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## Students get hands-on ag lesson



Daisy Barrends, left, Rose Flores and Shea Jensen take a shot at milking Miss Maggie during the Idaho Farm Bureau's Moving Agriculture to the Classroom event at Marsing Elementary School last week. See **Page 13** for more information on the fiberglass cow.

## Producers plow plan to close FSA office in Marsing

**Public meetings attract nearly 30 ag people**

Agricultural producers went to bat not only for their local Farm Service Agency office but the women who work there during public meetings last week.

The Owyhee County FSA office in Marsing is one of 131 branches nationwide targeted for closure under a U.S. Department of Agriculture consolidation plan. State FSA executive director Dick Rush said the county office could be consolidated with the Canyon-

Ada office in Caldwell by July 1 if the proposal goes through.

"We're moving another entity away from a rural area," District 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said. "It takes away another thing from the rural area that helps promote our rural way of life."

Aberasturi was among more than 20 people who showed up for an afternoon meeting on Feb. 6 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Dan Mattson, who works in the FSA state office, said that nine people attended a similar meeting earlier that day in Grand View.

— See **FSA**, page 4

## Eighteen-year-old arrested on felony DUI following wreck

**Homedale teen rolls vehicle at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East and Montana**

An 18-year-old Homedale resident was arrested on Friday night following a single-vehicle rollover on a residential street.

Jose Cortez was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, driving without privileges and resisting

and obstructing officers.

Homedale Chief of Police Jeff Eidemiller said Cortez took his father's vehicle without permission and failed to negotiate the curve at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East and Montana above the Homedale High School football field and rolled the vehicle down the embankment.

"At some point, the car went airborne and struck a retaining wall at a private residence and rolled down the embankment to the north of the property,"

— See **DUI**, page 5

## Eighth-graders ready for D.C. trip

**HMS Future City team gets boost from community, city officials**

Homedale officials pitched in to help the Homedale Future City engineering team make its trip to Washington D.C.

The City Council voted to give the Future City team \$50 out of the Civic Pride fund, and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced that he donated \$100 from the Rodger Nash Memorial Community Fund.

HMS Future City parent Brenda Stuart introduced part of the Homedale Middle School Advanced Science class to council members during their Wednesday meeting.



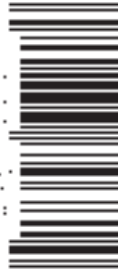
The presentation team, from left, Madi Fisher, Elizabeth Hernandez and Michael Lejardi, make their pitch at an assembly Friday.

The donation was just part of a fundraising effort that has included team members holding bake sales and manning the concession stand during HMS boys' basketball games. Several

community members also have made donations.

The team and its regional championship-winning entry

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Homedale Elementary student RanDee Cole fires a shot as Walkin' Talkin' Trojan Club members Angel Rios and Donato Mendoza wait in line for their chance Wednesday inside the school's gymnasium. Homedale High School basketball players Zac Lowder, waiting for the rebound, and Aubrey Nash helped out during the club's February reward party.

Homedale library taxing district committee eyes Nov. '13 election

Saturday meetings planned for committee, proposed Friends group

With an eye toward placing an initiative on next year's ballot, the Homedale library district exploratory committee meets again Saturday. The panel meets at 9 a.m. An hour later, an organizational meeting for a new group — Friends of Homedale Public Library — will be held. Both meetings are open to the public and will take place at the Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The Friends group could help campaign for a taxing district when the initiative moves to the ballot, library director Margaret Fujishin said.

A taxing district to support the library has been a topic of discussion for some time. In a press release last week, Fujishin said the committee is working on having the establishment of a taxing district placed on the November 2013 ballot. She said the panel originally discussed a taxing district initiative for the November 2012 election before settling on the 2013 date a few months ago.

"After many discussions with their friends and neighbors, most members felt that it would be unlikely to pass this year," Fujishin said.

"Committee members had heard several comments that now is not a good time to try to add a new taxing district."

Fujishin said the taxing district exploratory committee continues to meet even though a chairman has not been found.

"It takes a very committee group of citizens to make this happen," she said. "It requires one dedicated citizen to become chair of the library district committee."

"The librarian is not supposed to lead the effort — it's supposed to be a citizen-led effort. We do have some great committee members who want to help, but so far we have no one willing to actually chair it."

The city has supported library service in Homedale with taxpayer money from the general fund since the 1970s. The library was run by volunteers before that, and the Homedale library continues to be the only such facility in Owyhee County not supported by a direct tax.

The Friends group will help further the services and programs offered at the library, according to library

Committee members

The Homedale library district exploratory committee includes people from both Owyhee and Canyon counties:

- Robin Aberasturi, community member
- Pete Austin, community member
- Marlene Bean, community member
- Pauline Cook, community member
- Erica Dines, community member
- Valerie Dines, community member
- Margaret Fujishin, library director
- Ervin Gifford, community member
- Karlyne Landrum, library board
- Michelle Larzelier, community member
- Thomas MacLeod, community member
- Ned Stokes, community member
- Kevin Tomlinson, Idaho Commission for Libraries consultant

director Margaret Fujishin. A steering committee will begin planning the group in accordance with recommendations from the Friends of Libraries USA.

Fujishin said the first meeting could cover the group's purpose and mission. Sample bylaws also may be considered, but board elections are a ways off.

"This idea has been discussed often through the years," Fujishin said. "Currently we have a few people who are very interested in forming a group to help out the library."

Fujishin said the group could take over the library's used book sales to free library staff to handle other duties.

"The Idaho Library Districting Handbook recommends we either use a Friends group or form a PAC (political action committee) to campaign for the library district and to handle the financial aspects of the campaign."

Fujishin said the Friends groups helping other local libraries have been an inspiration for those hopeful for a Homedale organization.

"We've also been delighted to see the success of the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library in campaigning for their new building as well as their art exhibits and other things they've done to promote library service in Marsing," she said.

For more information on the taxing district committee or the new Friends of Homedale Public Library, call the library at 337-4228 in the afternoons Monday through Wednesday or Friday and Saturday.

— JPB

Govt. offices, most schools close Monday

JV students still in class on Presidents' Day

Government offices, post offices, banks and most libraries will close Monday for Presidents' Day.

Emergency and law enforcement services will be available throughout Owyhee County.

Offices at the Owyhee County Courthouse will be closed, but sheriff's dispatch will still be available by calling (208) 495-1154 or 337-4222 from the Homedale-Marsing area.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday in Courtroom 2 in Murphy. The commissioners usually

meet on Mondays.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed. Jordan Valley City Hall is also closed on Mondays.

Schools are closed in the Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View and Adrian school districts. The Jordan Valley School District will be in session.

While Lizard Butte Public Library in Marsing will remain open Monday, Homedale Public Library and Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will observe the holiday. The Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Mondays.

Senior centers in Marsing and Homedale will close. The Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.

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# OCSO deputy received last paycheck months before wreck

## BOCC chair doesn't think Zrofsky should have been driving county rig

A part-time Owyhee County Sheriff's marine deputy who faces a trial later this month after a property damage vehicle accident apparently was not on the county payroll when the crash occurred.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn told The Owyhee Avalanche last week that John A. Zrofsky hadn't received a paycheck from the county since September.

An Idaho State Police trooper cited Zrofsky after a Jan. 25 accident on Idaho highway 78. Apparently trying to pass on the left, Zrofsky drove OCSO's blue 2001 Chevrolet 1500 into a truck and utility trailer driven by Murphy resident Andrew Keys, who was attempting to turn left off Idaho 78 and onto Oreana Loop Road.

The fact that Zrofsky hadn't been paid in the four months before the Jan. 25 brought into question

whether he was authorized to drive the vehicle.

"My opinion is no," Board of County Commissioners chair Joe Merrick said.

If Zrofsky was unauthorized to drive a county vehicle, the accident may not be covered under the county's Idaho Counties Risk Management Program insurance policy.

"This is a real concern," Merrick said of the potential liability. "I think we're just kind of going to watch and see how this shakes out when the investigation is done."

ISP already has released its accident report. Zrofsky faces an 11 a.m. court trial in Murphy on Feb. 27 on an infraction of driving-passing or overtaking a vehicle on the left. Elmore County Prosecuting Attorney Kristina M. Schindele has been assigned as the special prosecutor for the case before Judge Dan C. Grober after

Owyhee Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery declared a conflict.

Merrick said there has been no communication with the sheriff's office about the accident, Zrofsky's status or the fate of the pickup. The middle of the rig's right side is crushed and it appears the passenger-side window was broken out and side-view mirror destroyed.

He said the truck probably is too old to be repaired anyway.

"It's an older outfit, and I don't think it's worth fixing," Merrick said.

Apparently, the truck is fit to be used to haul trash, however.

The vehicle, loaded with full garbage cans, was parked behind the sheriff's office Monday morning until a man in civilian clothes climbed into the driver's side and a female OCSO employee entered the passenger side and the pair drove off. Minutes later, they returned with the cans in the rear of the truck empty.

— JPB

# GOP candidates gather in Murphy for Lincoln Day

The election season should kick into gear Tuesday when the county's Republicans hold their biennial Lincoln Day banquet in Murphy.

But organizer Frances Field of Grand View, a former Idaho legislator, isn't particular on whether the GOP members who show up are running for office or not.

Field said that Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and state Controller Donna Jones have confirmed they will attend the luncheon. Current District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) and District 22 state Sen. Tim Corder (R-Mountain Home), both of whom are up for election in the May primary, also will attend, she said.

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee holds the luncheon every other year, and hopefuls for elected office typically either announce their candidacy or make their first substantial campaign statements at the gathering.

This year's event takes place inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. with lunch beginning at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and can be paid at the door.

The luncheon shifts to Murphy from its longtime home of the Sandbar Restaurant in Marsing, which closed last year.

The event also serves as a central committee fundraiser, so donations for an auction are welcome.

Call Field at (208) 834-2488 to RSVP.

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The damaged marine pickup parked behind the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and loaded with trash on Monday.

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## ✓ FSA: Distance of travel, loss of rural voice in matters among concerns

“The thing I’m most pleased about is they really speak highly of our employees, and every office I’ve been in, they say, ‘Our employees are the best,’” Rush said after the Marsing meeting.

While the producers had high praise for county FSA executive director Anita Johnston and program technician Gwen Miller, the same could not be said for their opinion of the consolidation plan.

Dave Shenk, owner of Homedale-based Shenk Livestock, and others said consolidation with the Ada-Canyon office could eliminate Owyhee County’s voice in ag matters altogether, even though the two larger counties continue to urbanize and drift away from their agricultural roots.

“We are rural, we are the biggest number, and I think we’ll take the biggest hit, and I think it’s foolish,” Shenk said.

Shenk also said the plan was akin to the continued de-emphasis of homegrown industry that forces him to use parts made in China in his equipment.

Some saw the plan to do away with smaller offices as a slap in the face to the farmers who struggle

each year to feed a growing nation and, increasingly, a larger slice of the world population. Not to mention an offense to an industry that, some said, is carrying the U.S. economy these days.

“We’re where the tire hits the road,” Loren McIntyre said. “We’re the ones whose income funds these programs.

“Instead of transferring more burden on to us, more travel, you should think about the slight burden it is to have the office stay here.”

The consolidation plan is part of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack’s strategy to reduce costs. In the 2008 Farm Bill, Congress instructed the USDA that it could reduce costs, if necessary, by closing FSA branches that had two or fewer employees and were located within 20 miles of another FSA office.

The amount of mileage and inconvenience for his fellow producers was a key point for rancher Dennis Stanford, who drove from Jordan Valley for the meeting. He said it’s more than just a 20-mile change for those in the far reaches of the county who drive hundreds of miles roundtrip to do their FSA business



Homedale resident Dave Shenk asks a question during the Feb. 6 public meeting in Marsing on the proposed consolidation of the Owyhee County Farm Service Agency office with the Ada-Canyon office in Caldwell.

in Marsing.

Stanford also pointed out that Owyhee producers may have a greater need for certain FSA features — such as the livestock disaster program — than Ada or Canyon farmers or ranchers. He pointed to the buildup of fuels in grazing areas as a fire threat, and reiterated that there are fewer acres of forage in the neighboring counties.

The comment period runs through Thursday, but Stanford reminded Rush that there are other

ways to be heard.

“We’ll probably end up talking to our congressional people,” he said. “That’s just the way we do things.”

Rush told the Marsing group that the voluntary retirement of 16 FSA workers statewide will save more than \$1 million. There would be no substantive rent and utility cost savings by closing four offices statewide (Owyhee, Payette, Clearwater and Lincoln), but Rush said the consolidation would be necessary to balance the

workforce throughout the state in light of the labor reduction.

“We have offices that should have four people in them that have one,” he said.

“We did it (staff reduction) being very employee-friendly. Now what we have to do is get staffing (balanced) to ensure good service.”

He also said that as more employees retire, there could be job openings in whatever offices remain after the consolidation.

But the producers at the Marsing meeting worried about Johnston and Miller — and by extension any remaining FSA employees who may be asked to relocate their families in order to keep their jobs.

Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard and Owyhee Conservation District supervisor Charles Kiester feared that the FSA departure would be only the tip of the iceberg at the USDA Service Center at 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

“If you shut this office now, what’s coming next?” Richard asked. “We fought hard to get the BLM out here. Will the USDA leave? Where will it end?”

— JPB



Farm Service Agency Idaho state executive director Dick Rush delivers as opening statement.

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As the rest of the Homedale Middle School Future City team looks on, virtual city creation team member Andy Parker accepts his certificate and T-shirt from HMS principal Amy Winters during Friday's assembly saluting the regional champions.

## ✓ D.C. trip: Eight students will head east this week

RAIN (Renewable Alternative Innovative Neighborhood) were celebrated Friday during an assembly inside the HMS gymnasium. Team members received certificates and T-shirts from school principal Amy Winters.

Decked out in raincoats and armed with umbrellas, Michael Lejardi, Madi Fisher and Elizabeth Hernandez conducted their regional championship-winning presentation, which will reprise for the nationals. Lejardi portrays the mayor of RAIN, Hernandez is the city's biomass expert, and her character carries a Ph. D., and Fisher is a resident who talks about the advantages of living in the city.

The city draws energy from solar panels, a biomass station, hydropower and pressure pads underneath its streets. The residential homes are built with green roofs and stone walls to conserve energy, too.

Lejardi explained that the residents' generate their own energy when they drive their solar-and electric-powered cars on the roadways because the pressure pads creates a moving current of atoms that produce electricity when pressure is applied.

There are electric charging stations throughout the city for motorists to charge their vehicles, which run on the sun's heat during sunny days.

