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Auction's new generation



Organizers' children begin their service

Above: Children of Marsing Disaster Auction volunteers have a little fun while dropping off items for Saturday's 52nd annual event. Helping move merchandise into the American Legion Community Center are, from left, Joseph Ineck, Colby Ferdinand, Harlee Ferdinand and Jonathan Ineck. **Below:** Jordan Ineck, 1, gets some help from dad, Jason, to bring in some merchandise. For more information on this year's auction, see **Page 11**

Youngsters step up to help Marsing Disaster Auction



Eggs, Basque bread are among items up for bid

Even with a rich 52-year history, the Marsing Disaster Auction is as much about looking ahead as it is about honoring the past.

Two Marsing schoolchildren are taking their shots at providing items for bid this year.

For Harlee Ferdinand and Brian Purtell, Saturday's auction will mark the first time they've provided donations.

"I wanted to help the people who had a flood in their house, or a fire," 8-year-old Harlee said.

The daughter of James and Jess Ferdinand, Harlee is a third-grader at Marsing Elementary School.

Taking a page from her

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Hoagland cited for conservation efforts

Rancher stays heavily involved

The life of a rancher is a busy one, but Wilson cattleman Jerry Hoagland seems to find time to do more than tend to his herd.

Still, his involvement in several committees and his role as District 3 county commissioner, ultimately

comes back to tending to his operation — and watching out for the livelihoods of his neighbors and fellow producers throughout Owyhee County.

The yeoman's duty that earned Hoagland the 2012 Conservationist of the Year from the Owyhee Conservation District, however,

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Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui (white helmet) communicates with a volunteer firefighter during a smoky Jan. 21 blaze on West Oregon Avenue.

Crews fight two house fires in frigid weather

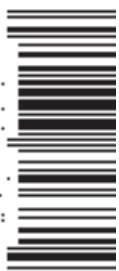
Officials are still looking into what triggered two residential fires in separate Owyhee County towns last week.

Last Wednesday, firefighters from both Bruneau and Grand View battled a blaze on a residence on First Street in Bruneau.

Bruneau Fire Chief Dick Strickland said the fire started around 5 p.m. in a 28-foot-by-88-foot shop where a resident housed his motor home and other vehicles.

The shop and its contents were destroyed, and Strickland said

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New booklet on NEPA available at OCA winter meeting in Oreana

U of I beef school precedes ranchers’ Feb. 9 gathering at community hall

A group from Arizona has developed a handbook to help ranchers grasp an aspect of renewing a federal grazing permit.

Copies of “NEPA for Ranchers” will be available Saturday, Feb. 9 when the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association holds its winter meeting in Oreana.

The Public Lands Council and the Arizona Cattlemen’s Association are among the sponsors for the booklet regarding the National Environmental Protection Act review process for permit renewals.

“Basically it’s a little handbook to help ranchers understand what NEPA is and the process,” University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Agent Scott Jensen said.

“The PLC helped fund printing a bunch of copies of that, and we feel like it would be useful to get them in the hands of the producers.”

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards, a PLC board member, will bring about 50 copies of the handbook for distribution at Saturday’s OCA meeting.

Registration for the meeting begins at 1 p.m. at the Oreana



Community Hall on Oreana Loop Road, south of Idaho highway 78.

The meeting begins a half-hour later with the membership bit drawing. Commercial Tire serves as the silver bit sponsor.

In addition to a briefing about “NEPA for Ranchers,” cattle producers will hear about the progress of the sage-grouse conservation effort from U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Jason Pyron and Owyhee Conservation District conservationist of the year and Reynolds Creek rancher Jerry Hoagland.

University of Arizona staffers Jim Sprinkle and George Ruyle teamed with Carolyn Eppler and Arizona rancher David Cook to write “NEPA for Ranchers.” A slew of industry groups sponsored the booklet, and it was reviewed by an Arizona attorney and a livestock and range specialist.

The latter half of the meeting will include the deck o’ cards raffle, a report from Doug Rutan on the

burgeoning Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association, comments from Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant and an update on Bureau of Land Management permit renewals.

At 5 p.m., AniPro and Dana and Doug Rutan will sponsor a social hour.

A potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m., and participants are asked to bring a side dish. Table service and drinks will be provided.

At 9 p.m., the annual fundraiser dance for upkeep of the hall will be held. Admission is \$5 per person, and music will be provided by “Runnin’ for Cover.”

Before the meeting, the U of I Extension will hold its winter beef school.

The school runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and includes topical presentations:

- U of I graduate student Ashley McClain will discuss “Ranch Level Economics of Juniper Invasion and Control.”
- Dr. Amanda Gearhart, a range specialist, talks about Effective Rangeland Monitoring.
- Jensen will close out the school with “Keeping the Legacy Alive: a Quick Look at Ranch Succession.”

Lunch for beef school participants will be served by OCA Heifer Replacement Program recipients. Western Stockmen’s and Merial are sponsoring the meal.

Hal Harris of Select Sires will furnish donuts for the beef school.

— JPB

Malheur cattlemen hold annual meeting Saturday

The Malheur County Cattlemen’s Association will hold its annual meeting next week in Ontario, Ore.

The event, which will include presentations from the rancher-sponsored heifer replacement program, starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Ontario Boulevard Grange Hall, 3890 Hwy 201.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. and includes:

- A sage-grouse update from habitat conservationist Laura Schnapp representing the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Malheur County Sheriff Brian Wolfe with an update
- Roger Huffman of the Oregon Department of Agriculture Brand Department discussing cattle and brand issues.
- Jordan Valley’s Bob Skinner with fire and roadless updates
- Curtis Martin with a Oregon Cattlemen’s Association update
- A commercial steer class presentation
- Anna-Marie Chamberlain with a Ranchers Feeding Kids program update
- An update on the High Desert Youth Range Camp
- The awarding of 2012 heifers to area youth for the Malheur County Beef Heifer Replacement Program

A roast beef dinner sponsored by the MCCA will be served at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the meeting and other proceedings, call MCCA president Morgan Johnsrud at (541) 586-2751.

Boise BLM advisory board meets next week

An advisory body with a handful of members who have Owyhee County ties will meet next week in Boise.

The Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) is scheduled to meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705.

Members with local ties include Owyhee County ranchers Brenda Richards of Reynolds Creek and Donna Bennett of Grand View, former Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president Charlie Lyons and retired biologist Karen Steenhof, who lives in Murphy.

Among the agenda items for next week’s meeting is a progress report on the sage-grouse task force appointed by Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter. District 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, another Reynolds Creek rancher, served on the task force last year.

The fire situation in the district, including moisture and fuel loads, also will be discussed.

Managers for the district’s three field offices, including Owyhee and Bruneau, and the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area will highlight ongoing actions.

The 15-member RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for approximately four million acres of federal public lands within 10 counties in southwestern Idaho.

The meetings are open to the public, and public comment will be taken at 10:30 a.m. Written comment also is welcome.

For more information about the meeting or to obtain an agenda, contact BLM Boise District RAC Coordinator Marsha Buchanan at (208) 384-3364.

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Water users honor SBOC secretary

Chadez named outstanding employee at state convention

Dealing with fiscal deadlines and the water needs of farmers can be a stressful business, but Connie Chadez knows the importance of her position.

“To me water is a very precious item, and some people don’t understand that it’s kind of the lifeline for everything because without water the farmers can’t grow crops and we don’t have food,” she said.

Chadez is secretary/treasurer for the South Board of Control, the Gem Irrigation District and the Ridgeview Irrigation District.

Last Wednesday, the Idaho Water Users Association honored the Homedale resident with one of five Outstanding Employee awards during its 76th annual convention in Boise.

South Board manager Ron Kiester nominated Chadez after a year in which she not only had to oversee the business of the district but also cover all the office duties as SBOC during an unexpected change in personnel at the organization’s Homedale headquarters.

“Connie has worked as the secretary/treasurer for the South Board of Control for 25 years with continued exemplary dedication to meet the needs of the district,” Kiester wrote in his nomination letter.

“Her dedication shows in the many hours she is willing to put in to keep the office running smoothly.”

Chadez has held the secretary/treasurer duties since answering a help wanted ad 25 years ago. She has held the official title since 2000.

“It’s nice to have your manager and your board of directors recognize you for all the hard work and years you’ve put in,” she said.

Chadez brought to the job success in Earth Sciences in school and an understanding of maps. She also had the knowledge of water’s vital role in agriculture gleaned from time spent with her grandfather, Ben Graybeal, who

was a Washington state rancher and worked with Williamson Orchards in Sunnyslope.

She married Owyhee County native Perry Chadez, whose family was in farming, after she moved to Homedale. They have one son, Justin, who is a prison guard in Boise.

“It’s kind of been a joke that I was ‘Green Acres’ — the town girl that came to the country,” Connie Chadez said, referring to the 1960s television sit-com.

“But I did know something about farming, then I married a farmer when I came to Homedale.”

Chadez has a laugh that lets folks know that she still keeps her sense of humor even though the job can be stressful — especially around Thanksgiving when the annual fiscal audit, year-end reports and the next year’s budget all hit her desk.

Then there’s the assessments, which go out in early November and can occasionally set off a farmer or two.

Still, Chadez is right at home in her job.

“I do like my job. I like coming to work every day. It’s nice working with the farmers,” she said.

“Everybody is pretty nice people. I like working with the people, and the water rights are interesting to learn about.”

Lynn Keetch, the IWUA president, punctuated how important employees such as Chadez are to the agriculture industry.

“The folks we have honored truly represent the kind of individuals who have helped make Idaho’s irrigated agriculture the keystone of the state’s economic wellbeing,” IWUA president Lynn Keetch said in an association press release.

“They are special individuals who have demonstrated outstanding personal dedication and exemplary levels of service and performance in a wide variety of duties related to Idaho water.”

— JPB

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Resident: Murals can beautify Homedale, educate children

Chamber hears idea during monthly meeting

A woman who returned to the area seven years ago wants to launch a series of murals to commemorate Homedale’s history.

Sharing an idea inspired by her time living in Moses Lake, Wash., Colleen Trefz brought her dream to the Homedale Chamber of Commerce last week.

Trefz outlined her plan during a Jan. 22 luncheon meeting at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

“The idea for the first mural is to honor (Paul’s Markets founder) Paul Zatica and the rich Basque heritage here,” Trefz said, adding the wall art also could include Basque dance troupes, with the late Conner Landa as one of the young dancers and Ray Mansidor playing accordion.

Zatica’s daughter-in-law, local Realtor Patti Zatica, is a Chamber member and regularly attends the Chamber meetings.

“He’s nourished us and fed us,” Trefz said of Paul Zatica, who died in 2011. “I want to create a space where he is in the space and memorialized.”

Trefz said there are many spaces in Homedale where murals can be painted.

She also suggested murals to honor the Austrian Settlement as well as showcase the area’s military veterans and the impact



Former Owyhee County Fair secretary and manager Teri Nielsen, who lives in Homedale, shows off a license-plate holder she found in a Caldwell antique store. Nielsen spoke to the Chamber of Commerce about the benefits of a string of community events or a themed festival that could attract visitors.

of agriculture and the Hispanic, Japanese and western cultures on the area.

In addition to beautifying areas, Trefz said the murals could serve as educational tools for the town’s youth.

The price of creating the murals can vary depending on the size of the art, Trefz said. Attendees suggested grants as a way to pay for some of the costs.

Trefz said that Jordan Valley artist Linda Gage has agreed

to work on the creation of the murals, but Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant co-owner Vern Tunnell suggested enlisting high school students. Trefz said she has been in contact with school officials on creating an enrichment program.

City public works supervisor Larry Bauer encouraged the idea, saying that graffiti was eliminated after Girl Scouts painted a mural on the restrooms at Bette Uda City Park.

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DEQ will help Homedale pay for sewer study

The City of Homedale soon will have an idea of what the next five years will hold for its sewer system.

Riedesel Engineering, the same firm who has been devising a master plan for the city’s municipal airport, also has been putting together a facility planning study for the town’s sewer infrastructure.

Early last week, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality announced it had awarded a wastewater planning grant of up to \$22,000 to pay for half the cost of the study.

“The reason we’re doing this study is if we want to do work on the sewer system in the future, we have to have this planning study done,” city public works supervisor Larry Bauer said.

The Riedesel-led project will evaluate the city’s current wastewater treatment and collection system and look for areas that must be improved to address compliance issues and meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements set forth by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

“We know (upgrade of) our collection system is 60 to 70 percent finished,” Bauer said. “We know the lagoons have some shortcomings, but won’t know what they are until the NPDES permit is received.”

The city’s NPDES permit expired in 2009, but Bauer said that the EPA has issued a new permit because the agency hasn’t had the time. He said that Homedale’s sewer system is still in compliance with the parameters set forth in the 2009 permit, though.

The city’s 50 percent obligation on the study, which could cost up to \$44,000, will come out of the city’s fiscal year 2013 sewer budget, Bauer said.

The study will analyze the city system’s capacity and ability to handle growth as well as how the town will fare in trying to comply with new phosphate and ammonia limits.

In other sewer system developments, Bauer said that the DEQ asked for further wastewater lagoons seepage testing. The state agency was concerned that the height of water in one of the monitoring wells was a few inches higher than the bottom of the city’s lagoons; however, Bauer pointed out that the monitoring well also was 85 feet from the pond and that the water level naturally would be different that far away from the pond.

He added that few states still require the seepage testing, and that Oregon actually tests water samples to check for contaminants rather than merely analyzing the depth in the wells.

Bauer said the ponds aren’t leaking, which means the aquifer and Snake River are free from any related pollutants.

Strata Engineering drilled new monitoring wells closer to the lagoons to get new data for DEQ. Once DEQ accepts the data, the study will be complete, Bauer said.

By the time the study is wrapped up, the city will have spent about \$6,600, including \$5,600 for the contract work by Strata.

— JPB

Grand View Lions auction preparation under way in earnest

Fundraiser is second event of its kind during a busy month

The season of auctions in Owyhee County continues next week with the annual Grand View Lions Club Auction.

The auction and luncheon is set for Feb. 9 inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium. The school is located at 205 First St., in Grand View.

The Lions Club will hold its annual raffle, too, with a 12-gauge shotgun and a barbecue grill as prizes.

Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 will get six entries. Tickets are available from any Grand View Lions Club member and at Square Deal and Gus’s Gas.

