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"If things keep going this direction, we'll be out of business."



Rancher Paul Nettleton, far left, stands and addresses Bureau of Land Management officials (standing from left) Steve Christensen, Group I assessment team leader; Boise District manager Jim Fincher; and Idaho BLM natural resources branch chief Kurt Wiedenmann. BLM state director Steve Ellis is seated next to the window to Nettleton's left.

BLM feels heat at OCA winter meeting

Ranchers say guidelines incompatible with keeping operations viable

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association meeting Saturday was tense.

Arms were folded across chests and several attendees stood up and pointed at Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials who tried to defend their position on proposed grazing allotment reductions.

What could be the first of many showdowns between ranchers and the federal agency took place inside the Oreana Community

Hall as part of the OCA's winter Chandler's final decision. meeting.

Reductions were announced when the first of a series of environmental studies on a series of Owyhee Resource Area permit renewals was released Feb. 4. Affected ranchers still can file protests with Owyhee Field Manager Loretta Chandler. A 30-day public appeal period will follow

The reductions would occur in the Castlehead-Lambert, Swisher and Garat allotments. The 35-47 percent reduction could mean that some ranchers and ranching families would have to walk away from their way of life. A fourth allotment, the Swisher Fenced

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Grand View Lions Auction breaks records

More than \$18K raised during annual event

History was made and remembered during Saturday's Grand View Lions Auction.

The annual auction inside the town's elementary school gymnasium netted a record \$17,170.

Another \$1,300 came from the lunch and raffle as more than 150 people crammed into the school building in the afternoon.

"We would like to thank the Baker auction company for running our auction for us again, like they do every year," Lions Club member Doug Thurman said. "Thanks to the community for all their donations and to all the people who came to the auction and supported us.

"This was one of our biggest turnouts."

Paul Spang and Tommy Bates, 1956 charter members of the Grand View club, also attended Saturday's event.

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Baker Auction Co. 's Sam Baker, right, auctioneers while Lions Club members keep track of the bidding. Submitted photo

Owyhee water outlook is good

Expert says more rain is always welcome, though

Attendees at the South Board of Control's annual water users meeting received good news.

A representative from the Bureau of Reclamation said irrigators should expect a good water year, although more rain is needed.

BOR Hydrologic Technician Melissa Jayo gave the Owyhee Basin Runoff forecast between now and June. She said, currently, that the Owyhee Basin preliminary forecast is at 83 percent of the 30year average.

"We are 40 percent full at Owyhee Basin, which looks better than Malheur," Jayo said. "However there are several factors that affect water levels such as how the snow comes off the mountains and how fast it melts."

She pointed that that although the last two weeks of storms have helped, we still need a wet February to make up for some of the drier months. Jayo said that we are currently below average at the Big Bend SNOTEL, but the bright spot is at Taylor Canyon where it is two inches above snow water equivalent. Mud Flat, South Mountain and Big Bend are still behind 2012 numbers for the same time of year. Jack Creek Upper numbers are starting to climb.

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HHS online curriculum garners award

Principal named IEN Talk Rookie of the Year

Necessity and a desire for more opportunity has led to a Digital Learning Day-related award for Homedale High School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness.

Asumendi-Mereness earned Rookie of the Year in the Idaho Education Network Talk Awards

The principal was saluted for her school's programs in furthering the use of IEN classes to fill gaps in core curriculum at HHS and provide hard-to-find classes for her students.

About seven students are taking Calculus with instructor Dave Gural teaching class on a webcam broadcast from a 10-foot-by-10 -foot room in the Idaho Digital Learning Academy in Meridian.

"It's harder than not having a physical presence," Gural said. "My teaching style is not sitting down. I like to get up and move around when I'm teaching.

"Since I've started doing this, I've had to change my teaching style."

Gural can still rotate his camera to show the whiteboard for instruction, but mobility is limited because of the camera and the cramped room from which he broadcasts.

Gural teaches the class of six seniors and one junior in the absence of HHS teacher Mark Thatcher, who is deployed in Kuwait with the U.S. Navy.

"It's better than not having a teacher," Homedale student Adam Taylor said.

The students take their tests in the library and then the test sheets



Students attend a Calculus class inside the Homedale High School library. Instructor Dave Gural teachers from a small room in Meridian via the large projection screen.

are faxed to Gural for grading.

The Calculus class is among the dual-credit offerings, giving students college credit in addition to equity toward their high school graduation.

Other teachers put assignments online, allowing students to download them remotely.

Another class offered through IEN is Speech, which was carried out in the computer lab unless students had to make public addresses, which was done in the library with the two-way camera system. The Speech teacher worked out of Coeur d'Alene.

Physics was another dual credit class brought to HHS this year, and IDLA's Chemistry class also was available.

"It is a challenge to align our schedule of course offerings with the IEN course offerings, but it is doable, and I am confident we can offer more classes," Asumendi-Mereness said.

About 19 percent of the 360person student body - 70 students — are involved in some type of IEN or IDLA class, AsumendiMereness said.

Asumendi-Mereness said bringing the IEN offerings to campus resulted from teamwork within the school, including student services specialist Debbie Flaming and attendance clerk Gloria Lejardi working on scheduling.

Media specialist Karla Haylett is an on-site monitor of students who take IEN and Idaho Digital Learning Academy classes in the library or the adjacent computer lab.

"In general it takes everybody iust being pretty flexible because from time to time like the IEN units in the library, so if classes are coming in to use the library we've asked them to enter and exit through the door in the hallway rather than go through the library to get to the computer lab," Asumendi-Mereness said.

Asumendi-Mereness said that there are several other applications for the online study, including other electives — which Chemistry, Physics and Calculus are — and hard-to-find courses.

While some students already have taken foreign language course through the online learning route, the principal would like to see more electives.

And the benefit could go beyond a diverse curriculum for Homedale students.

"It would help our students and class size in terms of balancing them a little more if we could offer more electives," she said.

Asumendi-Mereness said she would like to bring Environmental Science, World Literature and American Literature to campus. Science classes such as Anatomy and Physiology could be added to the dual-credit offerings.

The opportunities go beyond the students, too.

Asumendi-Mereness said the Board of Trustees received an online learning session about IEN by taking a virtual field trip, looking in on a class in session at Potlatch High School and visiting with teachers — all from the comfort of a chair.

"The (IEN) Community Director provided our board an close-up look at how IEN works and what the possibilities are," Asumendi-Mereness said.

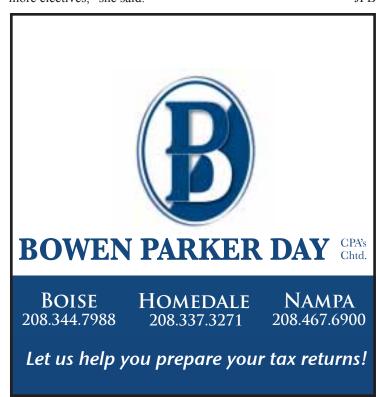
"It was very helpful for them to see what opportunities are available digitally."

Online instruction for the Scholastic Aptitude Test and ACT college entrance exams continues for a second year at HHS.

West Side High School teacher Amanda Hansen, who has provided SAT instruction to Homedale juniors in a remote class setting, was named College Access Champion during the Digital Learning Day awards. Her class this year also includes live-site West Side students as well as remote classrooms from Snake River and Blackfoot.

— JPB





Many holiday closures planned

Government offices, banks, libraries and schools have announced their hours of operation for Presidents Day on Monday with virtually all of those institutions closing for the day.

City halls — Grand View City Hall, Homedale City Hall and Marsing City Hall will all be closed.

Courthouse — The Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will be closed. The Board of County Commissioners, which generally meets each Monday, will change its meeting date to Tuesday next week. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. with department reports.

Banks - US Banks in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will all be closed.

Post offices —The U.S. Post Offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Murphy and Bruneau will all be closed.

Libraries — Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, Homedale Public Library, Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View, and Bruneau Valley Library will all be closed.

Grocery stores — Paul's Market in Homedale and Logan's Market in Marsing will remain open regular hours during the

Paul's Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 10

Logan's Market in Marsing will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Schools - All schools in the following districts will be closed: Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, Adrian, Ore. (Bruneau-Grand View schools are typically closed on Monday.) Jordan Valley schools, however, will be in session

Emergency services Owyhee County dispatch will be available as usual, as will the sheriff's patrol, Homedale Police patrol and volunteer medical and fire services.

Avalanche — The Owyhee Avalanche will maintain its regular hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the classified ad deadline remaining the same, which is noon on Monday. The office closes from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.



BLM Gateway West decision delay leaves locals hopeful

The Bureau of Land Management's delay on the Gateway West power line route decision may be a good sign for private property owners.

Robyn Thompson of the Owyhee County Citizens Task Force on Gateway West said the delay could signal a more hopeful outcome.

"I think the delay might be a positive sign," the Oreana resident said. "I'm saying a huge prayer."

The Gateway West power line route decision has been delayed because Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter is currently in discussions with acting national BLM director Mike Pool over the alignments in the western part of Idaho. Outgoing Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who will make the final route decision, sent Pool to meet with Otter.

The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was scheduled for release Jan. 25.

"The BLM director and Gov. Otter are currently discussing the plan, and those discussions will be reflected in the release. I would anticipate that there will be a decision within 30-60 days," BLM Gateway West project manager

Walt George said.

Several residents and state and local government reps are angry and frustrated with the BLM because two other routes negotiated by interested parties, including the Boise District BLM, were scuttled. Instead, a route through private land in Owyhee County and Kuna and Melba was chosen.

"I think the delay might be beneficial," Owyhee County District1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) said. "The current route the BLM is pushing is just not a good one for numerous reasons. It is lengthy, would destroy a unique view of the Owyhee Mountains and is crossing some private property, which is significant in Owyhee County. We're hoping that Washington D.C. will come to their senses."

The BLM chose a different route because officials felt it was detrimental to the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. The route currently proposed by the BLM would run through some private properties in Owyhee County.

Thompson said this decision

violates Section 368 of 2005's Energy Policy Act, which established the West Wide Energy Corridor (WWEC) that follows existing transmission lines on federal land. The corridor would also house natural gas, hydrogen and oil lines.

The Gateway West project is jointly proposed by Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power.

The companies plan to construct and operate 11 transmission line segments that extend a total of approximately 1,150 miles across southern Wyoming and southern Idaho. The project includes about 850 miles of 500 kilovolt (kV) lines in Wyoming and Idaho and roughly 300 miles of 230kV lines in Wyoming. The 500kV transmission lines would run from the Windstar substation near Glenrock, Wyo., to the Hemingway substation outside

The controversial project would be the first large-scale power line in the region in 30 years and could possibly affect sensitive habitat for sage-grouse and birds of prey. The route might also affect national historic trails in Idaho.

She's holding all the cards



Second-chance drawing?

Maisa Tindall, the 2-year-old daughter of Matt and Lisa Tindall, gathered up many cards from Saturday's Deck o'Cards raffle at the OCA winter meeting in Oreana.

Gap between road needs, funds widens for Homedale district

Commissioners have to make unplanned \$2,800 payment for finished roadwork project

Homedale Highway District commissioners continue to look for ways to get the money needed to maintain roads.

During last Wednesday's meeting, however, they had to pay out more money on a project that they thought was in their rearview mirror.

After consulting with the district's attorney, commissioners voted to pay another \$2,800 to Nampa Paving and Asphalt Co. for a half-mile resurfacing project on Thompson Road that had already cost the district nearly \$100,000.

With so many roads in need of repair — including Nielsen Lane. the surface of which had been signs had blown down. That grinded in preparation for repaving in warmer weather — board chair

Larry Prow is uncertain if the district will have enough money to complete projects.

He said that director of highways Stuart Constantine will investigate whether the district can retrieve \$800 in grant money that was turned back upon the completion of the Thompson Road project.

"Then we'd only be out \$2,000," Prow said.

Around the time Nampa Paving was completing the Thompson Road repair in August, the contractor submitted a request for the overage. At that time, the commissioners refused to pay it.

The company was requesting the overage because road closure caused a delay because motorists drove over the roadway after Nampa Paving had prepped it for paving, requiring more grading.

According to board chair Larry Prow, attorney William Gigray said the district was liable because consulting engineer Mike Kaes of Paragon Engineering had signed off on the work order with Nampa Paving.

The district has dismissed Kaes as its engineer, but continues to work with the Paragon firm, Prow said.

Fee schedule may change

Facing a dwindling maintenance fund and higher material prices and possessing one of the lowest tax levies in the state, the district commissioners are looking for new ways to generate revenue.

Last week, they began to reexamine the schedule of fees charged to access district rightof-way. The access permits cover trenching roadway for piping, subdivision access to the road and driveway access.

"We have a schedule that has been on the books for a long time," Prow said. "It's only a \$25 fee for driveway access."