Hernandez explained that the biomass plant converts agricultural waste into energy, and that even the resulting steam is used so that energy waste is minimal.

While a total of eight children are scheduled to attend the National Engineers Week Future City competition, only the presentation team of Lejardi, Fisher and Hernandez gets travel and hotel room covered by virtue of the championship victory in Boise last month.

The rest of the D.C. contingent includes Jennifer Bautista, Jordan Stuart, Kirsten Egurrola, Andrew Parker and Dylan Phariss.

Winters, first-year HMS Science

teacher and team leader Amy Vitek and parents Brenda Stuart, Margaret and Steve Lejardi and Tracy Fisher also will make the trip.

Most of the group will leave for Washington D.C. on Friday, according to parent coordinator Margo Phariss.

The presentation team will perform in the national competition on Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Va.

The national championship team will earn a trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Bentley Systems Inc., sponsors that excursion.

The Future City events begin Sunday as the 37 regional championship teams hold a two-hour meet-and-greet to teach folks about their models and projects.

This is the second consecutive Homedale group to win the Idaho Regional championship and earn the right to represent the state at nationals.

Homedale's winning entry is called RAIN, which stands for. The team won two other awards at the regional — Best Management of Water Resources, which was sponsored by J-U-B Engineers Inc., and Best Virtual City Model, which was presented by Hewlett-Packard.

In all, 14 eighth-graders comprised the HMS Future City effort. Fisher, Hernandez, Kirsten Egurrola and Jennifer Bautista wrote the essay that provided the dialogue for the presentation. Connor Carter, Richard Symms, Jordan Stuart and Dylan Phariss worked on the model. Lejardi, Alex Vega, Dylan Burks, Andy Parker, Benny Schamber and Garrett Carter were responsible for the Virtual City aspect of the project.

Homedale resident Don Vander Boegh volunteered his engineering knowledge to the effort.

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## ✓ DUI: Third offense since 2008 for teen

Eidemiller said. "The initial call came in as a reckless driver."

Cortez was not injured.

After allegedly registering more than twice the legal limit on a breathalyzer test, Cortez was arrested for his third DUI offense in 10 years making, it a felony, Eidemiller said. Cortez was found guilty for DUI in Homedale in March 2008 and again in Canyon County in August 2008.

Eidemiller said Cortez did damage in excess of \$5,000 to the private residence on east side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East and expects the 1995 Lexus 400 to be a total loss.

The initial report for the reckless driver indicated a vehicle traveling in excess of 50 mph in the 25 mph zone, Eidemiller said.

"I have strong reason to believe he was in strong excess of the posted speed limit of 25 mph," Eidemiller said.

Homedale Police Cpl. Atanacio Montes and Officer Andrew Arnold arrested Cortez after he "attempted to avoid being arrested", Eidemiller said.

"Luckily nobody was hurt. All of the precursors for disaster were there and luckily nothing happened," Eidemiller said. "It was a citizen being aware of their surroundings that put the initial call in for the reckless driver. I highly encourage anyone who



Though uninjured, Homedale resident Jose Cortez was arrested on suspicion of his third DUI after rolling his father's Lexus on Friday night. Photo courtesy HPD

sees erratic behavior to contact law enforcement."

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery

said Cortez was arraigned on Monday and will likely have his preliminary hearing on Feb. 27.

— JLZ



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Feb. 16: Chicken & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, fruit, goldfish crackers  
Feb. 17: Fish nuggets or burrito, Spanish rice, green beans, fruit, fruit snack  
Feb. 20: No school.  
Feb. 21: Spaghetti or ham/cheese hot pocket, green beans, fruit, French bread  
Feb. 22: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit, churro

## Homedale Middle

Feb. 15: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, veggie bar, apple crisp  
Feb. 16: Spaghetti or philly steak/cheese hot pocket, tossed salad, bread stick, fruit  
Feb. 17: Pizza or popcorn chicken, tossed salad, fruit, cookie  
Feb. 20: No school.  
Feb. 21: Wiener wrap or egg rolls, rice, broccoli, fruit, fortune cookie  
Feb. 22: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit, fruit rollup

## Homedale High

Feb. 15: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar  
Feb. 16: Toasted cheese sandwich, chicken patty or deli sandwich, soup, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, turnover  
Feb. 17: Chicken taco or burrito, corn, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 20: No school.  
Feb. 21: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice pilaf, green beans, fortune cookie, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 22: Idaho haystack, baked potato or pizza hot pocket, fruit & salad bar, cinnamon roll

## Marsing

Feb. 15: Pepperoni pizza, baked potato, tossed salad w/ranch, soup & salad bar, rice krispie treat  
Feb. 16: Teriyaki chicken bowl, mixed vegetables, sandwiched, potato chips, soup & salad bar  
Feb. 17: Nacho, refried beans, chicken fajita, corn, roll, soup & salad bar  
Feb. 20: No school.  
Feb. 21: Sloppy Joe/bun, chicken nuggets, corn, soup & salad bar, cherry crisp  
Feb. 22: Chili & chips, Malibu chicken, green beans, soup & salad bar, jello w/topping

## Bruneau

Feb. 15: Chicken wrap, fried rice, stir fry veggie, mandarin oranges, chocolate cake  
Feb. 16: Haystacks, refried beans, green beans, fruit cup, cinnamon twist  
Feb. 17: Roast beef, cheese, potato wedges, fresh veggie, fresh fruit, brownie  
Feb. 21: Chicken strips, baked potato, tossed salad, banana pudding dessert, roll  
Feb. 22: Macaroni & cheese, deviled eggs, green beans, muffins, fruit

## COSSA

Feb. 15: Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, sun chips, fresh veggies, peaches  
Feb. 16: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, cauliflower, bread, banana  
Feb. 17: Crisпитos, corn, refried beans, pears, corn chips  
Feb. 20: No school.  
Feb. 21: BBQ ribblett, potato wedged, salad, fresh veggies, peaches  
Feb. 22: Taco salad, lettuce & tomatoes, refried beans, pears

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# Obituary

## Florence Alice Duncan

Florence Alice Duncan of Hines, Oregon passed away after a brief bout with cancer on January 29, 2012.

She was born on April 14, 1924 in Rich Hill, Missouri to Charlie Franklin Yeates and Alice Mae Yeates. The family moved in the 1930s to Marsing, Idaho.

Florence met and married George Baalson and had five children. George and Florence were later divorced and she met and married Tom Dunagan. Tom died of cancer. She later met and married Wayne Duncan. Florence and Wayne moved to Hines, Oregon in 1997. Wayne brought to the family three daughters.

During her life, Florence held many jobs that included working at the Simplot plant in Caldwell, Marsing Hardware Store and the Sandbar Restaurant. She was a Justice of the Peace for several years and volunteered for many election boards. She and her husband George ran a Thriftway Market in Marsing for many years.



The last 15 years, Florence lived in Hines, Oregon with her husband Wayne. She especially loved the drives they took and times spent observing wildlife that is abundant in the area.

Florence is survived by her husband, Wayne, her five children; Douglas Baalson of Boise, Idaho; Pat Landa of Caldwell, Idaho; Cheryl Holmes of Caldwell, Idaho; Jody Stringer of Parma, Idaho and Greg Baalson of Caldwell, Idaho. Three step-children: Debra Ann

Florance of Portland, Oregon; Lynne Straughan of Prineville, Oregon and Connie Budke of Kentucky. She is also survived by eighteen grandchildren and twenty-eight great grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

The family would like to thank Harney County Hospice for their excellent service and care. They especially thank Jackie Drinkwater for her devotion and skill.

Contributions in Florence Duncan’s memory can be made to the Harney County Hospice in care of LaFollette’s Chapel, PO Box 488; Burns, Oregon 97720. LaFollette’s Chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements. Please go to [www.lafolletteschapel.com](http://www.lafolletteschapel.com) and sign and send your condolences to the family.

A Memorial Celebration is planned for April 14, 2012 at LaFollette’s Chapel in Burns, Oregon.

# Wedding

## Williams, Eells wed in January ceremony

Sue and Dave Williams of Homedale have announced the marriage of their son Steven to Mary Ellen Eells of Marsing.

Steven and Mary Ellen were wed in Caldwell on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012. A reception will be held in May when family from New York state can attend.

The groom is a 2009 graduate of Homedale High School.

The bride is the daughter of Rosalee Eells of Marsing.



# Death notice

**TIMOTHY ALBERT BURTCHETT**, 53, of Marsing, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at home. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, 459-0833

## Ron Paul supporters to discuss local campaign Feb. 22

The Owyhee County for Ron Paul organization will discuss plans for the March 6 Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus in a meeting next week.

The meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Spot Pizza in Marsing.

According to Marsing resident A.J. Ellis, Paul’s Owyhee County coordinator, the gathering will be used to discuss the candidate’s ideas, meet with local supporters and explore ways to help his candidacy.

For more information, contact Ellis at [owyheeforronpaul@gmail.com](mailto:owyheeforronpaul@gmail.com) or find the “Owyhee County for Ron Paul” Facebook page.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

**Gem Highway District board meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Gem Highway District office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

## Thursday

**Bruneau-Grand View School Board meeting**  
1 p.m., Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St., (208) 834-2253

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

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

## Saturday

**Homedale Public Library district committee**  
9 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons except Thursday

**Friends of the Homedale Public Library meeting**  
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons except Thursday

## Tuesday

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

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

**Owyhee County Lincoln Day Banquet**  
12:30 p.m., registration, 1 p.m., lunch, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy

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

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

## Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

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

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

## Thursday, Feb. 23

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

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

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

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

## Saturday, Feb. 25

**Bruneau Booster Club dinner and auction**  
5:30 p.m., free dinner, 7 p.m., auction, American Legion Post 83, Belle Avenue, Bruneau. (208) 845-2842 or (208) 845-2282

**Senior center dance**  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 and finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

## Sunday, Feb. 26

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

## Monday, Feb. 27

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

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 28

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

## Wednesday, Feb. 29

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

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

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

## Thursday, March 1

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

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

## Saturday, March 3

**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

*Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.*



# Bet You Didn't Know Hundreds of laughs a day keeps doc away

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— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit [www.pearyperry.com](http://www.pearyperry.com).*

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

Feb. 15: Hot dog, potato, salad, peaches  
Feb. 16: Beef & bean burrito, refried beans, rice  
Feb. 21: Baked ham, sweet potato fries, green beans, bread  
Feb. 22: Chili con carne, macaroni & cheese, carrots

## Marsing Senior Center

Feb. 15: Stuffed shells, Italian blend veggies, marinated mushrooms, mixed green salad, garlic bread, tropical fruit salad  
Feb. 16: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit, cake  
Feb. 20: Holiday  
Feb. 21: Hearty beef stew, biscuit, tossed salad, tropical fruit salad, vanilla pudding  
Feb. 22: Hawaiian pork over brown rice, curried coconut vegetables, tropical fruit salad, wheat bread, coconut crème pie

## Rimrock Senior Center

Feb. 16: Meatloaf, winter mix vegetables, potatoes, green salad, peach crisp  
Feb. 21: Fried chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, peas, carrots, onions, cinnamon roll  
Feb. 23: Pizza, carrot, tomato salad, peanut butter cookie

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# Owyhee County Church Directory

<b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> 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."	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> 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	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 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	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 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	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church</b> 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
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248</b> Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> 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	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene</b> 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing</b> 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	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>Marsing Church of Christ Marsing</b> 932 Franklin, Marsing  Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> 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	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West  Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 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.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	<b>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</b> 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	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b>  711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 2011 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Feb.12 - March 12 - April 9 - May 14 - June 11 - July 9 - Aug. 13 Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 10 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



**Homedale Idol raises hundreds**  
*Annalea Fleming strums the guitar during Saturday's Homedale Idol fundraiser for the Homedale High School music program. Lauren Craft won the competition, with Becka Krasko as runner-up. There were 15 entrants, and \$200 was raised.*

## Gem Highway board takes up ITD scales in today’s meeting

### Homedale commissioners place 35 mph limit on Nielsen, Cemetery

The Gem Highway District board of commissioners will meet tonight to discuss, among other things, joining the effort to regulate heavy trucks on area roadways.

The Gem board meets at 7:30 p.m. today inside the district headquarters, 1016 Main St., in Marsing

An article last week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported the board would meet on Feb. 8.

Tonight, the commissioners will discuss the possibility of asking the Idaho Transportation Department to bring portable scales into the district to weigh trucks, such as those carrying manure from local dairies, to ensure that weight limitations are being followed.

The Gem Highway District board usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The commissioners moved the February meeting to tonight because of Valentine’s Day.

Homedale Highway District was still waiting on word when

ITD would bring their enforcement team to town.

Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui said last week that Homedale’s commissioners previously had voted to reduce the speed limits on Nielsen Lane and Cemetery Road from 50 mph to 35 mph.

He also said that crews continue to battle potholes on Nielsen, filling the divots with gravel.

Meanwhile, the district commissioners this week published a public notice in The Owyhee Avalanche seeking bids to rehabilitate a half-mile of Thompson Road that has been devastated by heavy truck traffic. The district’s engineering firm, Paragon Consulting, Inc., has determined an approximate cost of nearly \$100,000 to repave a 22-foot roadway.

According to the bid advertisement, the highway district wants the project completed by mid-August.

The bid opening is set for March 1.

## Half-dozen Homedale FFA’sers earn degrees

*by Erin Shenk  
chapter reporter*

On Feb. 1, Homedale FFA had six members earn their way to state by receiving their State Degree. To receive this degree you must have three years of record books complete and done to perfection.

Each student put in countless hours perfecting their record books, which include all of their records for their fair projects or other agricultural experience. You also have to know FFA history and Parliamentary Procedure, and every student must receive a proficient grade on the test.

The students who received this honor were Bodie Hyer, Mark

Williams, Mike Mavey, Cole Twedt, Shelbie Criffield and Erin Shenk. These students will walk across the stage to receive their pins at the State Leadership Convention in April.

The Homedale FFA chapter also had a member compete in Creed speaking. Creed Speaking is reciting from memory the FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffney, a five-paragraph speech. Devin Fisher was the representative from Homedale FFA. Each chapter can only send one student to compete, and Devin won that spot after speech run-offs at a chapter meeting.

Our chapter works very hard and takes great pride in receiving these accomplishments.



# MRW Fire & Rescue plans fundraising chili contest

Cook-off will coincide with next month's Murphy bazaar

A chili cook-off will be held late next month to help Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District raise money for equipment.

Volunteer firefighter Louis Monson said the MRW Fire & Rescue chili cook-off will be held Saturday, March 24 in conjunction with the spring bazaar at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex in Murphy.