The menu for the Feb. 9 lunch will include chili dogs and sloppy joes available for \$1.50 each, chili for \$1.25, hot dogs for \$1, pop and water for 50 cents and homemade pie for \$1.50.

Baker Auctioneers will provide the auction services beginning at 1 p.m.

Items include livestock, hay and straw, furniture, household products, petroleum products, cakes and pies and miscellaneous items.

The raffle, auction and lunch serves as the Lions Club’s primary fundraiser, and proceeds will help the service organization perform several projects, including:

- Books for the libraries at Grand View and Bruneau Elementary schools
- Scholarships for graduating seniors at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School
- Sponsoring Little League basketball and baseball in both communities
- Providing eyeglasses for children and adults in need
- Helping out local 4-H clubs
- Helping fund a new patio for the American Legion Post 134 hall in Grand View
- Continued support for the construction of a pedestrian bridge in Grand View

The Grand View Lions Club auction is the second of three February auctions held in Owyhee County.

The Marsing Disaster Auction takes place Saturday, and the Bruneau Boosters Club will hold its annual auction on Feb. 23 at the American Legion Post 83 hall.



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East Lizard Butte Water Corp. works to keep wells going

A subdivision off Symms Road in the Lizard Butte area east of Marsing formed its own water corporation in the 1970s to guarantee all residents had safe drinking water. The East Lizard Butte Water Corp. is still active and is in the process of securing a grant to build another well.

“They have very high nitrates and some other quality issues,” Keri Hill of Mountain Waterworks of Boise said.

Mountain Waterworks is the engineering company that is helping the subdivision drill a new well.

Ken Litz, board president of the East Lizard Butte Water Corp., confirmed the subdivision has had problems with its water over the years.

“Everyone in their private wells had arsenic and everything else in our water. The last new well we dug deep enough two years ago, and we have real good drinking water now. The State of Idaho even says so,” Litz said.

The State of Idaho also says the subdivision needs one more well.

“They actually lost one of their wells and have only one well. The Department of Environmental Quality requires them to have two wells, at least one more for redundancy in case one goes out,” Hill said.

“The law says we have to have a backup well; these people can’t go without water,” Litz said.

He explained the presence of iron bacteria discovered during a routine water test late last year caused one well to be shut down, and sand caused the closure of a backup well.

“I guess there was a tremor we had up in this area. We didn’t know anything about it, but it was just enough that we started to get a lot of sand in the backup well,” Litz said. “It’s real super fine sand, kind of almost like powder. Well drillers came out and they did what they called ‘flushing,’ and all the sand wasn’t coming out. They said we had to dig deeper or dig a whole new well.”

Approximately 52 people de-

pend on the subdivision’s wells for water.

The East Lizard Butte Water Corp. is seeking a grant from USDA-Rural Development to help fund construction of the new well.

Litz said he is unsure of the full amount the subdivision will need to build the well, or how much the grant will be for.

“We’re still dickering with the grant people,” he said.

All he could confirm was that the cost of boring into the ground for a new water source is substantial.

“To drill a new well, besides just going out and digging it, you have to have engineers that come out, and they’re not cheap. And then you have permits from the state, and they’re not cheap — it’s not cheap to have a well drilled,” Litz said. “By the time it gets done, it’s way up there in the thousands.”

He said the East Lizard Butte Water Corp. has some money in a savings account, but added, “it’s not that much.”

There are no paved roads in the subdivision, just dirt and gravel.

“It’s not a community where everyone gets together, but we have a general meeting over in the park in Marsing once a year in June,” Litz said.

The subdivision has its own well operators: one active operator and one in training. They live in the subdivision and are certified and licensed by the state.

The DEQ comes out and checks on the water quality at the subdivision every five years, according to drinking water analyst Steve Stauffer of the Boise Regional Office of the DEQ.

“As far as the DEQ’s involvement with the East Lizard Butte Water Corp., all we do is make sure they’re in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, a federal act,” Stauffer said.

Stauffer last checked the well on June 10, 2010 and said East Lizard Butte Water Corp. was found to be in compliance with the act at that time.

—GB



Ken Litz, board president of the East Lizard Butte Water Corp., stands near a well in the East Lizard Butte Subdivision where he lives. Beneath the well is a pipe that goes into a wellhouse nearby.



Oregon officials honor Adrian's Christmas spirit

Nichole Orosco (with bouquet), whose Senior Project helped 33 foster children at Christmas, receives flowers and a certificate of appreciation from Oregon Department of Human Services reps, including (from left) Lou Schneider, Don Cain, Rayna Patterson and Janelle Bennett. Cain also presented Student Body President Kurtis Nielson with a plaque recognizing the community's efforts. AHS Photography

July labor camp incident set for trial

A Marsing man faces a jury trial on charges that he chased another man with a beer container before punching him.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Moe, who is no longer with the agency, cited Guadalupe Ramirez-Espeo for misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor battery.

Ramirez-Espeo's jury trial on two counts of assault and one count of battery begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday before Third District Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober inside the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. The trial originally was scheduled for Nov. 16, but Grober granted a continuance on Nov. 12.

According to court records, Ramirez-Espeo, whose birth year is listed as 1984, allegedly fled from the Marsing Labor Camp after the incident on Fourth of July night.

According to the probable cause statement, a woman translating for all the non-English-speaking witnesses told Moe that Ramirez-Espeo chased a man then threw an aluminum can at him. Once Ramirez-Espeo caught up with the alleged victim, he hit him in the head about four times.

Moe tracked down Ramirez-Espeo about 90 minutes after the reported incident and issued citations.

Story Time delves into animal behind Groundhog Day

With Groundhog Day approaching Saturday, the Homedale Public Library’s Story Time will take up a story about the seasonal prognosticator.

“Go To Sleep, Groundhog!” by Judy Cox will be read at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Cox’s story details what happens when Groundhog settles in for his hibernation in October

— but then can’t go to sleep.

He decides to get up and is greeted by new sights in fall and winter that he usually doesn’t see.

There will be crafts, songs

and snacks during the event for preschoolers.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228 in the afternoons Monday through Saturday.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Jan. 30: Oven fried chicken, baked beans, veggie cup, mandarin oranges
- Jan. 31: Beef taco, fruit, fruit rollup
- Feb. 1: Pizza dippers, baby carrots, tropical fruit
- Feb. 4: Wiener wrap, potato wedges, peaches
- Feb. 5: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, grape tomatoes, banana
- Feb. 6: Burrito, Spanish rice, corn , pears
- Feb. 7: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, roll, pineapple

Homedale Middle

- Jan. 30: Toasted cheese sandwich or rib-b-que w/string cheese, corn, fruit
- Jan. 31: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, mandarin oranges, cinnamon roll
- Feb. 1: Pizza hot pocket or corn dog, tossed salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit
- Feb. 4: Sloppy Joe or grilled chicken sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, pears
- Feb. 5: Chicken & noodles or popcorn chicken, baby carrots, grape tomatoes, mixed fruit, goldfish crackers
- Feb. 6: Mini corn dogs or ham/cheese hot pocket, green beans, tossed salad, apple
- Feb. 7: Crispito or PB&J, taco salad, celery sticks, peaches

Homedale High

- Jan. 30: Enchilada or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 31: Hamburger, cheeseburger or chicken patty, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 1: Chicken or fish tacos, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 4: Pepperoni pizza, roast beef or French dip sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 5: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 6: Spaghetti w/French bread or corn dog, cheese stick, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 7: Hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Jan. 30: Orange chicken & rice, ham/cheese sandwich w/potato chips, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12
- Jan. 31: Spaghetti & breadstick or beef nuggets, green beans, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 4: Stuffed crust pizza, baked potato, roll, tossed salad, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 5: Cheesy chicken noodle or fish sandwich, mixed vegetables, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 6: Spicy chicken & rice or burritos, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 7: Rib-b-que or macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetable, cherry crisp, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

- Jan. 30: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit
- Jan. 31: Taco soup, romaine & tomato salad, pears, cornbread
- Feb. 1: Cheeseburger salad wrap, potato wedges, applesauce
- Feb. 5: Baked potato bar, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fruit
- Feb. 6: Sweet & sour chicken, fried rice, stir fry veggies, fruit

COSSA

- Jan. 30: Chicken fried steak, mashed potato, country gravy, bread, peaches
- Jan. 31: Ham & cheesy potatoes, steamed broccoli, bread, grapes.
- Feb. 1: Pizza, salad w/tomato, corn, pineapple
- Feb. 4: Chicken nachos, tomato, lettuce, refried beans, mandarin oranges
- Feb. 5: Beef stroganoff w/potato, bread, pears
- Feb. 6: Chicken wrap w/lettuce, cheese, tomato, potato salad, apple & oranges

Obituaries

Joseph J. Dienes Jr.



Joseph J. Dienes Jr., of Sun City West, Arizona and part-time resident of Homedale, Idaho passed away peacefully on January 20, 2013. Joseph was born on February 2, 1936, in Trenton, New Jersey.

He is survived by his wife, the love of his life, Janet Dienes of 33 years, and 10 children, Joesph Dienes III (Lisa), John Dienes, Jimmy Dienes, Jerry Dienes (Anita), Dennis Sanderson (Carrie), Daniel Sanderson, Deborah Sanderson, NolaRae Cantrell, Darryl Sanderson (Dina), Donna Lowder (Tony),

19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Joe retired from the Air Force after 26 years of service. Joe lived life to the fullest. He was a member of the Owyhee County Historical Society in Murphy, Idaho. He enjoyed exploring the state of Idaho and learning the history of the state. He was an avid member of the Sun City West metal club in Arizona.

Joe will be deeply missed by his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude’s Hospital in his name.

Milford Eugene Phelps



Milford Eugene Phelps passed away at home Monday evening January 21, 2013 attended by his wife, Ella Mae, and daughter, Cherrie Barrow.

Milford was born on July 1, 1929, in Weldona, Colorado. His family traveled to Idaho in 1936, and settled in the Parma area. He graduated from Parma High School in 1948. Following high school, Milford joined the Navy. Because of his previous welding experience, the Navy sent him to welding school. He was then stationed on the USS Ajax, a repair ship, near Japan during the Korean War where he earned a meritorious award for his work.

Returning from the war, he pursued farming near Homedale, Idaho where he and his wife, Donna Ethington Phelps, raised their family. The many improvements he made on his 160-acre farm over the years were an expression of his faithful stewardship and love of farming. He was a master welder and for many years, Milford worked concurrently in Caldwell as a welder at Bennett’s Machine Shop. Retiring from farming in 1988, he and Donna established an assisted living home for the elderly in Provo, Utah, where he resided until 1995. The patient

and loving care he provided for the elderly in their final years expresses his compassionate nature toward others. He was a hard-working man who also served in the LDS Church as Elders Quorum President, Ward Financial Clerk, and as Executive Secretary among other callings.

Milford is survived by his wife of 13 years, Ella Mae Trussell Phelps of Nampa, and his children Randel Phelps (Lynn) of Homedale, Idaho; Cherrie Barrow (Mark), Denise Payne (Darwin), Denae McNeil (David), and Robert Phelps all residing in Utah; and their families, which

include 18 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. He also leaves a brother, Ivan Phelps, and twin sister, Mildred Farnsworth, as well as his extended family including Ella’s children and grandchildren.

Milford was preceded in death by his parents James LeeRoy and Gladys Berniece Phelps of Roswell, Idaho, and James LeRoy Phelps of Ontario, Oregon.

Milford and Ella took pleasure in the twilight years of their life together traveling most highways in the Western States and enjoying their leisure time together wherever the road took them, particularly the Oregon coast. Ella will dearly miss her loving companion and the care he has shown her.

A viewing for Milford was held Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. in the Relief Society Room at the Church. Funeral services for family and friends was held at 2:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Nampa 24th Ward, 88 South Happy Valley Road, Nampa.

To share a memory of Milford or to offer condolences to Milford’s family please visit www.alsipfuneralchapel.com

Death notices

VERN E. DAVIS, 82, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013 at a Caldwell hospital. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. 337-3252

ERIC SCOTT DOWDLE, 48, of Marsing, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013 in Boise. A viewing was held from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28, 2013, at Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa. Funeral services immediately followed at Zeyer, and interment took

place at the Parma Cemetery.

FERNANDO M. DURAN, 73, of Homedale, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at a Boise hospital. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. 337-3252

LYNDA KATY TRACY, 57, of Marsing, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at home. Services are through Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City. 853-3131

Calendar

Today

Bruneau Valley Library preschool
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

Thursday

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday

Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Thursday, Feb. 7

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday, Feb. 8

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday, Feb. 9

Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

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

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

Homedale Boosters all-sports crab fee
6 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$40, raffle and silent auction, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 337-4613 or cgrove@homedaleschools.org

Marsing Lions bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird; 7 p.m., regular game, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Sunday, Feb. 10

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

Monday, Feb. 11

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

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

Homedale Fire District commissioners meeting
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 12

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

Eastern Owyhee Library Board meeting
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

American Legion Post 128 meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Homedale Friends of the Library meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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


Wednesday, Feb. 13

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

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley IV



**Wagon Master,
150th anniversary
of the Applegate Trail**

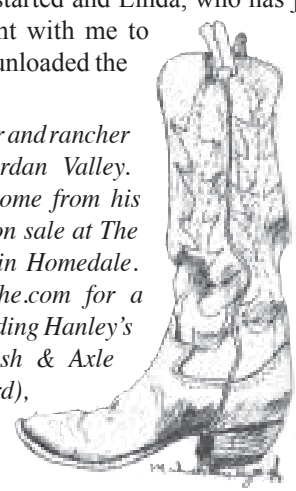
The beginning
30 August to 3 October 1996

Three years pass faster than we realize when so much is going on. Since Don Rowlett and Carney Pope talked me into being Wagon Master on the upcoming 1996 Sesquicentennial of the Applegate Trail, all of us had taken on more responsibilities. In 1993, we participated in Jim Dwyer’s Train, and thought it a good idea to repeat it, honoring the Southern Route of Oregon on its 150th anniversary. The observation would be in two parts: the eastern segment from Winnemucca to the Box R Ranch between Klamath Falls and Ashland, Oregon, and the western from the Box R to Rickreall near Salem, Oregon.

Carney, a businessman from Klamath Falls, has ancestors who passed over the trail, and I a great grandfather who used it as a stock driveway for trailing his mules from southern Oregon to Utah. Don, likewise, is an avid history fan, with ranches and a museum straddling the Applegate Trail. While Don and Carney planned the eastern segment, in which we would participate, I worked on an army escort wagon for the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) to use, a spring wagon for my wife Linda, and the company’s chuck wagon. The chuck wagon was formerly the centerpiece of the Cowboys Then and Now Museum in Portland, Oregon.