Prow said the commissioners have examined fee schedules for highway districts such as Golden Gate and Nampa in attempt to modernize their schedule. Neighboring Gem Highway District in Marsing has not been consulted, he said.

According to the Idaho State Tax Commission website, the Homedale Highway District's \$68,215 in tax revenue for 2012 ranked 59th among the state's 76 road districts.

The commissioners tabled the discussion to get more information, but plan to revisit the issue at their March 6 meeting.

Boundary adjustment may help finances slightly

Homedale Highway District may receive more revenue from vehicle registration fees after

consulting with the Owyhee County Assessor's Office.

Some of the Homedale Highway District overlaps with residences that have Marsing ZIP codes, and the Gem Highway District was receiving those fees, Prow said.

To clear up the oversight, the Homedale Highway District shared maps with the county's Division of Motor Vehicles and licensing bureau personnel will now consult those maps before assigning a highway district to motorists who come in to register

Prow said the move probably won't amount to a lot of new revenue, but clears up a problem that arose from the DMV staff relying on ZIP codes to divvy

"The county was real gracious," Prow said. "Instead of trying to do an audit, I think this was an easier and more fair way to do it.

— JPB





Silly winter fun to be had at Homedale Story Time

The joys of a snow day will be explored Friday during the Homedale Public Library's weekly Story Time installment.

"Lucille's Snowsuit" by Kathryn Lasky will be read at 10:15 a.m. to preschoolers at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The book tells the silly winter

story of Lucille, who has a hard time getting ready to go out and play in the snow while her siblings are already out having fun.

There will be crafts, songs and snacks.

For more information, call 337-4228 afternoons between Monday and Saturday.



Town hall meeting to feature Grand View community review

before the review is released.

The focus group topics are

Results of a Grand View community review will be heard at a meeting are slated for Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Rimrock Senior Center.

Survey and listening session results will be shared during the town hall meeting. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend.

The Senior Center is located at 525 N. Main St. in Grand View.

The purpose of the review is to help assess and increase the vitality and wealth of the community, according to information provided on the project.

The second half of a Community Review process that involves focus

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participants on Feb. 13th include:City Council and Water and Sewer Board

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 - Small business
- Citizens
- Hispanics

groups and listening sessions is On Feb. 14th focus group being held today and Thursday participants are:

- Farmers and ranchers
- Citizens
- Senior Citizens
- Youth

The community review was undertaken via a partnership with the Association of Idaho Cities, Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Housing and Finance Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the University of Idaho, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, and the Idaho Rural Partnership.

For more information, contact City Hall at (208) 834-2700.



Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller is scheduled to give an update on the quest to bring his department up to full strength.

Eidemiller will give an update on the hiring process when he delivers his report at tonight's City Council meeting.

The council meets at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The police department has operated a man down since

Jeff Jensen resigned to accept a job with the Caldwell Police Department last summer.

The council also will hear a proposal for a downtown classic car show to be held in conjunction with the third Angel Walk 5-kilometer benefit walk on May 11.

Reports from the public works department and the Planning and Zoning administrator also are on the agenda.



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Jordan Valley rancher Mike Hanley makes a point during Saturday's OCA winter meeting inside the Oreana Community Hall.



Tommy Bates, left, and former Grand View Mayor Paul Spang are charter members of the Grand View Lions Club. The organization was created in 1956. Submitted photo

√ **Auction:** Nearly \$200 heads for elementary schools

The Lions Club also returned 20 percent of proceeds from raffle ticket sales back to the elementary schools in Bruneau and Grand View. Fourth- and fifth-graders from both schools sold tickets leading up to the auction, with the Grand View group selling \$185 and the Bruneau bunch selling

The Lions donation will be used for class projects at both

Grand View's Linda Gustavson won the shotgun raffle, while the barbecue went to Gil King of

√ Water: SBOC continues conservation projects Adena Green, Owyhee Watershed sediment reductions in our canals

Council coordinator, also spoke. and laterals within the district." She stressed how important it was to be proactive on water management issues and warned that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may start fining farmers and landowners who let sediment drain off their property.

"We are moving to mandatory enforcement," Green said. "We have to do something."

Many landowners are already taking measures to prevent soil movement, but more is needed.

South Board manager Ron Kiester reported that efforts to conserve resources and help the environment are paying off.

"We made good progress with some of our projects," South Board manager Ron Kiester said. "We've achieved excellent

Water and power conservation as well as reducing the use of terrestrial and aquatic chemicals were big victories, he explained.

The South Board of Control has completed several construction projects to pipe irrigation water to customers, rather than running the water through open canals. The projects are aimed at improving the environment while saving manpower, water and other resources.

Another meeting highlight was the announcement of the Gem Irrigation District's pumping plant's centennial anniversary on Saturday, May 4. Plant tours will be available to the public May 1-4 and can be booked by calling (208) 337-3505.

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Cattlemen ask feds to relinquish land

Cattlemen's Association winter meeting included two resolutions tied to the ongoing struggles with the Bureau of Land Management.

Other agenda items included the membership silver bit drawing, an update from Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant, winter beef school presentations and a donation from the Jordan Valley Rodeo's Owyhee Rope and Ride.

Ranchers unanimously voted to pass two resolutions aimed directly at the BLM and the land in Idaho that the federal agency manages.

One resolution demands full National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) compliance in the

Business items at the Owyhee BLM grazing permit renewal process. Ranchers contend that permit renewal studies ignore critical social and economic assessments that are required under the federal law.

The other resolution requests federal transfer of public lands in Idaho in order to provide a fair, justified and equitable remedy of the federal government's past and continuing breaches of the law. The OCA membership strongly supports a move in the state Legislature to demand the federal government transfer title to all of the public lands within the state's borders directly to the state of Idaho.

OCA president Bill White accepted a \$7,500 check from the Owyhee Rope and Ride. Rodeo

board members noted that they are giving another check for \$2,500 to a group of ranchers who formed the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA).

In addition, Owyhee County District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland gave a presentation on Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's Sage Grouse plan.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Ranchers handbooks produced by Arizona extension educators and ranches were also available to meeting participants.

After a playful and drawn-out "who won" it, OCA Life Member Forest Fretwell of Jordan Valley, Ore., was declared the winner of the silver bit drawing.

--AS

√ OCA: Pre-talk break doesn't quell debate

untouched.

"The problem with these guidelines and standards is that they are not flexible and don't take several factors into account," Connie Brandau, a local rancher, said.

"Mother Nature isn't static, but your plans sure are."

BLM state director Steve Ellis said he could hear the frustration of those in the affected allotments, but explained that standards for rangeland health had to be met.

"We looked at maintaining the status quo on the levels of livestock use on all of the Group 1 allotments, but ultimately we determined that staying the course on use levels was unlikely to deliver the kind of improvement needed to ensure the long-term

Federal Range (FFR), was left health and productivity of the land," Ellis said.

> Emotions ran high during the discussion, which came after an hourlong break during which representatives on both sides of the issue milled about inside the community hall anxiously.

> Frustrated cattlemen and women have pointed out that the BLM's inflexibility has led to disasters.

> A recent example occurred when ranchers in western states told the BLM that the fuel load on the range was steadily growing, which could result in fires, and asked that they be allowed to increase grazing to manage that concern. The BLM said "no," and fires that were of historic proportions decimated cattle as well as

all animal life, including the sagegrouse that the grazing standards were trying to protect.

BLM officials explained that they have a multiuse mission that includes grazing and they want to keep ranchers on their allotments, but the BLM has to follow the parameters of the standards and guidelines.

During the meeting, several ranchers pointed out that they have long histories on their ranches, some dating back to 1865 with at least six generations of family members.

"What do I have to hand down to my son?" Paul Nettleton asked. "If things keep going this direction, we'll be out of business."

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We also would like to thank the youth participants of the OCA Beef Heifer Replacement Program for their help in serving lunch. If you are a 4-H or FFA member in grades 5-10 and would like to learn more about this program, please contact any OCA Board Member or the Extension Office.

Judith T. Phelps

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale on Friday, February 8th, at 2 PM for Judy Phelps, 91, who passed away peacefully at Homedale on February 6th, 2013. A 60-year resident of Idaho, Judy was born on September 30, 1921 to Rachel Hoopes and William Taylor Thom, Jr, of Princeton, New Jersey.

She graduated from Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio with a Masters degree in Music in 1948, and married David Phelps in Mesa, Arizona. They moved to Idaho in 1952 and bought a farm west of Homedale near Graveyard Point, where they raised two daughters. They were founding members of the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, where Judy graced the congregation with the gift of music for over



50 years. She gave piano lessons to hundreds of area children and provided musical accompaniment for countless community events during that time.

In addition, Judy loved gardening, writing and photography, and hiking in the foothills of Owyhee County. She was a member of the Idaho Music Teachers Association, the Gem State Writers Guild, and the Owvhee County Historical

Judy was predeceased by her brother, William Taylor Thom. III. and is survived by her sister. Elizabeth Thom Robinson, of Ashland, Oregon, daughters Catherine Phelps of Apache Junction, Arizona, and Virginia Phelps of Mountain View, California, and granddaughter Jessica Siler of Pocatello. Judy's ashes will be buried with her husband's on the Phelps family homestead in the mountains near Deckers, Colorado.

Memorial donations may be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale.

John L. Turner

John L. Turner, 88 years old, Husband, Father and Grandfather, passed away February 3, 2013, at his home in Homedale, Idaho. When asked, he said he wanted to be remembered as an "honest and hardworking man".

At 17 years old, though he was small in stature, he stood tall and joined the US Navy during World War II. Proudly serving on the USS Brown, he earned 13 major Battle Stars, and a Special Commendation from President George H. Bush.

John was an early resident of the Black Canyon area, taking his Middleton farmland out of sage brush. He became a rancher, raising crops for his cattle, horses, pigs and sheep. He loved animals and always had a trusty dog by his side ready to do his bidding with directions by his whistle through the space between his front teeth and the wave of his arm.

John had a land-leveling business and helped to bring many acres of farm land into production



in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. One job in Nevada brought him 450 head of cattle as payment. The cattle were "wild as March Hares," a combination of Brahma, Santa Gertrudis and white-faced mixed. Dad said he "became acquainted" with everyone in the valley, because he had to collect them after they "jumped every fence on the place" and ran in all directions.

John touched many lives with his stories, teasing and good humor. No one was a stranger. Following the teachings of Christ, he willingly gave help to anyone he saw in need and taught his children and grandchildren that hard work was rewarding.

He met the love of his life, Joyce N. Bair, and they lived together 67 fun-filled years. They have five children: Boyd (Colleen) of Carey, North Carolina; Kristi of Salt Lake City, Utah; Vickie (Jay Russon) of Greenleaf, Idaho; Shirley (Terry Meikle) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Dennis (Debbie) of Homedale, Idaho. They, with his 13 grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren, celebrated John's life on Friday, February 8, 2013 at the Homedale L.D.S Chapel, Homedale, Idaho. Viewing was held at 10:00 am with funeral services at 12:00 noon. Burial was at the Hilltop Memorial Cemetery in Nyssa, Oregon. Condolences may be given to the family at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Death notices

DIAN LENORE GOLLADAY, 73, of Jordan Valley, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at a local hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Cremation Society of Idaho.

JOYCE MARTIN, 76, a former Homedale resident and Paul's Market employee, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, at her Caldwell home. A graveside service was held Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Flahiff Funeral Chapel handled arrangements.

JOHN G. SCOTT, 88, of Jordan Valley, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013 of natural causes at a Nampa care center. Arrangements are pending at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

M. KEITH THOMAS, 89, of Bruneau, died on Friday, Feb. 8, 2013. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home. (208) 587-0612

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 13: Bean dip w/nacho chips, cheese stick, veggie cup, pears
- Feb. 14: Fish nuggets, green beans, apple fruit snack
- Feb. 15: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, pineapple
- Feb. 18: No school.
- Feb. 19: Grilled ham/cheese, tomato soup, celery sticks, grapes
- Feb. 20: Orange chicken, steamed rice, peas, mandarin oranges
- Feb. 21: Chili, baby carrots, applesauce, goldfish crackers

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 13: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, orange
- Feb. 14: Beef or chicken taco, corn, pears
- Feb. 15: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, tossed salad, pineapple
 - Feb. 18: No school.
- Feb. 19: Nachos or baked potato, bread stick, veggie cup, applesauce
- Feb. 20: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, apple
- Feb. 21: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, carrots, mandarin oranges

Homedale High

- Feb. 13: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 14: Malibu or grilled chicken sandwich or hamburger, potato wedges salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 15: Pulled pork BBQ or toasted cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 18: No school.
- Feb. 19: Teriyaki or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 20: Lasagna or rib-b-que, mixed vegetables, salad bar, fruit
 - Feb. 21: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Feb. 13: Teriyaki chicken or corn dog, winter blend veggies, salad
- Feb. 14: Lasagna w/breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 18: No school.
- Feb. 19: Stuffed crust pizza or PB&J w/chips, tossed salad, salad
- Feb. 20: Hamburger or chicken nuggets, potato wedges, green beans,

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 13: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli,
- Feb. 14: Taco salad, romaine & tomato, black beans, fruit, pink rice krispie treats
- Feb. 15: Sloppy Joe, celery sticks, fresh grapes, chocolate pudding Feb. 19: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato mix, baby carrots, tropical
- Feb. 20: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, breadstick, strawberry green salad,

COSSA

Feb. 13: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, w/w roll, peaches

- Feb. 14: Chili cheese fries, corn bread, applesauce
- Feb. 15: Pizza, salad w/tomato, corn, pineapple
- Feb. 18: No school.
- Feb. 19: Finger steaks, potato wedges, bread applesauce
- Feb. 20: BBQ chicken, corn, cheesy bread, pears

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Homedale Senior Center slates events

Public invited to Saturday breakfast

The monthly benefit breakfast for the Homedale Senior Center will be held Saturday.