The entry fee is \$10 for the first entry and \$5 for additional entries. There will be ribbons and cash awards for the winners in each of four categories plus a People's Choice award.

For more information, including entry forms and rules, contact Monson at (208) 495-2154 or mrw538@gmail.com.

Proceeds will help MRW continue to build funds to replace its stock of aging self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs). Monson said certification on the SCBA tanks, which carry oxygen for volunteers who fight fires, will expire soon.

MRW recently found out it was denied a \$63,000 grant to replace

the 25 SCBAs that the department uses on its fire trucks.

Another project for the fire district is building another bay onto its Murphy fire station to house a brush truck. The truck is parked outside in Murphy until the weather turns cold, at which point it is moved to the station at Reynolds, but Monson said the district would like to keep the truck at Murphy year-round because that is the most common staging area for fighting wild fires.

Volunteers also are in the process of getting some new fire trucks online so older vehicles can be taken out of service.

MRW includes a fire department and a quick response unit, which used to be known as Central Owyhee County QRU. The district decided to drop the Central Owyhee moniker to avoid confusion.

The district covers 320 square miles, but benefits from a small tax base, which requires donations for equipment, Monson said. He said there are only 1,200 patrons in the entire taxing district.

# Homedale Jump Rope for Heart set Thursday

Between 200 and 300 children are expected to skip rope for a good cause Thursday at Homedale Elementary School.

Beginning at 3:15 p.m., students and their family members will take part in the American Heart Association's annual Jump Rope for Heart pledge drive.

The two-hour event inside the school's multipurpose room

marks the 14<sup>th</sup> annual local edition under the guidance of Homedale Elementary physical education instructor Dan Moore.

In previous years, the event has collected between \$2,000 and \$3,500 for the American Heart Association to help fund research, CPR training, improving patient care and helping people make healthier lifestyle choices.



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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
<b>Mud Flat</b>						
02/07	4.2	15.0	7.0	43.9	8.6	25.2
02/08	4.2	14.0	7.0	43.2	21.7	32.2
02/09	4.2	13.0	7.0	44.2	29.7	34.9
02/10	4.2	14.0	7.0	44.8	30.4	36.5
02/11	4.2	13.0	7.0	48.4	27.1	37.2
02/12	4.2	13.0	7.0	45.0	30.4	36.1
02/13	4.2	13.0	7.0	43.2	19.4	32.2
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
02/07	2.2	4.0	7.9	35.6	22.1	28.0
02/08	2.1	4.0	7.9	36.5	23.0	28.8
02/09	2.1	4.0	7.9	37.9	28.6	33.1
02/10	2.0	3.0	7.9	41.5	35.1	37.6
02/11	1.7	2.0	7.9	50.0	33.1	39.7
02/12	1.5	1.0	8.1	41.4	28.8	34.2
02/13	1.3	1.0	8.1	37.0	26.8	31.1
<b>South Mountain</b>						
02/07	8.6	26.0	13.1	41.5	25.7	32.7
02/08	8.7	26.0	13.3	41.5	29.3	34.5
02/09	8.7	26.0	13.3	40.6	29.7	33.6
02/10	8.7	24.0	13.3	47.1	34.7	38.7
02/11	8.7	24.0	13.3	47.8	36.9	41.0
02/12	8.7	24.0	13.3	42.8	29.7	34.7
02/13	8.7	25.0	13.3	34.7	25.3	29.5

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 74 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 320 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 53 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 525,822 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

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

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# County GOP caucus locations announced

State's presidential caucus comes next month on Super Tuesday

County Republicans will caucus in four locations on March 6 for the first Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus.

The Idaho GOP announced last week that five candidates have qualified for the caucus, including Texas congressman Ron Paul, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, former Pennsylvania congressman Rick Santorum, former Speaker of the House and Georgia congressman Newt Gingrich and former Louisiana governor and congressman Buddy Roemer.

The caucus will be held on Super Tuesday in conjunction with primaries in Georgia, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia, and caucus proceedings in Washington state, Alaska and North Dakota.

Doors for the county caucus open at 6 p.m., and the voting begins at 7 p.m. at these locations:

**Homedale precincts** -- Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale

**Marsing and Wilson precincts** -- Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. 2nd St. W., Marsing

**Oreana and Murphy precincts** -- Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78,

Murphy

**Bruneau, Grand View, Three Creek and Riddle precincts** -- Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau

**Pleasant Valley precinct** -- Home of Bill and Nita Lowry

To register to vote in the caucus or for more information, call a precinct committee person:

**North Homedale** -- Joan Mason, 337-3611

**South Homedale** -- Suzanne Williams, 337-4226

**North Marsing** -- Lavada Loucks, 896-4223 or Loucks-Farms@frontiernet.net

**South Marsing** -- Brett Endicott, 896-4178 or bendicott@co.owyhee.id.us

**Pleasant Valley** -- Bill Lowry, (208) 583-2443

**Wilson** -- Jerry Hoagland, (208) 495-2810 or shrj@juno.com

**Murphy** -- Shawn Dygert, (208) 250-9882 or shawn.dygert@gmail.com

**Oreana** -- Christine Collett, (208) 834-2062 or collett@wildblue.net

**Grand View** -- Dale Gray, (208) 834-2452 or dalegray@mindspring.com

**Bruneau** -- Rusty Parker, (208) 845-2056 or wpark939@hotmail.com

**Riddle** -- Kenny Tindall, (208) 789-3932 or (208) 591-1404

**Three Creek** -- Chet Brackett, (208) 731-1037 or waystation@wildblue.net



The old Valley Merc building in Bruneau was leveled last year, clearing the lot for a future Quick Response Unit headquarters. Submitted photo

## Legion Hall, QRU building on Boosters' 2012 to-do list

Two Bruneau building projects will benefit from Feb. 25 auction

Submitted by Brandi Lisle

Proceeds from the upcoming Bruneau Boosters Auction will be earmarked for building funds to the benefit the citizens of the small town and the surrounding area.

One building is more than a century old, while the other will be a brand-new structure built on a lot formerly occupied by a familiar and vital business.

The Boosters auction is set for Saturday, Feb. 25 and starts with a free dinner at the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7 p.m.

Donations for the auction are being accepted. Anyone willing to volunteer or donate can call Judy McBride at (208) 845-2842 or Ginny Roeder at (208) 845-2282.

The Boosters look to contribute to the construction of a Quick Response building in Bruneau. The plan is to construct the building on the site of the old Valley Merc, which was recently demolished.

The Bruneau Community Church, which had received the land and building from former store owner Boyd Campbell's estate, donated the construction site for the Quick Response building.

Because the old Valley Merc had fallen into disrepair, the building demolished in a mass community effort earlier this winter.

Currently, a community advisory committee consisting of members of the local Quick Response Unit, fire department, and other community members is being formed. The committee will collect information, gauge community opinion, and gather possible building ideas and revenue sources for the construction project.

The Bruneau QRU is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization and is not a taxing district. Other funding for the project is necessary because the QRU doesn't charge for its services and operates off of small yearly grants.

Possible uses for the new

building include classroom space for continuing education credits that are necessary for EMTs, restrooms, parking bay(s), and a place for cleanup after ambulance runs. The building would allow the QRU to better serve the community as growth and recreation increases.

The second project would benefit the Legion Hall building in which the Booster auction is held each year.

The Boosters want to help American Legion Post 83 to finance renovations of the building's bathroom and/or kitchens.

The building, which was built in the 19th century, hasn't seen any significant structural changes in its history, which began as a store.

The structure was moved across the Snake River around 1890 and continued as a community store for the next 31 years.

In 1921, World War I veterans purchased the building and transformed it into American Legion Post 83.

In the past 12 years, minor repairs have been executed, including work on the roof, front porch, windows, floors, insulation and electrical wiring.

Grants, memorials and donations help pay the building's utility bills, including heat, electricity, water and sewer.

The building is more than a Legion Hall, though. It's considered a vital community center where the auction itself and many other community events — including weddings, receptions, funerals, dances and dinners — are held each year.



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Homedale 9-year-old Ainslee Evans, foreground, helps keep a calf boxed into a corner during the cow work portion of the District II 4-H Youth Horse Council Working Ranch Horse Project at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds on Sunday.

## Children from several counties learn western heritage elements

Two Homedale children showed their stuff in their backyard Sunday during the District II 4-H Youth Horse Council Working Ranch Horse Project.

Ainslee Evans, 9, and her sister Addie, 11, were the only Owyhee County children who took part in the event at the county fairgrounds in Homedale.

The Evans girls are the daughters of Oscar and Cara-Leigh Evans of Homedale.

The clinic is part of a year-long activity geared to help preserve Western heritage. After three hours of rotating through different stations dealing with different aspects of the lifestyle, a chili feed and roping contest was held.

The dozens of children from Owyhee, Elmore, Canyon,

Washington, Payette, Valley and Boise counties visited different stations, learning about horsemanship, roping skills, working cattle and the different types of cattle.

Eighty children age nine through high school passed an entry test to join the project in October.

A third child, 14-year-old Gauge Gerdes, lived in Owyhee County at the time of the testing, but he has since moved to Payette County, according to one of the project's coordinators, Joan Gill, who is the 4-H program coordinator in Payette County.

The monthly clinic has drawn an average of 62 children, and Gill said upwards of two adults usually accompany each child.

"These adults are not limited to just the parents, but grandparents, siblings and sometimes neighbors tag along to watch," she said.

The project, which was initiated several years ago by Adrian residents Bruce and Terry Reuck, runs from October to June with a break in December. Enrollment for the 2011-12 project is closed.

The entry test includes the children on horseback walking, trotting, loping and backing their animals.

"This year, we will be adding a simple, basic rope skills test," Gill said.

Some children dress in full western attire with chaps, chinks and a button-down shirt.

During the clinic, the children rotated through stations to learn about cattle healthcare, horsemanship, demonstrate their roping skills and the quiet and humane handling of cattle.



Homedale resident Addie Evans, center, listens to facts about cattle during one of the stations at Sunday's District II 4-H Youth Horse Council Working Ranch Horse Project at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

There also is an opportunity for the participants to navigate a trail through which riders learn how to negotiate obstacles, open and close gates and cross water while on horseback.

The ranch horse project also

performs the annual longhorn cattle drive into Murphy during the first day of Outpost Days in Murphy. Last year's cattle drive was cancelled because of the equine herpes virus outbreak.

— JPB

# Homedale Police chief eyes animal control changes

## Eidemiller sings praises of cost-saving kennel pact with Wilder

In an attempt to make his animal control program self-sufficient, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller floated some ideas at Wednesday's Homedale City Council meeting.

The biggest proposal was establishing a lifetime dog license that pet owners could purchase for a one-time fee of \$130.

Homedale dog owners are supposed to buy tags for their animals each year. The annual cost is \$10 for a spayed or neutered canine and \$15 for unaltered dogs.

Eidemiller reasoned that a lifetime license would allow owners to pay once and be done with it, especially given that some owners forget to re-license their dogs.

"It would be a convenience for those who chose to do it," the chief said.

He also suggested that dog owners in the impact area be extended the opportunity to buy tags because their animals also have been known to wander into

the city limits.

The council took no action after a lengthy discussion that also touched on other animal control initiatives Eidemiller has either enacted or is contemplating.

But Councilman Aaron Tines was in favor of the revenue-generating aspect of the lifetime license idea.

"I like the lifetime tag because you're getting the funds paid up front," he said. "As a dog owner, the first of the year comes around and sometimes you forget about (renewal)."

Mayor Paul Fink wants to encourage the city's dog owners to buy licenses.

The city has sold only 28 dog tags this year, according to City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

License sales have plummeted in recent years from a high of 198 in 2007 to only 56 sold in 2010. The city sold an average of 61 tags between 2009 and 2011, and

averaged more than three times that annually in 2007 and 2008.

Unlicensed dogs make it difficult for officers to return at-large animals to their owners. The dwindling revenue stream coupled with boarding dogs at Owyhee Veterinary Clinic, and subsequent euthanasia fees for unclaimed and unadopted dogs created a strain on the police department's animal control budget.

In an effort to cut expenses, earlier this year, the council approved a trial program by which Homedale officers take at-large dogs to the Wilder Police Department's kennel.

Eidemiller said Wednesday that the agreement is a success near the end of its 45-day trial. Two of the three dogs officers have transported to Wilder have been reclaimed by their owners. The chief said the third has a good chance of being adopted.

He also said the new agreement has taken a strain off the vet clinic, which as a business doesn't have the luxury of holding dogs longer than five days at a time.

"I think that the good dogs have

every right and deserve every opportunity to be adopted out, and they stand a way better chance in Wilder than they do here," Eidemiller said.

The chief also said that housing the two dogs at the vet clinic would have cost the city more than \$200. Pegram added that one of the dogs would have been euthanized because it had gone unclaimed for five days.

The city pays a flat fee of \$40 per dog housed in Wilder. With fines and boarding fees, the two owners paid \$120 each to claim their dogs.

Reclamation of a dog includes a tag fee if the animal isn't licensed, \$5 pickup fee, a daily boarding fee of \$15 and an impound fee of \$25 for licensed dogs and \$35 for unlicensed dogs.

Councilman Tim Downing questioned whether utilizing the Wilder kennel was taking business away from the Homedale-based Owyhee Veterinary Clinic. Eidemiller said that his officers still take registered dogs to the vet clinic for boarding.

Downing also wants a written

kennel agreement between Wilder and Homedale. The chief said such an agreement is in the works and could be finalized if both sides want to continue the arrangement at the conclusion of the trial, which begin in mid-December.

Optional microchipping was another proposal from Eidemiller in an attempt to make returning dogs to their owners easier.

The chief said the \$418 startup cost for the program would include 25 chips and a scanner. He said that a vet could implant the chip, or there was training available to allow an officer to do the job.

Citizens would have the opportunity to register their dogs in an online database, which would be accessible by out-of-town agencies, too, Eidemiller said.

"I'm just trying to figure out ways that we can make this animal control budget self-supporting and not dependent on any taxpayer revenue," Eidemiller said.

Fink also suggested that officers began taking photos of the dogs they impound and post the photos on the City Hall bulletin board.

— JPB





Marsing Elementary students Regan Stansell, left, Lexi Loucks and Harlee DeGeus listen to instruction from Mary Blackstock during the wheat grinding session of the Moving Agriculture to the Classroom exercise on Friday.



Marsing's Leslie Jayo cooks up pancakes from the freshly ground wheat after the students finished grinding during the Idaho Farm Bureau mobile classroom lesson.