On the afternoon of 30 August, I left our ranch in Jordan Valley, Oregon for Winnemucca, Nevada with our stock truck loaded with six horses and pulling a trailer carrying the spring wagon. The truck vapor-locked four times, the last being in downtown Winnemucca. I’m not superstitious, but the good Lord must have been watching over me, for the truck quit 100 feet short of the first gas station, and I coasted in. Two young men were gassing up, and I told them that they wouldn’t believe what happened. I had driven 178 miles, broken down, and coasted in. One said, “Man, we’ve been to Vegas and Reno, and I wonder what the odds are on that.” The mechanic looked at the truck and told me if I’d bring it in early next morning, he would repair the problem, which was the fuel pump. After sitting a few minutes, the truck started and Linda, who has just arrived with our car, went with me to the fairground, where we unloaded the wagon and horses.

— Local historian, author and rancher
Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley.
Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale.
Visit www.owyheeeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley’s Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Stanford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.



Read all about it
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337-4681

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@owyheeeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Irrigation boards to meet in Homedale twice next week

Monthly board meetings, annual water users meeting slated

The three boards of directors that comprise the South Board of Control will hold their February meetings Tuesday.
The Ridgeview Irrigation District board meets at 1 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District directors gather at 1:15 p.m.
The South Board of Control, which is comprised of all Gem directors and a Ridgeview representative, meets at 1:30 p.m.

All three meetings take place in the downstairs boardroom at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.
Next Wednesday, all three boards of directors will hold its

annual public meeting for all of the area's water users. The meeting takes place at 1:30 p.m. at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
Call 337-3760 for information.

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New Western Alliance director seeks to redefine group

Tina Wilson started her job as the new executive director of the Western Alliance for Economic Development last month. When she was introduced Dec. 10 to the Board of County Commissioners, she said she'd like to take the WAED to the next level.

"What I envision is being able to dedicate myself full time to helping businesses," Wilson said.

She described her job as threefold: retention, expansion and relocation.

"Whether it be opening in more locations or enlarging their markets by exporting, then I would hopefully have the tools to help businesses reach their goals," Wilson said. "If there are businesses interested in relocating to the area, then I can guide them with permitting, financing and location."

The Western Alliance for Economic Development is a Canyon County-Owyhee County partnership. Wilson brings to the organization experience working for Boundary County Hospital in North Idaho as a community relations specialist and grant writer.

"It was a 'feet on the ground' experience promoting North Idaho on a local, regional and statewide level," she said.

Since accepting the position as executive director of the WAED and relocating to southwestern Idaho — she currently lives in Star — she's kept busy meeting people, and studying.

"I spent the last month gathering knowledge on state and federal programs, learning what the local communities are all about, and trying to meet with business owners, elected officials and chambers of commerce," she said.

She has met with the Parma City Council and the mayors in Middleton and Greenleaf. She plans to meet with other councils and mayors, but may find a couple of them intractable in their decision not to participate in the WAED.

Two such communities are Marsing and Grand View, both of which dropped their membership in WAED last year. Owyhee County and Homedale continue their affiliation.

"We are trying to be very smart with our resources, wanting to make sure we see a benefit from every expenditure. We had not seen that the city benefited at all from membership in the Alliance," Grand View Mayor Tammy Payne said. "We found other organizations such as the Association of Idaho Cities more

beneficial to the community.

"We got a bigger bang for the buck with them."

Wilson said she has tried to contact Payne by email and telephone but hasn't gotten a response.

Wilson's view is that the Alliance works for a city and its businesspeople regardless of whether or not the city is an official member.

"The Alliance operates with state dollars, county dollars and city dollars. I have a responsibility — whether a city pays its dues or not — to serve it," she said. "If a business comes and says, 'I want to relocate to Grand View or Marsing,' I'm not going to say, 'No, you can't.'"

Marsing Mayor Keith Green said he can see "great value" in the Western Alliance. However, not everyone in the community shares his perception.

"The biggest issue I have with the Western Alliance — and I'm not trying to be brutal, because I do see economic and business value from them — is I cannot



Tina Wilson

keep anybody interested in going to the meetings," Green said. "It seems to be a constant circle of 'What is our mission? What are we doing?'"

Wilson said many of these things happened on someone else's watch, before she became the executive director. She is the third director, after founding chief Mike Pollard and her immediate predecessor, Lori Church.

Green is open to meeting with Wilson, who has asked to address the Marsing City Council when it convenes in February.

"If I can say Tina has a real opportunity to bring business to town, then I'm going to endorse her," Green said.

However, he said, it's up to the council to decide whether or not Marsing will rejoin the Alliance.

Not all communities hold an adverse view of the WAED. Homedale is a member, and Mayor Paul Fink intends to keep it that way.

"It's an opportunity for us to give our information out to people that's wanting to come to Homedale," Fink said. "They also help people that's already here to try to increase their business, and I think it's really a benefit to us."

Homedale's business liaison is Jonathan Demcak of Droplet Irrigation.

Kelly Aberasturi, District 2 county commissioner and Owyhee County representative to the Alliance, feels participation in WAED is largely about helping businesses thrive.

"We're trying to ensure that we have something to offer, to enhance the businesses we have and hopefully bring in some new businesses so we can keep our people working here and they don't have to travel so far," he said.

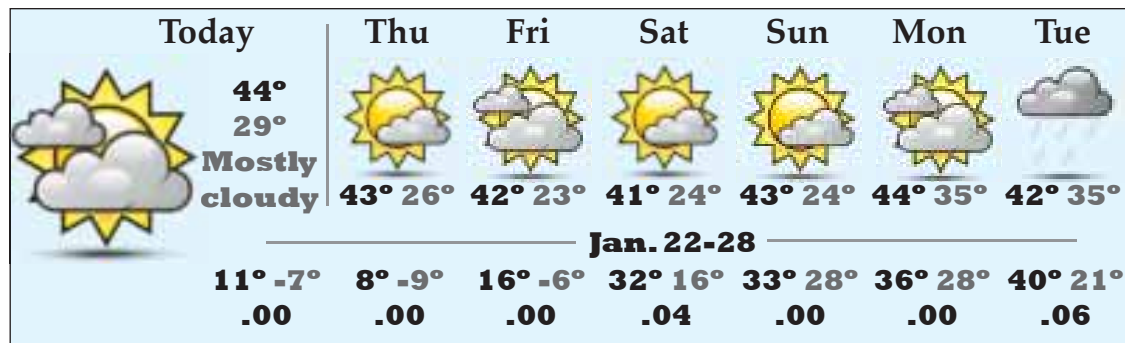
Wilson said one of the organizational shifts she is working on is attracting more and more businesses to join WAED separately.

"Businesses alone can be part of the organization. There will be city involvement, but we'll start placing emphasis on our business and corporate partners," she said.

A WAED board meeting was held Tuesday at Greenleaf City Hall. The board planned to set the meeting agenda for the year at that time and to publish the schedule in a future edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

In the meantime, anyone interested in getting more information about the WAED and the direction it's heading may contact Wilson at (208) 615-6083 or tina@westernallianceed.org.

—GB



New artist poised for Marsing library's monthly exhibit

Friends group announces March Jury Day

As February's featured artist is announced, the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library has put out a call for more submissions for the Juried Wall Art Exhibit in Marsing.

The work of photographer Dan Pease will be featured in February at the library, which is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W.

The library opens at noon Monday through Friday, closing at 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. The library also opens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

It's closed on Sunday.

Pease picked up his interest in cameras as a pre-teen growing up in Weed, Calif., at the foot of Mount Shasta. Several vacations were spent in the mountains.

"My parents had an 8mm movie

camera that they used for documenting birthdays, holidays and vacations," he said. "It wasn't long before I talked my way into getting to use that camera, though Dad was not always happy with how much film I used taking pictures of sunsets."

Pease also used 35mm film cameras after borrowing one from his father-in-law. He has gone digital, like the rest of the photography industry, and uses a Nikon D90 these days.

"Taking pictures gives me another way of looking at the world," he said.

"We can all go to beautiful and interesting places, but having a camera can help us look at smaller pieces of that world and enjoy that, too."

Pease moved to Idaho in 1965 to attend The College of Idaho in Caldwell. He also had a four-year stint in the Navy.

For the past 30 years, Pease has worked as a professional farrier.

His family lives in Marsing, including his daughter Heidi

Kendall, her husband Barry and their grandchildren, Grayson and Audra.

Pease is the latest artist selected in the jury process, and artists can submit their work for judging between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 2.

Artists are asked to bring three pieces of original artwork to the community room at the library. The artists can pick up their submissions between noon and 1 p.m. on Jury Day.

Selected artists will be notified by mail within two weeks.

There's no fee to enter artwork on Jury Day, and selected artists will have the chance to exclusively display and sell their art for one month at the library.

There's no fee to exhibit the art, either, but Friends of the Library asks that 10 percent of any sale proceeds be donated to help fund library projects and programs.

For more information about Jury Day, contact Dottie Christensen at dfchris2@gmail.com or 455-2550.

HHS Drama Club production ready to go

Showtimes scheduled for Saturday, Monday

Drama fans are asked to bundle up and show up for the Homedale High School Drama Club's production of the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf.

The club will perform Joseph Robinette's play on Saturday and Monday inside the HHS auxiliary gymnasium.

Seating begins at 7 p.m. both nights with a 7:15 p.m. showtime.

Drama club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said every effort will be made to warm up the gymnasium for which there is no heat at the moment. She suggests audience members come prepared with blankets, coats, gloves and hats.

"Pretend it's a late-season football game, and you'll be cozy in your winter wear," Thatcher said. "We are going to make every effort to heat the room before showtime, but we encourage our viewers to be prepared in case this

cold spell is still hanging on."

The cast includes:

- Pigs — Shyanne Kelly, Shenise Williams and Isabelle Fogg
- Wolf — Nadine Wright
- Town Crier — Corby Schamber
- Newscaster — Megan Aman
- Reporter — Jordan Stuart
- Judge — Randy Vance
- Clerk — Adam Tayler
- Jack Sprat — Jake Murray
- Mrs. Sprat — Nicole Keller
- Jack — Steven Hunt
- Jill — Juliana Hart
- Red Riding Hood — Edmy Vega
- Miss Muffet — J. Bill
- Mistress Mary — Paige Pippen
- Old King Cole — Rusty Vance
- Humpty Dumpty — Sierra Bowman
- Tom Tom — Jason Buenostro
- Little Bo Peep — Bri Harvey
- Cinderella — Mackenzie McMichael
- Story Teller (Arnis) — Cameron McMichael

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BOCC, Grant continue OCSO rebuild

Even as Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant continued reshaping his office last week, he was reminded of the work that remains.

During a Jan. 22 meeting in Murphy, Grant told the Board of County Commissioners that US Ecology Idaho had awarded a \$100 grant for OCSO's K9 program.

After discussion about an account outside of county funds, the commissioners instructed Grant to place the money in an existing account at D&B Supply.

That account, which Grant said has between \$1,500 and \$2,000 in it, was seeded with citizen's donations during Daryl Crandall's administration.

The money is used to buy dog food and medical supplies for

OCSO's three dogs.

"It's a little awkward for audit purposes," county Treasurer Brenda Richards said.

Grant said that the sheriff's office recently received a third K9 — what he called a "cadaver dog" — to go with the drug dog partnered with Deputy Karl Kingston and another dog partnered with Idaho Power CJ Strike Reservoir Deputy Rick Wiley.

Although, by definition, cadaver dogs are trained to find human remains, Grant said the animal would be used to enhance the county's search and rescue operation.

Grant also received permission to proceed with a plan to move a dispatch station Crandall created in the breakroom at OCSO's Murphy headquarters back into the dispatch pod in the jail.

New dispatch supervisor Christine Ballard is overseeing the transfer of the station, and Grant told the commissioners that the move would cost \$1,500 or less.

County commissioners also completed their quarterly inspection of the jail.

The report reveals that the jail still is out of compliance with the standard calling for two detention officers on duty at all times.

Grant already has begun a program to remedy the situation, however.

Later this year, the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program is expected to adopt the jail standards — which were developed by the Idaho Sheriff's Association — as a requirement for liability insurance.

— JPB

Man sentenced after guilty plea to DUI

A Homedale man will be allowed into a work release program after his guilty plea to driving under the influence.

Martin Vega Diaz, who was born in 1966, faced four misdemeanors after Homedale Police Officer Andrew Arnold arrested him in September.

He entered a guilty plea to DUI-second offense and driving without privileges during a Jan. 16 appearance in the Homedale courtroom of Magistrate Dan C. Grober.

Grober sentenced Vega Diaz to six months in jail then suspended all but 20 days of the term. Vega Diaz was credited with

one day he had already spent in Owyhee County Jail then given the opportunity to serve the remainder of his sentence on work release in either Owyhee County or Canyon County.

He must report to jail by 6 p.m. today.

Grober also imposed a yearlong driver's license suspension and placed Vega Diaz on two years' probation.

Vega Diaz was ordered to pay fines and court fees of \$850.

Prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer dropped an open container misdemeanor and a misdemeanor charge of possessing a mutilated, altered or revoked driver's license.

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✓ Hoagland: County commissioner has long history of service in industry

has its roots in the influence of those who have served before Hoagland.

People like his father, Roy, and other men who served on the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service board in the 1960s such as Ray Mansisor, Alan George and Gene Davis.

"It was huge for my dad to participate and meet all the different people and understand all the operations and create long-term friendships," Jerry Hoagland said.

While his father served on the ASCS board, which was the precursor to today's soil conservation districts, the younger Hoagland has completely immersed himself in service for conservation of various species and, in turn, his industry.

But Hoagland is the first person to acknowledge that it's his family — nephew Brad Huff, sister Rhonda Huff and mother Marjorie — that enables him to spread himself seemingly so thin on various boards and with other conservation programs.

"It totally depends on my family to help keep the place a-going," Hoagland said. "And my philosophy is, 'Keep it simple.'"

"It's easy work. We try to set up the operation so it is a one- or two-man operation. Then there are times that I just have to forego meetings to take care of home business."