The breakfast runs from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The cost is \$6 per plate.

The senior center's board of directors holds its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. today, and the monthly foot clinic is scheduled for Tuesday.

Appointments are necessary for foot examinations and can be made by calling the senior center at 337-3020.

The health screenings continue on Thursday, Feb. 21 with the monthly blood pressure clinic.

The senior center holds another

fundraising activity, the second of its twice-monthly dances for all ages, on Saturday, Feb. 23. The cost is \$4 at the door, and attendees are encouraged to bring finger foods. The dance runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and features live music.

Homedale native Betty Adams and Ozark Mountain Music will play their brand of bluegrass for the lunch crowd at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

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

Senior center board meeting

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

Christian Life Club

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

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

Three Creek School Board meeting

7 p.m., Three Creek School multipurpose room, Three Creek

Thursday

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting

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

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Grand View Town Hall meeting

6:30 p.m., community review overview, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

Friday

Story Time at Homedale Public Library

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

Saturday

Homedale Senior Center breakfast

7 a.m. to 10 a.m., open to public, \$6 all-you-caneat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Running Club

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

Monday

Presidents Day. No events scheduled

Tuesday

Foot clinic

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

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State

Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

El-Ada commodity distribution

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

Wednesday

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Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon

Noon, RSVP by Feb. 18, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

Christian Life Club

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Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Job's Daughters Bethel 31 meeting

7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

Thursday, Feb. 21

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board meeting

6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639

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Saturday, Feb. 23

Homedale Running Club

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

Bruneau Booster Club dinner and auction

5:30 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m. auction, American Legion Post 83 hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau

Monday, Feb. 25

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

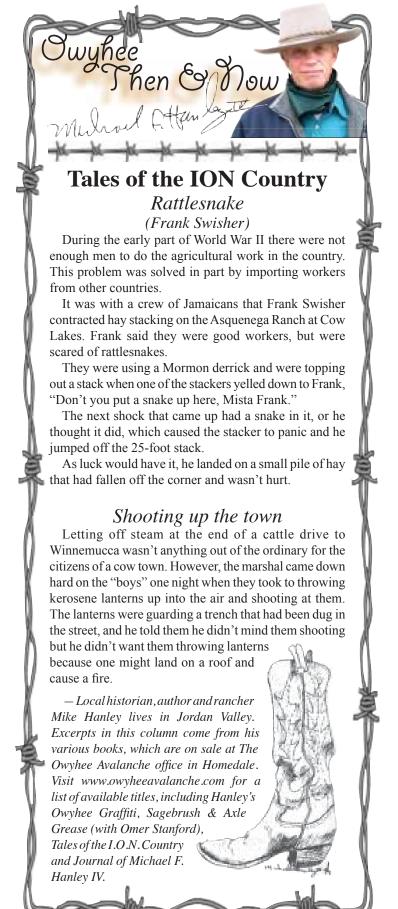
Tuesday, Feb 26

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

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

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



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Jordan Valley, Homedale represented on EOU Dean's List

Three local students have been placed on the Eastern Oregon University Dean's List for the fall term.

Jordan Valley's Catherine Kershner was named to the Dean's List for the sixth time

since July 2010.

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Annie Mackenzie, another Jordan Vallev resident, landed on the list for the fourth time since February 2012.

Homedale's Desiree Jacobs, a

List nominee. Jacobs also participates on the dance team at the La Grande, Ore.,

In all, 549 students were named to the

communication major, is a first-time Dean's EOU Dean's List for the fall term. To qualify, students must maintain a gradepoint average of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 hours of graded coursework.

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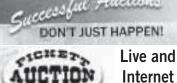
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Birthday

Andrus' 80th to be celebrated at senior center

The family of Romona Andrus invites her friends to an open house to celebrate her 80th birthday.

The open house will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The family requests no gifts. Andrus works at the senior center.



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Homedale's annual Basque dance to move to make room for more

When the Txoko Ona Basque p.m., the patrons who have paid Dance rolls around next month, attendees will notice a big change.

Namely, the dance won't be at the Basque center that benefits from the proceeds.

The 13th annual dance is set for Saturday, March 9 at Badiola Arena, 406 Hwv 95.

The dance will feature the same highlights as in the past.

When the doors open at 5:30

\$5 each for admission will get to experience performances from the Oinkari Dancers of Boise and the Herribatza Dantzariak troupe of youth dancers.

Txoko Ona board member Ben Badiola has donated the use of his heated, indoor arena for the dance to accommodate more people, event publicist Terri Uria said.

There will be bleacher seating for more than 800 people as well

as ground-level seating for senior

Proceeds from the dance will help the Txoko Ona Basque Club promote Basque heritage through programs such as sending club members to the Basque country for language immersion, scholarships for youth to attend Udaleku Basque summer camp. Funds also are used for upkeep of the Txoko Ona facility and grounds.

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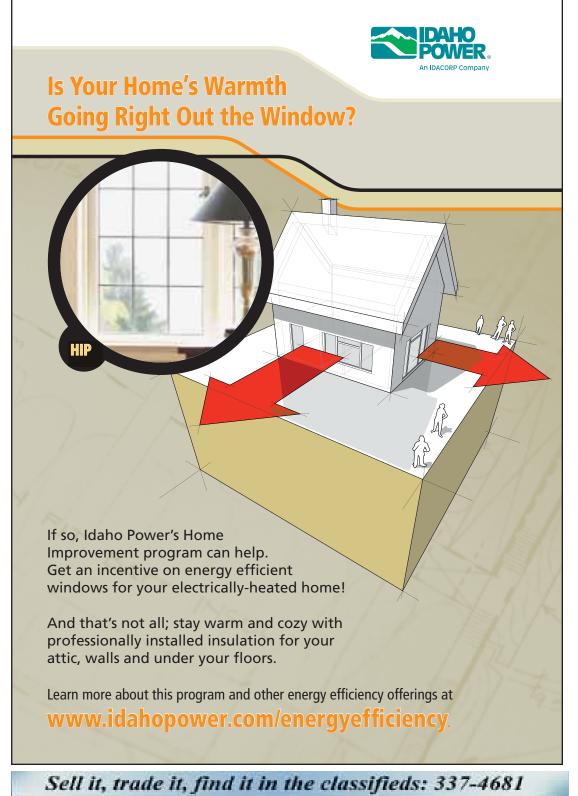
In preparation for its third season, the Marsing Farmers Market and Bazaar will hold a general meeting Saturday.

All vendors interested in selling

at the market are welcome at 9 a.m. gathering at The Spot Pizza, 12 Sandbar Ave., in Marsing.

The Farmers Market and Bazaar has been held at Island Park for the past two years.

For more information about the meeting or on how to become part of the market, contact Jolyn Green at jolynegreen@gmail.com.



Sho-Pai member to discuss Indian history in Bruneau

The Bruneau Valley Library will host Noni Manning from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation for the

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Bruneau and Beyond speaker

in Bruneau. To ensure enough is prepared for the luncheon, those planning on attending should RSVP by calling the library director at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345 by Monday.

This month's presentation will focus on several aspects of Indian history with special emphasis on how the Indian people lived prior to the arrival of the Europeans.

Manning will include stories of her great-great-grandmother, a Shoshoni woman who lived along the tributaries of the Bruneau River near Roland, Nev.

Manning grew up on the Duck Valley Reservation, attended college in Oklahoma, and returned to the University of Nevada in Reno where she obtained her degree in history.

She worked on special history projects for the state of Nevada before moving back to Duck Valley to work for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. She is recently retired and ranches with her husband on the reservation.

> Find out What's happening Read Calendar each week in the Avalanche



Homedale residents, from left, Teresa Ryska, Aaron Tines and Vern Tunnell are now part of the Medical Reserve Corps. Submitted photo

Coroner among three Owyheeans to join medical corps

Volunteers complete health district training

Three Owyhee County residents recently completed training to help out as volunteers in case of a widespread health emergency.

Coroner Aaron Tines, Deputy Coroner Teresa Ryska and Homedale business owner Vern Tunnell are now part of Southwest District Health's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

The three underwent eight hours of MRC training in SWDH's Canyon County location in Caldwell on Saturday, Jan. 26.

SWDH spokesperson Laurie Boston said graduates of the training will be available to help in case of a health crisis such as a biological terrorism incident or a public health emergency such as a viral outbreak.

Among the duties they might perform in an emergency include helping carry out mass vaccination clinics or assisting with security.

The three locals were among 18 individuals from Owyhee, Canyon, Gem and Payette counties to complete the class and final exam to become eligible for deployment in case of an emergency.

The training included sections on the National Incident Command System (ICS), media relations, volunteer and family preparedness and epidemiology.

Participants were able to apply what they learned in a two-part ICS exercise, too.

Each health district in Idaho has an MRC volunteer unit, and there are more than 700 such detachments across the country, SWDH said in a press release.

Marsing dinner, auction to support cancer fight

own next month.

Proceeds from a spaghetti feed and silent auction will benefit Cheryl Johnson's fight against

The event takes place at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 1 inside the

The Marsing community is Phipps-Watson Marsing American gathering to support one of its Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

> The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Donations also will be accepted.

For more information, call Caba's Restaurant at (208) 896-

Homedale Senior Center

Feb. 13: BBO beef, baked beans, potato, bread

Feb. 14: Baked fish, baked potato, California blend vegetables,

Feb. 19: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, California blend vegetables, bread

Feb. 20: Beef stew, biscuit

Feb. 21: Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, bread

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Citizen's tip leads to DUI arrest

OCSO looking into Caba's altercation

A Caldwell man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after a concerned citizen made a report last week.

James George Colvin, 85, faces a 9 a.m. arraignment on Monday, Feb. 25 in Murphy before Magistrate Dan C. Grober.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Terry McGrew stopped Colvin at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 4. McGrew and Idaho Fish and Game Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson, who is a part-time OCSO deputy, began searching for Colvin's vehicle after a worker at Givens Hot Springs phoned county dispatch about a possible intoxicated driver in the area.

McGrew made the stop at milepost 13.5 on Idaho highway

Bar fight probe ongoing

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman says that a bar fight in which one man suffered lacerations and a broken leg is still under investigation.

No arrests have been reported in the incident that took place at 11:09 p.m. on Feb. 2 at Caba's Lounge on Main Street in Marsing.

Bowman said that a 53-year-old Caldwell man suffered lacerations on his head and a broken leg when he fell to the floor during an altercation with a 47-yearold Marsing man. The 53-yearold man was transported to the hospital in a private vehicle by his 40-year-old wife, Bowman said.

Bowman said the younger man was the ex-husband of the woman.

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Fourth Fresno pot suspect sentenced

Man, 19, brought back to Idaho to face charges

A fourth California man connected to a drug bust last fall on U.S. Highway 95 will serve probation and community service.

Ernesto Franco, 19, appeared before Magistrate Dan C. Grober on Feb. 1 in Murphy. He had been extradited from California 24 days earlier.

Convicted on misdemeanor charges of possession of less than three ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, Franco was sentenced to 100 hours of community service and two years supervised probation.

Grober gave Franco credit for 24 days already served behind bars and suspended the remainder of a one-year jail sentence. The sentence will remain suspended as long as Franco meets the terms of his probation.

He also must pay \$642.50 in court costs and fines.

Franco allegedly was in possession of 2.6 ounces of marijuana and a marijuana pipe when he was arrested on Oct. 26.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said after consulting the sheriff's deputies involved in the case — David Green, Karl Kingston and

Terry McGrew — it was decided felony charges of criminal conspiracy and marijuana trafficking wouldn't be pursued.