# Farm Bureau's fiberglass cow makes an appearance in Marsing

## Mobile agriculture classroom teaches youth about their food

Rolling in on four wheels, the Idaho Farm Bureau's Miss Maggie was unloaded from a trailer to help educate Marsing Elementary students about where their food comes from.

The IFB's "Moving Agriculture to the Classroom" campaign began in July with intentions of bringing awareness to children about agriculture, Mary Blackstock said.

Blackstock was recently installed as the Owyhee County Women's Chair Committee leader for the IFB and was very excited to bring the program to Marsing and the Hope House Academy last week.

"It is such a hands-on experience," Blackstock said. "It just tickles me to watch them learn about the whole process from 'milking' the cow and doing the wheat grinder. Most of this is to make the kids think about 'wow this came from farming'."

The life-size — minus the weight — fiberglass cow on wheels complete with working udders allowed second-graders to test their milking abilities and learn what it takes to get milk from the farm to their homes.

The students started the hour-long session by receiving cups of heavy whipping cream that they were instructed to shake vigorously throughout the "Cow Facts" section of the lesson.

"With the cream experiment, the kids learn a few cow facts, and we also talked about exercise," Blackstock said. "We probably shook the containers for about 15 minutes or so to illustrate making butter."

With their fresh butter in hand, the students were given crackers to test the creation and were asked: How many cups of milk does it take to make one pound of butter?

Many of the second-graders started throwing out low numbers as Blackstock slowly worked them up to the number that had them all gasping — 30 cups to make one pound.



Marsing High School graduate Tyler Blackstock pours off the skim milk created during the students' experience making butter from heavy whipping cream.

"It is neat to have the visuals for them to realize the true numbers involved," Blackstock said. "We put out empty one-gallon milk jugs to show how much milk they can produce in a day."

While talking about cows, Blackstock had a student — who she hoped she didn't embarrass — stand up to illustrate how much a cow eats in a day — 90 pounds.

"It just helps to give them more visuals and allows them to connect to what they are learning," Blackstock said. "Without having that student stand up, most wouldn't put

two and two together of how much a cow eats in a day."

Moving from the dairies to producers, the eight-foot-wide by five-foot-tall "Giant Book of Wheat" was unveiled with help from four students to turn the pages.

"The Giant Book of Wheat gets them to see the pictures and helps them to interact with the program," Blackstock said. "The students get to learn about the interaction on all levels of farming to see how it is all connected together."

Following facts about the versatile grain, students got the opportunity to turn the handle of a wheat grinder — used to make pancakes for them at the end of the session — to see how much work goes into the production process.

Blackstock is encouraged by the efforts to connect students in area schools and statewide with the trailer to help them learn about agriculture.

"I had heard about it before we went to the IFB conference last year," Blackstock said. "I thought, gosh that would be a good idea. At the time, I didn't realize how much stuff would be in there and how engaging it would be for the students."

Because the trailer moves around the state, schools and other groups need to reserve the trailer well in advance of when they would like to have the demonstration, Blackstock said.

To reserve the trailer, contact Owyhee County Farm Bureau President John Richard at (208) 896-5319 or the IFB office in Homedale at (208) 337-4041.

— JLZ



Mary Blackstock reads to Marsing students from the "Giant Book of Wheat" on Friday.



The side of the "Moving Agriculture to the Classroom" trailer that travels across the state bringing students statewide an experience of milking a cow and grinding wheat.



# Gateway West power line route analysis continues

## Sage-grouse habitat public meeting slated for Friday in Boise

One element that will affect the siting of an 1,100-mile-long electrical transmission line will be discussed next week in Boise. The Bureau of Land Management’s public information meeting on the sage-grouse habitat equivalency analysis (HEA) for the Gateway West project will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday inside the Cottonwood Room at the Red Lion Boise Hotel, 1800 Fairview Ave.

The Boise meeting is the last of two being held to answer questions and present information about the HEA, which is part of a multi-agency federal and state Framework for Sage-Grouse Analysis for Interstate Transmission Lines. The BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Wyoming Game and Fish Department have coordinated on the project.

A similar meeting is scheduled today in Cheyenne, Wyo.

For more information, call BLM project manager Walt George at (307) 775-6116 or [wgeorge@blm.gov](mailto:wgeorge@blm.gov).

The 500-kilovolt Gateway West project

is a joint venture between Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power. The line is slated to follow a path from the Windstar substation near Glenrock, Wyo., to the Hemingway substation near Wilson in Owyhee County.

Owyhee County government officials and residents are fighting to keep the power line on federal land and have submitted an alternate route that avoids private property in the county.

According to the Department of Energy website, the final action on the National Environmental Policy Act analysis for Gateway West is scheduled to be completed on Nov. 26.

During Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s Capital for a Day visit to Murphy on Jan. 27, a great deal of time was spent discussing the Gateway West project and its impact on private property as well as sage-grouse habitat.

Two weeks earlier, the Board of County Commissioners met with the federal Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission (RRTT). The team, according to its webpage at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov), was formed to focus on seven transmission line projects that will help increase electric reliability and integrate renewable energy into the grid.

The RRTT is comprised of representa-

tives from the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy and Interior as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

The commissioners and members of the Owyhee County Task Force for the Gateway West project met with RRTT representatives in Boise last month.

BOCC chair Joe Merrick said the county representatives met with the group for one hour.

“I think these were all people from Washington, and I think they were wanting to know more than anything some of the pitfalls in the past that had happened, so they could speed this up,” Merrick said.

One thing that is clearly an obstacle for the power line’s route on private ground in Owyhee County — a conditional use permit will have to be secured for every parcel over which the line will cross.

Four days after the meeting, the commissioners wrote a letter to the Idaho Congressional Delegation complaining of a lack of time to discuss any of the 16 topics that the federal panel had outlined for analysis.

“We’re just trying to give (the congressmen) an understanding that Owyhee County is still in the driver’s seat on this

deal,” Merrick said. “That they have to have a CUP, and if they don’t go through the process it could drag out for a long time.”

Heading into the meeting, county officials were skeptical if Bureau of Land Management personnel analyzing possible routes for the power line had received and/or studied the proposed route suggested by the Owyhee County Task Force. That route would keep the power lines off private ground in Owyhee County, much like the alternate route ideas for the Boardman-to-Hemingway project successfully accomplished.

“I was wondering if they had basically done anything more about the routes that we had proposed. We just wondered,” Merrick said.

“We just hadn’t heard anything and didn’t know. To this date, we still haven’t heard anything about our alternative routes.”

The county group had to share its one hour with representatives from Kuna, Cassia County, Twin Falls County, Power County and Elko County, Nev. In addition to the three commissioners, county Natural Resources Committee director Jim Desmond and task force members Karen Steenhof, Frank Bachman, Ernie Breuer and Robyn Thompson also attended the meeting.

— JPB



Members of the Homedale High School Drama Club pose with their new curtain in the old HHS gymnasium. Students found the curtain for sale on Craigslist. In the curtain’s former life, it hung in a high school in Oregon.

## HHS actors will pull new curtain on next production

### Drama club’s four-year project becomes reality

Craigslist and a load of help from a stage dad have the Homedale High School Drama Club ready for the limelight.

The club recently saw the fruition of a four-year project when Canyon Electric LLC owner Louis Keller, the father of Drama Club president Nicole Keller, donated time and supplies.

The electrician installed some power outlets and fixed other electrical concerns with the stage inside the old HHS gymnasium.

He also installed stage lighting that he helped the club purchase second-hand.

The crowning ingredient to the makeover was the installation of a new curtain that the club had purchased from a person in Emmett. The curtain originally hung in a high school in Oregon, but popped up on Craigslist in time for the HHS actors to snap it up.

“Our stage is beginning to look professional,” HHS Drama advisor DeAnn Thatcher said.

The group will show off their new stage and curtain during March 5-6 performances of the murder mystery *The Device*. Scott Thatcher wrote the play specifically for the club, members of which edited the script. The play will begin at 7 p.m. each day.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday.

The son of DeAnn and Mark Thatcher, a HHS Science teacher, Scott Thatcher is a 2007 graduate of Homedale High School and a three-year veteran of the school’s Drama program, which transitioned from a class to a school-sanctioned club after the 2003-04 school year.

“We chose this route because many of the published plays are for 10 or 12 people and our club boasts around 30 members,” DeAnn Thatcher said. “We also save royalty fees since these budding authors are generous with their time and talents.”

The club also plans to stage a melodrama entitled *Dr. Carnevil* and the *Pumpkin Kidnapping* in May. Club member Nadine Wright wrote the play, which will be performed in conjunctions with the school’s Art department and choir in an All Arts Night, Thatcher said.

The Drama Club secured funds for the upgrades through its Spook Alley, which was held in October in lieu of a fall stage production.

“The HHS Drama Club gives a big thank you to our community for their support and to Louis Keller and his employees at Canyon Electric,” Thatcher wrote in a press release.

— JPB



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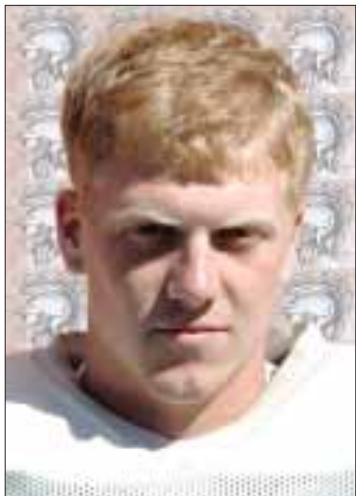
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Corta joins his dream team as Boise State walk-on



Trey Corta

Broncos could look at HHS  
standout as WR or safety

Former Homedale High School football standout Trey Corta is scheduled to join the Boise State University program as a preferred walk-on.

Corta was an All-3A Snake River Valley conference two-way player during his career with the Trojans, which ended in the fall with a second consecutive trip to the 3A state playoffs.

“It’s awesome,” the 18-year-old son of Larry and Margery

Corta said. “It’s kind of a relief in a way because I’ve been waiting and waiting and finally got the chance.

“Ever since I was little, I’ve always wanted to go there.”

A preferred walk-on, unlike a walk-on, has a greater likelihood of landing a roster spot when he hits campus. In fact, Corta will be on the roster for fall practice, his father, Larry Corta, said. There is a possibility he could redshirt in

the 2012 season.

“It’s been his dream to go to Boise State,” Larry Corta said. “What they say is (preferred walk-ons) get treated just like a scholarship kid.”

The Broncos recruited the 5-foot-10, 175-pound Corta as a defensive back, the position for which he earned All-3A Snake River Valley conference honors as a senior. But the senior’s father says there may be a chance he’ll be looked at as a wide receiver.

“They talked about him playing safety, and here in the last little bit (new Broncos offensive

coordinator Robert Prince) came out and saw him play basketball and he likes him as a wide receiver,” Larry Corta said.

Trey Corta said he’ll skip the track and field season to concentrate on weight-lifting and conditioning in the spring and summer.

Although he doesn’t know the exact date he’s supposed to report, he’s determined to make a splash of some sort in the early goings.

“I know I’m just going to be like the little guy, but I hope to

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Huskies wrap regular season with a win

Wrapping up its 2A Western Idaho Conference season, the Marsing High School boys’ basketball team thumped visiting Nampa Christian 60-47 on Friday night at home.

The Huskies (9-11, 3-9 2A WIC) earned the No. 6 seed in the District III tourney, which began Tuesday as Marsing hosted the Trojans.

For results from Tuesday’s game, check The Owyhee Avalanche website. The winner advances to play New Plymouth tonight at 7 p.m. in New Plymouth.

“The opportunity to have one game where it is all on the line will help our guys,” Marsing coach JW Chadez said. “I think going in as the No. 6 and with the history we have had, our kids have embraced the underdog role. They have a chip on their shoulder and will play hard no matter what.”

Against the Trojans to close out the regular season, Jason Galligan led all scorers with 18 points, six rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks. Dakota Hill picked up nine points followed by Miguel Leon with eight and

Jose Acuna with seven. MacKay Hall and Josh Larsen each scored six points while Yovani Zerapio finished with four and Grayson Kendall picked up two.

“We had a lot of energy and effort out there,” Chadez said. “Against Nampa Christian our effort was up there and we had 16 O-boards. With our team, we have to play that way every game.”

The Trojans lost their 19<sup>th</sup> straight game and finished last in the 2A WIC, going 0-12.

Despite the Trojans’ losing season, Chadez was cautious heading into Tuesday’s loser-out game.

“Anytime you play a team three times, especially when you have beat them twice, you can get complacent,” Chadez said. “This is the end of the season, and one of the two teams will be done. We have to come out and take the same approach we took with them before if we want an opportunity to go play in New Plymouth.”

If the Huskies advance to take on the No. 3 seed Pilgrims, they will be guaranteed at least two games in the district tournament.



Marsing’s Jose Acuna goes up for a basket over Nampa Christian’s David Waterman during the Huskies 60-47 win on Friday night.

With a win against the Pilgrims, the Huskies would advance to the semifinal game on Saturday at 7:45 p.m. at Vallivue High School in Caldwell against Melba. If Marsing were to lose to New Plymouth, they would play on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the high-seed location.

Trojans tackle district wrestling Saturday

Coach expects several favorable  
seeds on heels of two SRV losses

The Homedale High School wrestling team may now be in its element.

The Trojans have traditionally found it tough sledding during the dual-meet season, and losing 30 points to forfeits didn’t help Thursday in a 60-30 3A Snake River Valley conference loss to visiting Parma.

Take away the forfeits, though, and the Trojans actually scored as many points as the Panthers

during the final home appearance in the career of a handful of upperclassmen.

“Senior night went well,” HHS coach Toby Johnson said. “The boys wrestled tough. We competed well on the mat.”

Homedale also dropped a 45-33 conference dual meet to host Payette on Feb. 7. The Pirates scored 18 points on forfeits. The team also was scheduled to wrestle Timberline in Boise in a

non-conference dual on Friday. Results from that meet weren’t reported.

“We were very competitive on (Feb. 7) and Thursday,” Johnson said. “In (varsity) matches wrestled, the team score was dead even, if you take out the forfeits.

“It’s always a good dual when you are competitive on the mat.”

After a busy week of three dual meets, Johnson and assistant Mark Boothby look to tonight’s seeding meeting for

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Marsing set to host District III  
wrestling tourney on Saturday

Top three wrestlers in each  
weight class advance to state

With the wrestling season drawing to a close, Marsing High School is set to host five other schools on Saturday during the District III wrestling tourney starting at 10 a.m. at the high school gymnasium.

Wrestlers from Marsing, New Plymouth, Cole Valley Christian, Melba, McCall-Donnelly, Cascade, Garden Valley and Rimrock will compete on two separate mats with weigh-ins starting at 9 a.m.