His absences have been few, however, as he juggles:

- Participation on the Board of County Commissioners

- More than 30 years as a board member for the Reynolds Creek Irrigation District

- Secretary for the Reynolds Creek Water District, which grew out of adjudication of the Upper and Lower Reynolds Creek watersheds

- Sage-grouse conservation efforts (including representing the county on the governor's task force,



Wilson rancher Jerry Hoagland, left, accepts the Owyhee Conservation District's Conservationist of the Year Award from board member Rick Smith at Wednesday's banquet in Marsing.

involvement with the Owyhee Sage-Grouse Local Working Group and participation in the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Sage-Grouse Initiative to enhance the bird's habitat and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sage-grouse in the Schools program to teach area high school students about the importance of the species and its surroundings)

"Jerry's been a tireless advocate and recognized leader for wildlife habitat conservation," Boise-based USFWS biologist Jason Pyron said. "He's volunteered countless hours on sage-grouse conservation. The Service also appreciates his dedication to on-the-ground work with our high school 'Sage-Grouse in the Schools' trips."

"Idaho is fortunate to have Jerry Hoagland leading our communities."

- Conservation efforts for the Columbia Spotted Frog on his Reynolds Creek property, including digging ponds that has created habitat and apparently contributed to a boost in the species population

The biggest take-away from the frog effort, though, is making Fish and Wildlife understand that cattle and the frogs can co-exist, Hoagland said, and that cows actually can contribute to the vitality of the species because manure draws to the ponds flies, which the frogs ingest for nutrition and survival.

- Years on the committees for the county's three cooperative weed management areas (Northwest Owyhee, Eastern Owyhee and Jordan Valley)

- Serving on the Owyhee Watershed Council executive committee

- Participating with the Mid Snake River/Succor Creek Watershed Advisory Group

"He's one of those guys that I think is always trying to improve what he's got and improve his resources," University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen said. "He's been great to work with."

"He really tries to be a good steward of the resources he has."

Hoagland has given up some assignments over the years, too. He was an original member of



Jerry Hoagland discusses Columbia Spotted Frog conservation efforts with a guest to his property near one of the ponds he has dug to improve the species habitat. Submitted photo

the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee and also served six years on the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board of directors, including one year as president.

"That was really rewarding," he said. "I was very fortunate to be with those people."

Hoagland was on the board during the time of what he calls the "Dream Team," which included board members such as Tim Lowry, Frank Bachman and Vern Kershner. Additionally, Chad Gibson was secretary and Fred Kelly Grant was a strong ally during Hoagland's time on the board.

Hoagland's penchant for hyper-activism was perhaps born during his time on the OCA board a quarter-century ago. He said his drive to be involved

was sparked when water rights attorney William F. Schroeder served as guest speaker at one of the Cattlemen's meetings.

"He said, 'Times are different for agriculture, and you're going to have to spend more non-paying time to protect your industry.' He said 15 percent at that time, and it has grown to more," Hoagland said.

"I kind of took that to heart."

And Hoagland's respect for those who came before him keeps him going today.

"They're all getting up there in years," he said. "I don't know how to encourage the younger ones. It seems like it takes a drastic issue to bring everybody together, and I think we're coming to that point again with the (Bureau of Land Management) permit renewals."

— JPB

52nd annual Marsing Disaster Auction

Generations team up to carry on auction’s legacy

Offering a helping hand has become family tradition for some

There are only a handful of people left from the inaugural days of the Marsing Disaster Auction more than a half-century ago. The names that have been involved in producing the auction each year reads like a who’s-who of the tiny community: Usabel, Symms, Bowman, Williamson and Robison, just to name a few of the families still making an impact. Other names, such as founding organizer Dave Haken and Raymond Taylor, also are brought up in conversation when men who worked the auction in the early days, such as Roman Usabel and Dick Symms, gather to talk about the event’s history. “We used to have a good time going down and bidding against each other,” Symms said. “It was kind of a sport; I’d bid (1980 co-chair) Jerry Bowman up on his onions, and he’d bid me up on my apples.” Then there was Loch Jacobs, a man who made his fortune in

Alaska before moving to the Riverside community to raise racehorses. “Loch had more money than all the community of Marsing put together,” Symms said. “He used to be fun to bid against; if he decided he wanted something, he didn’t care how high he went.” In the early 1970s, a couple years after serving as auction chair, Symms found himself in a bidding war with a then-unknown Jacobs — over a “regular garden rake.” “Bill Lodge and I were standing in the back and wondered, ‘How far will that guy go?’ And I think we bid \$500,” Symms said. After the auction, Lodge and Symms caught up with Jacobs, who had staked out a spot in the front row for the auction. “I asked Loch how far he would have gone, and he said, ‘It’s not that I needed the rake. I just wanted to see who the heck would bid that much on the thing,’ ”

Symms said. Bags of popped popcorn donated by the Crookham Seed Co., used to fetch \$25 to \$30 each. The family-owned business has a long history with the Marsing auction. “The pass-down factor is great from father to son and some people with new energy,” Bill Crookham of Caldwell said. “And then you have the competition of ‘Can you top this?’ ” Crookham marveled at the system of volunteers and what they are able to accomplish. “We have two magnificent systems in our valley, and one is Melba and one is Marsing, and I just can’t believe what they do,” he said. Symms said that although some outrageous bids have been honored over the years, it’s all for a great cause. “I think the main thing we’re all trying to do is help the community for the people to have some type of assistance and aid if they needed it,” he said. “And I think it has been used very judiciously.” Usabel continues to work closely with the auction. He served as

co-chair with fruit-grower Harvey Saxton in 1968 and headed up the auction again in 1969, 1986 and 2011 during the golden anniversary year. His son, Joe, was chair 20 years ago. Roman Usabel said the auction began in 1961 to help a family who had been burned out of their home. “They needed help, and Dave Haken and some of the old-timers decided, well, they should have an auction to help the family out,” Usabel said. Although the fund is available only to people living within the boundaries of the Marsing Fire District (on either side of the Snake River), folks come from all over the valley to take part in auction. The average annual take of the event and its raffle has increased eight-fold since \$10,000 was raised 40 years ago. “We’ve got more outsiders come down for it that aren’t in our fire district,” Usabel said. “People from Homedale come and people from Caldwell. “We have somebody’s relation that got help — they’ll come and

bid on things for other people.” Usabel said members of the Churruca family (Herb chaired in 1998 and Donna in 1999) routinely shipped grapefruits and oranges from Arizona for inclusion in the auction lots. Now that the organizational baton has been passed to the next generation with Sheila Tieggs, Bob Carter, James Ferdinand and others picking up the chores, a third generation has begun helping out. “The pass-down factor is great from father to son and some people with new energy,” Crookham said. “And then you have the competition of ‘Can you top this?’ ” Harlee Ferdinand, daughter of James and Jessica Ferdinand, bakes Basque bread that will be auctioned Saturday. Another youngster, Brian Purtell, will donate a dozen eggs per week for a year for another auction item. Tim Dines, the 2001 chairman, routinely helps out as a spotter during the auction and has been involved with the event since childhood. — JPB

Community groups, ambulance also benefit from event

The 52nd annual Marsing Disaster Auction and Sale begins at the traditional time of 10:13 a.m. Saturday. Event proceeds help replenish the town’s disaster relief fund, which is used to help folks who have been affected by fire or need assistance with funeral expenses, hospital bills or other large medical expenses.

Some money is used to fund operation of the Marsing Ambulance service. The disaster auction dispersal committee also donates some proceeds to the United Way and other service organizations. The auction will be held at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Concessions will be available as well. Organizers welcome the donation of pies, cakes and cookies on Saturday, too. In addition to hundreds of auction items expected to go on the block in the crowded hall, the numerous winners in the disaster fund’s two raffles also will be announced. Tickets are still available and also will

be sold the day of the auction. Tickets for the \$1 raffle can be purchased from Marsing School District fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders. Tickets in the \$10 raffle are available through local merchants as well as Disaster Auction committee members. **List of auction, raffle items, Page 24**

✓ Youngsters: Children give of themselves, donate for Saturday auction

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heritage, she is donating four loaves of Basque bread to the auction. “James and I are both on the auction committee, and we thought about ways that we could donate to the disaster auction,” Jess said. “One of the ideas was to have Harlee bake bread.” Harlee began baking Basque bread a year ago — and, yes, she tries to stay as close to tradition as possible. That means a Dutch oven and, in warmer seasons, a pit in the Ferdinands’ backyard. With the recent frigid conditions, though, Harlee will be utilizing a Dutch oven cooking table. The process will still take place outside, though. “It’s tough to stay out there,” Harlee said, but Mom assuredly states that her daughter won’t be out in the cold for the entire 70 minutes it takes to bake a loaf. Of course, the timetable depends on the outdoor temperature, too. Like Harlee, Brian Purtell hasn’t participated very long in the hobby from which his auction donation will come.



Harlee Ferdinand, the 8-year-old daughter of James and Jessica Ferdinand, will bake Basque bread to auction on Saturday. Submitted photo

The 12-year-old son of Tony and Moira Purtell has decided to auction a contract of a dozen freshly laid eggs each week for

a year. Although Brian has been involved with the auction as a volunteer in other capacities,



Brian Purtell, the 12-year-old son of Tony and Moira Purtell, will donate one dozen eggs per week for a year as an auction item. Submitted photo

this is the first year the Marsing Middle School seventh-grader has donated an auction lot. Tony said the chickens from

which Brian will harvest eggs were born last winter.

— JPB



FAMILY FOOD

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FAMILY FEATURES

Almost half of American adults say they need to change their diets so they can improve overall healthfulness, according to a 2012 survey by The NPD Group. But no matter how wholesome something is, if it doesn't taste good, no one will want to eat it.

To help make sure your family has a nutrition-minded diet that still delivers on taste, stock up on delicious but guiltless ingredients such as:

- **Colorful fruits and veggies** — Nutritious produce brings vitamins, minerals and fiber to the table. Keep snack-ready apples, bananas, grapes, pears, berries and oranges visible and within reach, so they're easy to grab when the kids get hungry. Look for ways to add veggies to dishes, like unique soup or sandwich recipes.
- **Whole grains** — Whole grains have more fiber, which is important for heart and digestive health. Look for whole grain sandwich breads, pitas, pastas and pizza crusts. Experiment with side dishes using whole grains, such as brown rice, quinoa or barley.
- **Herbs and spices** — Watching sodium intake is also important for heart health. In addition to using lower sodium ingredients, you can boost flavor with herbs and spices. Oregano, basil, garlic, cumin, chili powder, thyme and rosemary can be used to flavor soups, meats and fish, and can be mixed into a small amount of fat-free mayonnaise to dress up sandwiches.



Fortunately, it's easy to find recipes that have great tasting, wholesome ingredients. These recipes use Sara Lee Premium turkey, chicken and ham deli meats, which you can find behind the deli counter at your grocery store. These deli meats feature the American Heart Association (AHA) Heart-Check mark*, which means they have been certified to meet the AHA guidelines for heart-healthy food as part of an overall sensible eating pattern. They also do not contain added hormones, MSG, gluten, fillers or artificial flavors or colors and serve as a good source of protein.

To get more tasty recipes that feature these sliced-to-order deli meats and others, visit www.sarafeedeli.com.

*Please note that the Heart-Check Food Certification does not apply to research or recipes or information reached through links unless expressly stated. For more information, see the AHA nutrition guidelines at: heartcheckmark.org/guidelines.

Tuscan Turkey Sandwich

Yield: 1 sandwich

- 1 1/2 teaspoons fat free mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon prepared pesto
- 2 slices hearty white or buttermilk bread
- 2 to 3 slices Sara Lee Premium Lower Sodium Oven Roasted Turkey Breast
- 2 to 3 slices vine-ripened tomato
- Fresh basil leaves
- 1 slice Sara Lee Premium Provolone Cheese

Mix mayonnaise and pesto in a small bowl until light green. Spread pesto mayonnaise on one side of bread. Add turkey, tomato, basil and provolone. Top with second slice of bread.

Oven Roasted Chicken Barbecue Pizza with Pineapple

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 12-inch pre-baked whole grain thin pizza crust
- 2/3 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 cups grated Sara Lee Premium Baby Swiss Cheese
- 12 to 15 slices Sara Lee Premium Oven Roasted Chicken Breast, cut into strips
- 1 8.25-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 4 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Place pizza crust on cookie sheet. Brush a thin layer of barbecue sauce onto crust. Sprinkle half of Swiss cheese over barbecue sauce.

Layer pizza with chicken, pineapple, scallions and cilantro. Sprinkle remaining Swiss cheese on top.

Drizzle with remaining barbecue sauce, if desired. Sprinkle with pepper.

Bake pizza on middle rack of oven for 10 minutes.



Turkey Tortellini Soup

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- 6 cups low sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups water
- 1 package (9 ounces) fresh three cheese tortellini
- 2 cups Sara Lee Premium Lower Sodium Oven-Roasted Turkey Breast; diced
- 3/4-inch cubes
- 1 small head of escarole; cleaned and chopped
- 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese, plus more for serving
- Pepper

Bring chicken stock and water to a boil in a large stock-pot. Add tortellini and cook per package instructions.

Add turkey and escarole during last 2 minutes of cooking. Stir in Parmesan cheese. Season to taste with pepper.

Serve with extra Parmesan cheese and crusty Italian bread.

Kid Sushi

Yield: 1 to 2 servings

- 2 slices whole grain white bread
- 1 teaspoon low-fat ranch dressing
- 2 slices Sara Lee Premium Honey Ham
- 2 slices Sara Lee Premium Baby Swiss Cheese, cut into 2-inch by 1/4-inch strips
- 1 tablespoon shredded carrot
- 2 sweet baby pickles

Trim crust from bread. Place both pieces of bread side-by-side on a work surface, with one slice overlapping the other. Press bread slices where they overlap to fuse together. Spread bread with ranch dressing.

Layer bread with ham, Swiss, and carrots.

Place two pickles horizontally and end-to-end at bread edge closest to you. Roll bread from bottom up to make tight cigar-shaped roll.

Cut roll into sushi-sized pieces approximately one inch in length.

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Rimrock boys get
third consecutive win

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Homedale, Rimrock
girls head to districts

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Above: Homedale's Colton Grimm takes control of his 182-pound match against Baker's Steven Spence on Saturday. **Below:** Curtis Stansell battles a hold by Baker 170-pounder Peter Baker.

Trojans play perfect hosts at wrestling duals

HHS, La Grande
earn outstanding
team trophies

Six athletes rolled through a day of wrestling unbeaten as Homedale High School was named one of two outstanding teams at its own duals tournament Saturday.