"There was insufficient evidence to link him to any criminal conspiracy nor evidence of his personal or actual possession of felony amounts of marijuana," Emery wrote in an email.

Franco was returned to Owyhee County after his Jan. 10 arrest in Fresno, Calif., on a \$150,000

Franco originally was arrested on Oct. 26 and charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors after Green stopped the Dodge Charger that Franco and three other men were riding in on U.S.

Franco posted bail four days after his arrest on felony charges of criminal conspiracy and drug trafficking and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance.

The three other defendants Sergio Alejandro Bejar, Timothy Daniel Juarez and Christopher McMurray — face sentencing later this year on one count each of felony marijuana possession. Bejar and McMurray will appear before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan on Feb. 22 and March 22, respectively. Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey will sentence Juarez on March 8.



Law enforcement officials and volunteers assess the situation during a wreck last Wednesday morning.

Wrecks blamed on winter, lack of sleep

Officials respond to 3 non-injury crashes

Winter road conditions contributed to a couple non-injury crashes last week, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office reports.

Deputies Karl Kingston and Terry McGrew responded to the area of Texas Basin Road near milepost 3 on U.S. Highway 95 at 5:17 a.m. Friday morning after an Idaho Transportation Department

snowplow crew reported a white mini-van had slid off the road.

Marsing Ambulance also responded, but OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said no one was injured in the accident.

On Thursday, Deputy Kenny Hoagland responded to a property damage accident on Idaho highway 78 at milemarker 31 outside Murphy.

Bowman said a 78-year-old man was uninjured when his car went off the road after he fell asleep at the wheel sometime before 3 p.m.

Icy conditions contributed to a non-injury roll-over accident in the vicinity of Graveyard Point Road and Walker Lane outside Homedale on Feb. 5.

Tylee Ann Fry, 18, was uninjured when the mini-van she was driving left the roadway and flipped on its side around 8:45

Law enforcement officials asked motorists to be aware of the aftermath of rapidly falling temperatures such as what led to the slick conditions the morning of Feb. 5.

Honor roll

Homedale Middle School

First semester Eighth grade

4.0 grade-point average — Deal, Jacob W.; Downum, Hannah M.; Jones, Sarah; and Vega, Annabel

3.99 to 3.5 — Haun, Riley E., 3.857; McMichael, Emma L., 3.857; McRae, Lindsey, 3.857; Romriell, Craig K., 3.857; Tayler, Jessica M., 3.857; Randall, Ryan J., 3.833; Bedolla, Samantha J., 3.714; Renteria, Savannah B., 3.714: Riha, Jason E., 3.714: Lentfer, Tanis L., 3.667; Chavez, Angel, 3.571; Gomez, John D., 3.571; Holloway, Benjamin N., 3.571; Peterson, Savannah J., 3.571; and Bogdanski, Gabrielle L., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 — Carr, Tyson J., 3.429; Conner, Alexis M., 3.429; Keller, Shane J., 3.429; Hibbard, Jessica J., 3.333; Monreal, Adrian R., 3.333; Fry, Bailey M., 3.286; Maxwell, Megan S., 3.286; Thornton, Quentin G., 3.286; VanWinkle, Ambyr N., 3.286; Emery, Alyssa B., 3.143; Kelly, Fletcher S., 3.143; Kilby, Keaton E., 3.143; Meligan, Caleb C., 3.143; Taylor, Drew A., 3.143; Alcantara Perez, Fabian, 3.0; Bowen, Logan A., 3.0; Furlott, Jacob R., 3.0; Gaines, Mariah L., 3.0; Gierlich, Siri, 3.0; Kleppinger, Abigail V., 3.0; Prado, Carolina, Travis, Colianna-Kay S., 3.0

Seventh grade

4.0 GPA — Burks, Ashley B.; Christoffersen, Cobey L.; Cook, Diana L.; Correa, Julia C.

DeMark, Miller B.; DeWitt, Kaylee E.; Evans, Jessica M.; Fisher, Lauryn P.; Flores, Veronica M.; Gonzalez, Nallely; Henry, Martell, Gabriella M.; Mertz, Maxwell W.; Morgan, Riley S.; Muir, Alexis S.; Nash, Kendall N.; Pfost, Dillon S.; and Symms,

3.99 to 3.5 — Burright, Kennedee R., 3.857; Christensen, Ember E., 3.857; Oakley, Meryssa J., 3.857; Packer, Jesse M., 3.857; Hilton, Jaylon L., 3.833; Smith, Cortnee J., 3.833; Bowman, Andrew D., 3.714; Harvey, Danielle E., 3.714; Kelly, Dakota M., 3.714; Raine, Alicia M. 3.714; Burks, Lindsey S., 3.667; Egusquiza, Hannah R., 3.667; Thatcher, Kendra J., 3.667; Jacobson, Faith T., 3.571; Santiago, Julia, 3.571; Turner, Kayden J., 3.571; Elordi, Cody J., 3.5; McGee, Dana J., 3.5; and Salutregui, Lyndsey N., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 — Baltierrez, Antonio, 3.429; Hernandez, Maria I.,

3.0; Sawyer, Carlie M., 3.0; and 3.429; Packer, Jordan M., 3.429; Beckman, Ian S., 3.286; Bell, Jeremy J., 3.286; Earl, Kayla M., 3.286; Sickinger, Mia A., 3.286; Griswold, Chacota M., 3.143; Milburn, Miely D., 3.143; Shenk, Allison T., 3.143; Vega Ojeda, Diana, 3.143; Bernabe, MA Carmen, 3.0; Butler, Bradley D., 3.0; Cortez, Brenda Y., 3.0; Durrant, Skyler S., 3.0; Hernandez, Isabel Kaden I.; Johnson, Lainey J.; L., 3.0; Joiner, Jaymz R., 3.0; Sifuentes, Ashley R., 3.0; and Zamora,

Sixth grade

4.0 GPA — Brown, Carson R.; Deal, Drew J.; DeMark, Warren B.; Rupp, Jenna D.; and Rupp, Kyle L.

3.99 to 3.5 — Martinat, Jesse V., 3.839; Rose, Jaegar L., 3.839; Downum, Courtney M., 3.833; Taylor, Kelsey L., 3.833; Nash, Sophia, 3.8; Carter, Paige D., 3.677; Rupp, Reigan Y., 3.677; Atkins, Lane S., 3.667; Bowman, Morgan J., 3.667; Campbell, Gunner H., 3.667; Schild, Randi D., 3.667; Albor, Cindy, 3.643; Mitchell, Taylor A., 3.643; Cornwall, Nathan G., 3.6; Grant, Alexandria K., 3.516; and Aguilera Florian, Amy B., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 — Monreal, Mela-

nie, 3.464; Kincheloe, Mason R., 3.355; Cardenas, Olivia J., 3.333; Conant, Austin, 3.333; Glanzman, Hatty M., 3.333; Hall, Josey L., 3.333; Hansen, Kaitlyn M., 3.333; Mullins, Gwynneth K., 3.333; VanWinkle, Courtney A., 3.333; Vega Aguilera, Maria A., 3.333; Zamora, Dazsha N., 3.333; Carter, Amaya N., 3.231; Kraupp, Annie J., 3.194; Redburn, Noah J., 3.192; Rojas, Chelsea, 3.167; Villa Ojeda, Jose B., 3.167; Phariss, Lindy R., 3.0; and Puckett, Jacob R., 3.0

Fifth grade

4.0 GPA — Beckman, Amaya L.; Brady, Kyler C.; Eells, Bryce D.; Fisher, Spencer D.; Franko, Lexus K.; Gomez, Julia D.; Guzman, Christina; Johnson, Maggie E.; Johnson, Nyelah T.; Larzelier, Juliette C.; Purdom, Gage C.; Rountree, Mason M.; Schamber, Elizabeth R.; Trout, Brady J.; and Uranga, Daniel S.

3.99 to 3.5 — Albor, Lisbed, 3.833; Buckley, Savana R., 3.833; Montejano, Nayeli V., 3.833; Randall, Matthew L., 3.833; Thornton, Trinity N., 3.833; Hernandez, Ricardo, 3.818; Albor, Cristina, 3.8; Butler, Kaitlyn L., 3.697; Conner, John A., 3.697; Padilla, Edgar, 3.672; Aviles-Rodriguez, Ahtziri, 3.667; Llamas, Arnulfo, 3.667; Montes, Aliyah, 3.667; Vargas, Caleb I., 3.667; Milburn, Maicy L., 3.636; Lomeli, Nelson, 3.6; Kerbs, Austyn E., 3.545; Sakata, Zachary R., 3.545; Wilkerson, Adison L., 3.545; Zavala, Jazminne A., 3.545; Vincent, Jordyn C., 3.508; Dines, Grace M., 3.5; Fleming, William J., 3.5; and Martinez-Jimenez, Moises, 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 — Villarreal, Sarai, 3.455: Ankeny, Samuel J., 3.4: Cortez-Neri, Adrian, 3.4; Vega, Baldomero, 3.4; O'Dell, Stephen C., 3.394; Collett, Jacob D., 3.344; Waters, Natalia A., 3.344; Wikoff, Skylar C., 3.344; Black, Chase M., 3.333; Flores, Jose M., 3.333; Orris, Keyana F., 3.333; Puckett, Nicholas H., 3.286; Garcia, Omar A., 3.262; Maravilla, Oscar E., 3.25; Albor, Yuleydi, 3.2; McRoberts, Dominic T., 3.182; Neil, Kaytlynne R., 3.18; Beebe, Jake A., 3.167; Cardenas, Taiz C., 3.167; Robinson-Hopson, Cheyenne J., 3.167; Vera, Manuel, 3.167; Infante, Bernardo, 3.107; Corrales, Karina, 3.091; Alamilla, Diego, 3.0; Cortes, Lissette, 3.0; Elordi, Garett C., 3.0; King, Grace E., 3.0; Nunez, Carlos, 3.0; and Tuckness, Nickolas L., 3.0

Jordan Valley's Trautman completes **FFA State Degree**

Jordan Valley FFA member Wyatt Trautman has fulfilled the final requirement for his State Degree.

He'll receive his State Degree during the Oregon FFA state convention in March at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

On Jan. 23 at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., Trautman stood before a community board and made a presentation about his supervised agricultural experience (SAE). This included talking about the project, the skills he has attained and the educational outcome.

The junior's SAE includes taking a market swine to the Owyhee County Fair, lawn care and beef producing placement.

Trautman and 11 other Jordan Valley FFA members attended the 212 and 360 Leadership Conference in Boise on Jan.

Jordan Valley chapter advisor Nick Usabel said chapter members attended to gain leadership skills or improve their skills. Homedale FFA members also attended.

Today, Jordan Valley FFA members are in Adrian for the Snake River District Career Development Events for Beginning Prepared Public Speaking as well as the Cooperatives Test. Junior Salazar will recite the FFA Creed, too.

There also will be at Parliamentary Procedure contest and state officer sifting.

In other CDE competitions, Sage Raine finished second in the district's Beginning Job Interview

On Tuesday, Jordan Valley chapter members will attend workshops in Ontario as part of the State Officers Winter Tour.

The chapter also reports that produce sales were successful.

Jordan Valley FFA continues its car battery recycling campaign. Batteries can be dropped off behind the Ag shop.

National FFA Week begins Saturday and runs through Feb.

The Jordan Valley FFA chapter has several other events planned through the rest of the school year and into summer, including:

- Bogus Basin ski trip, March
- · Appreciation Breakfast and Easter Egg hunt, March 30
- · Shop skills competition, April
- · Parent/member banquet, April
- Owyhee Field Day and TVCC livestock judging, May 14
- Spring flower sale, May 28
- Chapter officers at Leadership Champ, June 13-14 in Cove,



New year, new officers for 4-H club

The Shoo-Fly 4-H club has elected its 2013 officers.

First row, from left: Juliette Larzelier, secretary; Kendall Nash, vice-president; Riley Haun, president; Kaylee DeWitt, treasurer; and Lindsey Stowell, sergeant at arms.

Second row, from left: Gracie Dines, historian; and Belisia Larzelier, reporter.

Photo submitted by Belisia Larzelier

SPORTS SCORE BIG WITH STEAK, GRAB FEED



Homedale residents Jamie and Cherie Franko took full advantage of the crab and steak feed held at the Txoko Ona Basque Center on Saturday. Submitted photo

old-out inaugural event pays off for Homedale

Early estimates show the inaugural Homedale Schools All Sports Crab and Steak Feed corralled nearly \$25,000.

Saturday's event at the Txoko Ona Basque Center was sold out.

"It was a huge success," Homedale High School boys' basketball and golf coach Casey Grove said. "The community came together for a great cause in a big way.

"The live auction was amazing. It seemed like almost every item went for \$500 or more."