Seeding for the tournament is scheduled to take place tonight with tournament managers and coaches based on the wrestlers 2011-2012 Western Idaho Conference

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Sports

Pirates end HHS girls' season

Trojans can't complete comeback in district tourney

Homedale High School nearly put a fantastic finish on a girls' basketball game to which it had a slow start.

The Trojans' shot with 11 seconds remaining the game tied didn't fall, though, and Payette held on for a 38-37 victory in the 3A District III Tournament on Feb. 7.

The chance at the winning basket came after a furious comeback from a nine-point halftime deficit.

"After only making three field goals in the first half, it was a testament to this group's competitive spirit to get back into a position to win the game in the second half," HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

Plagued by turnovers, cold shooting and missing their leading rebounder — 5-foot-10 Kaylee Rupp — the Trojans slipped behind the Pirates, 19-10, at halftime of the elimination game at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

"We were missing our tallest player in Kaylee Rupp due to the flu, so that takes away about 10 rebounds, which she averages a game," Holtry said. "Other than that we were out of position a couple of times, but we were outsized a bit the whole game."

Homedale (11-9) rallied out of the locker room to get back within a basket, 28-26, after a 16-point third quarter. Senior Aubrey Nash threw in three three-point goals in the third quarter to fuel the comeback. She finished with 11 points, all in the second half.

The game was tied twice — at 32-32 and 34-34 — in the waning minutes of the game.

"I am just proud of the way this team has bought in to our staff and has given everything they have all year long," Holtry said. "We came up a little bit short, but I am still proud of what they were able to accomplish this year."

This was the Trojans' first season with 10 or more wins since Homedale went 10-12

during Jeremy Chamberlain's first year at the helm in 2007-08. The 11 wins this season were the most by a Homedale squad since Mike Greeley's 2005-06 team went 11-13.

Against Payette, senior Kylie Farwell scored 12 points in her final game in a Homedale uniform. She tried to bring the Trojans back from an early 8-3 deficit with a three-point goal 71 seconds before the end of the first quarter. The Pirates had built the five-point lead with a 6-1 spurt that featured four points from leading scorer Shandra Campbell, who finished with 11 points.

Farwell converted seven of eight free throws (Homedale was 9-for-12 as a team), but managed only two baskets in the game.

Payette went on another run, however, scoring six straight points to take a 14-6 lead on Amberlee Couch's free throws with 3 minutes, 47 seconds left in the first half. Couch finished with eight points and perfect 6-for-6 night from the foul line.

Senior guard-forward Deena Emry's layup and two Farwell



Homedale's Destiny Long lines up for a shot against Payette defenders in the Trojans 38-37 loss to the Pirates.

foul shots got the Trojans to within four points, 14-10, with 2:26 left, but Fruitland scored the first half's final five points, including a Campbell three-pointer.

Emry scored four of her six points in the game's final eight minutes.

Last week's game was the

second consecutive one-point decision between Payette and Homedale.

The Trojans edged the Pirates, 41-40, at home on Jan. 20 after blowing out Payette, 45-32, earlier in the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.

— JPB

✓Corta: Courted by other schools, sights set on being a Bronco entire time

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build myself up to be on special teams or something like that," Corta said. "That will be kind of cool."

Eastern Oregon University, Western Oregon and Rocky Mountain College also offered the athlete varying types of

scholarship deals, his father said.

But Trey Corta said that, in his mind, there really was no question about his future once BSU began recruiting him in the summer of 2011 and invited him to a camp.

"Right when they talked to me about coming here, I was going

to talk to other schools, but my mind was set on Boise the whole time," he said.

Trey Corta was a first-teamer on defense in the 2011 season after logging one interception and 28 tackles despite missing action in three games because of a high ankle sprain.

Corta also was an all-conference first-teamer at quarterback last season after earning conference offensive player of the year honors after the 2010 season.

He joined the Trojans' varsity as a sophomore receiver in 2009. That year, he was named a first-team all-conference player both

as a wideout and a linebacker.

During his sophomore year, Corta caught 28 balls for 561 yards and seven touchdowns and averaged 20 yards per catch. At linebacker, he had a team-high 52 tackles and notched two interceptions.

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## Student Athlete Spotlight

*Brad McCain*      *Junior Wrestling*

**The Play** — The junior capped the regular season with a dominating victory over Parma's Mason Shepherd on Thursday. McCain, who is expected to be one of the top two seeds for this weekend's 3A District III Tournament in Payette, slapped a 10-1 deficit on Shepherd before pinning his opponent late in the third period during the Trojans' home finale.

Girls' basketball  
Season complete

Varsity  
Fourth place in district, 11-9

Junior varsity  
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament champions, 18-0

Frosh-soph  
3A SRV tournament champions, 8-8

Boys' basketball  
Varsity  
Wednesday, Feb. 15 vs. Weiser at 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m. (if nec.)

Wrestling  
Saturday, Feb. 18 at 3A District III Tournament, Payette HS, 10 a.m.

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# Sports

## Pilgrims knock Lady Huskies from district tourney

### Marsing takes home fourth-place hardware

In an anticlimactic end to the Marsing High School girls' basketball season, the Lady Huskies were pressed by New Plymouth until the final minute and came up short in a 48-30 loss at the 2A District III Tournament.

"It is tough not to be disappointed," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "They were down at the end of the game. Physically, no one is questioning their effort. The goal was to go out however the season finished and not to have any regrets.

"(The Lady Huskies) are league champs and 8-2 in the league. Four teams could have won it. I think it is a great accomplishment."

The Pilgrims pressured the Lady Huskies all night, holding Ashley Hull—who had averaged nearly 17 per game throughout the season—to eight points. She made two trips to the charity stripe, aching both.

"New Plymouth's press is nothing spectacular, but they have some really good perimeter defense and girls that know how to contain and give ball pressure," Little said. "They are stubborn defensively. Their speed defensively was causing issues for us, and we knew that was the case going in."

Dafni Clausen went two-for-three from the free-throw line and finished with eight points and four rebounds. Andrea Rodriguez

went 3-for-5 from the floor picking up six points followed by Lacey Usabel with four and Deidrie Briggs with three.

"It never ends the way you want it to," Little said. "As far as a successful season, to look back on it we dropped the first two and then won seven in a row and ended up 13-8, and four of those losses were close ones. The girls have nothing to regret and should be proud of what they accomplished.

"I think the girls feel they let the community down or their teammates down. It was a special season. The league champion title is something they earned, and nobody can take that away from them."

**Feb. 7: Marsing 39, Cole Valley Christian 29** — After falling in the opening round of the District III tourney to Nampa Christian, the Lady Huskies hosted the Chargers.

"Cole Valley in my mind is an over-achieving program. They came in with a new plan we weren't ready for and left it all on the floor," Little said. "The girls were thinking that we should beat them by more than 10. You can't have those expectations. Hats off to them, they played really well. It was a close game."

Against Cole Valley, Hull went 6-for-7 from the charity stripe and finished with 17 points. Briggs picked up 10 points followed by Shelbi Ferdinand with four.



Marsing's Lacey Usabel, left, and Ashley Hull put the squeeze on New Plymouth's Brittany Verigan during the Lady Huskies' 48-30 loss to the Pilgrims on Thursday in Parma.

## Trojans' frosh-soph play into SRV semis

The Homedale High School frosh-soph boys' basketball team reached the semifinals of the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament Saturday.

The Trojans, who earned the No. 4 seed with a 2-5 record, throttled No. 5 Payette (0-7), 53-35, in Saturday's play-in game at Parma High School.

Homedale took on top-seeded Weiser (7-0) in a semifinal game Tuesday night after deadline.

The semifinal winners play Friday at 6 p.m. in the championship game at Parma High School.

Meanwhile, Homedale's second-seed junior varsity team met Payette in a tournament semifinal Tuesday after deadline.

The JV championship game will be played at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in Parma.

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### Student Athlete Spotlight

*Josh Larsen*      *Junior Basketball*

**The Play** — The 6-foot-4 junior locked up six points and four rebounds in Marsing's 60-47 win over Nampa Christian on Friday night.

**Coach's Take** — "In the last couple of game Josh has really stepped up his play and has been improving throughout the year. We have a lot of big guys playing in the post in our league and Josh is competing well against them." — **JW Chadez**

Girls' basketball  
Season complete


Varsity  
Fourth place in district, 13-8

Junior varsity  
2A Western Idaho Conference Tournament champions


Wrestling  
Saturday, Feb. 18, home for 2A District III Tournament, 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball


Varsity  
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at New Plymouth 2A District III Tournament, 7 p.m.  
If lose Wednesday: Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 2A District III Tournament, site TBA, 7 p.m.  
If win Wednesday: Saturday, Feb. 18 vs. No. 2 seed, 2A District III Tournament, Vallivue HS, Caldwell, 7:45 p.m.




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Sports

Hyer earns Miss Beast title at HHS wrestling benefit

Senior Bodie “BoDeena” Hyer claimed the crown as Miss Beast 2012 during the Homedale High School wrestling team’s fundraiser last week.

Todd “Toddina” Bahem, the reigning Miss Beast, crowned Hyer during the 2012 Beauty or Beast Pageant inside the old gymnasium on Feb. 6.

An auction officiated by Ralph Lincoln accompanied the pageant, and nearly \$2,500 was raised for the wrestling program.

“We had many people and businesses around the community

that generously chipped in items for us to sell,” HHS coach Toby Johnson said. “We really appreciate that. We are looking to update singlets, warm-ups, and mats.”

Kyle “Olga Purdomovich” Purdom was first runner-up in the pageant, followed by third-place Ismahel “Elizabeth” Mendoza, Andrew “Andrea” Randall in fourth and fifth-place contestant Devin “Diva” Fisher.

Brad “Bradina” McCain was People’s Choice, and Michael “Michelle Diaz” Deleon won Miss Congeniality honors.

Other contestants included Dayne Jacobs, Draydon Julian, Jorge Hernandez, Martin Calderon, Colton Grimm, Cole Jeppe and K.J. Atkins.

Assistant coaches Mark Boothby and Joe Equisquiza were the evening’s masters of ceremony, and Homedale School District teach of the year Jan Bianchi, high school counselor Debby Flaming and Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker sat as judges.

The pageant also included a dance routine “Calling All the Monsters” for which the pageant

contestants were coached by the high school cheerleading team.

The audience also was able to see each contestant’s celebrity look-a-like thanks to a Power Point projection manned by Jace Turner.

Johnson also thanked Robyn Chandler, Leslie Parker, Margo Phariss and Delaney Phariss for their help with the admission gate. Juan Garcia handled the sound system.

Johnson said a Beauty or Beast 4 is scheduled for 2014. The first was held in 2007 with the second following in 2010.



Bodie “BoDeena” Hyer sports his sash for being named Miss Beast 2012 during senior night last week in Homedale.

✓ Homedale: Wrestlers to hit the mat on Saturday for 3A Dist. III tourney

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the 3A District III Tournament. The tournament begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Payette High School.

Johnson, who is completing his 15<sup>th</sup> year at the helm, expects several wrestlers to earn top-four seedings and a few others to show up in the top six of the preliminary ladders.

Ismahel Mendoza, a 171-pound senior, leads the way. He was runner-up at the 3A state meet a year ago against Fruitland’s Tim McDonald. He also lost the district championship final to McDonald.

McDonald is back for his junior season, and the two wrestlers already faced off in the two schools’ 3A SRV dual meet in January. After losing 16-0 in a technical fall in the 2011 state final, Mendoza closed the gap before falling to McDonald 9-6 this year at 182.

If McDonald stays at the higher weight class for the district tournament, Johnson anticipates Mendoza will be installed as the top seed Saturday.

In his final home match Thursday, Mendoza stifled a comeback by Parma’s Cody Negri with a pinfall 41 seconds into the second round.

Johnson also expects junior Brad McCain to pull in one of the top two seeds at 195 pounds.



McCain led off Thursday’s home meet with a devastating display against Parma’s Mason Shepherd. The Homedale wrestler rode his opponent to a 10-1 lead before putting a merciful end to the match with a pin with 20 seconds left in the match. McCain was a state tournament qualifier a year ago.

At 113, Johnson expects both freshman Devin Fisher and sophomore Michael Deleon to show up as the top two seeds.

Deleon won his match at 113 to tie the match at 18-18 when Parma’s Vanessa Salazar suffered an elbow injury 42 seconds into the match.

Fisher moved up to 120 pounds and pinned Fernando Hurtado with 24 seconds remaining in the second period. He also collected a decision Feb. 7 at 120.

Freshman Andrew Randall could be installed as top-four seeds at 106 pounds, Johnson said.

Randall wrestled tough during a frenzied match with Parma’s Dakota Whitaker on Thursday. Whitaker blitzed Randall with seven straight points to snap a 3-3 tie and then pinned the Homedale wrestler with 42 seconds left in the period.

Randall came back to pin Parma’s Josh Schneibel in a 106-pound exhibition match.

“Luis Garza will be competitive there as well,” Johnson said of another freshman who wrestled an exhibition match at 106 after Thursday’s varsity dual.

Tano Montes, a junior who was district runner-up at 140 a year ago, could pull off a top-four seed at 160. Montes didn’t wrestle Thursday but picked up a victory by pinfall on Feb. 7 against Payette.

Johnson expects district coaches to seed Bodie Hyer in the top four at 220 pounds. The senior finished third at district a year ago and was one of 10 Trojans to wrestle in the state tournament.

On Thursday, Hyer made quick work of Parma’s Drew Trent when he drove his opponent to the mat out of a restart and scrambled for a pinfall with 50 seconds left in the opening period.

Johnson also expects his two senior heavyweights — 2011 state qualifier Jorge Hernandez



Homedale senior Ismahel Mendoza continued his march into Saturday’s 3A District III Tournament with a pin of Parma’s Cody Negri in the second round of Thursday’s 171-pound match.



Homedale High School junior Brad McCain kicked off Thursday’s final home dual meet with a dominant performance against Parma 195-pounder Mason Shepherd.

and first-year wrestler Martin Calderon — to earn top-six seedings for this weekend.

Hernandez lost to Parma’s Max Godina in the dual meet last week, but returned to pin Oscar Camacho in an exhibition.

— JPB

Adrian sophomore wrestles to silver at Pine Eagle tourney

The Adrian High School wrestling team warmed up for the district tournament at the Pine Eagle Tournament in Halfway, Ore., on Saturday.

Sophomore Shane Miller finished second at 132 pounds

to lead the way.

Junior Chance Marquez was fourth at 160 pounds, and freshman Zane Marquez grabbed fifth place at 113.