The Trojans were perfect in five dual meets during the 16-team tournament, running their dual-meet record this season to 10-1.

La Grande, Ore., also finished the day with a 5-0 team record and shared with Homedale the title of the tournament's outstanding team.

Both schools received trophies, but tournament director Mark Boothby said no championship



was awarded because the event was not a true round-robin.

"What an impressive job done by our Homedale wrestling staff," HHS athletic director Matt Holtry wrote in an email to school staffers. "Parents, table help and kids from Homedale represented our school very well today."

"The tournament was run so smoothly thanks largely to the work and organization of Mark Boothby, the tournament

director, and head coach Toby Johnson.

"This 16-team tournament was one of the best I have been a part of and today I was extra proud to be part of the Homedale family."

Outstanding wrestler awards were doled out in each weight class.

Homedale's outstanding wrestlers included Nash Johnson

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Mustangs boys knock off Adrian

Jordan Valley High School put together offense and defense to win its boys' basketball game against rival Adrian on Friday.

Four Mustangs reached double figures in a 59-42 1A High Desert League victory on the Antelopes' floor.

"We played intense throughout the game," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "The defense did a heck of a job, and the offense played smart. There were not many turnovers."

Jordan Valley (15-1 overall, 5-1 1A HDL) rolled out to a 59-28 lead after three quarters and coasted to the victory despite

getting shut out over the final eight minutes.

While Jordan Valley connected on 22 of 52 shots (42.3 percent), including eight three-point goals, Adrian (13-5, 3-2) managed just 27.8 percent (15-for-54).

Jordan Valley held every Adrian scorer below 10 points, including Paxton Shira, who managed just nine points and eight rebounds. Tyler Reay broke through with 11 rebounds, and he and Danny Livas scored six points each.

The Mustangs' Ty Warn threw in four three-point goals and scored 16 points to lead all scorers. Teammate Blaine Moran

kicked in 13 points and nine rebounds, while Ben Telleria and Nate Elsner each hit a pair of three-point goals each and scored 10 points apiece.

The Mustangs remain one game behind Crane (6-0) in the East Division, while Adrian has fallen 2½ games off the pace.

Boys' JV game — The Antelopes beat the Mustangs (7-2), 46-43.

Girls' game — The Antelopes (12-6, 4-1) posted their fourth consecutive win, 48-34, sending the Mustangs (7-8, 4-2) to their second straight league loss.

No statistics were provided.

Stars align, Marsing girls win 3rd straight 2A WIC hoops crown

Huskies triumph,
Chargers falter
on final night

Marsing High School finds itself one win from the 2A state tournament in girls' basketball.

Everything fell into place last week, enabling the Huskies to win their third consecutive 2A Western Idaho Conference championship.

Marsing (12-8 overall, 10-2 in conference) crushed North Star Charter, 67-9, in the conference season finale for both teams on Thursday.

Meanwhile, New Plymouth upset Cole Valley Christian, 27-26, in Meridian, opening the door for the Huskies to leapfrog the Chargers into sole possession of first place.

Reigning 2A WIC Offensive Player of the Year Ashley Hull connected on 12 of 14 free throws and scored a game-high 30 points in Marsing's victory on Senior Night. Lacey Usabel added 11 points and nine assists.

Coach Tim Little's team had 32 chances from the foul line, converting 21. Marissa Hardy was 5-for-6 from the charity stripe to fuel her seven-point performance. Elena Miranda tossed in six points.

Hardy and Miranda collected seven rebounds apiece.

Thursday's chain of events landed Marsing the top seed and an opening-round bye in the 2A District III Tournament. The Huskies start the tournament at 6 p.m. Saturday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell in the semifinals

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Different mat, different Nash, but same glory

Daughter of former wrestling champ
takes gold at Seattle judo meet

Although she is associated with one of Homedale's most successful sports teams, individualism is in Gabby Nash's blood.

Perhaps that's one reason the daughter of a former state wrestling champion has excelled in the martial art of judo.

The 18-year-old Homedale High School senior won a championship Jan. 19 at the Continental Judo Crown in the Seattle area.

"All the other sports, I do it with a team, so having pressure to compete — win or lose — it's all on you," she said.

"It's good for building character. When you (win on your own), the victory is even better. It's definitely rewarding."

Nash stormed through her weight class last week, winning the International Judo Federation Junior Female 1994-1998 Division during the tournament, which was held at Highline Community College in the Seattle suburb of Des Moines.

The daughter of Ryan and Heidi Nash took down two Junior National champions, a Junior National runner-up and a Junior National tournament placer during her run through the 52-kilogram class.



Homedale's Gabby Nash, 18, shows off her championship medal in the Owyhee Judo Club's studio.

A blue belt at her dad's club, Owyhee County Judo in Homedale, Gabby Nash "ipped" her way through the tournament,

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Sports



Morgan Nash drives against the Fruitland defense Friday night.

Homedale girls lose final game before district tournament

No. 3 Trojans meet No. 2 Weiser in semifinals on Saturday

Three players in double figures couldn't help the Homedale High School girls' basketball team overcome its inability to deny Fruitland shots Friday. The Trojans couldn't repeat the magic from earlier this season and fell to the Grizzlies, 59-44, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game in Homedale. "Fruitland out-rebounded us by seven, but the majority of their rebounds came on the offensive end," first-year HHS coach Joe Betancourt said. "Giving them second, and on some occasions, third chances

really hurt us. They shot the ball well against us." Homedale (10-10 overall, 4-4 in conference) had ended a 17-game losing streak against Fruitland with a 65-58 victory in double overtime on Jan. 8. Friday's win couldn't save the Grizzlies from the play-in game for the 3A District III Tournament at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. Homedale earned the No. 3 seed and will play second-seeded Weiser in a 6 p.m. semifinal Saturday in Ontario. The Trojans beat the Wolverines,

49-46, at home on Dec. 18 but lost the second-half rematch, 55-40, in Weiser on Jan. 17. Parma, unbeaten through the regular season, will play the winner of Thursday's game between Fruitland and Payette in Saturday's 7:30 p.m. semifinal. Fruitland senior Ambrea Cuellar tallied 18 points to lead all scorers during Friday's Senior Night game in Homedale. Senior Abbie Pennecard added 13, and junior Abby Tesnohildek chipped 10. Three underclassmen reached double figures for Homedale, including junior Kaylee Rupp with a double-double of 10 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Morgan Nash and freshman Tory Lane both scored 12 points.

Rimrock girls draw Victory Charter for district opener

First-round game set for Bruneau on Thursday

Even though Rimrock High School's only loss of the girls' basketball conference season came to the regular-season champion, the Raiders will get a home postseason game Thursday. The Raiders wrapped up a 9-1 record in the 1A Western Idaho Conference with a 67-16 shellacking of Victory Charter in Nampa on Jan. 22.

Coach Mike Chandler's team's only conference setback was a 50-19 loss on Jan. 8 to Victory Charter's sister school, Liberty Charter. Liberty Charter finished 10-0 after thrashing Idaho City, 46-28, in Nampa on Friday, and enters the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament, which combines the larger schools from the 1A WIC and the 1A Long Pin, as a top seed. The eight-team double-elimination tournament begins at 7 p.m. Thursday with a round of games on the home floors of the higher seeds. Rimrock opens in

Bruneau against fellow 1A WIC team Victory Charter of Nampa. The Raiders closed the 1A WIC regular season with a 67-16 win over the Vipers in Nampa on Jan. 22. The second round of the tournament, including championship semifinals and the first elimination games, will be staged at the high seeds on Saturday. Another round of elimination games will be played Tuesday. The third-place game and championship game is scheduled for Parma next Wednesday. The Raiders' regular-season

finale, scheduled for Thursday on the road against Sho-Ban, was cancelled because of last week's winter weather. Jan. 22: Rimrock 67, Victory Charter 16 — Dominant starts to both halves helped the Raiders to a conference season-ending rout in Nampa. Kyla Jewett led the offense and the defense. The junior scored 17 points in three quarters. She also collected five steals and dished five assists. Bailey Bachman, a senior forward, sparked the Raiders'

22-3 run through the opening quarter by scoring six of her 10 points. She also logged 10 rebounds and four steals. Rimrock kicked off the third quarter on a 24-4 spurt as the Vipers managed just free throws from leading scorer Mackenzie Raptesh. She converted a couple of three-point plays in the first half but was limited to just 4-for-7 free-throw shooting in the second half to wrap up her 10-point night. Angeles Lino (nine points) and Kim Garcia (eight points) also pitched in for the Raiders.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Devin Fisher, wrestling, soph.

The Play — Fisher went undefeated to help the Trojans win the 16-team Homedale Duals Tournament on Saturday. The 126-pounder was one of six unbeaten wrestlers for HHS, which won all five of its dual meets and raised its season record in duals to 10-1.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Weiser, 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., time TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., opponent and time TBA

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 30, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference Tournament final, if nec., 15 minutes after frosh-soph final

Frosh-soph
Wednesday, Jan. 30, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference Tournament final, if nec., 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Feb. 1, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 4, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Feb. 1, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 4, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Friday, Feb. 1, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 4, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Thursday, Jan. 31, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 5, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing boys cling to second place after tough week

Huskies challenge defending state champs for 2½ quarters

JW Chadez’s worst fears were realized last Wednesday, but he was heartened by the way the Marsing High School boys’ basketball team rallied later in the week against the state’s top team.

“We had a tough week, losing both games. I was very disappointed with our energy level versus Nampa Christian, but I was glad to see we had it back versus Cole Valley,” the Huskies’ coach said.

Marsing’s sluggish effort last Wednesday resulted in a 39-34 2A Western Idaho Conference loss on the Trojans’ floor.

The Huskies maintain a tenuous half-game grip on second place despite also dropping a 70-47 decision to Cole Valley Christian in Marsing on Friday.

“Cole Valley proved why they are the No. 1-ranked team in the state and the defending state champs,” Chadez said.

Marsing (9-7 overall, 5-3 in conference) holds a half-game lead over Nampa Christian and North Star Charter heading into a week of road games today against Melba and Friday against McCall-Donnelly.

“We are still in sole possession of second

place in league, and we control our own destiny to try and secure a first-round bye in the district tourney,” Chadez said.

“We have to buckle down and get back to work and continue to improve every day. If we do that, then I like our chances.”

Friday: Cole Valley Christian 70, Marsing 47 — A breakdown in the Huskies’ passing game gave the Chargers the spark they needed to pull away in the second half.

“I was really happy with our intensity level. We came out with the fire that we preach and we were ready to play,” Chadez said.

Marsing hung with the Chargers during a back-and-forth first half, trailing by just five points, 30-25, at the break.

Cole Valley couldn’t completely shake Marsing until after the Huskies cut the advantage to three points midway through the third quarter.

The Chargers’ 6-foot-7 Nathan Jones fired what Chadez called a pair of “NBA-range” three-point goals to punctuate his 23-point, 11-rebound night.

Jason Galligan was limited to nine points and six rebounds for the Huskies. The 6-foot-5 senior did block four shots.

Josh Larsen led the way for Marsing with 11 points as the Huskies hit 17 of 40 field goals (42.5 percent) but struggled from the foul line (9-for-20, 45 percent).

Miguel Leon also scored nine points and dished six assists, while Jose Acuna scored all his points on a pair of three-pointers.

Trevor Thomas chipped in 18 points — including an off-balance trey at the third-quarter buzzer for a 13-point lead — and eight rebounds for Cole Valley (15-2, 9-0), and Riley Weidmeier posted 12 points.

Wednesday: Nampa Christian 39, Marsing 34 — The Huskies were able to battle back from a 10-point deficit in the first quarter, but couldn’t resolve intensity issues on the road.

Despite facing double-digit deficits, the Huskies battled back to within one point in both halves. Marsing missed crucial free throws and layups that would have given the Huskies the lead down the stretch, Chadez said.

“From our very first practice, I have stressed that we have to bring our best effort and give 100 percent if we want to be successful,” Chadez said.

“We aren’t big enough or talented enough to just show up and win games by going through the motions.”

When Marsing battled back to cut the deficit to a point in the second quarter, Nampa Christian uncorked a three-pointer to gain some breathing room at halftime.

The Trojans took advantage of Marsing’s lackluster start to the second half to build a 12-point lead.

“We did keep our heads up and battle back in the fourth quarter,” Chadez said. “We found a way to pick up our intensity on defense, and we got to within one with a minute left.”

Galligan posted a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead Marsing. Acuna hit two three-pointers en route to 12 points.

The Huskies were 13-for-55 (23 percent) from the floor and hit only half of their 12 foul shots.

Braden Brothers paced Nampa Christian with 12 points.

Grossmans place at N.P. Invite

Noah Grossman won his final match of the day Saturday, collecting Marsing High School’s only medal in the varsity portion of the New Plymouth Invitational.

Grossman beat Adres Rodriguez of Kuna, 6-3, to win the third-place match at 220 pounds. He had lost to Rodriguez, 4-3, in the opening round and battled back with a pin of Weiser’s Trey Hood in 4 minutes, 14 seconds.

Josh Sullivan (145) pinned Bishop Kelly’s Nick Heil in

2:25, and Dillon Danner beat Weiser’s Dustin Kistenmacher, 3-1, at 152.

In junior varsity action, Brett Grossman brought home silver when Homedale’s Tyson Furlott pinned him at the 2:42 mark of the 160-pound championship match.

Wednesday: McCall-Donnelly 45, Marsing 30 — Danner and Austin Williams grabbed victories at the 2A Western Idaho Conference pod tournament in

New Plymouth.

Danner pinned Weston Appa 28 seconds before the end of their 152-pound match.

At 160 pounds, Williams put Tyler Ratliff on his back 31 seconds into their match.

Jan. 16: Marsing 38, Vallivue 21 — Danner and Williams joined Armando Martinez (126), Josh Sullivan (145), Brad Labit (170) and Noah Grossman (220) as winners in the non-conference dual meet.

Homedale freestyle wrestlers continue rifle raffle fundraiser

The Homedale Freestyle Wrestling Team’s Gun Grab raffle, which started last season, continues.

Tickets are \$20 each, and the limit is five entries per person. Proceeds will help the wrestling club travel to tournaments.

Christensen said there is a limit of 150 tickets available for the raffle, and the top prize is either a Tikka Lite Stainless or a DPMS

AR Platform. The DPMS prize is subject to availability.

