going to have litigation,” Tindall said. “You’re going to get sued either way. If you stop a rancher from going through, you’re going to get sued.”


WWP has forced the federal agency’s hand, filing litigation attached to the Jarbidge Field Office (Twin Falls District) to require that the crossing permit provision of the Taylor Grazing Act be enforced.

To enforce the permit process, BLM will have to keep track of the amount of resources cattle on the move may consume, even if the impact on Animal Unit Monthly (AUM) counts is miniscule, Tindall said.

Some resolution has to be found soon for the sake of ranchers who want to move cattle to summer pasture this year.







“I would say so, because that affects a lot of people this spring,” Tindall said. “If they don’t get the trailing permits approved, they’ll have to truck their animals or some (ranchers) won’t be able to get to their (allotments).” — JPB

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01/27	3.9	15.0	6.9	42.4	21.9	35.2
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01/26	2.2	4.0	7.2	43.0	37.2	39.7
01/27	2.1	3.0	7.8	39.4	20.1	33.1
01/28	2.0	3.0	7.7	29.5	15.4	22.5
01/29	2.2	3.0	7.8	37.8	23.4	31.3
01/30	2.0	3.0	7.8	47.3	29.1	39.2
South Mountain						
01/24	7.0	27.0	11.5	34.9	20.8	27.5
01/25	7.7	29.0	12.2	36.9	22.3	28.9
01/26	7.7	26.0	12.2	41.4	34.7	37.6
01/27	8.0	27.0	12.8	37.8	19.0	32.4
01/28	8.1	26.0	12.8	30.9	13.8	21.6
01/29	8.4	26.0	12.9	41.2	24.1	32.0
01/30	8.3	26.0	13.0	45.0	33.3	40.5

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 72 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 409 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 53 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 514,838 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
Natural Weather Service, Bureau of
Reclamation, Natural Resources Conser-
vation Service and Helena Chemical in
Homedale

Art show looking for local artists to be displayed at Marsing library

Entries accepted on March 3
between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library are seeking area artists for their second juried art show at the Lizard Butte Library in March.

All artists are encouraged to bring three original pieces of artwork to the community room of the library on March 5 between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for the judging. The library is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W. in Marsing.

Those submitting artwork need to pick up their submissions at the conclusion of the judging between noon and 2 p.m. on that day. Those selected to be featured artists will be notified within one

There is no cost for entry. Those selected will be given the opportunity to display their work for one month at the library.

Those selected to display

Friends change meeting times

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library organization has changed the time and date for its next three monthly meetings.

The changes were made because of a scheduling conflict.

The group meets at 6 p.m. at the library on Feb. 15, March 21 and

artwork will be able to sell their work throughout the month it is displayed. The group is asking that 10 percent of the pretax proceeds from each sale be donated back to the library.

For more information, contact Dottie Christensen at (208) 455-2550 or by e-mail at dfchris@digis.net.

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

Garrett makes LCSC President's list

Homedale High School grad Ryan Garrett was honored with inclusion on the Lewis-Clark State College Fall semester President's list.

The LCSC sophomore qualified for the President's List by maintaining a grade point average of at least 3.75.

Ryan is the son of Randee and Gregg Garrett and the grandson of Darlene and Kenne Metzger and Dot and Frankie Garrett.



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Death notice

DONALD SHOWMAKER, 95, of Marsing died Monday, Jan. 23, 2011 at home. Services are under the direction of the Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise, 344-4441.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Feb. 1: BBQ beef, baked beans, potato, bread
Feb. 2: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread
Feb. 7: Country fried steak, peas & carrots, mashed potatoes/gravy, bread
Feb. 8: Ham/cheese sandwich, potatoes, ambrosia salad

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Feb. 1: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, carrots, fruit, cinnamon roll
Feb. 2: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, fruit, cookie
Feb. 3: Hot ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, potato wedges, yogurt, fruit
Feb. 6: Wiener wrap or baked ham, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit, rice krispy bar
Feb. 7: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit, turnover, roll
Feb. 8: Chicken patty or rib-b-que sandwich, French fries, fruit, cake

Homedale Middle

Feb. 1: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit
Feb. 2: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit, cinnamon roll
Feb. 3: Pizza or deli sandwich, tossed salad, fruit, cookie
Feb. 6: Malibu chicken or rib-b-que sandwich, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie
Feb. 7: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, fruit & veggie bar, brownie
Feb. 8: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover

Homedale High

Feb. 1: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar

Feb. 2: Meatball sub, Malibu chicken or chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges, soup, fruit & salad bar, cookie

Feb. 3: Polish sausage, pulled pork BBQ or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & salad bar

Feb. 6: Pizza, popcorn chicken or chef salad, fruit bar, brownie

Feb. 7: Chicken tenders or wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit bar, fruit rollup

Feb. 8: Enchilada or pizza hot pocket, mixed veggies, fruit & salad bar

Bruneau

Feb. 1: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, peaches
Feb. 2: Taco soup, corn bread, fruit, spice cake
Feb. 3: Hamburger, fries, fresh veggie, fresh fruit, cookie
Feb. 7: Chicken nuggets, potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll, apple crisp
Feb. 8: Turkey & noodles, tossed salad, peas, wheat roll/jelly, strawberry shortcake

COSSA

Feb. 1: Ham & cheesy potatoes, salad, garlic bread, applesauce
Feb. 2: Fish sandwich, potato wedges, fresh veggies, pineapple
Feb. 3: Beef stroganoff w/rice, broccoli, w/w roll, banana
Feb. 6: Hamburger/bun, lettuce, pickle & tomato, baked fries, pears
Feb. 7: Teriyaki chicken, fried rice, steamed carrots, mandarin oranges
Feb. 8: Navajo taco, lettuce/tomato, refried beans, oranges & apples

Marsing

Feb. 1: Burrito, teriyaki chicken bowl, green beans, salad bar
Feb. 2: Corn dog, Italian sub sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar
Feb. 3: Pepperoni pizza, beef taco, tossed salad, salad bar
Feb. 6: Fish or French dip sandwich, mixed vegetables, soup & salad bar
Feb. 7: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, ham/cheese, potato chips, soup & salad bar, rice crispy treat
Feb. 8: Spaghetti, beef nuggets, vegetables, roll, soup & salad bar

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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

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

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

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

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

Homedale Highway District board meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District Office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3500

Thursday

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

Saturday

Winter beef school
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., lunch provided, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

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

OCA winter meeting
1 p.m., registration; 1:30 p.m., meeting, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Sunday, Feb 5

Senior center Super Bowl party
3:30 p.m. with chili feed, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Monday

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

Homedale Public Library board meeting
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control board meeting
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Wednesday, Feb. 8

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

Thursday, Feb. 9

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, Feb. 10

Stroke and osteoporosis screening
Pre-registration required, \$159 and up, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (877) 237-1287

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

Saturday, Feb. 11

Homedale Idol band fundraiser
6 p.m., Entry: \$5. Admission: \$2 adults, \$1 students, Homedale High School auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Marsing Lions benefit bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird game; 7 p.m., regular start, \$15 first card, \$5 second, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4162

Sunday, Feb. 12

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

Moms Night Out
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., open to all mothers of young children, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 697-1509

Monday, Feb. 13

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

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

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



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Homedale seniors host Super Bowl chili feed

The Homedale Senior Center is planning a Super Bowl viewing party Sunday complete with a chili feed.

The event begins at 3:30 p.m., about an hour before the New England Patriots and New York Giants kick off Super Bowl XLVI.

Other February social events planned at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., include dances that are open to all ages.

The dances will be held on Feb. 11 and Feb. 25. Admission each night is \$4, and attendees are urged to bring finger food. The dances go from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and feature live music from the Elvie Thomas Band.

The monthly shopping trip is set for Feb. 13. The van will leave the center at 9 a.m., and those wishing to go should call the center at 337-3020 to reserve a seat.

The monthly foot clinic takes place on Feb. 21. An exam costs \$10, and appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the senior center.

The center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 for Presidents Day.

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Open house addresses grazing EIS in Owyhee Field Office

The Bureau of Land Management has scheduled an open house in Marsing to gain public comment on an environmental impact statement (EIS) on grazing permit renewal in the Owyhee Field Office.

The EIS in question covers the renewal of 15 grazing permits in western Owyhee County.

The open house will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. 2nd St. W.

The comment period has been extended until March 9.

“The BLM values public input and involvement for making sound decisions on proposed actions during the development of an EIS,” BLM Boise District manager Aden Seidlitz said.

The EIS will analyze the potential effects of renewing livestock grazing permits in a 120,000-acre area encompassing Jump Creek, Succor Creek and Cow Creek watersheds.

The EIS will address effects of grazing where sage-grouse habitat exists and where potential domestic and bighorn sheep interaction may occur.

Other multiple uses exist in the project area, including recreation, travel planning, wild horse management and electrical transmission line development.

Written comments also will be accepted:

- Online at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/owyhee/owyhee_grazing_group.html
- Email to NPR_EIS@blm.gov
- Fax to (208) 373-3805
- Mail to 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709, Attn.: Jake Vialpando, project manager

All personal identifying information attached to a comment may be made publicly available at any time. The BLM cannot guarantee that, if requested, personal information can be withheld from a comment released to the public.

For more information, contact Vialpando at (208) 373-3814.

USEI awards Helping Hands grants

Seven Owyhee County organizations recently received a share of more than \$10,000 in grants from US Ecology.

The awards were part of US Ecology’s annual Helping Hands grant program. The company, which is celebrating its 60th year of operation, will open the application process for 2012 grants in October.

The 2011 recipients include:

- Rimrock Senior Center, which will purchase a commercial fast freezer for its Meals on Wheels program
- Homedale Senior Center, which will buy an electric food processor to assist with meal preparation
- Marsing Resource Center, which received support for its program providing computer access and research capabilities for people who don’t have the technology at home
- American Legion Post 134 in Grand View, which will use the grant to obtain construction materials for an outdoor patio
- Science and Physics classes in Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School in Bruneau, which will use the grant for experiments on superconductors and the creation of biodiesel.
- Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School also received money to purchase fitness equipment to help students, including the football team, build muscle and tone up
- Grand View Elementary School will buy an up-to-date projector and also use grant money to support a “Stop the Hate” anti-discrimination program.

US Ecology operates the US Ecology Idaho hazardous waste disposal facility in Grand View.

Elizabeth Schwager, USEI’s Human Resources manager, presented the grants to the recipients, and thanked all of those who participated in the program.



Grand View Elementary School third-grade teacher Jessica Sonnen accepts a USEI Helping Hands grant check from USEI human resources manager Elizabeth Schwager.



U.S. Ecology Idaho human resources manager Elizabeth Schwager, left, and USEI general manager Terry Andrew Geis, right, present a grant check to Rimrock High School football coach Juan Colunga. Submitted photos

Shoo-Fly Livestock 4-H holds year’s first meeting

by Kendall Nash, club reporter

The Shoo-Fly Livestock 4-H Club held its first regular business meeting of the year on Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Homedale Senior Center.

New officers were elected, and they are: president Michael Lejardi, vice-president Riley Haun, secretary Juliette Larzelier, treasurer Jesse Packer, historian Sophie Nash, reporter Kendall Nash and sergeant of arms Jordan Packer.

Leaders for our club are Rachel Criffield as organizational leader, Leslie Nash as co-organizational leader, and project leaders are Kelly Haun, beef; Heidi Nash and Brad Dines, swine; Rachel Criffield, sheep; teen leader Shelby Criffield, goat, and Marcy Hibbs, Cloverbuds.

Our leaders went over county and club requirements with members then the club members voted to donate \$150 to the senior center as community service outreach and as a way of saying “thank-you” for letting us use their facility for our meetings.

Rachel ended the meeting by detailing an exciting new incentive program. Members will earn points by participating in club meetings and activities. Extra points can be earned by coming prepared with folders and pencil, and for having portions of bookwork completed, etc. Then points will be converted to Shoo-Fly “bucks” that will be used by the member to purchase actual merchandise at a special auction held either just before fair or at the end of the year.