The Antelopes will play host to the 1A/2A District 4 Tournament

on Saturday. The tournament will be held at Nyssa High School.

Senior Mark Ishida, a 152-pound wrestler, will be on the hunt for his first district championship.

✓ Marsing: Wrestling seeds to be determined today

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The top three wrestlers from each weight class will qualify to advance to the state wrestling tournament at Idaho State University in Pocatello next week.

Marsing High School athletic director Tim Little said as the host, the school will provide concessions and programs.

“I don’t know when the last time Marsing hosted was, but it has been a while,” Little said. “We will have two mats set up, and it will be a good tourney.”

Entry for adults and student without activity cards will be charged \$5. Senior citizens, students with activity cards and elementary school students will be charged \$3. Idaho High School Activities Association passes will be accepted.

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# Sports



Homedale High School senior Brett Ryska reaches for an offensive rebound over Fruitland's Hagen Graves during Friday's boys' basketball game.

## HHS boys play No. 3 Grizzlies tough early

### Fruitland pulls away in final 11 minutes of SRV finale

Fueled by an emotional Senior Night, Homedale High School hung with the state's third-ranked 3A boys' basketball team until late in the third quarter.

But Fruitland seized control, exploiting its height advantage for a 74-49 3A Snake River Valley conference victory in the regular-season finale for both.

The Grizzlies' 28-7 run over the final 11 minutes of the game thwarted Homedale's attempt to salvage one win in its eight-game conference season.

The Trojans (4-16 overall before Monday's 3A District III Tournament play-in game) began the game with a four-man lineup in honor of Conner Landa, who would have been a senior this year. Landa, who died in a car accident in 2009, has been honored throughout the 2011-12 school year. Friday night, the team stood for the national anthem facing a flag dedicated in Landa's honor. Before the game, the players presented Conner's parents, Chris and Virginia, with a team photo. Fans also wore "Sixth Man" T-shirts with the now-familiar interlocked "CL" initials in memory of Conner.

Four seniors – Casey Christoffersen, Trey Corta, Zac Lowder and Brett Ryska – lined up for the tip against five Fruitland players. The missing man tribute

lasted until the end of the first possession when another senior, Seth Bayes, entered the game 18 seconds after the tip-off.

Homedale played close with Fruitland throughout the first half, primarily on three-point shots from Hayden Krzesnik and Christoffersen. Krzesnik buried three of his four treys in the first half and led the team with 14 points.

Two of his three-pointers gave Homedale leads in the first quarter, and his third came 18.2 seconds before halftime and pulled the Trojans to within a bucket, 35-33, at the intermission.

Christoffersen and Ryska also hit three-pointers, but Fruitland fired back, uncorking seven long-range shots of its own. James Livingston, who led all scorers with 21 points, connected three times for the visitors.

The Grizzlies also wore down the Trojans on the inside with the play of Joey Martarano. The 6-foot-4 junior, who is no stranger to the Trojans' athletes because of his exploits as Fruitland's quarterback in the fall, scored 18 points and was 4-for-4 from the foul line. Fruitland hit 18 of its 21 chances from the charity stripe.

Christoffersen scored 10 points for Homedale, while Ryska added nine and Corta put in eight.

## Emotional senior night at HHS



Homedale High School's cheerleaders, boys' basketball and student cheering section stand for the national anthem prior to Friday's Senior Night boys' basketball game against Fruitland.



The Homedale High School boys' basketball team presents Chris and Virginia Landa with a framed photo during a ceremony to honor the couple's late son, Conner Landa.



Members of the Dines family — from left Dennis, Valerie and their son Brad — accept a certificate of appreciation and show off the plaque honoring Shane Dines' memory that will hang in the Homedale High School gymnasium foyer. Through the Shane Dines Memorial Fund, the family purchased 19 state championship banners from the pre-United Dairymen Idaho era to hang in the gymnasium.



# Sports

## Mustangs lock up East’s No. 2 with win over Adrian boys

### All four local teams open district tourney Thursday

Free throws down the stretch helped Jordan Valley High School beat its archrival and earn the No. 2 seed in the postseason tournament Thursday.

Ty Warn and Ben Telleria were 6-for-8 from the foul line in the fourth quarter in the Mustangs’ 48-37 1A High Desert League victory against host Adrian.

“Defense was really key for us. We didn’t give them many open looks,” Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. “Our offense sputtered at times. We shot just well enough to win.”

The Mustangs (12-8 overall, 8-2 1A HDL at the end of the regular season) hit 35.2 percent of their shots (18-for-51) to sew up

the second seed from the 1A HDL East Division for the 1A District 8 Tournament. Jordan Valley will take on West No. 3 Mitchell on Thursday. Tipoff is 2 p.m. MST.

Adrian (9-15, 6-4) meets Prairie City in the district tournament Thursday. All games will be played at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

In Thursday’s rivalry game, the Antelopes found themselves in a 10-4 hole after the first eight minutes.

Paxton Shira scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, which matched Jordan Valley big man Nathan Easterday, who had 11 boards but was limited to seven points on 3-for-18 shooting.

Juan Munoz added nine points for Adrian — all on three-point goals — and Kurt Nielson and Tommy Shenk scored five points each.

Warn matched Shira’s co-game-high with 16 points, while Nate Elsner had seven and three Mustangs — Telleria, Blaine Moran and Tom Nelson — scored six points each. Moran was perfect on three field-goal attempts.

**Girls: Adrian 34, Jordan Valley 26** — The Antelopes shook off a sluggish second quarter to regain momentum in their league victory over the Mustangs on Thursday.

Adrian (15-10, 6-4) took control with a 17-5 run through the third quarter after scoring only two points in the final eight minutes of the first half.

Jordan Valley (8-10, 6-4), which

received eight points from Andi Warn, held an 18-12 advantage at the half after a 10-2 spurt in the second quarter.

Madi Purnell carried Adrian’s offense with 22 points.

She snagged 21 rebounds as the Antelopes dominated on the inside. Adrian outscored Jordan Valley, 12-6, in the paint and out-rebounded its archrival 22-7 on the Mustangs’ end of the floor.

Purnell had 12 defensive rebounds, and Maddy Pendergrass

grabbed half of her 10 boards on Jordan Valley’s glass.

Meagan Fillmore and Hayley Caywood scored six points each for Jordan Valley, who put six players in rotation and received scoring from five of them. Jessi Carson added four points, and Christina Rogers chipped in a field goal.

The Mustangs open the district tourney Thursday against Prairie City. Adrian takes on Monument/Dayville.

## Dowell’s dozen delights Mustangs in HDL win

James Dowell made the most of his final regular-season boys’ basketball game for Jordan Valley High School.

The 5-foot-10 senior led the Mustangs with 12 points and eight rebounds in a 63-39 1A High Desert League victory on the road against Harper on Friday.

Junior Ty Warn also reached a dozen points as Jordan Valley won for the seventh time in its past eight games.

Dowell, Quinn Fillmore and Nathan Easterday were playing their final regular-season games for Jordan Valley. Fillmore scored two points, and Easterday scored seven points, posted

a team-high five steals and collected seven of his team’s 39 rebounds.

Jordan Valley held the Hornets to single-digit scoring in the first three quarters to build a commanding 43-22 lead.

“The kids played hard and controlled the game from the second quarter on,” Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said.

Freshman Sandy Warn scored eight points for the Mustangs.

Jonah Reyes fired in three three-pointers and led all scorers with 19 points for Harper (2-14, 2-8). Logan Fisher had a pair of treys as part of his eight points.

## Low HDL score bad news for Adrian girls

Adrian High School ended the girls’ basketball regular season on the short end of an extreme defensive struggle Friday in Crane.

The Mustangs surged in the second half at home, pulling away with a 20-14 1A High Desert League victory.

The Antelopes (15-10 overall, 6-4 league) knocked down 33.3 percent of their shots (5-for-15), but hit four fewer field goals than Crane, which struggled from the free-throw line (2-for-11).

Crane (10-14, 6-4) escaped with a victory despite producing more turnovers.

Adrian lost for the third time in its final four regular-season games.

Madi Purnell led the Antelopes with nine points and 10 rebounds. Maddy Pendergrass and Nichole Orosco scored two points each, and Olivia Morton dropped a free throw to round out Adrian’s scoring.

Paige Landon scored eight points for Crane, and teammate Hannah Steeves chimed in with seven points.

**Feb. 7: Harper 35, Adrian 34** — The Antelopes’ comeback attempt fell short against a Hornets team that had yet to lose a league game.

Ball-handling, foul shooting and field-goal percentage were Adrian’s downfall. Coach Gene Mills’ players committed 26 turnovers, shot just 38.5 percent

from the free-throw line (5-for-13) and hit only a quarter of their shots from the floor (14-for-56).

Compounding the issue, only 16 of the Antelopes’ 43 rebounds were on their end of the floor. Purnell had five of her 19 rebounds on her own glass, and she finished with a game-high 16 points.

While the Hornets didn’t fare much better shooting the ball, they only gave up seven possessions on miscues.

Whitnee Chandler, a 5-foot-10 senior forward, scored 13 points for Harper. Another 5-10 senior frontcourt player, Jackie Jordan, added 12.

Rachel DeHoog continued her late-season surge for Adrian with six points and seven rebounds.

## Adrian boys fall to league leader ahead of district

Adrian High School tuned up for the 1A District 8 boys’ basketball tournament against one of Oregon’s best teams Saturday.

Crane buried the Antelopes with a fast start en route to a 60-42 1A High Desert League victory at home.

“This was a tough game on the road,” Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. “You have to hand it to Crane. They are a very good team that shot the ball well.

“We dug ourselves into a hole early and spent the next three quarters trying to climb out.”

Crane jumped to an 18-5 lead and shot 44.6 percent from the floor for the game (25-for-56). Sophomore Tyler Opie paced three Mustangs in double figures with 17 points. Ryan Opie added 16, and Levi Miller kicked in

11.

The Mustangs outscored Adrian, 28-14, in the paint on the way to their seventh consecutive win.

“You cannot afford to make mistakes against a talented team like Crane,” Ishida said.

Paxton Shira scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Adrian. Francisco Dominguez added seven points.

The Antelopes (9-15 overall, 6-4 1A HDL) open the district tournament Thursday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore., against Prairie City (15-5, 8-2).

**Feb. 7: Adrian 67, Harper 44** — The Antelopes hit six of 10 three-point attempts throughout the game and had doubled the Hornets’ scoring output by halftime on the way to a 1A HDL

route at home.

Paxton Shira, a 6-foot-1 junior, was perfect on three attempts from beyond the arc and led all scorers with 21 points. The Antelopes led, 36-18, at the break.

Kurt Nielson scored 10 points as all but one of the Adrian players to take the floor found a way into the scoring column.

Oliver Cszasz, a 6-3 senior, scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds for the Antelopes, while Tommy Shenk added seven points. Emmanuel Dominguez came off the bench for five points on 2-for-3 shooting. Shenk, Dominguez and Danny Livas knocked down treys.

Dustyne Hicks, a 6-foot-3 senior center, led Harper with 18 points. Hornets 5-8 senior guard Jonah Reyes added 13, and Logan Fisher had eight.

## Rimrock boys hold on for win in WIC finale

Oscar Gomez scored the majority of his team-high 15 points from beyond the three-point line, giving Rimrock High School enough cushion to withstand Idaho City’s fourth-quarter rally Friday.

Gomez hit four three-point goals in the Raiders’ 46-42 1A Western Idaho Conference victory on the road.

The Wildcats outscored the Raiders, 18-8, in the final eight minutes to nearly erase a large third-quarter deficit.

But Rimrock (7-10 overall, 5-5 1A WIC) was able to hold on for the win in its regular-season finale.

Austin Meyers scored 12 points for the Raiders, and teammate Ricardo Garcia chipped in eight.

Eugene Sanders’ 25 points led all scorers. The Idaho City high-point man connected on 11 of 14 free throws. He also had 15 rebounds.

**Feb. 7: Greenleaf Friends Academy 51, Rimrock 42** — Marsing-area product JB Bermudez-Koch hit a three-point goal a 12-point third quarter that helped the Grizzlies pull away from the host Raiders.

Rimrock scored just six points in the first eight minutes of the second half of a crucial 1A Western Idaho Conference game played in Bruneau. Jacob Black, who scored eight points in the second quarter to give the Raiders a 28-27 halftime edge, went scoreless the rest of the game.

Clay Cantrell scored 13 points and grabbed half of Rimrock’s 20 rebounds, including eight on the Grizzlies’ end of the floor. He also dished three assists.

“Clay Cantrell played an awesome game,” Rimrock coach John Hannah said.

Bermudez-Koch scored nine of his game-high 17 points in the back-and-forth second quarter. He finished two three-point goals.

Teammate Leighton Tieg scored seven points in the fourth quarter en route t 15 points, and Brandon Fisk scored 10 of his 12 points in the game’s opening eight minutes. He also knocked down his first four foul shots and finished 4-for-5 from the charity stripe.

Cody Steele scored nine points for Rimrock, who managed to put just six players in the scoring column.

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# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense The cowboy and the vet

I’ve oft addressed the challenge of being true to the cowboy life. Remember, the cowboy’s dream is to be able to support himself throughout his life ... without ever getting a job! This stubborn independence weaves them through a series of vocations as they travel down life’s trail. Vocations such as: team roper, cutting horse trainer, day-work wrangler, horse shoer, auctioneer, real estate broker, saddle maker, Heel-O-Matic rep, cowboy poet, stuntman, horse whisperer, even the ministry.

But one of the most notable opportunities in the past 25 years has come as a result of the overwhelming of the veterinary profession by women! How this happened has been speculated on by pundits and authoritative figures inside and outside the profession for years. Attempts have been made to keep the profession more diverse, but men have just quit signing up. Approximately 80 percent of the graduating DVMs today are women.

So what does this have to do with helping the cowboy live out his dream? First, we must examine the relationship between women and horses. It is a mystical attachment. Maybe it goes back to the Garden of Eden. The horse was the only beast that understood Eve’s craving for apples. I have seen this special bond throughout my life and still cannot explain it. It is a powerful feeling to be horseback, but how does that explain their ability to often read the horse’s mind? I remember many times being called to look at a woman’s horse because she sensed it was not feeling good. I would give it a thorough examination and conclude that everything was normal, nothing was wrong with him. The next day, he would be sick as a dog! They knew it somehow before it physically manifested itself.