Al’s Pawn and Sports in Caldwell has assisted the club with the fundraiser.

For information, call Robert Christensen at (208) 890-2283.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week



Ashley Hull, sr., girls’ basketball

The Play — The senior showed why she’s the reigning 2A Western Idaho Conference Offensive Player of the Year, after 25 points per game as the Huskies closed the regular season with two wins for their third consecutive conference championship. The daughter of Angela Richardson and Cary Hull showed her versatility with a pair of three-point goals against New Plymouth, and she nailed 12 for 14 free throws in the season finale against North Star Charter.

Girls’ Basketball

Varsity

Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Melba or McCall-Donnelly, 2A District III Tournament, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 6 p.m.

If win Saturday: Thursday, Feb. 7 vs. TBA, 2A District III Tournament championship, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 7:45 p.m.

If lose Saturday: Tuesday, Feb. 5, home vs. TBA, 2A District III Tournament elimination game, 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Thursday, Feb. 7 at tri-meet vs. Payette and Parma, Payette, time TBA

Boys’ Basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Melba, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Melba, 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.



Sports

Homedale boys live on edge in road loss to Parma

Facing a height disadvantage, Homedale High School’s boys’ basketball team was forced to stay on the perimeter Friday night.

Parma took advantage of the situation, ruling the paint and posting a 51-41 3A Snake River Valley conference win at home.

The Trojans, who lost their third consecutive conference game, also struggled with their shots, hitting only 29 percent for the game, including only 8-for-25 from within the three-point line.

“We got the shots that we wanted, but couldn’t make as many as we wanted,” first-year coach Casey Grove said. “Shooting 29 percent from the field isn’t going to allow you to win very many games, Especially shooting 8/25 from two-point range.

“A lot of that had to do with

their two bigs camping in the key. It is tough to shoot over really tall guys when we are really short.”

According to the Homedale roster, the Trojans’ tallest players are the 6-foot-3 trio of Caleb Oviedo, Ricky McBride and Antonio Sturgeon.

Payette (12-4 overall, 3-1 in conference) features 6-foot-6 Jordan Condie, who scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, and 6-8 Trevor Nielson, who scored only four points but was effective in denying rebounding chances.

“When those two are in the game at the same time, it is hard to get rebounds at times,” Grove said.

The Trojans (9-7, 1-3) managed only five points in the second

quarter and couldn’t come all the way back despite a third-quarter rally.

Homedale scored nearly 60 percent of its points from behind the three-point line. The Trojans tallied half of their 16 field goals from long distance.

McBride hit three three-pointers, but managed only 11 points — all from the floor. He also had six rebounds.

Hayden Krzesnik (10 points) put in a pair of treys, as did Trey Lane, who finished with eight points.

Although Oviedo’s scoring has cooled off, he managed a team-high nine rebounds to go with five points. Seven of his boards were collected on the Panthers’ end of the floor.

Adam Abrego had seven

rebounds and six assists.

Homedale trailed, 31-18, after Parma put together a 17-5 run through the second quarter. The Trojans got back within six points at the end of the third quarter by holding the Panthers to five points.

Thursday: Fruitland 71, Homedale 44 — The Trojans’ shooting seemingly was as cold as the weather that triggered the school-closing ice storm earlier in the day.

Homedale shot 32.7 percent from the floor (19-for-48), while the Grizzlies shot lights-out on their home floor (28-for-47, 59.6 percent).

Grove said Fruitland was able to exploit his team’s porous transition defense for several layups.

Homedale’s inability to sink shots was compounded by a dearth of offensive rebounds. The Trojans managed just six boards on their end, and Abrego was the leading rebounder with seven of his team’s 26 rebounds.

Fruitland erased the Trojans’ two-point first-quarter lead with a 22-9 run through the second quarter.

Oviedo provided the biggest offensive spark for Homedale again, hitting half his shots, including a three-point goal, and scoring 11 points.

McBride and Britt Eubanks scored seven points apiece. Krzesnik hit two three-pointers to account for all of his scoring.

The Trojans managed only six chances at the foul line, while the Grizzlies went 11-for-19.

Jordan Valley sweeps Harper in basketball



Hayley Caywood takes a shot over two Harper defenders during Saturday’s girls’ game. Photo by Diana Fillmore

Jordan Valley High School spread the playing time around during Saturday’s rout of host Harper.

Ty Warn and Ben Telleria both hit three-pointers and notched a co-team-high 12 points each in a 76-27 1A High Desert League shellacking.

Even though coach Mike Workman said the Mustangs came out sluggish in the first half of their second consecutive road game, Jordan Valley still owned an 18-point lead at halftime.

Jordan Valley put the game away with a 27-3 start to the second half.

Telleria and Blaine Moran corralled eight rebounds each, and Wyatt Trautman scored nine points. Tom Nelson added eight points, and Nate Elsner had nine of the Mustangs’ 19 steals.

The Hornets’ Nathan Joyce led all scorers with 13 points.

Girls’ game — Jordan Valley’s girls’ squad posted a 52-42 victory over Harper.

JV boys’ game: Jordan Valley 52, Harper 43 — The Mustangs moved their record to 8-2 overall.

✓ Wrestling: Six Trojans go unbeaten

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at 106 pounds, Tyler Hardy (113), Devin Fisher (126), Jovan Cornejo (160), Colton Grimm (182) and Brad McCain (195).

All six wrestlers were unbeaten throughout the day.

Homedale opened the tournament with a 69-21 win over Baker, Ore., which is Boothby’s alma mater.

Johnson shut out Cody Bingham, 7-0, while wrestling up at 113 pounds.

Hardy, who moved up to 120 for the opening dual, pinned Logan Valentine in 1 minute, 49 seconds.

Fisher also wrestled up and pinned Baker 132-pounder Josh Valentine in 90 seconds.

Grimm took Toby Johnson’s admonishment to hand-fight to heart and stayed at arm’s length before pinning Steven Spence 19 seconds before the end of their 182-pound match.

Cornejo came away with a forfeit in the opener against Baker and wrestled undefeated throughout the day.

McCain battled back from a narrow first-round deficit to post a 6-4 victory over Baker’s Henry Shaw.

Curtis Stansell, who finished 4-1 on the day, showed fortitude in his 170-pound match against the Bulldogs’ Peter Baker. The wrestlers were scoreless after four minutes before Stansell scored a near-fall in the third period and survived with a 3-1 decision.

Jakobee Osborn, who finished 2-3 on the day, pinned Baker’s William Pifher in the 38th-second of their heavyweight matchup.

John Collett (3-2 for the day) dominated Baker 138-pounder Taylor Hawes before getting a pin 3 minutes, 22 seconds into

Sixth annual Homedale duals

Homedale High School’s results and a list of the outstanding wrestlers from Saturday’s Homedale Trojan duals:

Trojans’ results

Homedale 69, Baker 21
Homedale 72, Wendell 22
Homedale 57, Emmett 31
Homedale 57, Crane 30
Homedale 78, Imbler/Wallowa 18

Outstanding wrestlers

98 pounds — Corey Isaacson (La Grande)
106 — Dorian Sapien (Boise), Nash Johnson (Homedale)
113 — Taven Hardwick (La Grande), Tyler Hardy (Hom)
120 — Jared Neiss (La Grande)
126 — Tyler Isaacson (La Grande), Devin Fisher (Hom)
132 — Chase Neill (Payette), Zack Campbell (Boise)
138 — Lane Cummings (Vale), Scott Jensen (Parma), Tavis Hodgen (Mac Hi)
145 — Alex Dovalina (Pay)
152 — Cody Houghton (Parma), Angus Roeper (Emmett)
160 — Caleb Woodworth (La Grande), Jovan Cornejo (Hom)
170 — Leon Fuller (La Grande), Tyus Zimmerman (Timberline-Boise), Jesus Saldana (Mac Hi)
182 — Brayden Moller (Mac Hi), Colton Grimm (Hom)
195 — Brad McCain (Hom), Sage DeLong (Vale)
220 — Canyon Purcell (Boise), Matt O’Keefe (Wendell)
285 — Oscar Camacho (Parma), Davin Addison (Boise)

their match.

The Trojans also posted victories over Wendell, Emmett and Oregon’s Crane and Wallowa/Imbler.

Other competitors for Homedale included:

- Manny Macias at 220 (2-3)
- K.J. Atkins at 152 (2-3)
- Dylan Sharp at 145 (2-3)
- Wylee Cooper at 132 (2-2)
- Andrew Randall at 120 (2-2)

Five other Homedale wrestlers took on the roles of “bandits,” wrestling for other teams in the tournament to get some time in. Bandit wrestlers didn’t score points for their adoptive teams, which still had to give up forfeits

in the duals for each weight class unfilled by a native wrestler.

The Trojans’ bandits were Riley Christoffersen at 113, Jacob Christoffersen at 126, Hunter Thornton at 132, Tyson Furlott at 152 and Tano Montes at 195.

Homedale’s only dual meet loss came Jan. 8 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference opener against visiting Weiser.

The Trojans are next in action at home for another conference dual meet against Parma on Thursday and wrap the home portion of their season on Tuesday against Payette.

Both dual meets begin at 6 p.m.

Rimrock boys win third straight game

Jake Black’s 16 points and seven rebounds pushed Rimrock High School to its third consecutive boys’ basketball victory.

The Raiders routed Victory Charter, 47-33, in a 1A Western Idaho Conference game in Nampa on Jan. 22.

Austin Meyers scored seven first-half points and snagged a team-high 13 rebounds despite foul trouble against the Vipers.

Jared Lemieux scored 10 points in the third quarter and hit five of seven free throws to build his game-high 18 points.

Lemieux, Porter Simper and Cristian Ayala collected six boards each, and Rimrock held a 39-28 advantage.

Brady Gamnger and Tony Usog scored nine points apiece for the Vipers, while Hunter Martin added eight points.

Sports



Marsing senior Ashley Hull beats a New Plymouth defender to the basket for a layup on Jan. 22. Photo by Dan Pease

✓ Girls: Huskies next play Saturday at Vallivue H.S.

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against the winner of Thursday’s first-round contest between Melba and McCall-Donnelly.

The district’s first-round games will be played on the home floors of the higher-seeded teams. Admission for district games is \$5 for adults and students without activity cards. Students with activity cards and elementary school-aged children and senior citizens get in for \$3 each.

Cole Valley (12-8, 9-3) also earned a first-round bye as the second-place team after the conference season. The Chargers will play in Saturday’s 7:45 p.m. semifinal game.

The semifinal winners qualify for the 2A state tournament, which begins Feb. 14 at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

Jan. 22: Marsing 45, New Plymouth 22 — The Huskies led by as many as 30 points while crushing the Pilgrims and locking up at least a share of the conference championship.

Senior Ashley Hull, who won the 2A WIC Offensive Player of the Year Award as a junior, continued her late-season scoring surge with 20 points. She also grabbed five rebounds, all on the defensive end, and led the Huskies with five steals.

Hull connected on eight of 11 field-goal attempts, including a 2-for-3 showing from the three-point line.

The visiting Pilgrims couldn’t get their offense going over the first three quarters, and the Huskies limited second chances with 19 of their 27 rebounds coming on New Plymouth’s backboards.

Marissa Hardy corralled seven rebounds, and freshman Shelby Dines had four of her six boards on New Plymouth’s end.

Lacey Usabel scored 13 points and chimed in with four rebounds and two steals.

Kylee Garrick scored nine points to lead New Plymouth, which was outscored, 22-3, to start the second half.

Homedale benefit around corner



Tickets still on sale for crab, steak feed

The top ticket-sellers so far for the Homedale School All Sports Crab and Steak Feed fundraiser pose in the Homedale High School gymnasium foyer where tickets will be available during upcoming athletic events. The students are, from left, sophomores Kyler Landa, Brooke Armenta, Carlie Purdom and freshman Lance Eaton. Admission is \$40 per person and each paid entrant receives five raffle tickets. There also will be a silent auction during the Saturday, Feb. 9 event, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Emry can’t hold first-day lead, falls to 4th in Cougar heptathlon

HHS grad’s next Montana competition: February’s Big Sky meet

Austin Emry slipped to a fourth-place finish after leading the first day of the heptathlon at the Washington State Cougar Invitational in Pullman, Wash.

The Homedale High School graduate, now a junior on the University of Montana indoor track and field team, scored 4,730 points, which fell 732 points shy of meet champion and fellow Big Sky Conference competitor Jeff Mohl of Montana State.

Emry began Saturday’s second day of the seven-event competition with a winning time of 8.22 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles.

The door opened for Mohl when Emry failed to record a height in the pole vault. He finished his final heptathlon before

next month’s Big Sky Conference Championships with a career-best showing in the 1,000 meters (2 minutes, 51.28 seconds).

“Austin’s run on the pole vault wasn’t quite there today. He was inconsistent, and that made it tough,” Grizzlies track and field coach Brian Schweyen said. “But he came back and ran the 1,000 like it meant something, which was nice to see.”

Emry, who began the weekend meet ranked second in the nation in the heptathlon, finished in the middle of the eight-athlete pack in the Cougar heptathlon, but fell short of the 5,700 mark he likely will need to qualify for March’s NCAA nationals.

During Friday’s first day of

competition, Emry ran a career-best 7.12 in the 60 meters, the swiftest time of the eight competitors.

He followed that with a long jump of 22 feet, 9¾ inches and a shot put of 43-½. He finished second in both events.

Emry faltered in the high jump with a 6-4¾, but his event coach said the junior’s problem in the event was the result of something he’ll need down the road to get his high jump back to his PR height of 6-11¾.

“Austin was feeling good (in the high jump) and carried more speed than normal into the bar. He was just going too fast, and it messed up his approach,” Adam Bork said.

“Of course when he gets his footwork matched up with that type of speed, he’s going to get some great height out of it.”

Ryan Nash returns to mat as judo instructor

Ryan Nash opened Owyhee County Judo two years ago in Homedale to perpetuate a tradition.

The former Homedale High School state wrestling champion wanted to continue his participation in a martial arts discipline he picked up while growing up in town.

And he wanted to be able to have the studio close to home, rather than requiring his students to travel out of town as he did when he was a member of Boise Valley Judo in the 1980s.

So, Owyhee County Judo sits in a storefront on West Idaho Avenue. Fellow former HHS state champion wrestler Ron Hooker, who lives in Boise now, helps out with instruction.

Classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays, and there is a younger class and an older group of students, of which his three daughters — Gabby, Tori and Sophie — are a part.