Rich Pickett from Greenleaf-based Pickett Auction Co., handled the auctioneering duties.

HHS sophomore Kyler Landa sold 46 tickets, more than any other student, and won the \$100 prize from Owyhee Dental.



Homedale High School sophomore Kyler Landa accepts his prize as top ticket-seller from Rhonda Pickett, left, and Casey Grove. Submitted photo

Rich Pickett of Pickett Auctions, right, reads off the description for an item set for bidding during the live auction Saturday night at the inaugural Homedale All Sports Crab and Steak Feed at the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

Submitted photo



Marsing man gets probation for DUI conviction

year's probation after a driving under the influence conviction.

misdemeanor DUI on Jan. 22.

In addition to the probation Magistrate Clifford Roy Miller, whose date of Judge James A. Schiller imposed, Miller

A Marsing man has been placed on a birth is listed as 1943, was sentenced for had his driver's license suspended for six sentence was suspended. months.

> He was given credit for two days served in jail and the remainder of a 180-day

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Karl Kingston arrested Miller for DUI on Nov. Page 16

Marsing boys begin district play tonight

Avalanche Sports

Jordan Valley, Adrian prepare for districts

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013

State tourney three of a kind

County's girls' basketball teams reach postseason together



Bailey Bachman scored 12 points in Rimrock's district championship game victory in Parma.

Raiders rally for district crown

Team avenges only WIC loss with comeback victory

Life got better for Mike Chandler in the fourth quarter of Thursday's district championship game.

The Rimrock High School girls' basketball coach

waited not-sopatiently through a frustrating as his Raiders

1A, Div. I at Columbia H.S., Nampa 6:15 p.m., Thursday: Rimrock second quarter (15-3) vs. Grace (16-9)

couldn't cash in on several opportunities against the fourth-ranked 1A, Div. I team in the state.

In the end, though, Chandler had to be smiling.

The Raiders stifled the Patriots' offense, and Sami Bachman hit a three-point goal and a field goal in the fourth quarter to help Rimrock with a 49-46 comefrom-behind victory for the District III championship in

Bailey Bachman registered a double-double with 12 points and season-high 14 rebounds to pace Rimrock. Kyla Jewett led all scorers with 22 points.

The Raiders (15-3 overall) avenged their only loss of the 1A Western Idaho Conference season to capture the district's top seed in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Rimrock opens the state tournament at 6:15 p.m. on

— See **Raiders**, page **18**



Tory Lane paced the Homedale offense with 17 points in Thursday's victory over Weiser.

Trojans return after 10 years away

Homedale hangs on to beat Weiser for third time in season

There was nothing easy about it, but the Homedale High School girls' basketball team qualified for the state tournament Thursday.

The Trojans survived the evaporation of a 12-point lead

to edge Weiser, 40-38, in the second-place game of Tournament.

at Skyview H.S., Nampa 8 p.m., Thursday: Homedale (12-11) the 3A District III vs. Sugar-Salem (13-12)

Freshman Tory Lane scored 17 points for Homedale. No other statistics were provided.

"We executed at the end the way we talked about, getting to the free-throw line," coach Joe Betancourt said.

Weiser rallied from a 12-point deficit with three minutes left.

"Unfortunately, we didn't shoot a good percentage to close them out," Betancourt said. "In the end, we held on to win by two, and that's all that matters.

"The girls have not been in a situation like that before — a situation with so much to play for."

The Trojans, who lost the district championship game, 55-33, to Parma on Feb. 5 at Treasure Valley Community College, beat Weiser for the third time in four tries this season.

— See **Trojans**, page 17



Lacey Usabel returns to the 2A Real Dairy Shootout this week with her Marsing teammates.

Huskies draw top team in opener

Marsing opens with team that ended its 2011 tournament

Tim Little's team is used to being an underdog all year long, so what if they're not expected to make any waves at the state tournament this week?

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team

couldn't handle New Plymouth's pressure defense the 2A District III

at Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise 3 p.m., Thursday: Marsing (13-9) vs. Thursday, losing Soda Springs (19-2)

championship game, 38-33.

The turn of events earned a date with the top-ranked team in a state media poll that the Huskies never cracked despite beating two ranked teams en route to their third straight 2A Western Idaho Conference title.

The Huskies (13-9 overall) meet District V champion Soda Springs (19-2) at 3 p.m. Thursday in the first round of the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

"Soda is the top-ranked team in the state, and everybody knows that, and no one expects us to win, and that's fine,"

"We'll prepare like we have all season and go for the win, and if we play the way we're capable of, anything can happen."

— See **Huskies**, page 18



Former Homedale resident Fred Anzaldua, left, stands with Manuel Albares inside the Caldwell Optimist boxing club's gymnasium.

Former Homedale boxer still in game training amateurs, pros

Anzaldua set for Saturday's Silver Belt

in Homedale, and he'd like to bring the fight game back to his hometown soon.

For now, the 45-year-old will continue to train young boxers out of a small Caldwell gym, preparing that town's Optimist amateur club for Saturday's Idaho Silver Belt Invitational.

Anzaldua, who attended

Fred Anzaldua grew up boxing Homedale High School in the mid-1980s and lived outside town, got his start in boxing with Henry Camel's Desert Horse Boxing Club in Homedale.

> "Boxing is in my blood, thanks to the Camels," Anzaldua said.

He was a schoolmate of Camel's sons, Zack and J.R. Anzaldua used to hang out with Zack, the older of the two boys who now coach basketball in Montana, but could never get his parents' permission to spend much time over at the Camels' house.

Then one day, he got the green light. He was surprised to find out that before the Camel boys did anything, they had to train and that's when he discovered the boxing ring in their back yard.

Then came a trip to Meridian,

— See **Boxer**, page **18**

Homedale coach expects good placement for district wrestling

Trojans split final dual meets

As many as nine Homedale High School wrestlers could get high district seeding tonight when coaches gather.

The Trojans finished third in the 3A Snake River Valley conference standings after splitting their final dual meets last week, but coach Toby Johnson sees great individual opportunities as the 3A District III Tournament looms Saturday.

The tournament takes place in Weiser. The top four wrestlers in each weight class at the end of the day will advance to the 3A state tournament, which takes place Feb. 22-23 at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

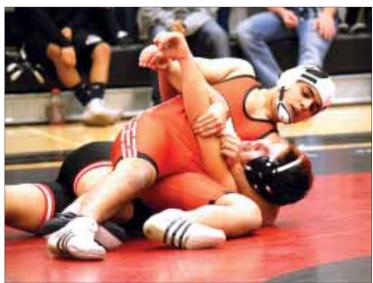
"I am expecting Tyler Hardy to be No. 1 at 113 pounds," Johnson said. "We should get second seeds out of Nash Johnson (106), Michael Deleon (120), Devin Fisher (126), and Brad McCain (195)."

Johnson also hopes to see Jovan Cornejo (160), Curtis Stansell (170), Colton Grimm (182), and Jakobee Osborn (220) earn top four seeds.

Homedale finished the season with a 17-2 record in dual meets. The team was 6-1 at home after beating Payette, 60-22, on Senior Night (Feb. 5).

The Trojans ended the conference season Thursday with a 72-16 loss on the road to Fruitland.

Thursday: Fruitland 72,



Homedale senior Cayetano Montes takes control during his 182pound match last week in Fruitland.

Homedale 16 — The Trojans carried a depleted roster into the dual-meet season finale on the road against the Grizzlies.

"Fruitland is strong, and we did not match up well," Toby Johnson said. "We had some starters out with injuries, and that didn't help."

Homedale's three victories came from Nash Johnson, Hardy and Devin Fisher

A freshman, Nash Johnson pinned 2012 state qualifier Melanie Cowgill at 106 pounds.

A senior, Hardy picked up an 8-0 major decision against freshman Robert Diaz at 113 pounds.

Fisher, who qualified for the state meet last year, pinned his opponent at 126 pounds.

Fruitland picked up its victories with three forfeits and eight

Feb. 5: Homedale 60, Payette 22 — The home crowd paid tribute to four seniors, including McCain, Hardy, 182-pounder Tano Montes and 145-pounder Rusty Vance.

McCain and Hardy were able to finish out with wins on the mat, while Montes received a forfeit.

Hardy pinned Erick Castillo at 120 pounds, and McCain put Paul Becerril on the mat for his victory.

Fisher pinned Mark DeLaPena at 126 pounds, Stansell took down Colbee Ransom at 170, and 220pounder Jakobee Osborn pinned Shad Allison.

Forfeit victories were registered by Johnson (106), Riley Christoffersen (113), Wylee Cooper (132) and Jovan Cornejo (160).

Big comeback spurs JV to district top seed

Boys to meet Mitchell in tourney opener

Ben Telleria sank seven consecutive free throws in the final minute Friday in a hostile environment to help Jordan Valley High School to a big boys' basketball victory.

Like the rest of the Jordan Valley squad, the junior had an off-night from the field, but was 7-for-8 from the foul line in a crucial 51-44 victory over fellow 1A High Desert League East Division leader Crane.

The road victory ended Crane 15-game winning streak and helped Jordan Valley secure the division's top seed into this week's 1A District 8 Tournament in John Day, Ore. Jordan Valley takes on Mitchell on Thursday at Grant Union High School.

"We struggled offensively throughout the game and shot poorly," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "Our defense kept us in the game."

A total of 34 fouls were called in the battle for the top seed, including technical fouls on a

Jordan Valley coach and Crane's leading scorer Nic Nyman (gamehigh 17 points).

"It was a rough game with a lot of fouls," Workman said.

With Telleria leading the way from the line, Jordan Valley was 17-for-21 in the fourth quarter and outscored Crane, 25-9, to erase a nine-point deficit over the final eight minutes.

Ty Warn was 8-for-8 from the free-throw line. He had a co-teamhigh 13 points for Jordan Valley and added 11 rebounds and five

Blaine Moran scored nine points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Tom Nelson had seven points and seven boards

Zalin Arritola, who scored 30 points in Crane's 51-44 victory over Jordan Valley on Jan. 19, was limited to 15 points Friday.

Girls

Crane 42, Jordan Valley 27 - Crane (19-4 overall, 10-0 1A HDL East) wrapped up the 1A HDL on a 12-game win streak and will play Spray in the first round of the 1A District 8 Tournament on Friday in John Day, Ore.

Jordan Valley ended the regular season at 9-10, 6-4.

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Tory Lane, freshman, girls' basketball

The Play — Lane hit four three-point goals and led all scorers with 15 points in the Trojans' district championship game loss to Parma. On Thursday, she and her teammates held off Weiser as Homedale qualified for a state tournament for the first time in 10 years.

Girls' Basketball

The Couplet Toolenche Thursday, Feb. 14 vs. Sugar Salem, 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, Skyview H.S., Nampa, 8

> Friday, Feb. 15 vs. TBA, 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, Skyview H.S., Nampa, 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 vs. TBA, 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, Skyview H.S., or Idaho Center, Nampa, time TBA (if nec.)

Wrestling

Saturday, Feb. 16 at 3A District III Tournament, Weiser, 8 a.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity

If won Tuesday: Saturday, Feb. 16 vs. Fruitland, 3A District III Tournament semifinals, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, Payette H.S., opponent and time TBA (if nec.)

Frosh-soph

Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, Payette H.S., opponent and time TBA (if nec.)











Sports

Marsing boys back at it tonight after losing No. 2 seed

North Star nabs first-round bye with big Friday victory

JW Chadez doesn't want to deny his players the lifetime highlight of a Senior Night, but he just as soon it not had happened before one of the biggest boys' basketball games of Marsing High School's season.

The Huskies entered their final regular-season home game of the season needing a win to clinch an opening-round by in the 2A District III Tournament.

Instead, a Marsing team dazzled by the lights of a pregame spectacular got knocked for a loop out of the blocks by an upstart North Star Charter team.

North Star prevailed, 32-28, on Friday in the final 2A Western Idaho Conference game of the season for both teams.

"There were a lot of things going on," Chadez, the Huskies' coach, said. "It was Senior Night, and they were pretty pumped up and they did a light show like they do for the girls.

"It's something they'll never forget, so I'm fine with it."

But, he said, it did lead to a lack of focus early that created a hole from which Marsing couldn't emerge.

The loss means Marsing is back in action tonight at home in the first round of the district tournament. Marsing meets the winner of Tuesday's play-in game between Melba and Mc-Call-Donnelly, which was played after deadline on the Mustangs' floor.

A win tonight sends Marsing into the semifinals Saturday for a rematch with North Star at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

If the third round of the North Star-Marsing rivalry materializes this weekend, Chadez expects a performance similar to Friday's second half — and as far away from Friday's first half as pos-

"We didn't hang our heads. We didn't quit," Chadez said of Marsing's bid to comeback from a 13-point deficit at the start of the fourth quarter.