Merchandise will be both donated and club-purchased items such as feed buckets, halters, show sticks, lamb blankets, etc. Members and parents were really excited about this great new program, and I think everyone is looking forward to another fun 4-H year.



From left: Secretary: Juliette Larzelier, Teen Leader: Shelby Criffield, Historian: Sophie Nash, Treasurer: Jesse Packer, President: Michael Lejardi, Sergeant at Arms: Jordan Packer, Vice-President: Riley Haun and Reporter: Kendall Nash. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA’ers attend leadership conference in Boise

A handful of Homedale FFA students attended the 360° Leadership Conference in Boise last week.

The National FFA Organization put together the conference with help from national sponsor Syngenta and local sponsor Helena Chemical Co., which has a location in Homedale.

Homedale students attending the Jan. 23-24 program headquartered at the Riverside Hotel included Katie Eaton, Erin Shenk, Shelby Lee, Shelby McRae, Bodie Hyer, Cole Twedt and Devin Fisher.

The leadership conference will help Hyer and Shenk, who will be running for FFA office later this year. Hyer will seek a post in the state FFA in April, and Shenk will try to earn an office in the Boise Valley District in March.

The rest of the Homedale members who attended will seek office within their chapter in May.

The conference also included lunch and a personal tour of the Idaho Capitol building with District 10A Rep. Gayle Batt. The group also sat in on a meeting of her committee where Roger Batt presented a new bill for its first reading.

During the conference, students became aware of influence and the influence process and the importance of contributing to their local chapters.

Session topics included building relationship, building trust and achieving collaboration to affect change.

The Homedale students are among 3,000 FFA’ers nationwide who will participate in 360° Leadership Conferences during the 2011-12 school year.

The conference began Jan. 23 when attendees toured the High Country Plastics manufacturing plant in Caldwell to learn about the creation of rotational plastics and their use in the agriculture industry.

Later in the day, the group took part in the annual Cenarrusa FFA Day on the Hill. Twelve chapter members were able to visit with legislators from Owyhee and Canyon counties to discuss current legislation over lunch.





Leslie Sparkuhl, center, poses with her certificate with Canyon-Owyhee School Services superintendent Harold Nevill, left, and Capital Educators Federal Credit Union CEO Todd Erickson.

CapEd grant benefits COSSA program

A Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency teacher has received one of the January teacher grants from Capital Educators Federal Credit Union.

Leslie Sparkuhl, a speech pathologist for COSSA, received a \$750 grant, which she will use to help students from the five-district consortium, including Homedale and Marsing.

Sparkuhl will buy the “A Voice for Every Child” program, which utilizes new

technology to efficiently and cost effectively help students with a variety of disabilities learn to communicate.

“The grant will make it possible to help students meet IEP (Individualized Education Program) goals for stuttering using ‘delayed auditory feedback,’ goals for pushing buttons to deliver a message, goals for articulation covering all speech sounds, and goals for learning language,” Sparkuhl said.

Dancing turkeys entertain at Story Time

Preschoolers will gather Friday to countdown silly turkey antics during the gobble gobble dance at the Homedale Public Library’s Story Time.

“10 Fat turkeys!” by Tony Johnston is the featured story for the 10:15 a.m. Story Time at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

There will be snacks and music.

For more information, call 337-4228 after 1 p.m. during the week.

Idaho 51 targeted for summer pavement work

The Idaho Transportation Department has announced a summer resurfacing project for an Owyhee County highway.

Fourteen miles of Idaho highway 51 between milepost 19.9 and 33.7 will be resurfaced between mid-June and mid-July. The northern boundary of the work is just north

of Grasmere, and the southern limit of the work area is north of Riddle.

One lane of traffic will be maintained during the work. Flaggers and a pilot car will be used to guide traffic.

The speed limit will also be reduced in the project area.

No night or weekend work is anticipated, but is not prohibited if necessary.

ITD will not restrict travel during the Duck Valley Fourth of July Pow-Wow and Rodeo.

The aim of the project is to extend the life of the road and provide a smoother ride for drivers.



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of Public Instruction Tom Luna and asked both Luna and Otter questions ranging from social issues — including what has been done for Rimrock students who are homeless — to educational topics such as the future of distance learning now that the state has put some of the cost back on the school districts.

Luna said that distance learning costs are being shared by the districts by splitting Average Daily Attendance student units.

Ross Mason from the Department of Health and Welfare said there are programs in the state that can help homeless families with students in school to get back on their feet.

The governor spent a considerable amount of time working through two of the biggest issues on the minds of those who crammed into McKeeth Hall — the continued threat of an Endangered Species listing for the sage-grouse and the uncertain path the Gateway West 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line will take through Owyhee County.

The two topics seemingly intertwined after Oreana resident Robyn Thompson asked for the governor’s help in getting the Owyhee County Task Force’s alternative route considered among the viable routes in the Bureau of Land Management’s ongoing analysis.

“We’re desperate to get this off our dirt, off our farmland,” Thompson said.

Nate Fisher, state Office of Species Conservation administrator, said that the presence of sage-grouse leks in proposed powerline routings continues to complicate the issue.

Thompson said one of the county’s suggested alternatives doesn’t affect leks, but goes through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area where lines already exist.

Brian Kelly of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service voice optimism about the future of the bird because of the conservation efforts led by Owyhees such as Donna Bennett and Karen Steenhof.

— JPB



Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter chats with Owyhee County Historical Society president Merrill Ebbers and Mary O’Malley (obscured) as Ebbers’ wife Carol looks on. Otter called the county museum “a historical oasis” in his opening remarks.

Marsing mayor: Hunters welcome at Island Park

Marsing Mayor Keith Green wants hunters who use Marsing’s Island Park to know they are welcome within the city despite what signs placed on vehicles say.

“The letters were quite nasty,” Green said. “They told people ‘You are considered SLOB HUNTERS’ and that they weren’t welcome.”

The handwritten signs were placed on vehicles parked in

the past couple of weeks on the north side of the Idaho highway 55, near the sportsman access to the Snake River, Green said.

The signs said hunters are “not welcome to hunt in the Marsing City Limits”, which Green said is inaccurate.

Taking to the Internet, concerned sportsmen voiced their concern on the “Idaho Refuge Gang” refuge forums website citing similar instances

from Marsing to Homedale.

Green said the city has nothing to do with the signs and doesn’t “condone” the actions.

“I have no idea who is doing this,” Green said. “If they are going to do this, they should have the courage to sign their name. Hunters are more than welcome at the park. This isn’t the reputation we want.”

— JLZ

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Online course gets HHS juniors ready for ACT

Dozens of students attend class before school

Getting a high school junior to do anything before dawn might seem like a monumental task, but dozens file into the Homedale High School library at that time three days a week.

They're getting up early to ensure a good performance on the ACT college entrance exam.

There has been an average of 37 students in the library for the hour-long class, which starts at 7 a.m.

"It's getting us prepared and ready for actually taking the ACT," Kade Eiguren said.

But the teacher leading the class isn't in the room. There are just well-behaved, attentive, alert students.

"They do pretty well," HHS GEAR UP coordinator Janee Olds said. "Being that it's interactive, they're engaged."

West Side High School English

teacher Amanda Hansen runs the instruction from her classroom in Dayton. The optional Idaho Education Network course, which is funded through a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant, utilizes a webcam mounted high on the wall to the left of a projection screen on which Hansen appears.

West Side began the program locally in January 2010 after it was discovered that high honors students weren't achieving ACT scores reflective of their grade-point averages. The IEN picked up the prep course for statewide broadcast eight months later.

"A student on average raises their score two to three points after taking the course," Hansen said.

Through the webcam, she can see and hear the students spread



West Side High School English teacher Amanda Hansen instructs Homedale High School students in Homedale via the Idaho Education Network from Dayton, Idaho last week.

across several tables in the library. The students also see her, and some West Side and Preston students make guest appearances to read sample questions.

Hansen said the Homedale class is the largest to which she has broadcast. She has conducted prep courses for schools in three states — Idaho, Tennessee and Ohio.

"I'm amazed each time I dial in to see just how many of them are dedicated enough to consistently get up and come in an hour before school to practice for their ACT," Hansen said.

"It puts the pressure on me to

make the time worth every minute of lost sleep."

The course is interactive. Each HHS student reads a sample question off a worksheet and then gives an answer. The questions are similar to those that will appear on the ACT when the entire junior class will take the ACT, again thanks to GEAR UP funding.

"I really enjoy the Homedale class. They tease each other, help each other stay caught up in the handouts as I lecture, and keep me on my toes," Hansen said. "If I accidentally skip a student, they point it out right away."

The former BYU Idaho college instructor praised the Homedale administration for its dedication to ACT preparation.

The course also gives students pointers on how to make it through the timed exam. For example, Hansen pointed out last Wednesday, go with the short answer when time is running down. The short answer usually is the correct one.

The structure of ACT questions also is analyzed, helping the students build an understanding of what they'll be reading when the exam is executed on Feb. 11.

Other elements of the course include practice tests and help identifying the students' weaknesses in the ACT and the resources they can use to improve.

According to a course overview provided by HHS GEAR UP coordinator Janee Olds, students receive college credit for completing the class.

The class was an option when the entire junior class registered for this year's ACT. Registration was \$30 per student.

"We currently have 41 students taking the class, which is 50 percent of all our juniors," Olds said.

"We're excited that a large number of our students have chosen to participate in this opportunity," she said later.

Olds said the preparatory class helps improve ACT scores, leading to more scholarship money and helping students build an academic reputation that will allow them to get into the college of their choice.

Eiguren and fellow junior Shelby Criffield agreed that the prep course will make them less apprehensive when it comes time for the live test.

"With the science and reading portion, (the course) gives us clues on how to find the answers without re-reading the questions so many times," Criffield said.

Criffield also said the course serves as a refresher on some subjects that may have been covered earlier in their academic careers.

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College exam info night planned

Homedale High School juniors and their parents are invited to a informational night to get more details on the ACT and SAT college entrance exams.

The event takes place at 6 p.m. next Wednesday inside the Homedale High School library, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Other important college preparation information also will be shared during this event.

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Sew Scrappin’ offers Homedale classes

Amy Kluchesky works on a project inside her Sew Scrappin’ store at 9 N. Main St. in Homedale. In addition to selling crafting and scrapbooking supplies, Kluchesky, who attended grade school and junior high in Homedale, offers classes. The store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Sew Scrappin’ is closed on Saturday. For more information on classes, call 899-1053.

HHS cheerleaders plan youth camp

Aspiring cheerleaders will get a chance to perform with Homedale High School cheerleaders Saturday to cap Trojan Cheer Camp 2012. The annual camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HHS and is open to kindergarteners through eighth-graders. The cost is \$30. Each camper will receive a T-shirt that will be worn during the performance at halftime of the varsity boys’ basketball game against Payette on Saturday night. Camp registration forms are available at Homedale Middle School and Homedale Elementary School. For more information, contact HHS cheer advisor Heather Mullins at hmullins@homedaleschools.org.



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Industry updates on tap for OCA meeting

Cattlemen will receive updates on the issues that affect their industry during Saturday’s annual Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting. The meeting runs from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Oreana Community Hall. Registration starts at 1 p.m. The agenda includes the usual raffle drawing among the membership for a silver bit and updates, including:

- Idaho Beef Council from Shea Nesbitt
- Farm Bureau from Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard
- Sage-grouse conservation from Owyhee Local Working Group chair Donna Bennett

An update on the Bureau of Land Management’s plan to enforce crossing permits also will be given before the mid-afternoon break. BLM representatives will give further update on the agency’s actions later in the afternoon before Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Fund secretary/treasurer Brad Huff gives an update on this year’s pickup raffle. A social hour will be held at 5 p.m., follow by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Table service and drinks will be furnished.

At 9 p.m., Owyhee County band Running for Cover will provide the music for a dance, the proceeds of which go to the upkeep of the community hall. Admission is \$5 per person. Prior to the meeting, the University of Idaho Extension will present a winter beef school from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All beef school attendees will receive lunch provided by sponsorship from Agri-Lines, the Idaho Beef Council and WSI.