Young girls who’ve never touched a horse have pictures on their wall of Fury, My Little Ponies, Pegasus and unicorns. They are touched by the movie *Horse Whisperer* and Michael Martin Murphy’s song *Wildfire*. Young women who grew up with pleasure horses love them, and the horse responds. They dream of growing up and being able to have a life with horses. So some go to vet school, graduate, start a practice, buy “horse property” with an arena, horse barn, dually pickup, trailer, and two or three good horses. However, she works seven days a week on other people’s horses to pay for her horse barn and her education, so she has no time to spend with her own. Then into her life rides ... “Our Cowboy!”

“Howdy, ma’am, looks like you could use a little help.”

She falls for him, mostly because he pays attention to her horses: shoes them, feeds them, brushes them, cleans the stalls, scatters bedding, oils the tack and seems to be her dream come true. Then she makes the fatal mistake of giving him a credit card.

He very quickly has someone else mucking the corrals, irrigating, hauling hay, shoein’ the horses, and mowing the lawn. He charges a roping chute on his card, along with a pen full of Corrientes, and pretty soon he’s got his cowboy friends out to the place every afternoon to rope and drink beer.

It is the perfect mating, he thinks. She is so lucky.

Eventually she figgers out what’s going on and runs Our Cowboy off! It’s for the best, she tells herself, but she still has feelings for him but he’s just too hard to housebreak.

He, on the other hand, to this day cannot understand why she gave him the boot.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee More than just a game night



Fruitland and Homedale got together for a boys’ basketball game Friday night, so it’s no surprise that a parking space was hard to come by.

But the scores of people who drove those rows and rows of cars and streamed into the Homedale High School gymnasium had just as much to do with the people who were honored before tipoff as the seven Trojans who played their final prep game at home.

The hometown that Homedale is was on full and glorious display Friday night.

It’s not unusual for a small town to rally around its prominent citizens when life challenges them, but the tribute the boys’ basketball team offered for the late Conner Landa and his family was particularly moving.

Coach Kenny Thomas’ squad put four players on the court to start the game against one of the state’s best basketball teams. That was a major statement for a team that has struggled to score points and win ballgames this season.

Beforehand, the team presented Virginia and Chris Landa – Conner’s parents – with a team photo. In the fall, the football team presented Conner’s jersey to the Landas to kick off a year-long remembrance.

Several fans wore “Sixth Man” jerseys with the intertwined “CL” initials that have become well-known by many, including any opposing defender forced to chase a Trojans football player. The football team’s helmets have been emblazoned with Conner’s initials for the past two seasons.

The school also saluted the Dines family, which through the Shane Dines Memorial Fund, purchased 19 championship banners to showcase Homedale’s state championship teams in the years before the United Dairymen of Idaho began sponsorship of the state’s prep postseason.

Although it was more than a typical Friday night in a small-town high school gymnasium, the atmosphere of the HHS-Fruitland basketball game was exactly why people settle in towns like Homedale, Marsing and Grand View.

Friday’s events were unique, and they spurred the Trojans to one of its most inspired performances of the season.

Even if the Trojans didn’t come out on top, every fan in the gymnasium walked away with memories that will endure.

It was a night for the ages.

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington Keep those views in emails, faxes, calls and letters coming



As I represent the interests of Idahoans in the U.S. Senate, the most indispensable tool is a sense of what is on your minds. The time you take to keep me up to speed on your interests and opinions about the issues shaping our nation is deeply beneficial. Last year, I received more than 83,000 pieces of correspondence from Idahoans. I thank you for this insight, and I welcome your ongoing input as the Senate’s work continues.

No matter the form in which you choose to communicate with me, each thought and idea is helpful and respected. On average, I received 6,900 letters a month last year, or just fewer than 1,600 a week, or 227 letters per day. This includes emails, faxes, postcards and phone calls. Email is a growing form of providing input, as 80 percent of the correspondence I received was through email. Faxes made up 13 percent of the correspondence. Seven percent was through phone calls, and 1 percent was traditional letters. The top issues constituents inquired or shared their opinions about were judiciary-, national security-, congressional- and agriculture-related.

To help make this interaction timely and seamless, I strive to make my website (<http://www.crapo.senate.gov/>) informative, accessible and useful for constituents who go there looking for answers or to find ways to share their thoughts. The website offers many opportunities to follow what goes on in Washington, plan a visit, learn more about the issues and watch videos of Congress at work. The website’s email system provides the most expedited way to get information to me. This web page also features the top five issues of concern from Idahoans and my response on each from the previous week. Some of the other features you will find on the website include posted audio of iTownHall meetings and teleconferences with Idaho reporters, recent correspondence on top issues, links to legislation and other tools and resources to assist Idahoans who need help with federal agencies.

Making this website a useful resource is a priority, and I hope that all Idahoans will visit the site often. The website also includes information about accessing my Facebook and YouTube pages to learn more about efforts in the Senate. Additionally, the site includes information about contacting me via email and through my offices.

The messages you send me help to shape my approach on a number of important matters, and I encourage you to keep sending them my way. Our nation faces ongoing challenges, including decreasing our deficit and debt and shaping our country into one that better supports job growth through creating a more competitive tax code and controlling federal regulation. As we all know, these are not minor challenges. I am grateful for your involvement over the past year as active participants in the decisions I make here in Congress. Please continue to keep me informed of your views.

—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.

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# Commentary

## Financial management

### Legacy Drawer takes some stress off loved ones left behind

**Dear Dave,**  
I've heard you talk about something you call the Legacy Drawer. What exactly is this, and what goes into it?

— Lisa



**Dear Lisa,**  
One of the best ways I know to tell your family how much you love them is by having your financial act together and organized in a central location. The Legacy Drawer is a collection of your essential financial documents in a safe place where they can find them when you die, or if you're sick or disabled.  
All of the pieces of your financial life should be in this drawer. I'm talking about your will, living will, estate plan, investment statements, insurance

policies, and property deeds. You should also include stuff like power of attorney statements, access information to lock boxes, and other instructions to family and loved ones.  
Make sure it's really well-organized, too. It should be laid out simply enough that anyone who can read could open it up and find exactly what's needed in just a few minutes. The stress of having a loved one die or become seriously ill is bad enough. You don't want to make it any harder

on them by leaving your finances in a mess!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I bought some furniture a while back on what we thought was a 24-months-same-as-cash plan. The original purchase price was \$1,600. The other day, I got a call from a collector saying that it was actually a 12-month plan, and the balance is now \$2,800. We looked at the contract, and it was our mistake on the length of the plan. Still, that makes the interest rate about 30 percent. Is there anything we can do about this?

— Robert

**Dear Robert,**  
This is one of the reasons I tell

people to stay away from "same as cash" agreements. You may not have agreed to a specific percentage rate, and I'll bet it's something less when you factor in the time before *and* after the 12-month period ended. Still, I'm pretty sure that when you signed the contract you *did* agree to have this thing convert to a financed contract if you didn't pay it off in 12 months. These kinds of deals are really scummy. Not only have they charged you interest since the 12-month period ended, they've also back-charged you interest for the entire length of the contract!  
These same-as-cash contracts are bear traps. They're designed to mess you over big-time. You can try to dispute it, but I've got a feeling you'll lose and have to pay about \$1,200 in stupid tax on

this one.  
Lots of people think they can pull one over on a company with the "same as cash" deal, but stuff almost always comes up — even if you don't misread the contract. I've said it a million times, Robert. If you play with snakes, you *will* be bitten!

— 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 hosts a radio call-in show. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at [Davesays.org](http://Davesays.org). For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE.

## Accuracy In Media

### Media carries hidden agenda in war on Susan B. Komen


by Lynn Woolley and Cliff Kincaid

When the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure made a decision to sever its ties with America's No. 1 seller of abortions, Planned Parenthood, the media went to war. The media coverage was slanted in such a way that "mainstream" reporters like Andrea Mitchell and Lisa Myers of NBC News were openly advocating for a point of view — pressuring Komen to reverse course and give in to Planned Parenthood.  
Why would the media go to war over something as seemingly insignificant as a policy change regarding funding at Komen, a private cancer charity? Part of the answer lies in the fact that, for the media, "women's rights" take precedence over all other rights, including the rights of children. This is what "feminism" has become and this is what the Komen controversy was supposed to be about. In reality, it had nothing to do with breast cancer because the fact is that most Planned Parenthood affiliates don't even provide mammograms. That money from Komen was used to refer women at risk of contracting the disease somewhere else.  
So the issue was something else as well. While there were references to Planned Parenthood being an "abortion

provider," there was no explanation of what this "service" actually "provides" — a procedure that destroys a human life. This is why the annual March for Life against abortion is mostly ignored by the major media. It is a sad fact that even some conservative women still think that Planned Parenthood is simply an organization that provides information about voluntary family planning.  
You saw very little in the mainstream media from pro-life people who supported Komen's initial decision. The bias is so pronounced that the media long ago adopted the language of the Left. The term "pro-life" is never used. But "pro-choice" is. Newspapers use the term "abortion rights" to describe the political process of terminating the lives of the unborn, but use "anti-abortion" when referring to those of us who value human life. We are "against." They are for "rights."  
So we made it a point to tune into the Big Three network newscasts on Friday night — hours after Nancy Brinker of Komen had caved. We wanted to see if this story would be treated in a neutral manner, or if the stories would be written from the standpoint that Brinker did the right thing — and, why did it take her so long? We did receive a shock, though it was a mild one. One of the three networks actually did a fairly nice job.

NBC was first. Brian Williams handed the story off to Lisa Myers. She had a packaged piece in which she featured several pro-abortion video bites, but no sound-on-tape from any pro-life people. She provided one very short pro-life quote, as a throwaway. It was advocacy journalism, pure and simple.  
On ABC, Dianne Sawyer did not hand off to a field reporter and did just a brief rundown of the story. But she was giddy about "people power." There simply was no thought that anyone in the audience might have disagreed with her viewpoint.  
It was a different story on CBS. Anchor Scott Pelley put the story later in his broadcast, opting for some national/international stories that he considered more important. When he handed off to Nancy Cordes, she presented a more balanced report with on-camera reaction from both sides of the issue. We suspect Pelley is influencing the CBS Evening News, and taking it down a more journalistic path. This may have to do with his journalism background in Texas.  
Pelley is a native Texan who started his TV career in Lubbock and then moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth market where he eventually landed at WFAA-TV. This station is well-known as one of the country's premier news operations with virtually every reporter on staff having

a fine journalistic reputation. Pelley worked there for seven years. As a correspondent for 60 Minutes, he has helped move the CBS Evening News into a more serious direction.  
It is significant that the CBS Evening News employs investigative correspondent Sharyl Attkisson, the recipient of one of the Reed Irvine Investigative Awards at this year's Conservative Political Action Conference. Attkisson is not afraid to offend the Obama administration by pursuing stories such as the Department of Justice cover-up of the officially sanctioned "Fast & Furious" arms trafficking from the U.S. to the Mexican drugs cartels. Such reporting would not be tolerated at NBC News or ABC News.  
It seems unlikely that any network, however, would do an investigative piece on Planned Parenthood. This is truly a taboo subject for much of the media. Not only does Cecile Richards' organization sell abortions to young women in trouble, but it also promotes the anything-goes sexual attitude that often leads to abortions. Baylor University economics professor Dr. John Pisciotta, in his role as head of Pro-Life Waco, has documented the despicable outreach of the local chapter that he calls "Planned Promiscuity." The implication is that Planned Parenthood is a racket that victimizes young women and then exploits them for profit.  
Meanwhile, Keach Hagey at Politico and other so-called liberal media watchdogs are assigning credit to social media for the Komen cave. We understand that liberals by the thousands got on Facebook and Twitter to complain. But what is it they were complaining about? The issue for the media was that the Komen decision could have snowballed, leading to more scrutiny of what Planned Parenthood is actually doing with the money, including federal dollars, it receives. And some of that money goes into the coffers of liberal Democrats running for office this year.  
When Nancy Brinker dared to offend the leading organization behind the "sacrament" of abortion, the lines were drawn. That meant all the minions of the Left dropped what they were doing. It was time to go to war. The lives of women facing the risk of cancer were not the issue. They get their mammograms at other places anyway. The issue was the human lives already being lost at the Planned Parenthood clinics. This was the scandal that stood to be exposed, if Komen was not beaten down and put in its place.  
— Lynn Woolley is a Texas-based radio talk show host. His website is [www.BeLogical.com](http://www.BeLogical.com). Cliff Kincaid is director of the AIM Center for Investigative Journalism.



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# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

February 19, 1987

**Central Cove to celebrate 70<sup>th</sup> dinner**

Next Sunday, February 22, the Central Cove community will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> consecutive Pioneer dinner in honor of Washington’s birthday.

In 1917 the settlers went to the schoolhouse for a day of cleaning the schoolyard and repairing buildings, then had a potluck dinner at noon with a patriotic school program in the afternoon.

The tradition carried on until 1957 when the school consolidated with Homedale and the schoolhouse was sold. The dinner was then moved to Homedale and was held in the evenings. Recently it has been at the Senior Center on the Sunday afternoon nearest Washington’s birthday of February 22.

All former residents of Central Cove as well as present residents are invited. Please provide your own dinnerware and bring a meat dish and either a salad, vegetable or dessert. Drinks and rolls will be furnished. Dinner is at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, Homedale.

**Contest launched to choose theme**

Homedale area residents have been invited to take part in a contest to give the upcoming beautification week a theme, according to Bill Cegnar, chairman of the committee.

The contest is open to anyone and everyone in the community, including students, Cegnar said. The beautification week will be the third week in April. Cash prize for the winning theme will be \$25.00. A \$10.00 second place award will also be given. Prize money is being provided by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

The winning theme will be used to promote the event, Cegnar said.

The deadline for entries will be a week from Friday, Feb. 27. Entries may be mailed to the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 845, Homedale ID 83628. Winners will be chosen by the beautification committee.

The committee met last Thursday to further discuss the project. Cegnar reported that the enthusiasm for the project is “tremendous”, and that many organizations, clubs, churches, businesses, and individuals are getting actively involved in the citywide beautification.

Some of the projects under consideration and discussion include the planting of flowers, trees, and shrubs, the landscaping of the area near the Snake River bridge between the highway and the drain ditch adjacent to the airport, demolition of hazardous structures within the city, renovation or removal of the Idaho sign at the corner of Main and Idaho, and a general clean-up of the town. The city crews are also planning some improvements to the city parks and other municipal property.

“There is a new wave of unity throughout the community that supercedes anything we’ve seen”, Cegnar said. “Everyone seems very excited about the project.”

The committee meets again at noon on Thursday at the Owyhee Lanes.

**Gottsch graduates**

Airman James V. Gottsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gottsch of Grand View, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

He is a 1980 graduate of Rimrock High School.