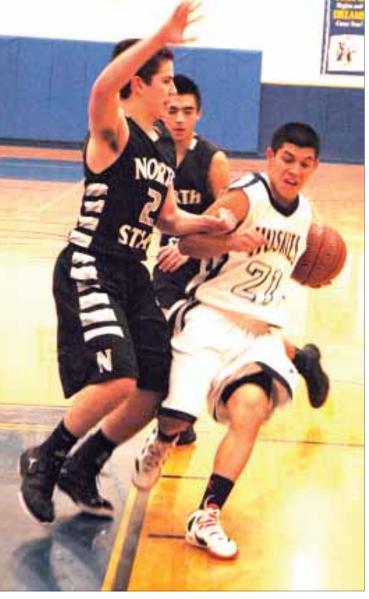
"We really our butts off, and now we have to buckle down and play our best focused basketball of the year."

A combination of ice-cold shooting and an opportunistic North Star squad riding the high of knocking off Cole Valley Christian two days earlier led to Marsing scoring only 15 points in the first three quarters.

"The good thing was it wasn't a lack of effort," Chadez said. "But it was a lack of focus, and that leads to missed shots, forced shots and forgetting our offense."

Marsing pulled within nine points, 29-20, by forcing North Star turnovers early in the fourth quarter. But Marsing couldn't convert on other opportunities because of missed jumpers and

Miguel Leon scored 11 points for Marsing. He also had four



Marsing's Jesus Lino tries to get into the lane while protecting the ball against North Star Charter defenders Friday night.

steals and two assists. Jesus Lino posted five points and three

Jason Galligan continued his

was held to six points and also grabbed six rebounds and four

North Star's Jakob Hyde, late-season offensive funk. He tasked with guarding Galligan,

led everyone with 14 points and 11 rebounds. He didn't have much offensive success against Galligan, though, getting most of his scoring on 8-for-10 foul shooting.

Colton Buzzard (six points) and Zach Ramos (five) also contributed for North Star.

Wednesday: Marsing 43, New Plymouth 37 — The Huskies clinched at least the No. 3 seed by starting fast and then holding on against the Pilgrims' pressure defense in the second

"I thought we played pretty well at both ends in the first half," Chadez said. "We pushed the ball pretty well and got some good offense."

Marsing's 10-point halftime lead soon eroded in the second half, but the Huskies' defense and board work saved the day as New Plymouth cut the lead to a low as three points.

"One of the main things I was happy about was containing (Pilgrims' sharpshooter) Chase White," Chadez said. "He's an All-State player from last year and one of the best shooters if not the best shooter in the league."

White hit only one three-pointer and managed just six points.

Leon scored 12 points with four steals and three assists.

Galligan was limited to eight points, but came away with 10 rebounds. Jose Acuna added 11

New Plymouth received 16 points from Hunter Wells, while Jake Henggeler notched nine points and eight rebounds.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Destiny Reynolds, sophomore, girls' basketball

The Play — The 5-foot-7 post scored 10 points and collected eight rebounds in Thursday night's loss in the 2A District III Tournament championship game against New Plymouth. This week, the Huskies will play in the state tournament for the second time in three years (and for the fourth time since 1979).







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Girls' Basketball

Thursday, Feb. 14 vs. Soda Springs, 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise, 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 vs. TBA, 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise, 1:15 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 vs. TBA, 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise, or Idaho Center, Nampa, time TBA (if nec.)



Saturday, Feb. 16 at 1A-2A District III Tournament, McCall-Donnelly, 8 a.m.

Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 13, home vs. McCall-Donnelly or Melba, 2A District III Tournament, 7 p.m.

If win Wednesday: Saturday, Feb. 16 vs. Cole Valley Christian, 2A District III Tournament semifinal, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 7:30 p.m. If lose Wednesday: Tuesday, Feb. 19 in 2A District III Tournament elimination game, site and opponent TBA, 7 p.m. Junior varsity A

Congratulations, 2A Western Idaho Conference regular-season champions

Junior varsity B

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Sports

Huskies split final duals before district wrestling meet

Marsing High School's wrestling team enters the home stretch of its season Saturday with the 1A-2A District III Tournament.

The tournament takes place at McCall-Donnelly High School with the first matches hitting the mat at 10 a.m.

Wrestlers finishing first through third in each weight class earn

berths in the Feb. 22-23 1A-2A state tournament at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Last year, Marsing sent six wrestlers to State.

Thursday: Marsing 24, Parma 3 — Four Huskies pulled off victories in a non-conference dual meet held as part of a three-way meet in Homedale.

Trevor Romans pinned Parma's Juan Martinez 34 seconds before the end of their 132-pound match

The Huskies' Matt Renz needed just 35 seconds to pin Nathan Carmona at 138 pounds.

Brad Labit was similarly successful at 170 pounds, pinning the Panthers' Daniel Carmona in 47 seconds.

Marsing heavyweight Jacob Young also picked up a first-round victory, pinning Tanner Gibson at the 1 minute, 17-second mark.

Ten of the matches resulted in double forfeits with the Panthers of the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Thursday: Payette 48, Mars-

ing 18 — Noah Grossman was the only Marsing wrestler to post his victory on the mat against the Pirates from the 3A SRV.

Grossman pinned Shad Allison three minutes into their 220-pound bout.

Dillon Danner (152) and Austin Williams (160) both won by forfeit.

√**Trojans:** First 3A trip

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"We get to use it as a chance to learn, so the next time we're in that situation we'll feel more relaxed standing at the line," Betancourt said of the clutch performance down the stretch in Homedale-Weiser IV.

"I'm very proud of the girls for continually believing that State was a place we could get to."

Homedale (12-11) now prepares for the school's first Real Dairy Shootout berth since the days of annual battles with Nampa Christian in the 2A ranks.

The Trojans' first state appearance of the 3A era — and first since a 48-38 loss to Nampa Christian in the 2003 2A championship game — comes at 8 p.m. Thursday at Skyview High School in Nampa against state tournament veteran Sugar-Salem.

The Diggers (13-12) have experience on their side.

The school returns to the state tournament after missing last year, its first absence since 2006. Sugar-Salem won a state title in its last appearance in 2011 and also has titles from 2009 and 2007. The team finished third in 2008 and was consolation champ in 2010.

Conversely, Homedale hasn't reached State since Kelsi Haylett led the team into an all-Trojans 2A state final in 2003.

Feb. 5: Parma 55, Homedale 33 — With Morgan Nash and Lane knocking down jump shots, the Trojans ran with the Panthers until Parma put together a 10-2 run in the second quarter to grab early momentum in the district final.

The Panthers (20-2) maintained the edge in the first half, in part, because Homedale was unable to finish off turnovers with its transition game.

Still, the Trojans trailed by only four points, 17-13, at halftime as Lane hit a three-point goal and Kaylee Rupp connected on a free throw with 38.5 seconds left in the second quarter.

Senior Rachel Eguia hit two of her four three-pointers during the Panthers' second-quarter spurt. She finished with 12 points.

Lane notched four treys and a game-high 15 points for Homedale. Rupp added nine points, but the Trojans received scoring from just three other players, including Nash (five) and Debra Esparza (2-for-4 on free throws).



Homedale senior Hayden Krzesnik takes a foul to the face while going to the basket during the Trojans' Senior Night loss to 3A Snake River Valley conference regular-season champion Fruitland.

Trojans can't make comeback stick

Fruitland boys get win on HHS' Senior Night

Try as they might, Homedale High School's boys' basketball players couldn't handle Fruitland's triple threat Friday night.

The Grizzlies used three-point plays and three-point goals to build momentum in the first half then withstood the Trojans' third-quarter comeback in the two teams' final 3A Snake River Valley conference game of the season.

Fruitland prevailed, 70-55, during Homedale's Senior Night for the Grizzlies' eighth consecutive win.

While Fruitland clinched the top seed in the 3A District III Tournament, coach Casey Grove's Trojans battled Payette on Tuesday after deadline for the right to enter the double-elimination portion of the tourney.

Homedale (10-10 overall, 2-6 3A SRV) scored 19 points in the third quarter to pull within four points of the Grizzlies, 47-43.

But Fruitland erupted with 23 points in the final period to finish the job.

Homedale stayed close in the early goings in the second quarter. Trey Lane hit the second of his four three-point goals to tie the game, 15-15, with six minutes left in the first half.

Lane led Homedale with 16 points, while senior Adam Abrego put together a solid all-around game with 14 points, six assists, four steals and four rebounds.

Another senior, Ricky McBride, scored half of his 12 points on 6-for-7 free-throw shooting. He

struggled from the floor, however (3-for-14, 21 percent). All six of his rebounds were on Fruitland's end of the floor.

While Homedale struggled from the field, Fruitland dropped 10 three-point goals.

Joel Van Patten's three-point play earlier in the second quarter ignited a 9-2 run that ended with Bryce Nattress' fourth threepointer of the first half and a 30-19 Fruitland lead.

Fruitland dialed up 10 three-pointers overall.

Feb. 4: Homedale 53, Parma 46 — It all fell together at the Trojans halted a four-game losing streak at home against their conference foes.

"We finally played pretty good defense," Grove said. "I have told the kids all year that good defense leads to good offense and that is exactly what happened."

McBride had three of Homedale's 14 steals, and he scored 12 points. Britt Eubanks grabbed seven defensive rebounds and put in 11 points.

Hayden Krzesnik led the way with 15 points and had two steals.

Despite shooting just 29 percent from the floor in the first 16 minutes, Homedale held a 17-16 edge.

The Trojans put the game away in the fourth quarter, scoring 12 points in the first two minutes of the period. Homedale led by as many as 15 points in the final frame.

Parma played without top guards Seth and Elijah Larsen, but Jordan Condie racked up a double-double of 20 points and 13 rebounds.

"He is a very good player and almost impossible to stop," Grove said.

Adrian boys' basketball hammers Harper

Paxton Shira broke free for one of his biggest games of the year Thursday and Adrian High School pounded Harper in a boys' basketball game.

Shira scored 23 points and ripped down 17 rebounds in the Antelopes' 85-46 triumph in a 1A High Desert League East Division game played in Adrian.

Two other Antelopes reached

double figures in a game the outcome of which was never in doubt.

Coach Brent Ishida's squad owned a 47-21 lead at halftime.

Kurt Nielson scored 15 points, and Danny Livas chipped in 10 points.

The Antelopes took 33 more shots than the Hornets and connected on 22 more field goals.

Adrian's defense forced Harper into 30 turnovers, with Juan Munoz collecting nine steals to go with eight points and five rebounds.

Nathan Joyce scored 11 points to lead Harper.

Feb. 5: Adrian 43, Huntington 32 — The Antelopes held the Locomotives to just nine first-half points to snap a two-game losing

streak

Shira's double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds led the way for Adrian in the 1A HDL East Division contest.

Tyler Reay scored seven points and collected five rebounds, while Jett McCoy collected eight boards

Huntington's Blake Wiley scored 11 points.

Sports

√ **Boxer:** Trainers want to bring bouts to Homedale

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just to watch the Camels fight, or so young Anzaldua thought.

"They needed a 65-pounder, and Henry asked me if I wanted to give it a try," Anzaldua said. "Back then, you didn't need to sign a waiver or anything like that.

"I tried it, and won the fight. But it was one of those things that you're fighting out of fear."

That bout 35 years ago kicked off a career in the game. Anzaldua fought amateur bouts, some inside the old HHS gym, some at the Homedale American Legion Hall, some against Caldwell Police Athletic League fighters trained by Manny Albares. He saw action in the Golden Gloves, Junior Olympics and USA Nationals. He had a brief pro career, and stepped out of the ring at the age of 20.

But not for the last time.

Now, Anzaldua helps Albares train the Optimist fighters, and he even trains a couple professional boxers - former Homedale resident Edgar Hernandez, who is his cousin, and Ontario, Ore., fighter Manuel Mendez.

He occasionally has a couple of Homedale kids give boxing a try in that small gym on the corner of Kimball and Belmont in Caldwell.

He still has Homedale ties, too. His sister lives in town, and his nephew — Angel Cardenas — is a high school athlete.

For now, Anzaldua serves as director for Saturday's Silver Belt Invitational — a prestigious tournament that he and Albares revived a few years ago.

Twenty bouts will be contested at O'Connor Field House. The doors open at 5 p.m. with fights beginning at 6 p.m.

Ringside seats are \$20 with adult general admission available for \$10 and youth ages 6-12 getting in for \$5. Children younger than 6 can watch for free. There also will be matinee bouts beginning at 1 p.m., with \$5 admission.

If Anzaldua and Albares get their way, amateurs will have a chance to step in the ring throughout the valley again.