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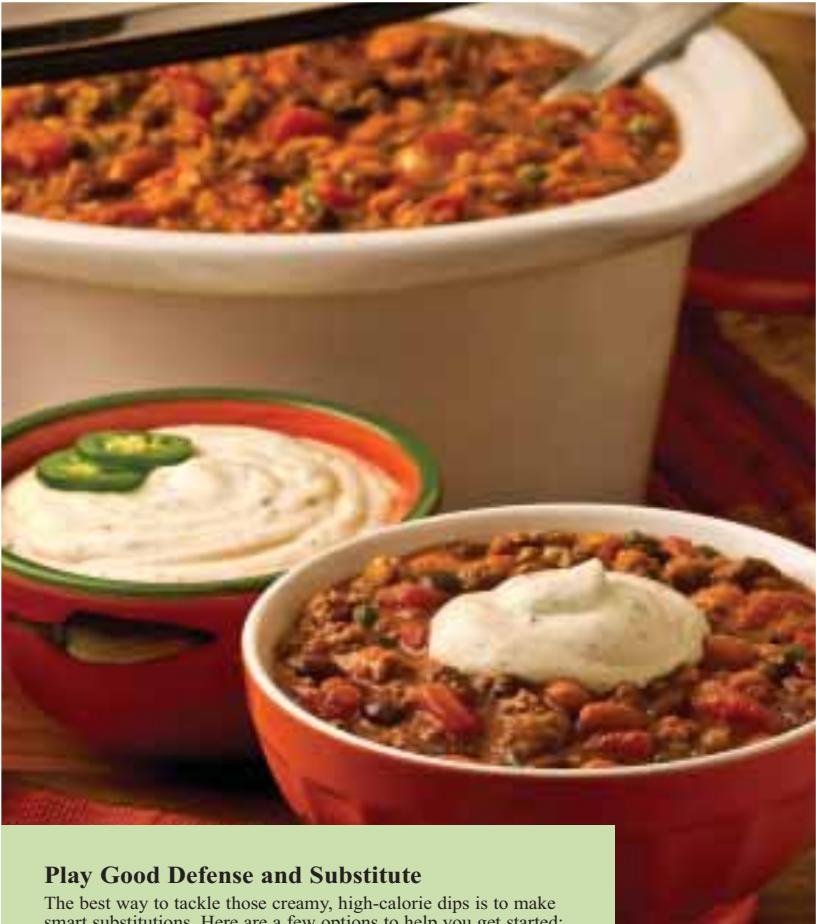
Two of the most popular New Year's resolutions are losing weight and eating healthier. But by the time the big game rolls around, many people are ready for a break — or looking for an excuse to cheat. But kick-off does not have to be a signal to punt your healthy-eating habits.

Registered dietitian Jodie Shield knows it can be a struggle to celebrate and stay healthy. She's put together some win-win tips and recipes — healthy and delicious — that are sure to keep fans cheering for more:

- Know your game plan. If you're the home team (i.e. the party host), you get to call the plays. Serve entrees that are lean and festive, such as Touchdown Turkey Chili. Or prepare a thin whole wheat crust pizza using reduced-fat mozzarella cheese, tomato sauce and lots of sliced veggies.
- Offer a starting line-up of healthier appetizers. Whip some traditional game day favorites into shape. Instead of nachos, serve baked chips with salsa. Pass on the salt and butter and sprinkle a dash of Parmesan cheese over popcorn. Forget the fried chicken wings and serve baked chicken tenders seasoned with Hidden Valley Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix.
- Think fresh. Skip the super subs and set up a sandwich bar with lean deli meats such as turkey breast and ham, low-fat cheese slices and prepped veggies — like sliced tomato and shredded lettuce — and low-fat toppings.
- Pass on super big portions. No matter what foods are served, remember you don't have to eat the whole thing. Grab a small plate and load half of it up with fresh veggies and baked chips.
- Get in on the action. During halftime, grab your guests and head outdoors for a quick game of touch football. You can always record the commercials so you don't miss out.

7 Layer Fiesta Ranch Dip

- Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes: 10 (1/4 cup) servings
- 1 16-ounce can fat-free refried beans
 - 1/2 cup guacamole
 - 1 package Hidden Valley Fiesta Ranch Dips Mix
 - 1 cup fat-free sour cream or plain nonfat yogurt
 - 1 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
 - 6 green onions, chopped
 - 1 medium tomato, chopped
 - 1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)
1. Spread each of the ingredients in the order listed over a 9-inch serving platter or pie dish.
 2. Chill for an hour and serve.



Play Good Defense and Substitute

The best way to tackle those creamy, high-calorie dips is to make smart substitutions. Here are a few options to help you get started:

Instead of:	Use:
Guacamole	Salsa
Pesto	Chopped tomatoes and basil
Sour cream	Plain fat-free yogurt
Cheese	Reduced-fat cheese
Cream	Fat-free evaporated milk

Touchdown Turkey Chili

- Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: High heat cooks for 4 hours; Low heat cooks for 8 hours
Makes: 8 (1 cup) servings
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 medium onion, chopped
 - 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
 - 2 pounds lean ground turkey breast
 - 2 cans (14.5 ounces each) Mexican-style diced tomatoes
 - 1 can (6 ounces) reduced sodium tomato paste
 - 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
 - 1 cup low sodium tomato juice
 - 1 package Hidden Valley Fiesta Ranch Dips Mix
1. Heat olive oil in a large nonstick pan over medium-high heat.
 2. Add onions and bell pepper and sauté until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes.
 3. Remove and place in slow cooker.
 4. Add ground turkey breast to the same pan and cook until crumbled and browned, about 8 to 10 minutes.
 5. Add the turkey to the slow cooker along with all of the remaining ingredients.
 6. Cover the slow cooker and cook for 4 hours on high heat or 8 hours on low heat.

Hold That Line Hummus Dip

"No need to pass on fabulous dips to maintain your diet," said Shield. "Thanks to the protein and fiber in chickpeas, hummus is light, yet heart-healthy enough to satisfy hungry sports fans. Try this easy recipe for happy game day guests."

- Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes: 8 (1/4 cup) servings
- 2 cans (15 1/2 ounces each) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
 - 4 garlic cloves
 - 1/3 cup lemon juice
 - 1 package Hidden Valley Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
 - 4 tablespoons cold water
 - 1/2 cup tahini (sesame seed paste)
 - Dash of paprika for garnish
1. In a food processor, puree the chickpeas, garlic, lemon juice, salad dressing and seasoning mix and water until very smooth, about 3 minutes.
 2. Add tahini paste and process an additional 2 minutes.
 3. Spread hummus into a shallow serving bowl.
 4. Sprinkle top with paprika.

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Cheesy Ranch Popcorn

- Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 3 1/2 minutes
Makes: 6 (2 cup) servings
- 1 bag (3 ounces) reduced-fat, low sodium butter-flavored microwave popcorn
 - 1/4 pack (0.25 ounces) Hidden Valley Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
 - 3 sprays from olive oil mister
 - 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1. Pop popcorn according to package directions. Immediately open the bag and pour the popcorn into a large serving bowl.
 2. Spray the popcorn with three sprays from the olive oil mister, toss with salad dressing and seasoning mix and then toss with the Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

Boise outdistances crowded field at Homedale duals

Trojans wrestlers pull off big wins against ranked opponents

Homedale High School wrestled to a 3-2 record Saturday in the fifth annual Homedale Trojan Duals.

Thirteen teams from Idaho and Oregon competed in the event, making for one of the largest turnouts in the history of the event.

“The event ran exceptionally well due to a lot of groundwork done by Coach (Mark) Boothby,” HHS coach Toby Johnson said. “He was our tournament director and did an outstanding job.”

Boise won the championship, and beat Homedale, 72-10, along the way. The Braves are the sixth-ranked 5A team in the state according to idahowrestlingnews.com.

Boise and Parma both went unbeaten in their five dual meets, but the Braves took home the team trophy based on collected more individual wins.

Colton Grimm had one of the best days of any wrestler. The Homedale product went 4-0, wrestling as a fill-in for Payette and also competing in a couple exhibition matches.

For each of six rounds throughout the day, four dual matches were held simultaneously in the main HHS gymnasium, while a fifth match was wrestled in the old gym.



Homedale’s Bodie Hyer pins Vale, Ore., wrestler Alan DeSantiago during the Trojan Duals.

There were a total of 30 dual meets, and competing schools included Homedale, Boise, Baker, Ore., Skyview of Nampa, Crane, Parma, Payette, Adrian, Pine Eagle from Halfway, Ore., McLoughlin of Milton-Freewater, Ore., Vale, Ore., Melba, Imbler, Ore., Wallowa, Ore., and a team called the Renegades.

The Renegades team was comprised of extra wrestlers brought by the various schools.

“We created this lineup to get those kids matches and fill holes in the duals schedule,” Johnson said.

The Trojans opened their participation by beating the

— See *Homedale*, page 18

Lady Huskies secure No. 2 seed

Marsing could face Nampa Christian for a fourth time this season

All it took was nine points to cause a three-way tie in the 2A Western Idaho Conference standings for the Marsing High School girls’ basketball team.

Following their 50-41 senior night win over Nampa Christian on Thursday night, the Lady Huskies (12-6, 8-2) earned the No. 2 seed for the district tournament.

Marsing coach Tim Little said the 2A WIC doesn’t have a tiebreaker rule for basketball. Little said the league used the Azzii system — used during football — to break the tie.

“We didn’t have anything in the WIC constitution for a tie like this,” Little said. “So we were a little unsure of where everything would fall for the seeding of districts.”

The three teams — Marsing, New Plymouth and Nampa Christian — each finished with an 8-2 record in league, leaving the decision for seeding to be based on the point margin from each of the four games between the schools.

Based on the system, New Plymouth earned the No. 1 seed with Marsing grabbing the No. 2 and Nampa Christian earning the No. 3 seed.

The Lady Huskies have a potential to play Nampa Christian for a fourth time this season. If the Trojans beat McCall-Donnelly in the opening round on Thursday at Nampa Christian, Marsing would meet its league rival on Saturday in Parma during the District III tournament at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Marsing 50, Nampa Christian 41 — Although Little told his team they needed to win by 10 points — to avoid Murphy’s law, he said — the Lady Huskies needed to squeak out a nine-point margin to shake up the 2A WIC standings.

“It was really big to win,” Little said. “With the last two weeks going the way they have. There were some questions in everyone’s heads about where we were at. The girls came out and responded well.”

Little credits much of the success to the bench players, who rotated in and out consistently throughout the 32 minutes.

“Probably the biggest people responding was our bench,” Little said. “Both Shelbi (Ferdinand) and Kat (Welch) along with everyone else came out strong. That is really what we needed to have. We need to give girls a break and not miss a beat and that came together in that game.”

The Lady Huskies’ bench accounted for eight points, six rebounds, three assists and three blocks, which gave Marsing an edge, Little said.

Marsing’s Ashley Hull paced all scorers with 18 points, making eight of her 11 free throws. Deidrie Briggs picked up 12 followed by Andrea Rodriguez



Marsing’s Deidrie Briggs dribbles around Nampa Christian’s Cassandra Killion on Thursday night.

and Lacey Usabel each picked up four points in the win.

“There were three simple things we needed to change: Defense creating perimeter

— See *Marsing*, page 17

Trojans’ travel budget feeling pinch again

Wrestling road trip cancelled; sponsorships sought for remaining away dates

While Homedale athletic boosters have launched an effort to close a transportation funding gap, the high school wrestling team has lost a scheduled road trip because of a series of circumstances.

Assistant wrestling coach Mark Boothby said Monday that the Trojans’ trip to the Pine Eagle Tournament, scheduled for Feb. 11, has been cancelled.

It was one of three schedule changes that Boothby announced Monday.

The Trojans also moved their 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet on the road against Payette to Tuesday. It was originally scheduled for Thursday.

Along with the loss of the Pine Eagle Tournament, the Trojans will not join Marsing for a tri-meet the

day before against Tri Valley in Cambridge. Instead, Boothby has secured a non-conference dual meet with Timberline in Boise on Friday, Feb. 10.

Boothby said that the district’s administration cancelled the Pine Eagle trip “because of transportation costs”.