Students practice on mats owned by Nash’s old club — Boise Valley — and go through their techniques under the hierarchically placed

portraits of Boise Valley’s senseis. The late Masao “Mas” Yamashita founded the judo club, and George Koyama — Ryan Nash’s sensei — recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Koyama still attends dojo to watch practices.

Nash respects the tradition and formality of the martial art. On another wall is the photo of judo students, dated 1932, in front of which sits Jigaro Kano, the founder of judo.

Nash still has room for new students. For information, call him at 412-2065.

✓ Nash: Martial art helps with other sports

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which means she scored the maximum points possible in each of her matches.

For those who know the Nash clan, Gabby’s success shouldn’t be all that shocking. As a center fielder, she was a leading contributor on the Trojans softball team that won the 3A state silver medal last spring. She’s part of the Nash juggernaut that has dotted HHS sports for two generations.

Twenty-five years ago next month, her father Ryan won a state championship in wrestling. Her sister, Tori, also has been a major contributor on coach Larry Corta’s softball team. Gabby, Tori and youngest sister, Sophie, all are

following in their dad’s footsteps in picking up judo.

And, of course, there are the cousins, Morgan and Aubrey, who helped form the core of the HHS softball squad a year ago.

That’s what perhaps makes Gabby’s success on the judo mat more significant. With her gold medal and her Senior Division state championship last year in Ontario, Ore., she is making her own statement.

“She was at the top of her age group and the top of her weight class in Seattle,” her father said. “We wanted to see how she’d do.”

Ryan Nash said this was the biggest tournament her daughter

has tackled. They’d like to take a shot at the Junior Nationals, which take place in Pittsburgh this July.

Her father, who competed with Boise Valley Judo when he was growing up, says that the judo journey has helped Gabby in other sports.

“It’s an awesome sport to pick up balance for any other sport,” he said. “There’s a lot of discipline with judo. We like the whole respect factor.”

Gabby agrees. “It helps in building confidence and discipline,” she said. “It helps with quickness, and it helps with the mental aspect.”

— JPB

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Shipping Mr. Gerald's Hereford

Todd's neighbor has raised good Hereford cattle as long as he has known him. As years went by, Mr. Gerald, the neighbor, let his herd dwindle in numbers. Then last winter he fell and injured his knee.

Todd offered to help and was called upon. Just a word about Todd, he is an east river Dakota cattle farmer with the heart of a west river rancher. He's a good horseman, wears a big hat and carries a 60-foot rope!

Mr. Gerald wanted to ship some of his long yearlin's. His whole herd consisted of 12 big cows, one old bull and assorted progeny. On the big day, Todd went to the back of the pasture and worked his way through the coulees and breaks, pushing what he could gather to the corral. Mr. Gerald had his wife drive him out to help in their Jeep Wrangler SUV. Things went smoothly till they got close to the corral. In particular, Mr. Gerald wanted to ship a yearlin' bull who had somehow missed his castration appointment! After turning back at the gate twice, Mr. Gerald gave Todd permission to rope him.

Any fair-to-middlin' roper relishes the opportunity to rope a big target, especially if it belongs to somebody else! It didn't take long for Todd to run him down and rope him around his stubby horns.

The target refused to be led to the gate, and Todd didn't have enough horse to drag him. Plus the bull ran up the rope a couple times trying to intimidate Todd. They were both losing their temper!

Todd yelled at Mr. Gerald to pull his Jeep up in front of the gate. His idea was to tie his rope over the bumper hitch and let the Jeep drag the bull into the corral.

Now I can imagine you readers trying to picture Todd accomplishing this feat of cowboy daring-do! But, I told you Todd was a good hand and he did it! He managed to get a half-hitch over the ball and still escape entrapment and injury. In a testosterone milli-minute, the bull encircled the Jeep like a yo-yo on a string! Not once but three times, then jammed his head into the right front wheel well! The Jeep was rocking dangerously and the Gerald's were trapped inside being thrown about like orangutans in a paint shaker!

In an act of sacrifice, Todd leaped in and cut his good rope, freeing the front-seat prisoners. The bulk of the rope ran off with the yearlin' bull over the horizon. Mr. Gerald rolled his window down, pulled his "Herefords Forever" cap off his eyes and turned to watch the bull disappear.

"Well," he said with the wisdom of an ol'timer, "He wuddn't quite ready to ship anyway."

—Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his rodeo novel "Ride, Cowboy, Ride! 8 Seconds Ain't That Long", other books and DVDs.

Letters to the editor

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

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

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

Jim Chmelik, Idaho County commissioner



Managing our lands Local control of fed lands right choice for economy

"Idaho's national forests and public lands are priceless to the people of Idaho and Americans as a whole," said Jonathan Oppenheimer, an activist with The Idaho Conservation League, "The lands contribute to our economy and way of life, and every few years some fringe elements have trotted out a tired argument that Idaho should take over these lands.

"We feel that this latest push would put some of Idaho's most special places at risk and could end up costing hundreds of millions of dollars," he said.

Let me see if I understand Jonathan Oppenheimer's comments correctly "public lands are priceless ... contribute to our economy and way of life ... some fringe elements ... could end up costing hundreds of millions of dollars."

Mr. Oppenheimer's language is the typical attempt from the environmental community to marginalize and distort the real arguments being presented from people who are living the nightmare of underfunded education and underfunded local governments.

If public lands are priceless then why does Mr. Oppenheimer and the rest of the "environmental community" continue to support policies which have led to devastating forest fires, causing irreparable harm to our wildlife populations, clean air, destruction of watersheds and wasted economic opportunity? In Idaho alone these policies burned 1.7 million acres. In Idaho County, where I am a commissioner, 246,000 acres burned. This represents 1.23 billion board feet of timber burned, which would have had a value of \$329 million. Under the old federal promise to pay 25 percent of proceeds to the county for schools and roads, we would have received \$92.5 million. These numbers do not even begin to reflect the multiplier effect within the economy generated through the creation

of jobs.

This devastation also allowed for the death of more than 750,000 animals within the ecosystem. It released 12.8 million tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and is causing sustained damage to the watershed, which is so crucial to every aspect of life.

We could easily reduce the unemployment rate and our dependency on federal dollars if Idaho began to properly manage our forest to our benefit and the benefit of the environment. Current environmental policy and actions are destroying the West and our lands, and the environmental community refuses to change course or even offer constructive dialogue to begin to reverse the havoc their policies have created.

Mr. Oppenheimer, I do not appreciate being referred to as fringe. Our proposal and ideas represent exactly what the environmental community set out to do over 100 years ago: Preserve our lands while utilizing them to our benefit. Our proposals represent mainstream thought. The next time you send out a mailer to grandparents and children, please tell them the facts. They are listed above.

Mr. Oppenheimer, you are right in one sense. The public lands are priceless they can contribute to our economy and our way of life, but your policies are costing us hundreds of millions of dollars and putting our most treasured assets at risk.

—Jim Chmelik is Idaho County's District 3 commissioner and lives in Cottonwood. His views are in reference to comments made by Jonathan Oppenheimer for an Associated Press article regarding possible state legislation that would demand the federal government relinquish control of land managed by federal agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management. The article was published Jan. 21 in newspapers throughout the West.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Entitlement program reform can't wait until last moment



As discussed in a recent column, addressing the debt crisis remains the most pressing issue our nation faces and my No. 1 priority in the 113th Congress. Along with comprehensive tax reform, strengthening budget controls and addressing the spending problem, stabilizing entitlement programs is a critical part of this effort. As mandatory programs make up the majority of federal spending, debt solutions must address automatic federal spending. Most importantly, fiscal strains on mandatory programs must be removed to ensure their continuation. We must make the most of the opportunity to improve the solvency of entitlement programs — Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — to ensure that they are sustainable for current and future recipients.

Social Security has been an important program for more than 70 years, providing benefits to millions of senior citizens and the disabled. In order to ensure it remains solvent, serious issues must be addressed. The Social Security Trustees reported that Social Security will be exhausted in 2033, three years sooner than previously projected. After 2033, income to the Trust Fund will be sufficient to pay only three-quarters of scheduled benefits. The foremost objective in addressing the long-term health of this system is to maintain the promises to protect current recipients, while strengthening the system to guarantee benefits for future retirees.

The Medicare program faces similar difficulties. The Medicare Trustees reported the program faces an unfunded liability of nearly \$25 trillion, and the program is currently on track to be insolvent in 2024 if action is not taken to reform the program. Systemic reforms are necessary to guarantee solvency, and the time to act is now. The American people saw clearly with the fiscal cliff process what happens when leaders in Congress and the White House wait until the last minute to negotiate. Hopefully, a lesson was learned from that unfortunate process. We need leaders on both sides who recognize the imminent threat of insolvency that we are facing with these important programs, and who are willing to work now on the necessary reforms.

Like Social Security and Medicare, the pressures on Medicaid are increasing. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reported that "the aging of the baby-boom generation portends a significant and sustained increase in coming years in the share of the population that will receive benefits from Social Security and Medicare and long-term care services financed through Medicaid." CBO further noted that the increase in beneficiaries and growing per capita spending on health care "will put increasing pressure on the budget in the coming decade and beyond. Moreover, increases in federal debt lead to higher interest

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Commentary

Financial management

Pay “stupid tax,” learn from mistake of lending credit card

Dear Dave,
I made a huge mistake and allowed my sister to use my credit card. She said she’d pay back what she charged, but now she won’t pay the bill. The total was \$5,500. Do you have any advice?
— Marie



Dear Marie,
I’m afraid I don’t have anything to give you that will make your sister grow some integrity and character. I used to tell my kids when they were younger not to bust the trust, because that kind of thing is very hard to put back together.
I’d be pretty upset about this, too. Still, obsessing over it isn’t going to solve anything. And really, when it comes right down to it, you opened the door for this to happen. You really have no one to blame but yourself.

If it were me, I’d do whatever it took to pay this off quickly. Put in additional hours at your job or find some part-time work at night and on weekends for a few months. Somewhere along the line I’d also leave my sister a message saying I know she’s not going to pay this, but that everything is forgiven.
I call something like this “paying your stupid tax,” and it’s something that all of us have had to pay at one time or another. Learn from the experience, Marie. Loaning money to family or friends can damage the relationship. Keep in mind, too, that she’s probably

going to come back around wanting money at some point again. But I’m guessing you won’t make the same mistake twice, will you? The First National Bank of Marie is closed!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I’m a single mom with three young children. I quit my nursing job a few years ago to be a stay-at-home mom, and one year later my husband filed for divorce. The state isn’t keeping him accountable for child support, but now I qualify for food stamps. Do you feel it’s morally wrong to be on government assistance?
— Rebecca

Dear Rebecca,
There’s nothing morally wrong with receiving food stamps, as long as you’re not lying about your

income or situation in order to receive them. The biggest problem with food stamps, and other forms of government assistance, is many times a person becomes dependent on someone else to take care of them. I don’t want you and your kids to develop a victim mentality and become trapped in a cycle of substandard living.
You said you were a nurse before you came home to be with the kids, right? I’d suggest updating your nursing certification, if necessary, and going back to work in your field — maybe even as an emergency room nurse. I know the hours can be weird, but the pay is great. It would really get your income rolling again, plus you could afford to pay someone to look after the kids when necessary.
You’ve been through a lot, Rebecca. Life has knocked you

around lately, so it’s OK if you need to take food stamps for a little while. But I’d encourage you to start thinking from a long-term perspective as to what it’ll take to move forward and generate a good, livable income for you and your kids. Get into attack mode, take your nursing degree, intelligence and experience, and create a quality life for your family. I know you can do it!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Brandon D. Woolf, Idaho state controller

Open government Transparency site gives citizens more access to government



Even at the founding of our republic, our nation’s forefathers grasped the importance of making the financial dealings of our fledgling nation open to scrutiny. Though they could not imagine the technological advances of coming years, they understood it was the citizens’ government, and the citizens’ money. Citizens deserved then, as they do today, to know how their tax dollars are spent and what their government is doing. Freedom depends on it.
This is one reason why the State Controller’s Office launched Transparent Idaho, the state’s financial transparency website. For years, Idaho has opened its books to citizens through a variety of reports my office publishes, and the Idaho Public Records Act, but it wasn’t always easy for people to find and receive the information they needed. Transparent Idaho, available at <http://Transparent.Idaho.gov>, makes thousands of financial reports, from broad summaries to detailed snapshots, available with only a few clicks of a mouse. The information on the site is current, with much of the data being updated daily. Citizens can even download raw data, so they can run their own analysis on public records.

Sound public policy requires a two-way conversation between policy makers and the public, and both can benefit by having convenient access to the information that underlies all government actions. By opening the state’s books on the Internet, we hope to expand the dialog about governing, to help provide policy makers and citizens alike the tools they need for robust debate, so all can understand the implications, costs and benefits of public policy decisions.
I believe citizens have not just a right to know, but a need to know about the inner-workings of their government. Our new website, Transparent Idaho, is a good start to improving Idaho’s financial transparency. However, it should always be viewed as a work in progress, because there is such a broad spectrum of public data that should be made more readily available for citizen review. We’ve taken the first steps at <http://Transparent.Idaho.gov>, and will continue to move forward with making even more government records available online in the future.
— Brandon D. Woolf was confirmed as Idaho State Controller on Monday. Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter appointed Woolf to succeed Donna M. Jones on Oct. 15.

Immigration and assimilation is nothing new

“In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person’s becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.”

Who wrote this?

President Theodore Roosevelt in a 1919 letter



✓ Reform: Congress, Obama must act to protect program solvency, future

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payments for the government, reduce national saving, limit lawmakers’ ability to use tax and spending policies to respond to unexpected challenges, and increase the likelihood of a fiscal crisis.”
The solvency of these programs and the financial future of our country depend on Congress’ and the president’s

willingness to confront these challenges. We have the ability to avoid insolvency in these programs and avoid the economic damage from our debt crisis, but we must take strong, bold actions. We must act now to reform our failing entitlement system to both achieve major cost savings and make the programs sustainably solvent. This objective will remain among my top priorities as I work

with my colleagues to ensure the long-term solvency of these programs.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. To view his responses to issues of interest, visit <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 3, 1988

Post office runs into opposition

The chances that a new Homedale post office will someday stand on Highway 95 between Colorado and Wyoming Avenues were growing slimmer early this week under pressure from opposition that seems to be broadening.