"We'd like to have some smokers in small towns like Marsing, Parma, Homedale and Middleton," Albares said.

They haven't solidified any plans, yet, but the men want to start looking seriously at the opportunity to bring the all-comers bouts to town once this year's Silver Belt Invitational is behind them.

— JPB

Jordan boys rally vs. Adrian

Antelopes beat rivals in girls' 1A HDL finale

Jordan Valley High School erased an early deficit Friday to maintain its piece of first place in the 1A High Desert League East Division.

The Mustangs scored more than twice as many points as Adrian over the final three quarters to beat the visiting Antelopes, 58-34, in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Jordan Valley (19-2 overall, 9-1 1A HDL East) remained tied for first place with Crane atop the division standings, but walked away with the division's top seed to the 1A District 8 Tournament. The two teams, both nicknamed the Mustangs, split their regularseason matchups by identical 51-44 scores.

Jordan Valley takes on Mitchell from the 1A HDL West on Thursday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Adrian (16-8, 6-4) will be the third-seeded team from the 1A HDL East in the district tournament.

One of six seniors playing their final regular-season home game, Blaine Moran notched a doubledouble with 13 points and 10 rebounds for Jordan Valley. Junior teammate Ben Telleria nailed four three-point goals on the way to a game-high 16 points.

Ty Warn chipped in eight points (with two three-pointers), seven rebounds and five assists for the Mustangs, who fell behind, 16-12, after the first quarter.

Three-point shooting was a major component of Jordan Valley's comeback. The team hit nine of 19 attempts (47.4 percent).

Nate Elsner came off the bench to score 10 points for Jordan Valley, which took control of the game with a 19-2 start to the second half.

"We shot well throughout the game," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "Our defense stiffened up in the third quarter."

Adrian senior Paxton Shira was limited to nine points and nine rebounds.

The Antelopes managed just 11 field goals in the game, shooting 26.2 percent (11-for-48), while Jordan Valley rained shots into the nets. The Mustangs hit 48 percent of their attempts (24-for-50).

Kurt Nielson and Tyler Reay added eight points apiece for Adrian. Reay had five rebounds, while Tommy Shenk added five.

Nate Elsner and Tyrel Lucas also contributed to Jordan Valley's victory with seven points apiece.

Girls

Friday: Adrian 36, Jordan Valley 27 — The Antelopes used a 10-1 third-quarter run to get the momentum necessary to beat the rivals and hosts.

Adrian (17-7, 8-2) finished with the East Division's No. 2 seed into the district tournament. The Antelopes' only two 1A HDL losses this season came at the hands of division leader Crane.

Jordan Valley (9-10, 6-4) clinched the No. 3 seed despite losing its final two games of the

Quincy Pendergrass scored 15 points and captured six rebounds for Adrian. Teammate Madi Purnell scored only nine points, but was a force on the glass with 14 rebounds. Adrian led the rebounding battle, 30-17, including a 15-8 edge on Jordan Valley's end

Jordan Valley held a 16-14 halftime lead after outscoring Adrian, 4-2, in the second quarter.

Andi Warn scored 14 points for the Mustangs, while teammate Irene Stanford put in five points.

Adrian's winning edge appeared to come from the foul line. The Antelopes were 9-for-22, while Jordan Valley connected on one of its two chances. The Antelopes also had the game's only threepoint goal.

√ Raiders: Rimrock dominates on Liberty Charter's backboard for win

Thursday at Columbia High School in Nampa. The Raiders will face District IV-V-VI No. 3 Grace, which defeated District III third-place team Greenleaf Friends Academy, 47-23, in a play-in game Saturday in Mountain Home.

Liberty Charter used a 10-3 run in the final four minutes of the first half to take a 25-18 lead into the break.

Using a transition game that turned their quick-handed defense into fast-break points, the Raiders went on an 11-4 spurt to tie the game, 15-15, when Kyla Jewett

hit a pair of foul shots with 3 minutes, 55 on to its advantage to lead, 37-31, heading seconds left.

Bailey Bachman had ignited the early comeback with a layup at the buzzer to end the first quarter, and she scored six points during the run.

After Jewett's game-tying free throws, though, Rimrock's fastbreak began to falter. The Raiders were still getting steals and defensive rebounds, but the passes on the other end were errant and allowed Liberty Charter to dodge the initial bullet.

Tiana Thompson hit a pair of three-point goals in the third quarter as the Patriots held

into the final frame. Thompson led Liberty Charter with 16 points.

Jewett scored 10 of her game-high point total in the final eight minutes to push Rimrock to the finish. The junior connected on six of seven free throws in the quarter to keep Liberty Charter at bay.

Desi Meyers and Shana McCarthy also hit foul shots in the fourth quarter for the

The Raiders limited the Patriots' offensive chances, grabbing 29 defensive rebounds. Hailey Boman had five of her six boards on Liberty Charter's glass, and McCarthy snagged five of her eight rebounds on the defensive end. Sakota Hall (four defensive rebounds) finished with six boards, and Sami Bachman collected five.

Rimrock shut down Liberty Charter's starters in the final period as Thompson missed a one-and-one opportunity at the free-throw line and Jessica Flake (nine first-half points) was held scoreless over the final 16 minutes.

Another starter, Bailey Magdaleno, was unable to get a field goal in the fourth quarter, hitting three of four free throws.

$\sqrt{\text{Huskies:}}$ Marsing looks to rebound after district final defeat vs. N. P.

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Marsing is making its second State appearance in three years. It's the fourth date at State in nearly 35 years. The Huskies finished fourth in 2004, which was the first trip since a 1979 run as an A-4 team.

Soda Springs, on the other hand, has made a habit out of state tournaments. The Cardinals eliminated Marsing in the 2011 tournament when current Huskies leaders Ashley Hull and Lacey Usabel were contributing sophomores. The 2A South East Idaho Conference member has lost the consolation final each of the past two years, and finished second three times (2006, 2008, 2010) and third twice (2007, 2009) during a run that has stretched to 11 consecutive appearances.

iney ve got a little bit of size, but they're quick," Little said of the Cardinals. "They are very similar to New Plymouth in a sense. They play a lot of pressure defense. They have good perimeter players and they like to get up and down the floor."

Soda Springs has won 12 straight games and are averaging 50 points per game while holding opponents to 33 points an outing.

Little, however, would just as soon keep the Cardinals in the 30s, which has happened six times this year (Soda Springs went 5-1 in those games).

"We try to play with a little bit more discipline," he said. "A 35-30 win is just as good as a 65-60 win and you don't have to run up and down the floor and extra 20

That was the philosophy in last week's district title game at Vallivue High School in

"Defensively, I thought we did fairly well," Little said. "For the whole 32 minutes, we were doing a pretty good job of sticking to the gameplan with matchups and how to guard them."

Marsing clung to a one-point lead, 22-21, after three quarters. The Pilgrims erupted with 17 points in the fourth quarter, which was two points more than New Plymouth achieved in the entire first half.

"It came down to mistakes on the offensive end," Little said. "We had a lot of chances."

The Huskies committed 12

turnovers and shot just 30.5 p (11-for-36) from the floor.

Hull managed just 10 points one game after scoring 24 against Melba and collected only two rebounds. Usabel scored six points and grabbed six rebounds.

"I thought they came out and played very hard and took away Lacey and Ashley, and that causes us to become discombobulated, in a sense," Little said.

Destiny Reynolds scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Huskies. Shelby Dines (six) and Marissa Hardy (five) had their usual solid game on the backboards.

Kylee Garrick broke through for 17 points to help the Pilgrims take the district title.

— JPB

Early release slated for **Thursday**

Marsing High School staff and students have the option of leaving school early Thursday to go support the girls' basketball team at the state tournament.

Early release has been approved for 1:30 p.m. Thursday so students and staff can make the trip to Boise for the game. School buses will run the usual afternoon schedule, however.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 17, 1988

Homedale council denies alley closing

Homedale City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to deny closure of two alleys on the proposed new post office site, a move that could delay — or even end — progress on plans for construction of the government facility.

The action came at the end of an hour-long public hearing prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting.

The council also was unanimous in its decision to send back to the city's planning and zoning body a request from the South Board of Control asking that the former Co-op site in downtown Homedale be zoned light industrial to accommodate SBC's plans for the construction of a shop and storage facility there.

Both hearings drew nearly 60 Homedale area residents, most of who were on hand to protest the proposed alley closures on and adjacent to the proposed site of a new post office on US Highway 95 between Wyoming and Colorado avenues.

Many members of the hearing audience had put their names to a 418-signature petition that was presented to city fathers at the outset of the hearing. The petition claimed the proposed US 95 site for the post office was not "the best" for the needs of the city, and urged denial of the alley closures.

Gil Hicks of the USPS Boise District Office defended the site at the hearing. He claimed it was a good location and said its price was reasonable.

School board looking at elementary expansion

The Homedale School District Board of Trustees, in a special Monday night session, authorized Superintendent Ed Marshall to take steps toward the selection of an architect for a recommended addition to the elementary school.

The board's move followed its receipt of a report from Jerry Anderson, chairman of the district's Citizens Building Advisory Committee.

The report, according to Marshall, recommended that the board proceed to formulate plans for expansion of the district's elementary school complex.

Marshall said the citizens' committee found that expansion of the elementary school "is necessary."

"They toured the building, and interviewed people in the community and determined that there is a definite need to do something ... to update the facilities and to improve the elementary school complex."

Homedale girls disappointed at state

Homedale's Lady Trojans went home disappointed Saturday from the Idaho State A-3 tournament as Challis won the consolation trophy 52-36.

The girls, however, had managed to fight back into the final consolation game after a staggering 54-18 loss in their opening game Thursday against Prairie. In their Friday game, the Lady Trojans won back their self-respect in a 42-36 victory over the Glenns Ferry Lady Pilots.

Kubosumi on dean's list

Kim Kubosumi, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kubosumi of Homedale, was listed on the dean's honor roll at Richland Community College in Richardson, Texas.

Kubosumi plans to enter the University of Texas at Dallas next fall as a junior accounting major.

About folks you know

Mr. and Mrs. Ric Uria and daughters spent Thursday with Cindy and Steve Derrick and their family in Jordan Valley for the 14th birthday of their son, Rodney Derrick. The two families attended the junior high basketball game between Jordan Valley and Crane, Ore., which Jordan Valley won, with Rodney making 19 of the 33 points. He also injured his wrist, making it doubtful that he will be able to play in the tournament at Huntington, Ore., later this month.

50 years ago

February 14, 1963

C of C goes on record as opposed to sales tax

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce went on record as opposed to a sales tax and secretary Kenneth Downing was instructed to advise the county's legislative delegation and other valley Chambers of the action, at the regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday noon.

Chamber dues for 1963 are due, and solicitors were named to contact members.

President Merle Hamilton distributed lists to Orville Soper, A. E. "Spud" Murphy, Paul Zatica, Bill Bredy, Frank Matteson, Homer Anderson and Russ Sayers. These men will be assisted by other members in completing solicitation.

President Hamilton also appointed Bill Bredy as chairman of the merchants committee with Morse Bidwell, Paul Zatica, Les Carter, Jeff Carter, Ed Manning and Hugh Stringfield as members.

Mr. Zatica reported on a meeting of the centennial committee. The committee recommended that Homedale celebrate the centennial in connection with the Old Timers Day barbecue during the Owyhee County Fair. He said the committee will seek to obtain buffalo meat for the barbecue. A stagecoach with four horses has been promised for the fair parade.

Sweep assigned to Headquarters Co. in Missouri

1st Lt. Donald Sweep assumed command last month of Headquarters Company at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Shortly after his arrival at his new post, the men in his command won the regimental "Best Dayroom" award for January.

Lt. Sweep was assigned to Headquarters Company after a 14-month tour of duty in Korea, where he was located at Camp Page, 4th Missile Command, 42nd Artillery. In addition, he is the A & R officer and the Regimental postal officer. Lt. Sweep's active duty tour will end in May.

January's award marked the first time that Hq. Co. has ever won the "Best Dayroom" award. The dayroom has a shuffleboard, TV, and well-stocked supply of material to read

A picture of Lt. Sweep and the trophy case showing the award was published in the January issue of "The 4th TRS Specialist," printed at Ft. Leonard Wood. A copy of the paper was received by Lt. Sweep's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweep.

Ambulance makes 2 runs, brakes repaired

The Homedale ambulance made a run Jan. 29 with Mrs. Ted Baltzor of Jordan Valley, Ore., from Dr. Wolff's office at 12:20 p.m. to the Caldwell hospital. Drivers were Johnny Shanley and Robert Dewey.

The ambulance was called Feb. 9 to the Steve Hirai place at 7:45 a.m. where Ralph Knight had a car wreck. He was taken to the Caldwell hospital. Drivers were Bob Ensley and Larry Novak.