Homedale High School athletic director David Hart said the cancellation was a combination of events, including the loss of a travel

— See *Travel*, page 16

Rimrock boys can’t find traction in fight for district seeding

After a close first quarter, Wilder High School broke away against Rimrock and remained unbeaten in 1A Western Idaho Conference boys’ basketball action.

Cody Steele and Clay Cantrell both scored in double figures, but the Raiders fell, 47-28, in Bruneau.

Rimrock (5-7 overall, 3-4 in conference) trailed by a point, 6-5, after eight minutes. Coach John Hannah’s squad is 1-3 in the standings used to seed the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament.

Cantrell led the Raiders with 12 points, and Steele scored six of his 10 points on a pair of three-point goals.

AJ Castellanos put in 13 points for the Wildcats (13-1, 6-0) to lead all scorers. Wilder broke open the game by outscoring Rimrock,

— See *Rimrock*, page 19

Sports



Homedale's Kylie Farwell (No. 32) fights for a loose ball against Marsing's Lacey Usabel during the Trojans' 42-39 win Jan. 20 in Homedale.

Farwell's three clinches HHS win

Kylie Farwell's three-pointer in the final minute helped lockup the Homedale High School girls' basketball team's 42-39 win over non-conference rival Marsing last week.

Farwell pegged 19 of Homedale's 42 points and hit only one three of the night, which broke a 39-39 tie with less than a minute left.

"Kylie's shot was the result of hard work and dedication to her game," Homedale coach Matt Holtry said. "She has worked hard at practice and in the off-season for opportunities like that. It was a game-changing shot, and it was needed."

Marsing was paced by Ashley

Hull with 19 points and five rebounds followed by Lacey Usabel with six points and Andrea Rodriguez with five points and five steals..

"I don't mind having that non-league game," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "Homedale is well-coached, and we match up well with them. It is a good opportunity to have a tough, hard practice that we can't match when we are by ourselves."

For Homedale, Aubrey Nash picked up nine points followed by Laurien Mavey and Kaylee Rupp each with four points.

"I was very pleased with the way the girls played defense throughout the game," Holtry said. "They

showed a lot of determination and aggression throughout, and that is something we have been talking about as a team identity going into the district tournament.

"Marsing is a very good team and one of the top in the 2A, so it was nice to get a victory over a good opponent. This win will help prepare us for what we will face in the next couple weeks."

Homedale locked up the No. 3 seed for the 3A District III tourney that begins on Friday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. Marsing earned the No. 2 seed in the 2A District III tournament that begins for the Lady Huskies on Saturday in Parma.

Travel: Budget problems

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partner when Marsing decided to take vans to the tournament in Halfway, Ore., rather than bussing as it had done in the past. Tri Valley has dropped its wrestling program, nullifying the tri-meet on Feb. 10.

"It's all about economics and common sense," Hart said. "Pine Eagle is a long trip. We had a deal with our wrestling team about the transportation to Pine Eagle to make it affordable (and that) deal didn't happen this year.

"We try to schedule what we can afford and still not cheat our athletes."

The Homedale transportation budget, funded for the past two years with proceeds from benefit events sponsored by the Homedale Trojan Athletic Association, will fall short in 2011-12, Hart said.

Because of an anticipated shortfall, sponsorships are being sought for individual athletic road trips for the rest of the school year.

School district patrons or businesses can sponsor a trip

for \$50, and there are several trips available through the rest of the athletic year, including basketball, baseball, softball, track and field and tennis. The wrestling team's trips to Adrian and New Plymouth last week were listed on the originally flyer, but the Pine Eagle Tournament was not. The district championship meet in Payette on Feb. 18 is another event available for sponsorship.

Hart has the list of the available dates for sponsorship. Donations are tax-deductible. Contact him at 337-4613 for more information.

Parents already have pitched in to sponsor trips in the spring, with Todd and Toni Kelly backing a Feb. 3 girls' basketball trip to the 3A District III Tournament in Ontario, Ore., and a March 31 trip to the ISG Softball Tournament in Boise. David and Charmaine Taylor have signed up to send the softball and baseball teams to non-conference games in Vale, Ore., on March 23 (softball) and April 14 (baseball).

HHS wrestling's Beauty or Beast returns Monday

Several top-notch wrestlers will look their best Monday night for Homedale High School's third Beauty or Beast Pageant.

The wrestling team fundraiser begins at 7 p.m. inside the old gymnasium at the school. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

A live auction will be held

between rounds of the Beauty or Beast competition.

Among the competitors this year are 2011 3A state tournament runner-up Ismahel Mendoza, Ontario Holiday Tournament champion Brad McCain and Homecoming King Bodie Hyer. Other wrestlers also will dress for the event.

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Aubrey Nash *Senior Basketball*

The Play — Nash racked up nine points in Homedale's 42-39 win over Marsing last week.

Coach's Take — "Aubrey is a very hard worker that doesn't score a ton of points every game but always contributes 6-8 points each game. Her efforts on the defensive end this past game and in every game throughout the season has been great and she is a difference-maker for us that is often unnoticed."

— Matt Holtry

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Feb. 3 vs. Fruitland at 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 7 vs. TBA at 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 3A SRV conference tournament, Fruitland (if nec.)
Frosh-soph
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 3A SRV conference tournament, Fruitland (if nec.)

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Feb. 4, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Feb. 4, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Saturday, Feb. 4, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Payette, 5:30 p.m.

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Sports

Huskies earn second conference win

Marsing set for final three games of season

Coming off its second 2A Western Idaho Conference win of the season, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team will hit the road tonight to take on New Plymouth.

Coming off a 45-41 win over McCall-Donnelly at home on Friday, Marsing (8-9, 2-7) coach JW Chadez is hoping the energy will carry over to the final three games of the regular season.

"It was a really good win, and that is a real good team," Chadez said. "I hope that can give our kids some energy and momentum heading into the last week of the season. With the last three games, if we play at a high energy level we will have an opportunity."

With only three games left in the regular season, the Huskies have two tough road games before wrapping the season on Feb. 10 at home for senior night.

Tonight, the Huskies face

the Pilgrims (13-4, 6-3) in New Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, Marsing will wrap up its road schedule in Eagle when they face North Star Charter (10-5, 4-4).

"If we go 2-for-3 that is good, but we are shooting to win all three," Chadez said. "But when you are on the road with two of your last three games, it is tough. If we go over and upset New Plymouth, we will have the momentum to finish the season strong."

Against the Vandals, Dakota Hill led Marsing with 18 points followed by Jason Galligan with 11. Miguel Leon picked up nine points and MacKay Hall grabbed five.

"McCall scored the first couple of baskets, but we led all the way until the end of the game and were up by as many as 14," Chadez said. "It was a really good situation for us to be in. It has been

a while since we have been up and in a pressure situation controlling the lead."

Jan. 25: Melba 44, Marsing 36 — In a back-and-forth game, Marsing came close to upsetting the defending 2A state champs (14-3, 7-2) last week.

"There was a lot of excitement, and we had a lot of energy throughout the game," Chadez said. "I believe if we play with the same effort we played with against Melba we can win out the final three games. If we stop thinking about winning and losing and take on the underdog role, we can come out and upset some teams."

Against Melba, Leon led the Huskies with 12 points, three steals and two assists. Galligan scored eight points, blocked five shots and pulled in five rebounds.

Melba was paced by the 6-foot-6 Boise State University commit Joey Nebbeker with 16 points.

"They played well and left it all on the line," Chadez said. "Jason was a lot more aggressive in the past two games. He is playing



Marsing's Jason Galligan (No. 5) block a shot from Melba's Taylor Leavitt during the Huskies' 44-36 loss to the Mustangs last week. against big guys and blocking points inside." shots. It is key, for him to get those — JLZ

Telleria's 12 helps Jordan Valley avoid stumble

Ben Telleria scored all of his points in the second half Saturday as Jordan Valley High School's boys' basketball team dodged a bullet.

Telleria put in 12 points after the break and the Mustangs edged host Huntington, 49-45, for a clutch 1A High Desert League victory.

"We were very fortunate to win," Jordan Valley coach Mike

Workman said. "We played flat on both ends of the floor.

"We can't allow ourselves to play without intensity anymore." Telleria hit half of Jordan Valley's four three-point goals, and he also had three steals.

The Mustangs (8-7 overall, 5-1 1A HDL) rallied to tie the game, 35-35, with a 16-9 run through the third quarter.

The Locomotives (7-8, 2-4)

steamed to a 26-19 lead at the intermission.

The come-from-behind win helped Jordan Valley maintain its tie for second place with Prairie City.

Nathan Easterday chipped in nine points, and freshman Sandy Warn added eight.

Devin Merritt paced Huntington with 23 points, and Blake Wiley added 10.

Friday: Jordan Valley 75, Harper 25 — Jordan Valley started the weekend road trip with an easy league victory over the Hornets.

Balanced scoring led to the Mustangs' largest offensive output of the season with Easterday leading the way with 12 points, all from the floor.

Jordan Valley owned a 45-10 lead at halftime and closed the

game on a 20-10 run through the fourth quarter.

"We had a big early lead, and everybody got a lot of playing time," Workman said. "The young guys executed very well."

Sandy Warn, the freshman, scored nine points, and Ty Warn added eight.

Tom Nelson scored 10 points, and Blaine Moran chipped in nine.

✓ Marsing: Preps for tourney game

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pressure with Lacey, Ashley, Kat and Andrea doing a great job at half court all night. Post D — I worked Deidrie for all she had. She was working all night long to get in front of everyone. Offensive pressure — reading the defender and basket cutting with more head-faking opened it up for us. It is really the little things that make the difference."

— JLZ

How Marsing earned the No. 2 seed

New Plymouth: -5 (L vs. MHS), -4 (L vs. NCHS), +14 (W vs. NCHS), +10 (W vs. MHS) for a total of +15 (No. 1 Seed)

Marsing: -9 (L vs. NCHS), -10 (L vs. NPHS), +5 (W vs. NPHS), +9 (W vs. NCHS), for a total of -5 (No. 2 Seed)

Nampa Christian: +9 (W vs. MHS), +4 (W vs. NPHS), -14 (L vs. NPHS), -9 (L vs. MHS) for a total of -10 (No. 3 Seed)

MARSING HUSKIES



Student Athlete Spotlight

Yovani Zerapio Sophomore Basketball

The Play — Averaged three steals, three rebounds and two assists throughout two games last week.

Coach's Take — "His energy defensively, is a big spark to keep our high-energy defense going. He was instrumental for us the past week coming in off the bench. He routinely contributes and keeps us moving."

— JW Chadez

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Feb. 4 vs. Nampa Christian-McCall-Donnelly first-round winner, 2A District III Tournament, Parma H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday, Feb. 10 at Tri Valley, Cambridge, TBA

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 1 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3 at North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 1 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3 at North Star Charter, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Feb. 1 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

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Sports

Huskies shine during home wrestling match

In their only home match of the season, the Marsing High School wrestling team won seven of its nine matches last week.

The Huskies faced off with 2A Western Idaho Conference rival New Plymouth for the first time this season and pulled in four wins during the sanctioned matches, but fell in the overall dual match 51-21.

“We have seen them at tourneys, but hadn’t gone up against them yet,” Marsing coach Rick Folwell said. “We had eight guys fill the weight classes and New Plymouth had most of theirs filled.”

Out of the 15 weight classes the Huskies were only able to fill eight. Marsing had six forfeits.

New Plymouth’s Roscoe Jarboe pinned Marsing’s Adrian Garcia in the 126-pound match in 1 minute and 51 seconds. Fellow Pilgrim wrestler Roy Massey pinned (1:40) Ricky Sullivan in the 132-pound bout.

In the 152-pound match, Marsing’s Dillon Danner lost in a 9-4 decision against Justin Smith. Austin Williams won a 5-2 decision against New Plymouth’s Anthony Graham in the 160-pound weight class.

New Plymouth’s Luis Castro pinned (1:20) Marsing’s Brad Labit for the win in the 170-pound match. In the 195-pound match, Marsing’s Bernardo Galvez pinned (1:35) Marcus Davis. In the 220-pound match Huskies



Marsing’s Bernardo Galvez attempts a takedown against New Plymouth wrestler Marcus Davis during the Huskies’ home match last week. Galvez pinned Davis in 1 minute and 34 seconds.

wrestler Noah Grossman won by forfeit. In the heavyweight (285) match, Marsing’s Gage Ramirez won in the third round after New

Plymouth’s Luke Harris was disqualified.