**Homedale PTA award winners**

Members of the Homedale PTA presented awards to some of the sixth-grade students for the most tickets sold Monday night. The winners are Angie Garrett, first place with \$711.00 worth of tickets; Nicole Larzelier, second place, \$700.00; Shelly Ethington, third place \$345.00; Shelley Stansell, fourth place \$339.00; LuKrena DeGeus, fifth place, \$275. The winners received cash awards for their efforts.

## 50 years ago

February 22, 1962

**Hansen to attend National 4-H camp in Washington**

Bruce Hansen, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hansen of Marsing has been selected to represent Idaho at the National 4-H camp at Washington D.C. Bruce is one of the four outstanding 4-H’ers of Idaho who will attend this meeting during April 23-28, 1962, according to Phil Edwards, Owyhee County agent.

While in Washington, D.C., Bruce and the Idaho delegation will stay at the national 4-H center. Each of the states will be represented by four delegates. They will attend classes on citizenship, visit several departments of government, meet President Kennedy, and tour the U.S.D.A. Experimental Farm at Beltsville, Md.

Young Hansen had four years of 4-H work in Fremont County before coming to Owyhee County where he has completed five years. Local achievements include: Champion Owyhee Cattlemen’s Steer, Ranch Way Feed Award, Swine Award, Grand Champion fat hog, Reserve Grand Champion fat steer, all at the Owyhee County Fair.

In 1960 Bruce attended Alpine conservation camp sponsored by Owyhee S.C.D. and National 4-H club congress at Chicago for his work in the state meat animal program. He was a member of the Owyhee County 4-H livestock judging team at Pacific International at Portland, Ore., in 1961.

Bruce has attended Idaho 4-H club congress at Moscow several times. He served as president in 1961.

He is a senior and an honor student at Marsing High School and has been an active member of the baseball, basketball, football, and wrestling teams. An FFA member, he attended the National FFA convention at Kansas City in 1960.

**Marsing wins over Pilgrims**

Marsing kept on the winning side of the ledger in Snake River Valley B League Friday night by topping New Plymouth 63-57. Marsing’s record now stands at 7 and 6 New Plymouth has lost nine while managing to win only five.

The margin of victory was provided by Marsing’s sharp shooting foul shooters, who tanked 13 for 16 in the second half. Leading scorer for Marsing was Jim Percifield, who tanked 14 points.

**Owyhee County Historical Society meets at Murphy**

The Owyhee County courtroom at Murphy was filled to capacity, including the jury box, at the February meeting of the Owyhee County Historical Society Friday night with over 85 persons attending.

The round-table of Marsing residents on “Early Marsing Days” produced considerable discussion on “mud, dust, Model Ts” and early life of the area. Early farming business, and irrigation were represented by Mark Marsing, Frank Motzko, and Roy Ganow. The general consensus seemed to be that when you came to these early areas, you “became too poor to leave so you had to stay and make a go of it.”

Mr. Marsing’s discussion covered farming, the first Model T Fords, and how the town received its present name. He said that Marsing at various times was known as “Claytonia, Butte, and Erb.” Several names were finally submitted for permanent naming and his family name was selected.

Mrs. Mark Marsing discussed the roads of the time with their problems of mud, and dust “98 ft. high and 2 ft. deep.”

Mr. Motzko told about problems of the first store in Marsing with its general merchandising. Dust from sheep bands crossing the bridge, hauling merchandise, ice, etc., by Model T truck over rutted roads from Caldwell, and the installation of the first telephone in the store which served the entire area for a time, added to the confusion.

Mrs. Paul Swinney told about her family homestead and displayed a deed signed by Teddy Roosevelt. She told of the time the family milk cow followed the family to a picnic on the riverbank.

## 140 years ago

February 17, 1872

RUSSIA. Free in the Black Sea, her dominions stretching away to China, and steadily nearing Afghanistan; her resources, railways and education developing, with an army which will in time of war amount to 1,653,393 men, and at any given moment, by calling out her reserves, able to bring into the field 1,234,460 men; with a fleet now formidable, and quietly increasing; and, above all, with a government rising step by step from the commune to the Imperial throne, and that throne looked up to with almost superstitious veneration and love by her millions of inhabitants; at once the most democratic and absolute Power in Europe, Russia promises ere long to be a match single-handed against any rival whatever. Whether she will submit to be cooped up in the Baltic is a problem the future alone will solve.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE. A special dispatch (February 9<sup>th</sup>) from Halifax says it is reported on trustworthy authority that the document has been signed by the Canadian Government for the separation of this Dominion from the British Empire. It was agreed to when the Act of Confederation was passed by the Imperial Parliament, but was not to take effect for some years unless the British Government saw the necessity for such action. Ever since the treaty British troops have been gradually withdrawn from Canada, until now there is scarcely a soldier in the Dominion outside of Halifax. There is no doubt that should differences between Great Britain and the United States become more serious, the British Government will at once publish the treaty proclaiming the independence of Canada, and by that means be relieved from the necessity of defending the Colonies against the United States should war ensue.

SHOOTING SCRAPE. Two miners named Crawford and Dowry, had a row at the Skookum boarding house night before last, resulting in the latter being shot by the former. The bullet passed through the upper portion of the right side of the abdomen, penetrated the right arm on the inside above the elbow ad lodged under the skin on the outside. It is a flesh wound and is not considered dangerous. Dowry was brought down to the War Eagle Hotel, where Dr. Beckett extracted the bullet yesterday. Crawford delivered himself up to Sheriff Stevens, but up to the time of going to press, no complaint had been made against him, and no examination had.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Snowing and blowing like fury every day here this week.

Dr. Colmache intends paying Boise City a visit next week.

Tom Kettle, of Fairview, got back from San Francisco this week.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet at one o’clock p.m. next Monday.

The heart of John Cable was made glad yesterday by the arrival of his wife and two babies from San Francisco.

“Poor, weak and erring man,” says a religious newspaper, “what is he?” In this country he is either a Democrat or a Republican.

This has been a dull week for local items. Too stormy to take photographs, and too stormy to visit the mountain, hence no mining news to day.

Owyhee Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., now has 57 members, and is in a very flourishing condition. The last report of the treasurer shows cash on hand, \$1,050.63.

Hon. F. E. Ensign started for Salt Lake City yesterday morning on business connected with the South Mountain mines, and expects to be absent three or four weeks.

A woman writes to a literary weekly that the ladies are doing all they can to bring heaven down to earth. We had thought they would be content with “raising hell.”

Jerry Phillip will pay a liberal reward to any one who will return safe and sound his gray-brindle Thomas Grimalkin, supposed to have eloped with some feline wench on or about St. Valentine’s day.



# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES JANUARY 23, 2012**

Indigent & Charity 12-02 lien approved, 11-56 approved with reimbursement. Approved hardship on property taxes parcel RP B0380006003A A in the amount of \$279.75.

Certificates of appreciation presented by Idaho Dept of Fish and Wildlife.

Approved Memorandum of Decision for Living Waters Mobile Home and RV Park.

Approved catering permit for Owyhee Cattlemen's Winter Meeting.

Coordination meeting with Boise District BLM.

Approved letter to USDA Farm Services on consolidation of offices.

Adopted Resolution 12-05 Closure of Silver City and Bachman Grade Roads.

Adopted Resolution 12-06 Urging Congress to Establish a Community Forest Trust Pilot Program for Idaho.

Adopted Resolution 12-07 Ratifying a letter to the BLM for Resource Services Regarding Crossing Permits.

Approved a letter to Director Jeff Foss in Resource Services with the BLM on Crossing Permits. The complete minutes can be viewed at [owyheecounty.net](http://owyheecounty.net), or in the Clerk's office.  
2/15/12

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

On March 1st, 2012 beginning at 10:00 AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony at the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below. After the hearing, the Commission will take up administrative matters as necessary.

10:00 am The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Jesse and Cathy Groves seeking to establish a single-family residence on their 4.5 acre parcel of land, parcel number RP04S02E268600A. The property is located at 22244 River Road along the Snake River approximately 6 miles northwest of Grand View. The subject property is located in an agricultural zone, lying in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 2 East, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

10:30 am The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Ray Kaufman seeking to establish a single-family residence and shop on an approximately 11.8 acre parcel of land owned by DERCK investment Corp., parcel number RP01S02W276910A. The property is located along the Snake River approximately 5 miles north of Murphy. The subject property is located in an agricultural zone, lying in the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

11:00 am The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Warren Johns seeking to establish a single-family residence and accessory building on his 20 acre parcel of land, parcel number RP04S01E230900A. The property is located off Wees Road approximately 4.5 miles east of

Oreana. The subject property is located in an agricultural zone, lying in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

1:00 pm The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Owyhee County seeking to establish a 40 acre Rural Exemption Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, parcel numbers RP02N04W293000A, and RP02N04W320000A. The subject property is located in an agricultural zone, including the W2, SWSE, S2NW ¼ of section 29, and all of section 32 of Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

2:00 pm The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Idaho Power Co. seeking to change the existing use of Cottonwood park from free public use to a fee based commercial use. The subject property is located in an agricultural zone, including a portion in the south half of section 8 in Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

2:30 pm The Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Idaho Power Co. seeking to change the existing uses of Locust and Scout parks from free public use to fee based commercial uses. The subject property is located in an agricultural zone, including a portion in the south half of section 33, and a small portion in the south half of section 34, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, Boise meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the above applications are available for review at the Planning and Zoning office located at 17069 Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho. For questions on any of the above matters, please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095.  
2/15/12

**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT THOMPSON ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT ADVERTISEMENSE FOR BIDS**

Separate sealed bids for Homedale Highway District's Thompson Road Rehabilitation Project, will be received by the Homedale Highway District, 102 E Colorado Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628, until 3:00 PM local time (MST) on March 1, 2012 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of constructing approximately 0.5 miles of a 3.0-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical width of 22-feet on top of Recycled Asphalt Base Stabilized (RABS) section, including:

- 0.5-miles of Recycled Asphalt Base Stabilization (RABS) prior to paving.
- Approximately 1,075 tons of plant mix paving.

It is the intent of the Project Documents and Drawings to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The work performed under this contract shall be complete in its

entirety on or before August 15, 2012.

There are no Federal funds utilized in this project.

The Project Documents and Drawings are available for examination at the following locations:

- Homedale Highway District, – 102 E Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628
- Paragon Consulting, Inc. – 157 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 (issuing office)
- Associated General Contractors – 1649 West Shoreline Drive, Boise, Idaho 83702

The Project Documents and Drawings may be obtained from Paragon Consulting, Inc., 157 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634, (208) 922-9138. Copies of these documents may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 for each set. A \$15.00 shipping charge, non-refundable, will be assessed on all mailed plans. The Project Documents and Drawings may be obtained electronically (by email) free of charge.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the Owner will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The Owner will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the Owner will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the Owner to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.

For information concerning the proposed work, contact Michael L. Kaes, P.E./L.S., Paragon Consulting, Inc., telephone (208) 922-9138.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to the Homedale Highway District as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal, as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Homedale Highway District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the Homedale Highway District.

Date: February 1, 2012  
Larry Prow, Chairman  
2/15,22/12

**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**

E-21, Richard Cox, PO Box 791, Homedale, ID 83628. 9x16 with misc. furniture.

I-5, Lanny Shippy, 4358 Market Rd, Homedale, ID 83628. 9x12 with woodstove, wooden chairs and misc. household items.

I-14, Julie Norris, PO Box 263, Homedale, ID 83628. 12x12 with couch, microwave oven, hiking pack an misc. household items.

F-12, Sean Budd, 6572 Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing, ID 83639. 9x12 with 1 set washer/dryer.

Live auction to be held Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Hwy 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628. All sales are final. Cash only.

2/8,15/12

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012

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

**PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV2012-2391-H**

IN RE: Elias Rafael Santana, legal name of child.

I swear under oath:

1. I am the parent of the above child. My full name and current residence are: Ida Delgadillo, 109 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. E., Homedale, ID 83628

2. Child's Information: Elias Rafael Santana was born on February 24, 2006, in the City of Nampa, County of Canyon, State of Idaho and resides at 109 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. E., Homedale, ID 83628. I want to change his name to Elias

Delgadillo Tines.

3. The child's father is living.

4. I want to change the child's name because: the child has gone by Tines for the past two years. The child recently begun school and would like records to reflect on the name of last name of Tines. I further ask for this change to avoid any confusion for my child or difficulties later in life.

5. The name changes are not to avoid creditors or outstanding debts. None of these children are required to register as convicted sexual offender under Chapter 83, Title 18, Idaho Code, or under the provisions of similar laws enacted by another state.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:15 o'clock a.m. on 3-21-2012 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes.

Date: February 7, 2012  
Clerk of the District Court  
Charlotte Sherburn  
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk  
2/15,22,29;3/7/12

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2011-02323 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATES DIVISION**

In the Matter of the Estate of MARJORIE M. SCOTT, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representatives of the above named estate; that all claimants having claims against the above named decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims will be forever barred; and that such claims must either be presented to the undersigned personal representatives of the estate at the address stated below, or be filed with the above named Court.

DATE: Jan 30 2012  
/s/Linda Rodgers, /s/Shirley A. Anderson, /s/Charles E. Scott, Jr., Personal Representatives

Address: Shirley A. Anderson, 2349 State Hwy 19, Homedale, ID 83628

Richard B. Eismann, Attorney for the Personal Representatives, 3016 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa, ID 83651

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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**

On Thursday, the 24th day of May, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, on the corner of Hwy. 78 and Hailey St., Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 2 OF OWYHEE ADDITION TO HOMEDALE, IDAHO NO. 1, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE

OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 716 Marion Dr., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ALFONSO ALBOR and ROSALINA OJEDA, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST SECURITY BANK, N.A., recorded August 24, 1998, as Instrument No. 225835, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on August 24, 1998, as Instrument No. 225836, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated August 20, 1998, in the amount of \$126.00 each, for the months of August, 2011, through January, 2012, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.41% per annum from July 1, 2011. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$7,453.27, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.41% per annum from July 1, 2011.

DATED This 24th day of January, 2012.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 2/8,15,22,29/12

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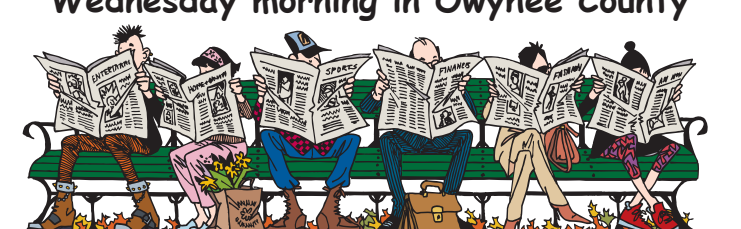
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