Monday, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink, in fact, said that as far as he was concerned “the post office is killed.”

Fink’s declaration followed by five days a hearing at city hall Wednesday night at which the proposed closure of two alleyways adjacent to the proposed site of a new local post office was to be discussed.

According to City Clerk Edna I. Grimes, when Fink asked for a show of hands of those opposed to closing the alleys, a large majority responded.

Fink saw the response as a clear statement of public opinion.

“People are opposed to the location for one reason or another,” he said, “and the only way they feel they can kill the location, is to oppose the closing of the alleys.”

Fink added that he telephoned United States Postal Services Real Estate Specialist M. Denise Hammond in Salt Lake City Monday to inform her that opposition to the current proposed site was overwhelming.

Task force eyes grant proposal

Homedale’s Economic Task Force met Monday to consider a draft of a Title XI Grant request.

The proposed grant, which could bring the organization Economic Development Administration funds for groundwork necessary to rebuild the local economy, includes a proposal for retention of local employers.

The grant proposal calls for the identification of “other existing firms” which could also be lost as the result of the Hoff Forest Products closure.

It was the closure of the local Hoff plant that triggered the formation of the task force some months ago.

The employer retention proposal in the grant draft further calls for an area employer inventory of businesses with 10 or more workers. Those businesses would be scrutinized, according to the grant proposal, so that the task force can identify any barriers to development or expansion.

Girls go to state!

Homedale’s Lady Trojan basketball team is headed smack dab into state competition.

The HHS girls stunned Parma 31-23 in district play in Fruitland Saturday night, and went on to whip McCall-Donnelly in a 37-36 squeaker at New Plymouth Monday.

The two wins mean the state finals for the Trojanettes. High School Principal Nolan Taggart explained.

“We play New Plymouth at home Wednesday night,” he said. “Because New Plymouth is undefeated, if we beat them, then we’ll each have one (district tournament) loss, and we’ll have to play them again for the district title.”

“If we lose Wednesday, then we’ll still be in second place, and we’ll go to state anyway,” he said.

Trojan grapplers snatch 2nd in dist.

It may have been Parma’s tournament overall, but Homedale High School grapplers managed to beat Parma’s best in the final round of the District 3, A-3 wrestling tournament at New Plymouth Saturday to bring home four championships and a second-place team finish.

Homedale’s district champs as of Saturday night are Levi Kettle (119), Ron Hooker (140), Ryan Nash (145) and John Hyde (189).

Their wins helped the Trojans to a second-place district team total of 141 points. Parma’s 14-1 Panthers topped the tournament with 242.5 points. Fruitland finished the district bout in third with McCall-Donnelly coming in fourth.

Of the four local champs, Kettle was the only one to win with a pin. Kettle pinned Parma’s Randy Martinez in the final moments of a hard-fought championship struggle.

50 years ago

January 31, 1963

Wilder wins by one point at Homedale Saturday

Ted Drain’s field goal was the margin of victory as Wilder grabbed a 50-49 Snake River Valley B conference win over the Trojans at Homedale Saturday night. The win gives Wilder a 3-5 loop mark and Homedale is 0-8.

Drain canned a field goal with 30 seconds left to make it 50-47 before Skip Bicandi added a pair of points for the Trojans in a last-gasp effort to knot the count. Drain topped the Wildcats with 13 and Bicandi led Homedale with 14.

Huskies register 43-39 cage win over Notus five

Fighting off a determined bid throughout, the Marsing Huskies registered a 43-39 Snake River Valley B conference win at Marsing Saturday night over Notus to up their loop record to 5-3.

Ray Gentis and Dan Gibbens combined for 12 points each to lead the Huskies, but Ron Hansen, Notus, topped all scoring with 18 points. Marsing held a 26-19 lead at half.

Breshears, Arima win prizes in .22 shoot Tuesday

Louis Breshears and Tom Arima won the step down prizes during the senior .22 shoot Tuesday night. The buddy match was won by Allen Richards and Jack Walker.

Dick Fry, Jr. shot a 388 out of a possible 400, which is the highest score shot on the local range since the program has been started. Other scores made were: John Malmberg 363, Louis Breshears 362, Tom Arima 357, George Kubosumi 353, Jack Walker 350, R. F. Malmberg 346, Gary Samson 342, Allen Richards 341, Mark Stimmel 339, Larry Novak 327, Jim Miklancic 304, Tom Morris 303.

Firemen called to Central Cove

The Homedale rural volunteer fire department was called Saturday to the Snake River 1½ miles south of Garrett’s warehouse in Central Cove where a stubble fire was threatening an unoccupied house on the riverbank. The fire had been put out by the time the firemen arrived, according to Bruce Smith, rural fire chief. Two trucks answered the call.

The fire started when Jess Madden, who is working on a home-site development for C. M. Van Slyke, attempted to burn a stubble field and weeds along the riverbank. Mr. Van Slyke and Mr. Madden managed to beat the fire from around the house and save it.

Tribute paid by Rebekah Lodge to IOOF founder

Empress Rebekah Lodge No. 121 met at the IOOF hall Monday evening. During the meeting a tribute was paid to Thomas Wildey, found of the Odd Fellow lodges in America.

A statue stands in a park in Baltimore, MD, in honor of Mr. Wildey, which the Grand Sovereign lodge hopes to transfer to the campus of the Johns Hopkins University.

The Odd Fellows sponsor an eye bank for the blind, and a portion of the school of medicine taught at this university is dedicated to this service.

Lodge members were asked to make a donation to the “peace gate” between the United States and Canada in North Dakota. This gate is an entrance to the “peace park” there. It will be very ornate and cost thousands of dollars.

Temperatures

Ralph Brady at the Union Pacific depot measured 1½ in. of snow and Bert Adams of Owyhee Heights measured the same amount of snow following Tuesday’s snowfall. Bert also reports that the snow contained .15 in. of moisture.

Chief of Police Frank Orr warns all local motorists that the streets are snow-covered and slick, and urged drivers to use extra care to avoid accidents.

Saturday, Feb. 2, is groundhog day and his shadow (or lack of it) will determine if we have another six weeks of winter or an early spring.

140 years ago

February 1, 1873

POSTAGE STAMPS...HOW PREPARED. As soon as they emerge from the hydraulic press, postage stamps are gummed. The paste is made from clear starch, or rather its dextrin, which is acted upon chemically and then boiled, forming a clear, smooth, slightly sweet mixture. Each sheet of stamps is taken separately, placed upon a flat board, and its edges covered with a light metal frame. Then the paste is smeared on with a large whitewash brush, and the sheet is laid between two wire racks and placed on a pile with others to dry. Great care is taken in the manufacture of this paste, which is perfectly harmless. The harmless effects were proved by an eminent chemist. After the gumming, another pressing in the hydraulic press follows. Then another counting – in fact, stamps are counted no less than thirteen times during the process of manufacture. The sheets are then cut in half, each portion containing one hundred stamps, this being done by girls with ordinary hand shears. Next follows the perforation which is performed by machinery. The perforations are first made in a perpendicular line, and afterward in a horizontal line. Another pressing follows – this time to get rid of the raised edges on the back of the stamps made by the dies, and this ends the manufacture. A separate apartment is devoted to the picking and sending off of the stamps to the different post offices. It will be seen by this account that any absurd rumors concerning the poisonous or unclean properties of postage stamps are utterly without foundation.

THE ANNEXATION MANIA. Where is annexation to begin, and where will it end? If the discussion now going on in reference to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands produces a sound public opinion as to the trade policy of the United States in regard to the absorption of foreign territory, it will have accomplished a greatly to be desired result. Certainly there are few subjects on which more nonsense is talked and written. Quite a number of Americans, without sufficient reflection, would go in for annexing all creation. Few ideas are more popular than the extension of the boundaries of the Republic. Canada, Mexico, Cuba, San Domingo and Hawaii are all to be laid under contribution if the annexationists have their way. Our best thinkers, however, see danger in such ideas gaining firm hold upon the public mind. Thoughtful men see trouble enough ahead in the task of holding together the vast territory at present under the control of this Government.

TAXES ON WHISKY AND TOBACCO. It is said that the House Ways and Means Committee hopes to remove all the internal revenue taxes save those on liquor and tobacco, which very taxes themselves are far too high, first, because they bring in less revenue than they would if lower; second, because they provoke adulteration. But too high taxes and no taxes at all on liquor and tobacco are equally blunders in political economy. Men will imbibe while the world stands, and whether it is better that they should have pure or adulterated liquor is a question that had no two sides. All will admit that as long as a man drinks at all he had better have a pure article which will simply intoxicate than an adulterated one which sets him mad. The fellow who gorges on adulterated liquor into a stupor; he who drinks an effusion of vile drugs rushes from his debauch with his brain on fire, a madman fit for murder. Now the higher the taxes on an article susceptible of adulteration the greater the degree of adulteration of this article. As legislators pile up the taxes on liquor, dealers throw in the drugs. The public revenue seems to profit, but the public health and security must certainly suffer. Men die and withdraw their productive capacity sooner than they should from the great sum of human effort. Murders are more frequent, the administration of justice is more expensive, and the cost of paupers heavily increased. Every man who thinks liquor an evil, leading to blood shedding, pauperism and premature decay, should be the first to see that bad liquor is infinitely more horrible than pure, the first to oppose the too high taxes that provoked adulteration, and the first to oppose the withdrawal of all taxation on liquors.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2013

Re-organization of the Board. Approved catering permit for Owyhee Cattlemen's. Approval of sale agreement for purchase of equipment from Western States. Departmental quarterly reports reviewed. Approved issuance of credit cards. Adopted Resolution 13-03 Establishing Voting Precincts. Adopted Resolution 13-04 Establishing 911 fee on Tracfoners. Approved Dispatch Supervisors pay increase. Approved Chief Deputy Sheriff's pay increase. Swearing in of Elected Officials Indigent & Charity: 12-47 approved, 12-57 approved, 13-01 approved, 12-56 denied. Coordination meeting with Jarbidge District BLM. The complete minutes can be viewed at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.

1/30/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 26, 2012 File No.: 7303.22675 Sale date and time (local time): May 28, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 412 Mountain View Drive Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Linda M. Hoobery and Jason K. Hoobery, wife and husband Original trustee: First American Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Lender Recording date: 09/06/2007 Recorder's instrument number: 262346 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 26, 2012: \$75,095.02 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary

after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 4, Block 2, Hidden Hollow Subdivision in the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, 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 sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7303.22675) 1002.237794-File No.

1/9,16,23,30/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On May 14, 2013 at the hour of 10:30AM, of said day, on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 3, Block 2, Owyhee Addition to Homedale, Idaho, No. 1, Owyhee County, ID.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 718 Marion Street, Homedale, ID 83628 also shown of record as 718 Marion Drive, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

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 Marty L. Thornton Jr. and Maggie L. Thornton, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service, or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded December 23, 1998 as Instrument No. 226985, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$72,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.125% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated December 18, 1998. Payments are in default for the months of April 2012 through and including December 2012 in the amount of \$384.93 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$65,932.69 in Principal; Interest is \$2,965.18, subsidy granted is \$31,686.27 and fees currently assessed are \$256.44 computed through December 11, 2012 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$11.0640. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$97,618.96, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: January 9, 2013

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer, Phone: 947-1554, File No.: 171848 / Customer Ref No. CSC Account No 14975421

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

1/16,23,30,2/6/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 26, 2012 File No.: 7314.03353 Sale date and time (local time): April 30, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 3193 Cemetery Rd Homedale,

ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Amber Will, an unmarried woman Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Co. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Ally Bank Corp. f/k/a GMAC Bank Recording date: 12/15/2009 Recorder's instrument number: 269922 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 26, 2012: \$110,206.83 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: That portion of Government Lot 3 in Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying East of "A" Canal of Gem Irrigation District. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7314.03353) 1002.237806-File No.

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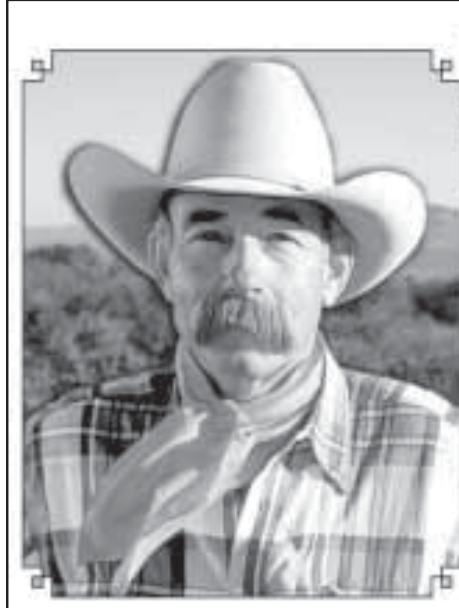


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	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City 2012 Mass Schedule - the following Sundays June 10 @ 1pm • July 22 @ Noon August 12 @ Noon • Sept. 2 @ 1pm All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 E Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Espaniol	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
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First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 453-9289 Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2013 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 12 - Feb. 23 - Mar. 23 - Apr. 27 - May 11 June 8 - July 13 - Aug. 24 - Sept. 28 Oct. 26 - Nov. 23 - Dec. 14 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508


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✓ Fires: Bruneau, Grand View crews unite

flames scorched patio roofing at the home.

He said about 20 Bruneau firefighters responded and volunteers from both departments spent about three hours on the blaze.

On Monday, Strickland said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Bruneau Quick Response and Grand View Ambulance also responded, but no injuries were reported.

The cause of a fire that belched smoke into the frigid conditions on Jan. 21 in Homedale is still under investigation.

Homedale Fire volunteers responded in force to the report of smoke billowing out of a double-wide mobile home in the 100 block of West Oregon Avenue.

Once firefighters arrived to ventilate the home, flames shot through the roof on the chilly afternoon.

Homedale Fire Chief Scott Sa-



Firefighters put a steady stream of water on a Wednesday fire in Bruneau. Photo by Ed Collett

lutregui said a full crew responded with every piece of apparatus available. Volunteers fought the fire in frigid temperatures for about two hours.

“It does slow down the fire operation because you have to do with the cold weather and make sure the trucks don’t freeze,” Salutregui said.

The health of the firefighters must be considered, too, but Salu-

tregui said all of HFD’s volunteers are in good physical shape and handled the conditions well.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said he is working with the state fire marshal to determine the cause of the fire.

“It’s not that we’re looking at it as an arson at this point,” he said. “We’re just trying to get some questions answered.”

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