Exhibition match results — Marsing’s Danner (152) won by

pin (2:47) over Chase Bowen; Galvez (195) pinned (1:26) Tyler Filler; Noah Grossman (285) pinned (5:46) Harris.

Owyhee wrestlers take on Antelopes

In a three-school matchup, wrestlers from Homedale and Marsing grappled with their counterparts from Adrian High School last week.

“It was a great match,” Marsing coach Rick Folwell said. “We want to make this an annual Owyhee County-type event with the three schools.”

Between the three teams they were able to combine rosters to wrestle 17 matches throughout the night.

In the 106-pound match, Homedale’s Andrew Randall pinned Adrian wrestler Zane Marquez. Marsing’s Adrian Garcia pinned (1:19) Homedale’s Katie Renz. Marsing wrestler Ismael Hinojosa pinned (5:13) Trojan Jovan Cornejo in the 145-pound match.

Antelope wrestler Mark Ishida (152) picked up two wins on the night against wrestlers from both Homedale and Marsing. In

Ishida’s first match of the night against Marsing’s Dillon Danner, Ishida won in a 5-3 decision. After a senior night presentation for Adrian wrestlers, the senior went on to pin Homedale’s Curtis Stansell in 1 minute and 53 seconds.

Marsing’s Austin Williams won by major decision (14-0) over Adrian’s Chance Marquez in the 160-pound match. Homedale wrestler Ismael Mendoza pinned (3:19) Marsing’s Brad Labit in the 170-pound bout.

In the 195-pound matchup, Homedale’s Brad McCain pinned Marsing’s Bernardo Galvez in 37 seconds for the fastest pin of the night. Huskies wrestler Noah Grossman pinned (3:35) Homedale’s Draydon Julian in the 220-pound match. Homedale heavyweight Jorge Hernandez (285) pinned Marsing’s Gage Ramirez in 1 minute and 41 seconds for the win.



Marsing’s Austin Williams waits for the official’s count as he pins New Plymouth’s Anthony Graham.

“It was good experience for everyone,” Folwell said. “Homedale had a few starters that weren’t there, so in a couple of the matches we had kids out of their weight class just to get mat time. It was more about mat time than it was win or loss. We did have some pretty quick pins throughout the night.”

In the second round following the senior night presentation, Homedale’s Luis Garza pinned

(5:48) Adrian wrestler Zane Marquez in the 106-pound match. Antelope wrestler Shane Miller grabbed the third-fastest pin of the night in 47 seconds over Marsing’s Garcia in the 132-pound match.

Adrian’s Chance Marquez picked up the second-fastest pin of the night in 42 seconds over Homedale’s Dayne Jacobs in the 160-pound match. After losing earlier in the night, Marsing’s

Galvez (195) pinned Homedale’s Kyle Purdom (182) in 1:02.

Colton Grimm (170) of Homedale hit the mat against Marsing’s Labit and pinned him in three minutes flat for the win. In his second match of the night, McCain (195) pinned Marsing’s Grossman (220) in 1:12. In the final match of the night, Marsing’s heavyweight Ramirez (285) pinned Trojan wrestler Julian (220) in 5:06.

✓ Homedale: Narrowly edged by New Plymouth in non-conference match

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Imbler/Wallowa combination from Oregon. Six pins carried Homedale to a 54-27 victory.

Andrew Randall (106 pounds), Devin Fisher (112), Jovan Cornejo (145), Curtis Stansell (160), Ismael Mendoza (170) and Kyle Purdom (182) won by pinfall.

The Trojans also triumphed, 60-15, over a Pine Eagle/Adrian combination squad.

Randall, Fisher and Stansell also collected wins by pinfall. Randall pinned Adrian’s Zane Marquez, while Stansell took down the Antelopes’ Chase Marquez. Fisher beat Isaiah

Simpson from Pine Eagle.

In addition to losing to eventual tournament champion Boise, Homedale dropped a dual meet to Vale, Ore., 52-21, and beat Baker, 42-30, in the final dual meet of the day.

Cornejo pinned Vale’s Michael Barton with six seconds left in their match after holding a narrow lead throughout. He later lost his match against Boise because of an injury default.

Homedale’s other victories against Vale came with 195-pounder Bodie Hyer putting Alan DeSantiago to the mat four seconds before the first-round buzzer; Purdom beating

3A Oregon ninth-ranked Cody Wilcox, 8-5, at 182 pounds; and Stansell battling back from a deficit to pin Vale 160-pounder Daniel Estrada midway through the third round.

Mendoza dominated sixth-ranked 5A wrestler Nick Popkey, 15-1, in the Boise dual, but lost a tough 8-3 decision to Austin Tolman in the Vale dual. Tolman is listed as Oregon’s top 170-pounder in the 3A class by theowf.net.

Fisher collected pins against Baker and Boise opponents.

Randall pinned a Parma wrestler as part of the Trojans’ win over Baker, which borrowed

the Parma wrestler for the 106-pound match.

Mendoza and Hyer both picked up victories by pinfall against Baker.

Pilgrims edge dinged-up Trojans

The injury bug diluted Homedale’s roster Thursday, but the Trojans narrowly missed a non-conference victory nonetheless.

New Plymouth prevailed, 42-36, on the strength of forfeits.

“We were just one match away from winning the dual,” Johnson said. “We won more matches on the mat, but forfeits got to us.”

Jorge Hernandez, a 285-pounder, kept the Trojans close by picking up a decision in overtime. Kyle Purdom pinned his opponent at 182 pounds.

Ismael Mendoza got a decision at 170, and Bodie Hyer won by pinfall at 195.

“Jorge and Kyle were particularly impressive,” Johnson said.

Luis Garza at 106 pounds and Michael Deleon at 113 were two-time winners during the night.

Colton Grimm collected a narrow 5-4 win at 170, and Draydon Julian was 1-1, winning by pin and losing by pin.

Sports

HHS boys score from downtown to end skid Trojans still winless in conference play

Homedale High School scored half of its points from behind the three-point arc, snapping a six-game losing streak with a non-conference victory over Vale, Ore.

Senior Trey Corta fired in five three-pointers and scored 23 points in the Trojans’ 60-48 win inside the Vikings’ gymnasium.

The Trojans (4-13 overall) led 16-6 after eight minutes.

Hayden Krzesnik knocked down three treys and finished with 17 points, all from the field.

Homedale made only eight trips to the foul line, coming away with two successful free throws.

The two teams combined for 16 three-pointers. Vale (4-12) was paced by 18 points from Logan Skerjanec, who connected four times from long range.

Friday: Parma 70, Homedale 62 — The Panthers rolled to 30 points in the fourth quarter to pull off a 3A Snake River Valley conference comeback on the

Trojans’ floor.

Homedale owned a 43-40 lead heading into the game’s final eight minutes.

The Trojans put together their highest point total of the season, but lost their fifth consecutive conference game.

Zac Lowder and Trey Corta each scored 18 points. Lowder, who returned recently from an injury that kept him out for most of the first 2½ months of the season, drilled three three-point goals. Hayden Krzesnik connected on two treys for all his scoring as Homedale put down eight total.

Brett Ryska also reached double figures with 13 points for the Trojans. He had a clutch offensive put-back in the first quarter to spark a Trojans rally that also included an alley-oop tip-in and a three-pointer at the buzzer — both by Trey Corta — to give Homedale a 15-12 lead after eight minutes.

The Panthers opened the second quarter with three-pointers to

regain the lead, but couldn’t build momentum.

Lowder’s three-pointer with 1 minute, 42 seconds left gave the Trojans a brief 26-25 lead.

Jan. 24: Fruitland 72, Homedale 52 — Down by only six points heading into the fourth quarter, the Trojans couldn’t keep pace with the Grizzlies in a conference loss on the road.

Fruitland scored 22 points in the final eight minutes while holding Homedale to just eight.

The Trojans fell behind early with the Grizzlies opening the game on a 19-9 run.

But Homedale, which received 15 points from Brett Ryska, rallied with a 22-point second quarter to trim the halftime deficit to 35-31.

Bryace Nattress hit all eight of his foul shots en route to a game-high 16 points for Fruitland.

Trey Corta scored 12 points as he and Zac Lowder knocked down two three-point goals each.

A senior, Lowder scored nine points in one of his first games back from an injury that kept him out of the first two months of the season.

Homedale girls draw Grizzlies in first round

Trojans turn around to play team that beat them in SRV finale

Homedale High School will see a familiar foe in the first round of the 3A District III Girls’ Basketball Tournament.

Less than a week after closing the season with a 44-26 loss to Fruitland, the Trojans will hook up with the second-seeded Grizzlies in a district semifinal at 6 p.m. Friday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

“We are looking forward to the rematch against Fruitland next Friday as we feel that we can compete with them if we shoot the ball a little bit better and limit their offensive possessions,” first-year HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

“We have to rebound on both ends of the court but it will be important that we limit them to one shot on the defensive end for sure.”

A win puts No. 3 seed Homedale in the championship game against the winner of the 7:30 Friday game between top-seeded Weiser and the winner of Thursday’s play-in game between Payette and Parma. The title game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. A loss will send the Trojans into a 6 p.m. elimination game against the loser of Friday’s other semifinal. A first-round loss means Homedale must win on Tuesday and Feb. 9 to reach the 3A state tournament, which is slated for Feb. 16-18 at Middleton High School.

On Saturday against Fruitland, the Trojans’ rebounding force was hampered with the absence of 5-foot-10 Kaylee Rupp, who

missed the game to attend a funeral.

Homedale (11-7 overall, 4-4 conference) limited Fruitland’s chances in the first half in Payette County on Saturday, but the Trojans were unable to get their offense going as they struggled with their outside shot.

“Saturday’s game was a tough loss for us,” Holtry said. “The girls played hard against a good Fruitland team.”

Kylie Farwell scored Homedale’s only three-pointers and led the way with 16 points. Only four other players were able to work their way into the scoring column, though.

Raven Kelly connected on all three of her free throws for the bulk of her five points. Farwell was 4-for-5 from the charity stripe.

The Grizzlies broke open the game with a 16-8 run through the second quarter.

Sadie Stutzman hit a pair of three-pointers and led Fruitland with a game-high 17 points.

Miranda Clinton also added nine points for the Grizzlies (13-6, 7-1).

Homedale held the Grizzlies’ offense in check during the second half.

Holtry is hoping that the third time is the charm for the Trojans on Friday.

“It should be an interesting game as it will be our third time facing them and this time on a neutral court,” Holtry said. “The girls are looking forward to the opportunity.”

Adrian boys give Crane a tough test

Adrian High School seemingly ran out of steam after an early-game shootout and missed a chance to jumble the 1A High Desert League boys’ basketball standings.

Crane took advantage of the Antelopes’ mistakes and cold shooting to start the second half for a 65-54 victory Friday in Adrian.

“We wanted to get a good start, and the boys played with that intensity throughout the first half,” Adrian coach Brent Ishida said.

“We made a few mistakes in the second (quarter) and Crane capitalized on them, the third we just could not get the shots to go down. I was proud of how we were able to keep our heads in the game and battle back.”

Crane (16-3 overall, 6-0 1A HDL) maintained a tie with Dayville-Monument, one game ahead of both Prairie City and

Jordan Valley.

The loss put Adrian (6-13, 4-2) two games off the pace with sole possession of fourth place.

The Antelopes fell off the pace after Crane outscored them 28-22 in the second quarter. Adrian managed just five points in the first eight minutes of the second half while holding Crane to 10 points.

“Crane is a tough physical team that can eat you up in the post,” Ishida said. “I thought we did a good job denying the post and limiting good looks inside.”

Paxton Shira scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Adrian. Tommy Shenk added 14 points, and Juan Munoz chipped in nine.

Ishida also credited Kurt Nielson with good defense against Ryan Opie, who led Crane with 18 points.

Thursday: Adrian 75, Burnt River 21 — Shira’s double-double was all the Antelopes would need to dominate their league foes.

Shira outscored the Bulls from Unity, Ore., all on his own with 25 points to go with 10 rebounds in just 18 minutes of action.

Nearly every Adrian player broke into the scoring column against winless Burnt River.

Francisco Ramirez came off the bench to score nine points, and starters Juan Munoz and Nielson chipped in eight points each.

Tyler Reay also scored five points and grabbed three rebounds.

Adrian took control with a 23-2 run through the second quarter and backed that up with a 22-5 showing in the third period.

Rustin Kezerle led Burnt River with 13 points, and Spencer Mullins added three.

✓ Rimrock: Struggles for good district tourney seed

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30-19, over the second and third quarters.

Jan. 24: Compass Charter 60, Rimrock 56 — The Aviators outscored the Raiders down the stretch to win a conference game played in Meridian. Although Compass is in the 1A Western Idaho Conference, the loss did not count against Rimrock for seeding in the district tournament.

Wyatt Nichols and Jared Ball hit three-point goals in the waning minutes as Compass Charter won the fourth quarter, 18-14. The teams were tied, 42-42, at the end of the third quarter.

The game was close throughout with Rimrock connecting on seven of eight free-throw attempts in the second quarter to get within two points, 30-28, of the Aviators

at halftime.

Clay Cantrell was 5-for-6 for the foul line, finishing with 13 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Raiders. He also collected five steals and blocked a shot.

“Clay consistently plays well, most of the time against much taller opponents,” Hannah said.

Oscar Gomez added 14 points from the guard spot, including popping a pair of treys and dishing four assists.

Jacob Black came off the bench to score nine points for Rimrock. Teammate Austin Meyers scored all but two of his nine points in the first half.

Four Compass players reached double figures in scoring. Zach Reeder led the way with 21 points, five defensive rebounds, seven assists and three steals.

Adrian girls drop crucial league game

Adrian High School couldn’t climb out of a first-half hole Friday in a girls’ basketball loss at Crane.

The Mustangs held a double-digit lead at halftime en route to a 34-24 1A High Desert League victory.

The Antelopes (12-7 overall, 4-2 1A HDL) slipped into a tie for fourth place with archrival Jordan Valley.

Adrian fell victim to cold shooting again, connecting on only seven of 31 field-goal attempts. Crane took one more shot than the Antelopes, but nailed three more field goals than Adrian. The Mustangs also got the upper hand on the free-throw line even though

Adrian had a better percentage from the stripe.

Thursday: Adrian 50, Burnt River 32 — Purnell snatched more than 20 rebounds for the second consecutive game, collecting 16 of her 25 boards on the Antelopes’ end of the floor during a league victory at home.

Purnell converted just five of 22 field-goal attempts, finishing with 15 points.

Adrian’s offensive rebounding made up for a 31 percent shooting night (22-for-71). The Antelopes out-boarded the Bulls from Unity, Ore., 27-9, on Adrian’s glass.

Maddy Pendergrass had seven rebounds and 12 points, while Nichole Orosco scored seven points

and collected five rebounds.

Adrian also received six points each from Olivia Morton and Olivia Walker, who also grabbed six rebounds.

Whitni Anderson scored 13 points for Burnt River.

Jan. 23: Adrian 46, Greenleaf Friends Academy 29 — Purnell put on a show in the Antelopes’ non-league home game, scoring 21 points and grabbing 23 rebounds.

Olivia Morton scored eight points, and Maddy Pendergrass pulled down 15 rebounds.

The Grizzlies of the 1A Western Idaho Conference were led by 11 points from Homedale freshman Hannah Radford and 10 from Madison Johnson.

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25 years ago

February 5, 1987

County chair accepting applications for prosecutor

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee is not soliciting applications for nominations of candidates to fill the county prosecutor’s job, but if anyone eligible is interested, they may contact the chairman and let her know, chairman Tally Davis said Tuesday evening.

Prosecutor Clayton Andersen will vacate the position on February 16, according to his letter of resignation, filed with the county commissioners last month.

The procedure to fill the vacancy cannot be followed according to law, Davis said, because there are no eligible attorneys living in Owyhee County.

Idaho Code’s outline of the procedure for filling a vacancy of elected officials requires that the central committee of the official’s party nominate three candidates from which the county commissioners choose one. Applicants must meet the same requirements as would be necessary to run for the position. One of these requirements is they are residents of the county. Since the prosecuting attorney candidates must also be licensed attorneys and live in the county, confusion has resulted in the procedure to follow. There are no licensed attorneys, except Andersen, who hold Owyhee County residence.

Trustees “on top” of alleged asbestos problem

The Homedale High School may have an asbestos problem, but chairman of the board of trustees Ron Geertson said the district “is on top of it”.

Geertson said Tuesday that the board had been notified of the problem several months ago, but trustees have asked that an independent agent re-test for the cancer-causing insulation compound. “The people who say we have the problem are also the ones who can remove it. We want to be sure there is a problem,” the chairman said.

The initial report states there is asbestos in the ceiling composite of the foyer near the gymnasium, and possible other areas. “If it’s true, the board will take care of it as quickly as possible in the manner the law requires,” Geertson said.

He added that the independent testing has been done and he expects the results any time now. He said that the removal of such a substance is “quite expensive”, and requires the area to be sealed off, the material removed, loaded in an air-tight truck, and disposed of properly. Workers would be required to wear dust-tight suits and masks, he explained. No cost estimate was mentioned, however.

FFA speaking contest held

Last Thursday, January 29, Carla Sellman, daughter of Chet and Cathy Sellman, Bruneau, participated in the Boise Valley District FFA Public Speaking Contest. Schools represented include Rimrock Jr/Sr High School, Notus, Vallivue, Meridian, Kuna and Melba.

The winner of the Prepared Public Speaking Contest was Angie Tluczek, Melba. The title of her speech was “Super Cow”. Carla’s speech was entitled “BEEF. Is Back!”. She had previously won the local competition held at Rimrock High School January 21. Angie will travel to the Idaho State Leadership Conference in Pocatello April 9 to participate in the state public speaking contest.

Carla also represented the chapter in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. In this contest, the student draws from two subject areas then has 30 minutes to prepare a 4 to 6 minute speech. In each contest, the speakers are questioned following their presentation by a panel of judges. Carla placed 2nd in this competition. The title of her topic was “Advantages and Disadvantages of Computers in the Agricultural Business”.

Also this day, the Boise Valley District selected members to receive their State Farmer Degree. This degree is given to the top 3 percent of the state’s FFA membership. There is an application interview and testing portion of the process. Basically degree recipients are selected based on the quality of their Supervised Occupational Experience Programs. The Rimrock Chapter was represented in the process by Tom Black and Jody Ackerman.

50 years ago

February 8, 1962

Mrs. Darlene Metzger honored at luncheon in Caldwell

Mrs. Darlene Metzger was honored at a luncheon Saturday at the Sultan’s Table in Caldwell by members of Alpha Phi chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Mrs. Metzger is the chapter’s candidate for Valentine Girl of the year.

A heart charm and corsage were presented to Mrs. Metzger by Mrs. Louise Murray, last year’s candidate.

Attending the luncheon were Mmes. Joan Parson, Carolyn Kniefel, Lois McPherson, Pat Fisher, Donna Eachus, Lydia Duncan, Margaret George, Jeanne Anderson, Vivian Lillie, Carol Yost, Alice George, Jean Zatica, Louise Murray, Ellen Kent and the honored guest.

Cards were played after the luncheon.

Homedale cagers nip Notus Saturday night

Notus held the lead several times in the second half but was unable to keep it long enough and dropped a 62-59 Snake River Valley B League basketball game to Homedale Saturday night at Notus.

Tom Von Ruden and Bob Puckett led the Notus attack with 18 each, while Dale Smith and Chuck Gibson paced Homedale to its second win with 17 and 16 respectively.

Farm Bureau hears report on soil conservation

An interesting and thorough report by John Noyes on the local soil conservation district and services available from the S.C.S. office was given at the regular Homedale Farm Bureau meeting held Monday night.

Noyes went into some detail in answer to questions on soil capabilities, engineering, rotation of crops, complete farm plans, grasses for range weeding, etc.

In connection with the program, County Agent Ed Mink showed two films, “Thirsty Acres” and “Concrete Life Lines for Thirsty Crops.”

At the business meeting a discussion on the consolidation of the Homedale, Marsing and Wilder schools brought a 2/3rds vote favoring such an action.

A vote on whether Highway 95 should by-pass or continue through Homedale was a tie.

Homedale men named directors of potato assn.

Two Homedale farmers, Tom Arima and Joe Itano, have been named directors of the Treasure Valley Potato Bargaining Association.

The group was formed several years ago among potato growers to negotiate contract prices of potatoes with processors.

A current problem of potato growers has been national pressure to institute potato controls, which have been widely rejected in Idaho.

A recent meeting in Washington, D.C., called by the secretary of agriculture, was attended by Idaho potato growers who were supported by Idaho’s congressional delegation in opposition to potato controls.

No recommendation for potato controls was made in President Kennedy’s recent farm message to Congress.

\$21,000 fire truck delivered to Marsing firemen

A new \$21,000 fire truck for the Marsing rural fire district has been received and is now being equipped and serviced, according to Marsing Fire Chief Clyde Young.

Underwriters acceptance tests are scheduled for February 12. Fifteen members of Marsing’s 20-man volunteer department are being trained to operate the new large truck.

The new truck, one of the largest in the area, has a 1,000-gallon booster tank with pump capacity of 750 gallons per minute. It carries 1,000 feet of 2½-inch and 400 feet of 1½-inch hose, plus two booster reels, each with 200 feet of 1-inch hose, and also two 10-foot lengths of 4½-inch suction hose for pumping from a hydrant or other water source.

Julio Churruca is assistant fire chief; Dave Haken is secretary-treasurer.

Raymond Taylor is president of the Marsing rural fire district and commissioners are Joe Van Wassenhove and Wayne Percifield.

140 years ago

February 3, 1872

SMOKING. “Is smoking injurious?” This question is asked by Dr. E. B. Gray, in an article on the medical aspect of smoking tobacco, published in a late number of the Food Journal. Like most broad questions of the kind, it involves far too many considerations to admit of being answered by a plain yes or no. A medical man who has long been a moderate smoker, and watched the effect of the habit on himself, and others, here offers what he believes to be the true answer to the question.

Against moderate smoking in a healthy person who enjoys it, not a single argument has yet been advanced. Perhaps the most plausible of them is this: That every smoker daily imbibes a small quantity of tobacco oil and nicotine; and, as these substances taken by themselves in the pure concentrated state and in large doses are highly poisonous, therefore every habitual smoker is, slowly poisoning himself. Just as reasonable is it to condemn all alcoholic drinks, such as wine, beer, etc., as pernicious, because a draft of pure alcohol will nearly, or quite kill a man; or to condemn tea or coffee as dangerous drinks, because their native principles, theine and caffeine, taken along and in large doses are poisonous. One of the best established truths in medical science is that the same physiological agent, according to the dose given may produce effects which differ not merely in degree, but in kind. The idea of small doses of tobacco or any such agent, slowly accumulating in the system, and at length producing the effect of a single large dose, is absurd and also contradicted by experience.

So much, and often so much nonsense, is prated about the evils of tobacco that its virtues rarely get a hearing, and yet the latter are many and great. To quiet nervous unrest; to sooth a ruffled temper; to favor calm and impartial thought; to steady and clear – not cloud – a confused overworked brain; to counteract the effect of physical exhaustion — these are just the things which tobacco does, and if it can effect these ends safely and pleasantly, who shall deny it a place among God’s good gifts to men?

OWYHEE BACHELORS. This is Leap Year – 366 days – opportunities for widows and maids, old and young, to assert their prerogatives and choose their mates. The young girl may now put aside bashfulness and propose marriage to the man of her choice; widows, forgetting the art and intrigue to bring gallants to their knees, may now storm the citadel of the masculine heart and demand it be let in; every once in four years woman gets her rights, not of the elective franchise and civil rights, but to make love and choose her mate. In order that the privilege may be enjoyed, and that no worthy bachelor may escape, it is our purpose to drag the modest blushing fellows, photograph them in all their beauty, expose their charms, and hold them up to the gaze of the fair ones and if they are not Benedicts at the end of the year it shall not be our fault. We must, however, admonish our fair female friends to act upon the square; no flirting this year; your intentions must be honorable, your purpose marriage. We are not going to have Frank Ensign trifled with and his affections made the sport of wicked wiles. We shall not permit Judge Lynam and Dr. Beckett to become the victims of some artful girl, their sensibilities to be played upon and all their finer feelings harrowed up by the heartless coquettes. Hosea Eastman, Frank Hunt, Jim Graham and Bob Beggs shall not be decoyed from virtue’s flowery path by the seductions of heartless fair ones. It shall be our endeavor to see that Jerry Philip, Joe Jones and D. T. Davies do not have their young and tender hearts lacerated by cold, unfeeling coquetry, nor “Red,” Cap. Drew, Ben Bernstein, and Rufus King have their affections blighted and their young lives darkened by the gloom of an unrequited love. Could we for a moment believe that we were exposing any of these gentlemen to the artful intrigues of scheming females, we should never cease to regret the fact of publishing their names.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Snowing like fury as we go to press, and nearly warm enough to rain.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Why no farmer poetry?

Cowboy poetry is one of my efforts. I do my best, but sometimes when I am in the corn belt or entertaining the Western Pistachio Growers, I’m asked why I don’t do more farmer poetry? I try to explain to them that cowboy poetry is about wrecks: horse wrecks, cow wrecks, sheep wrecks, dog wrecks, financial wrecks, Tyrannosaurus wrecks, the never-ending wrecks.

For instance, when someone tells a story about a horse buckin’ over the haystack and dumping the cowboy into the pig pen, or a rancher missing a cow in the chute then getting run over while he’s trying to check her teeth, or the vet wrapping the calving chain over his wrist then looping the other end over the nearly-born calf’s feet followed by the inevitable escape, or the mama cow chasing the cowboy around the pickup and through the cab whilst he tries to ear tag said calf ... everybody listening is laughing their heads off!

For some reason a cowboy getting bucked off or run over, plowed down, drug through the cattails, trampled, stomped or butted, is funny! I’m not sure why. I can think of two possible explanations: No. 1 — The Cowboy Mentality and No. 2 — the Cow herself

The Cowboy Mentality is an attitude, a view of life, an ability to focus so intently on one thing that other parts of the picture are blocked out. Like he’s standing on a railroad track at night, concentrating on the headlamp so hard he does not see the locomotive behind it!

This tunnel-vision Cowboy Mentality makes it feasible for cowboys to step right into an obvious trap that others would normally avoid. It often starts with the cowboy saying, “Whataya mean I can’t ride that horse?” or “Go ahead and let off on the squeeze, I think I can hold her!” or “Don’t worry, dogs really like me.”

Then you mix this mentality with No. 2, the Humble Cow. There is a fine line between the “Fight or Flight” behavioral mechanism in the bovine. But the cowboy always seems to be straddling the divide with a leg on either side when the cow makes her decision, Fight or Flight? Either way, the cowboy gets run over, so it all works out.

Thus, it’s the idea that one of God’s dumbest creatures seems to regularly outwit our cowboy Hero, and that makes it funny!

On the other hand, farmer wrecks are always about machinery. Hanging your Carhartt coverall sleeve in the PTO and being stripped naked in a nanosecond or getting run down by a robotic-controlled chemical spraying drone, doesn’t really illicit large guffaws. So that’s why I don’t write more farmer poetry. Of course, there’s always the one about the farmer’s daughter!

— Can’t get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books and DVDs.

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All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Otter’s trip humanizes government



Butch Otter rode into his element Friday in Murphy. And while he wore a suit and tie and was flanked by all the heavy hitters from his administration, you could tell as the governor addressed ranchers and Owyhee County citizens that he was closer in comfort to his Star ranch than his West Jefferson Street office in Boise.

He was quick with a quip.

When Idaho Fish and Game Deputy Director Jim Unsworth introduced himself by reminding everyone that hunters will stop “bugging you” because hunting season was set to close (Jan. 31), Otter shot back “Not for wolves!”

The governor, undoubtedly a career politician, still showed a genuine interest in every person who stood up to speak. He may not have remembered the lone reporter’s name (I am now Brownie in the official media roll call, I’m sure), but he did lilt from one Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School student to the next, correctly calling each by his or her first name without hesitation.

Most importantly, believe it or not, Otter was frank (although he told Office of Species Conservation administrator Nate Fisher he had to be Nate when he asked if he could be frank in his discussion of potential

sage-grouse listing).

And Otter ran Friday’s Capital for a Day with the efficient hand of a CEO trying to get answers for his stockholders.

Maybe it was that comfort zone of being so close to the open range that he plans to revisit with some greenhorns during June’s Governor’s Ride.

He didn’t pull many punches when it came to getting behind issues that were important to county citizens and the county’s elected officials.

“It probably wouldn’t find a very soft landing on my desk,” was his reply to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn’s question about where he stood on the effort to move the primary election to August.

Otter told Oreana’s Robyn Thompson that he supported efforts to keep the Gateway West 500-kilovolt transmission line off the county’s farmground.

And he took a shot at the current administration in Washington in the process.

When Thompson mentioned that the Obama administration had created the Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission to “fast track”

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Constituent input on crucial Congressional issues welcome



In December, Congress passed and the president signed legislation to temporarily extend a number of expiring provisions, including temporary payroll tax relief, with an agreement that a conference committee would be formed to reach agreement on a full-year payroll tax extension. I am honored to serve on this conference committee that will consider payroll tax reductions and address unemployment and health care issues. The following is an explanation of some of the issues in the legislation before this conference committee.

Payroll Tax Reduction: In 2010, Congress passed legislation providing a temporary 2 percent reduction in the Social Security payroll tax rate for employees and the self-employed. Thus, for 2011, the Social Security payroll tax was 4.2 percent for employees and 10.4 percent for self-employed workers. This meant that the withholding for a worker earning \$44,687 was decreased by \$894 and by \$2,136 for a worker earning \$106,800. The temporary reduction did not change the Social Security tax rate for employers, the amount of wages and net self-employment income subject to the Social Security payroll tax, or an individual’s future Social Security benefit amount. Given the economic situation, the reduction in the payroll tax was meant to enable workers to take home more of their income. The legislation enacted in December extended the payroll tax reduction for workers for two months, through the end of February 2012. The conference committee will consider a full-year extension of the payroll tax reduction.

Unemployment Insurance: The authorization for a number of unemployment insurance programs is scheduled to expire. For example, the temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation, which provides the majority of extended unemployment benefits, is scheduled to expire the week ending on or before March 6, and the 100 percent federal financing of the Extended Benefits program will expire on March 7. With a continued high national unemployment rate, the conference committee will be determining how to address unemployment insurance and whether additional weeks of unemployment

benefits are needed.

Medicare Physician Payment Rates: One of the major health care-related provisions under consideration by the conference committee is how to further address the Medicare payment fix. The Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) provides for annual updates to the Medicare physician fee schedule. The rate was established to address concerns that the Medicare fee schedule would not sufficiently limit spending increases for physician’s services. However, considerable concern prevails that the SGR system is defective and declines in physician payment rates under the system may jeopardize access to services. The legislation enacted in December provided a two-month override of the SGR payment reduction through February.

Keystone Pipeline: The legislation enacted in December also provided 60 days for the president to grant a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline project application filed on Sept. 19, 2008 unless the president determines that the pipeline would not serve the national interest. The Keystone XL pipeline, with the capacity to transport 830,000 barrels per day, would move crude oil from Alberta, Canada to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast. Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) is preparing legislation to nullify the recent Presidential rejection of the pipeline. The pipeline is the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s No. 1 energy issue, and it is supported by labor groups.

Americans need long-term tax and regulatory certainty to encourage innovation and growth. I welcome the opportunity to help reach agreement on these issues. While this conference committee will be addressing a sliver of the issues Congress must tackle, longer-term certainty on these key issues is an important step. I value your input, and encourage you to share your thoughts with me throughout the process.

— 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

Local paper is one place to shop for repo homes

Dear Dave,
We'll be completely out of debt in September and looking to buy a home in the next year or two. We're thinking of buying a repo home. Do you have any suggestions on where to find these?

— Levi

Dear Levi,
One way is to buy the home from the owners before the sale happens. It's better for them because they realize some money and it stops the foreclosure. It's better for you, too, because you won't find yourself in a bidding war later on the courthouse steps!
You can also find listings in your local newspaper under the legal notices section, and if you live in a metropolitan area it's not hard to find a legal newspaper that lists incorporations, real estate transactions and foreclosures.

— Dave



Dear Dave,
In your plan, you talk about Baby Step 3 as saving enough to have three to six months of expenses in your emergency fund. My husband and I were wondering how you can determine whether you need to be on the low end or high end of that range?

— Amanda

Dear Amanda,
Lots of times in a marriage you'll have a situation where one person wants to save more, while the other is excited to move on toward investing. Technically, neither is wrong. So, the emergency fund really deals with

someone's own personal level of peace. Remember Murphy's Law, and how it says that if something can go wrong it will go wrong? Your emergency fund is Murphy Repellant. Some people just want to make sure he doesn't knock on the door, while others make sure he stays in the next county!

There are always practical considerations you can use to determine the amount of your emergency fund. If you both have very stable jobs, you'll probably be OK saving up three or four months of expenses. But if just one of you works outside the home, or if one is self-employed or on commission, leaning toward the six-month side is probably a good idea.

Of course, you can always compromise. Start out with three months, but add a little every once in a while until you reach a point where you're both comfortable.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I've never heard you discuss at what point it's advisable to let someone else make and manage your investments. Also, is there a point at which it's good to go with a fee-only financial planner?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
I think it's always a good idea to do it yourself. And to be honest, I never recommend fee-only planners.

Don't just turn everything over to someone else — no matter how many letters they have after their name — and let them manage it all or make all the decisions for you. You're the one who made the money, so you should take care of your own stuff. In lots of cases people looking for this kind of help have a greater net worth than the bozos dishing out advice and wanting to "handle" it all.

None of this stuff — investing, personal finance, or saving — is

rocket science. *You* need to be in control of your money. Now, can you have counselors in your life? You bet! Everyone needs the benefit of people around them who have wisdom and experience.
But it's never a good idea to just blindly trust someone. If you do, you might end up like an old, washed-up boxer — no money and no teeth!

— 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 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

✓ Otter: At home in Owyhee, governor connects with citizens

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transmission line projects in the United States, with Gateway West being one of the targets, Otter told the story of his dealings with the administration and the key phrase "fast track" during the 2009 Western Governor's Association convention in Park City, Utah.
"I'll tell you," he said. "Don't be so concerned about Obama's fast track."
"Three years ago, they said we were on a fast track. That was roughly 106 weeks ago."
Sure, the Capital for a Day program may boil down to a PR stunt in cynical eyes.

But the 51st such event of Otter's administration drew a packed house at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, and the discussions held on endangered species, energy transmission and generation and education in most instances brought about genuine responses, not canned sound bites.
The whole point of the program is to bring the state government to the rural areas.
With Butch being Butch on a Friday in Murphy, it also brought those who may be seen as dwellers of ivory towers a little closer to what's really going on in Idaho.



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Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2012

Payment of Bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$30,033, Road & Bridge \$13,919, District Court \$5,855, County Fair \$18, Probation \$1,693, Health District \$4,275, Museum \$388, Indigent & Charity \$23,772, Junior College \$200, Revaluation \$1,156, Solid Waste \$15,192, Weed \$411, 911 \$576.

Departmental quarterly reports reviewed.

Adoption of Resolution 12-04 An amendment to the personnel manual regarding Administrative Leave.

Tuition assistance to CSI.
Letters to the Idaho Delegation on Participation in the Site Visit of the Rapid Response Team regarding the Gateway West Transmission Line Project approved.

Approved the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report for the Probation Department. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the clerk’s office.

2/1/12

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. CV2012-02365 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Application of: Danny Keith Simmons, a.k.a. Daniel Keith Hall Petitioner, for change of name.

A Petition by Daniel Keith Hall, whose date of birth is: May 7, 1969, who was born at Nampa Idaho, and who is now residing at 520 W Nevada, Homedale, Idaho, proposing a change of name to Daniel Keith Simmons, has been filed in the above-entitled Court, the reason for the change of name being:

I wish to change my legal name to match all of my documentation of school records, social security card and military records. I have never used by birth name, I have always been known by the last name of Simmons.

The name of the Petitioner’s father is Ronald Hall and his address is unknown.

Such Petition will be heard at 11:30 a.m., February 27, 2012, in the Owyhee County Courthouse, and objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the Court a good reason against such a change of name.

Witness my hand and seal of said district court this 17th day of January, 2012

Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk
By: Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
1/25:2/1,8,15/12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2011-02344 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: ERMA JEAN ZATICA, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four

(4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claim will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the Personal Representative of the Estate at the law offices of White, Peterson, Gigray, Rossman, Nye & Nichols, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687-7901, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 20 day of December, 2011.

/s/Steven P. Zatica, Personal Representative, PO Box 937, Homedale, ID 83628. 208-337-3919
1/25:2/1,8/12

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. Stufflebeam, 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 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

CITY OF HOMEDALE					
Quarterly Revenue/Expenditure Report					
1st FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2012					
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 685,489.00	\$ 159,647.00	23.3%	\$87,672.87	12.8%
03 Parks	\$ 110,530.00	\$ 11,463.00	10.4%	\$11,463.00	10.4%
04 Library	\$ 74,145.00	\$ 13,507.00	18.2%	\$13,506.00	18.2%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 368,360.00	\$ 97,013.00	26.3%	\$97,014.00	26.3%
30 Airport	\$ 90,325.00	\$ 25,999.00	28.8%	\$65,933.00	73.0%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,328,849.00	\$ 307,629.00	23.2%	\$275,588.87	20.7%
02 Streets & Highways	\$ 154,100.00	\$ 25,181.00	16.3%	\$21,509.00	14.0%
60 Irrigation	\$ 129,590.00	\$ 43,159.00	33.3%	\$84,158.12	64.9%
25 Water	\$ 635,615.00	\$ 34,840.00	5.5%	\$84,111.00	13.2%
26 Sewer	\$ 491,045.00	\$ 26,953.00	5.5%	\$74,265.00	15.1%
27 Sanitation	\$ 98,090.00	\$ 28,406.00	29.0%	\$24,454.00	24.9%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 2,837,289.00	\$ 466,168.00	16.4%	\$564,085.99	19.9%
The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.					
			Signed: Alice E. Pegram City Clerk/Treasurer		
Publish: Feb. 01, 2012					

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. Stufflebeam, Attorney At Law
Successor Trustee
1/11,18,25:2/1/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-FRC-112162/109967 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 26, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit: THIS PARCEL IS A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, A FOUND BRASS CAP MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 13’20” EAST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 492.64 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, A 1/2 X 24 INCH REBAR SET WITH A PLASTIC CAP STAMPED L.S. 3627; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 14’17” EAST A DISTANCE OF 485.07 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF

AN EXISTING CONCRETE IRRIGATION DITCH WITNESSED BY A 1/2 X 24 INCH REBAR SET WITH A PLASTIC CAP STAMPED L.S. 3627 BEARING SOUTH 88 DEGREES 14’17” WEST A DISTANCE OF 3.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES 32’40” EAST ALONG SAID DITCH A DISTANCE OF 182.31 FEET TO A POINT WITNESSED BY A FOUND 1/2 INCH DIAMETER REBAR BEARING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54’00” WEST A DISTANCE OF 3.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54;00” WEST A DISTANCE OF 545.22 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, A FOUND 1/2 INCH DIAMETER REBAR; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 13’20” WEST ALONG SAID WEST BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 157.84 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. FURTHER STATED: THERE SHALL BE NO MANUFACTURED HOME ON THIS PROPERTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of SOUTH HALF OF TAX 61 IN 34 3N 4W, MARSING, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DUSTIN S. MORI AND ANGELA L. MORI, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW CORP., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL SOURCE, LC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 3/20/2007, recorded 3/21/2007, under Instrument No. 260293, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Residential Credit Solutions, Inc.. THE ABOVE GRANTORS

ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 3/20/2007, FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE WHICH BECAME DUE AT MATURITY, TOGETHER WITH ACCRUED AND ACCRUING INTEREST, CHARGES, FEES AND COSTS AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of December 21, 2011 Unpaid Principal \$ 60,473.00 Interest \$ 16,558.51 Accrued Late Charges \$ 790.50 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 2,174.63 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 TOTAL: \$ 79,996.64 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$60,473.00, together with interest thereon at 8.375% per annum from 10/1/2008, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 12/21/2011. ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP. Trustee By: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION It’s Attorney-in-Fact By: - c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: http://www.rtrustee.com ASAP# 4166686
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On May 29, 2012, at the hour of 1:00 o’clock PM of said day, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, 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:

Legal description attached as Exhibit “A”

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 **12946 Bailey Road, Melba, 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 Eric J. Fritzler and Angela M. Fritzler, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with North American Mortgage Company as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119; Modification recorded September 26, 2006 as Instrument No. 258249; Modification recorded April 14, 2009 as Instrument No. 267932, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Midfirst Bank, recorded June 19, 2008, as Instrument No. 265399, 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 \$805.03 for the months of July 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 \$102,142.45 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 7% from June 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 25th day of January, 2012.

Exhibit A:

In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise, Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the High Line Canal.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM

Any portion thereof which may lie within the East 330 feet of said Lot 3.

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106 2/1,8,15,22/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No. xxxxxx1764 T.S. No. 1327413-09 Parcel No. rp00860010030a NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE On May 10, 2012, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at In the lobby of owyhee county courthouse, 20381 state hwy 78, , Murphy, Idaho, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, 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: Lot 3, block 1 of purdom hills subdivision, Owyhee county,

idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed as instrument no. 217651, records of owyhee county, idaho. Commonly known as 2377 Lower Pond Ln Homedale Id 83628. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Patric J Shippy and Nova J Shippy Husband And Wife as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company Of Canyon County, Inc, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of National City Mortgage A Division of National City Bank as Beneficiary, recorded September 19, 2008, as Instrument No. 266279, Mortgage 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: Failure to pay the monthly payment due january 1, 2011 of principal and interest and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$179,340.15, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Pioneer Title Company of Ada County 8151 W. Rifleman Street Boise Id 83704 (888)342-2510 Dated: January 09, 2012 Signature/By Pioneer Title Company of Ada County Dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services. R-401624 1/18, 25;2/1,8/12

SUMMONS CASE NO. CV-2012-02355 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

Jennifer Rose Bramley, Plaintiff vs. Maxime Girard, Defendant.

NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may enter judgment against you without further notice

unless you respond. Read the information below.

If you want to defend this lawsuit, you must file a written response (Answer or appropriate Rule 12 I.R.C.P. Motion) to the Complaint at the Court Clerk’s office for the above-listed District Court, within 20 days from the service of this Summons.

If you do not file a written response the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice. A letter to the Judge is not an appropriate written response.

The written response must comply with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and include: your name, mailing address and telephone number, or your attorney’s name, mailing address and telephone number, and the title and number of this case.

If your written response is an Answer, it must state the things you agree with and those you disagree with that are in the Complaint. You must also state any defenses you have.

You must mail or deliver a copy of your response to the Plaintiff or Plaintiff’s attorney, PO Box 481, Grand View, Idaho 83624, and prove that you did.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the District Clerk.

If you are considering talking to an attorney, you should do so quickly to protect your legal rights.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2012.

Clerk of the District Court /s/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk 1/18,25;2/1,8/12

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION CASE NUMBER CV-2011-2336 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF OWYHEE

LILIA MARTINEZ, PLAINTIFF,

V. VANESSA SANTIAGO, SPOUSE OF VANESSA SANTIAGO SPOUSE OF LILIA MARTINEZ, THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JESUS B. MORALES, A DECEASED PERSON WITH A DATE OF DEATH OF MARCH 24, 2004; AND THE IDAHO FIRST NATIONAL BANK A.K.A. IDAHO FIRST NATIONAL

BANK; AND SPOUSE OF GRISELDA M . MORALES; and all of the unknown owners and unknown claimants and/or occupants of all or any part of the following described real property; and any persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the following described real property:

LOT 3, BLOCK 3 OF HOMEDALE TOWNSITE, AS SHOWN ON THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO (PARCEL 1) AND LOT 7 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 6, BLOCK 3 OF HOMEDALE TOWNSITE, AS SHOWN ON THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF OWYHEEC OUNTY, IDAHO (PARCEL 2), DEFENDANTS.

TO: The Estate of Jesus B. Morales, his heirs, devisees and/or assignees; and The Idaho First National Bank, a.k.a. Idaho First National Bank All other listed Defendants known or unknown and all occupants of above:

You have been sued by Lilia Martinez, Plaintiff, in the District Court in and Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV-2011-2336.

The nature of the claim against you is to quiet title in Plaintiff the property described above against any adverse claim of interest.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, (208) 495-2421, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, DEFORD LAW, P.C., 317 12th AVENUE SOUTH, NAMPA, IDAHO 83651. (208) 461-3667 FAX (208) 461-7077.

A copy of the Summons and Compliant can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

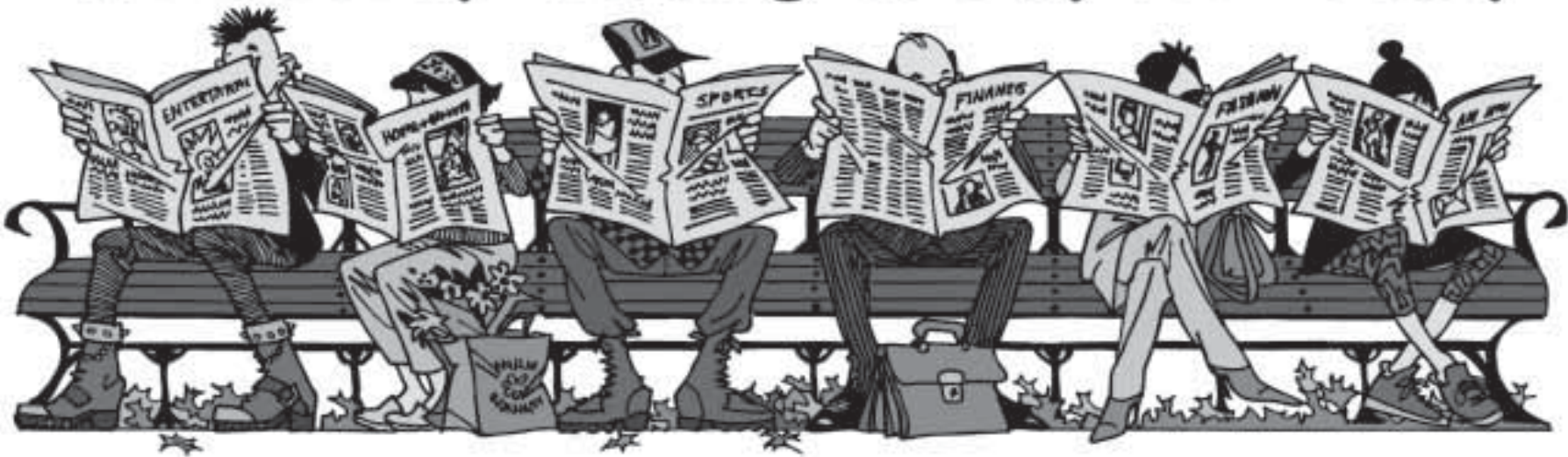
If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 3rd day of January, 2012.

Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of the Court

Trina Aman, Deputy Clerk 1/18,25;2/1,8/12

Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



That’s when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands

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
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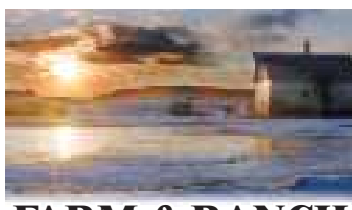
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