The drivers of the Homedale ambulance and all persons connected with the board want to express their appreciation to Earl Breach for his donation of work and parts on the ambulance brakes. The brakes are in good repair now, with a new wheel cylinder replacing the leaky one. Good brakes make the driving much easier.

Jump Creek bridge out for short time

The west side approach of the Jump Creek bridge on highway 95 between Homedale and Marsing fell in last Thursday, closing the road for a short time while the county gravel trucks could fill in the hole.

The hole was caused by water from the flood the first of the month.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kent and daughter of Othello, Wash., spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baugh. Mrs. Kent is the former Ivene Baugh.

Mrs. Kenneth Williams and Mrs. Lester Lingel, Caldwell, were recent visitors of Mrs. Grace Colley.

140 years ago

February 15, 1873

SNAKE RIVER RAILROAD. We have been shown a letter, says the Walla Walla Union, from a gentleman in Boise City, who is well posted, and perfectly reliable in which the writer says that the Union Pacific Railroad Company have informed a gentleman of Boise City that they will at an early date commence erecting furnaces, mills, etcs., at Edmondson, for the purpose of manufacturing railroad iron; at which place they have plenty of coal and iron. Here they will make the rails for the Snake River road which they are determined to build. They ask no subsidy, and only ask that the road be exempt from taxation for six years. This request has been complied with. This road, it is supposed, will leave the main track somewhere east of Ogden, and pass mostly through the Snake River Valley, and thence to the Columbia River somewhere east of the Cascade range. If they do this, there will probably be some lively "sparring" between this branch and the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Road, as they must necessarily pass over nearly the same route, as they each connect the same places. We say hurrah for the one that gets through first.

THE BOARD QUESTION. Fairview, I.T., Feb. 9th, 1873

Editor Avalanche: There is considerable excitement here at present about the board question. It appears that some of our landlords are not satisfied with the present price of board, and are determined to raise it to \$9 per week - \$8 being the present price. The reason of this is (as one of them alleges) that they have to board so many "dead heads," which they cannot afford to do for nothing, and must get even on somebody. Thus the innocent have to suffer for the guilty. The boys are considerably put out at this modus operandi. Some of them are going to houses where the board has not been raised; others are preparing to "batch." As this matter has only been agitated a day or two, I cannot tell how it will terminate. On or about the 15th inst., I'll be able to give you more particulars, as the proposed change is to take place at that time. A VICTIM.

CONGRESS AND THE TERRITORIES. A bill has been introduced in Congress providing that the U.S. Marshal shall perform the duties of Sheriff in the various counties of the Territories, and pocket the pay; also that the U.S. Attorney shall perform the duties of District Attorneys, and receive fees, &c. If the bill should become a law, the people of the Territories might as well not elect Sheriffs and District Attorneys at all. But it doesn't matter much so far as Owyhee County is concerned, because (thanks to certain venerable "Senators") the Sheriff's fees are now so low, that should he have anything to do, he will come out in debt. Strange what a mania for "retrenchment" seizes upon the very vitals of some people, who, in most instances, never pay a cent of taxes themselves. There are many "penny wise and pound foolish" people in the world. Perhaps our brilliant "Senators" thought, that by cutting down the fees of Sheriff below a living rate, they would strike the key-note of popular favor, and get elected to Congress, but time will tell what kind of reward their meanness will receive.

WHERE THE SALT IN SEA WATER COMES FROM.

The sea depends on disintegration of rocks on land for its saltiness. It does not originate in oceans and seas. Rains wash it and hold it in solution as particles are liberated by violence, decomposition and gradual action of any natural forces. All streamlets and rivers, therefore, are constantly transporting salt to the sea. If there is more than can be held in solution, then it accumulates in masses at very deep points, which, in the revolution to which matter is subject, may again be a stratum of salt somewhere remote from where the mass was formed. Thus the salt mines of Portland, and the vast horizontal bed of pure salt in Texas, as well as that mountain of rock salt in St. Domingo, were collected on the bottom of ancient regions from water.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense

Your own worst enemy

It usually happens when you're by yourself. You're trying to load a bunch of cows in the one-ton. It should hold 12 head but with four to go, they plug up! You're slappin' them with the BQA-approved paddle, you chunk a piece of wood at the one in the gate. You've actually turned around and leaned up against the last cow in the loading chute and you're pushing like you were trying to jump start your car!

You slide into that stage where cussing is mandatory, "Git yer sorry @#%*! no good bag of rumen contents, in there! You think this is a home for pampered poop processors! I'm gonna cull every @#%!* one of you if you don't ... Where's that dog when I need him!"

Then the light dawns ... yer good dog is already in the bed of the truck, guarding his territory!

Another time I was trying to get one of my old farm trucks to start. It was a '69 Chevy I had bought used. I remember it had a funny smell in the cab. It took me weeks to identify it. It was only when I ran in to Oscar Van Oosten's daughter and recognized the scent of a milking barn, that I placed it!

Anyway, I called my daughter out to help me start the truck. I took off the air filter and had her lean under the hood and spray starter fluid (ether) into the top of the carburetor, as I sat behind the steering wheel cranking the engine and pumping the gas pedal. It would catch, then peter out. We switched positions, to no avail.

I hooked up the tow chain to the old Ford and had her pull me down the driveway, popping the clutch and banging on the chain. "Dang it!" I said, kicking the tire. I raised the hood again and stared down at the malignant machine holding an empty can of starter fluid. My daughter piped up, "You think it's out of gas, Dad?"

Until you spend all day digging and setting a nine-foot railroad tie in the corner of a four-acre field you just bought, then finding out the next day somebody moved the survey stake and your rock-solid post should actually be 14 feet to the southwest, do you realize you were just a little hasty. Maybe should have looked at the map a little closer.

My friend John was laying himself a nice sandstone floor on his mother-in-law's veranda. He bought a new cement-cutting blade for his circular saw. "Doin' it right!" he said to himself. He started down a line on a piece 4½ feet long. Then the blade tied up! He pushed and pushed, eventually cursing the @#%&!* sandstone, the veranda, the mother-in-law (quietly), the blade and the &^\$#@ Chinese workers who made this worthless #@%&!!!! saw!

His wife heard the racket. She peeked out the screen door and listened to him curse and condemn the hardware store, the safety glasses and his sore leg. "Maybe," she said, "It would cut a little easier if you took your knee off the cord!"

—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. Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Protect 2nd Amendment with complete discussion on violence



As active participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. Realizing that many may not have the chance to contact me, I post the top five issues of concern from Idahoans and my responses on my website. The top issues constituents have contacted me about recently include action taken by the Obama administration regarding firearms and Second Amendment rights. The following is my response:

A number of ideas are being brought forward relating to guns and mental health. On Dec. 16, 2012, President Obama announced that Vice President Joe Biden would lead a new initiative, tasked with identifying reform proposals on firearms. On Jan. 16, 2013, President Obama announced a series of these sweeping reforms, including 23 separate executive actions that the administration will take on its own to attempt to limit gun violence. To view or download the administration's report, visit: http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/preventing-gun-violence.

The president's proposals are very disappointing. Any discussion about restricting the Constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans deserves, at minimum, a full public debate in Congress. The Second Amendment reads: "A

well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." I firmly believe this provision prohibits the federal government from denying citizens this right.

As Congress acts, it must be in full recognition that the choices we make must reflect the realities that we cannot completely legislate away risk and violence out of society. Burdening law-abiding citizens of this country with additional gun restrictions is not the answer to safeguarding the public from further attacks. Our country should have a thoughtful and reasoned debate on how to address mental health issues and crime control, while still preserving our constitutional rights. As gun control advocates continue to seek creative methods of advancing their agenda, both through legislation and litigation, I will continue to oppose all efforts to weaken Second Amendment rights.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. To view his responses to issues of interest, visit http://crapo.senate.gov.

Americans for Limited Government

Counting government spending as part of GDP distorts economic growth

by Robert Romano

Why does the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) include government spending as a component of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

The answer may be that's how economist Simon Kuznets, who developed the measure, saw things. In his 1934 report "Report on National Income" to Congress, he acknowledged there might be skepticism over its inclusion in the measure.

"There may be some doubt as to the propriety of classifying government (federal, state, county and city) as a branch of the country's economic system, and of treating its activity as an economic pursuit," Kuznets wrote, adding, "the motive of immediate profit, which characterizes private industry, is conspicuously absent from the activity of the government."

On the other hand, he wrote, "purely governmental functions are of real value in the economic life of the nation, and that they give rise to income which should be taken into account."

Essentially, because the government spends money, generating income for government employees and contractors, which results in further consumption, it affects the economy. As such, Kuznets included it as a component of the GDP

Simple enough. Fast forward 80 years, however, and it appears this inclusion by Kuznets has had some unintended consequences

Namely, it has led to the development of the view, largely in the Keynesian school of economics, that government spending, because it nominally boosts GDP when it is increased, should, therefore, always be increased.

One such advocate currently resides in the White House: Barack Obama.

In a Feb. 5 press briefing advocating for Congress to again delay implementation of some \$53.8 billion of

sequestration cuts to outlays due on March 1, Obama suggested that "we can't just cut our way to prosperity."

Obama continued, "Deep, indiscriminate cuts to things like education and training, energy and national security will cost us jobs, and it will slow down our recovery. It's not the right thing to do for the economy."

This followed the White House's explanation for the 0.1 percent contraction of the economy in the fourth quarter as coming on account of a \$40.4 billion overall cut to government spending. On Jan. 30, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney opined, "the GDP number we saw today was driven in part by — in large part by — a sharp decrease in defense spending."

Americans for Limited Government President Bill Wilson acknowledged this in a recent piece, "The Fed can't print growth," writing that this type of result "probably advises why government spending should no longer be included in the measurement of growth. How much money the government wastes every quarter really tells us nothing about the health of the private economy anyway."

Wilson noted that if government spending had been excluded as a component of GDP, in the fourth quarter of 2012 the private sector only grew by a 1.3 percent real rate. "That is nothing to write home about," he said. In other words, even without the spending cuts, the underlying economy is still very weak.

Underscoring his point on the misleading impact government spending has on GDP, he looked back at the economic impact of decreased government spending after World War II: "GDP contracted by 1.1 percent in 1945, by a whopping 10.9 percent 1946, and then again in 1947 by 0.9 percent. Meanwhile, personal consumption and private investment was increasing substantially after the war ended."

Wilson is correct. In 1946 alone, even though personal consumption jumped 12.4 percent and private investment

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Commentary

Financial management

Transportation should be reliable, not luxurious, in a pinch

My wife and I were recently involved in an auto accident, and the insurance company doesn't want to cover the damage because of a technicality. We both work, so I'd like to find a replacement car while we fight this out with the insurer. However, we only have \$7,000 in savings and we don't want to spend it all. What should we do?

— John

Dear John,

You can definitely find your wife a good used car for what you've got in the bank. However, leaving yourselves with no savings whatsoever is not a good plan.



I realize no one enjoys driving a beater, but that's what I'd do right now. Just look at it as a rental car. If you spend \$1,500 on a little used something, you will have \$5,500 left in your savings account. Just act as your own insurance company for a while. Then, when the big guys pay up, you could just plug it back into your savings account.

Even if they don't pay, you'll

still have a nice chunk of change Dear Amanda, sitting there. And it wouldn't take long to save up enough to upgrade that little hooptie to something nicer and more reliable while still keeping the majority of your savings intact!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm looking at buying term life insurance. Currently, I'm in medical school doing my last year of residency and making \$35,000 a year. Should I base the amount of insurance coverage on what I'm making now or what I'll make when I've finished medical school?

— Amanda

In most cases, I advise basing the amount of life insurance coverage on the income you're earning at the moment. After all, that's the amount your family is used to living on, right? However, if you're finishing up your medical degree this year, it's a virtual certainty you'll earn lots more in 2014. You could easily go from making \$35,000 to \$135,000.

I recommend that people buy term life insurance coverage of about 10 to 12 times their annual income. Considering your situation, I'd say you could afford to buy a little potential. Instead of basing it on your current \$35,000 income and buying a policy in the

\$350,000 to \$400,000 range, you might double that amount. It will still be really cheap coverage as long as you're in decent health. And once you're making doctor money you can adjust the amount of coverage according to what you actually make.

Good luck, Amanda!

— 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.

Americans for Limited Government

West Point report paints supporters of Founders' ideas as terrorists

by Bill Wilson

Individuals enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces must swear an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." But what happens when the only crime perpetrated by the "enemy" is supporting and defending the Constitution?

Such is the dilemma facing future military officers at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point — who are being taught to view freedom-loving Americans as violent, racist terrorists-in-waiting. As part of the federal government's ongoing jihad against common-sense fiscal conservatism and constitutionally limited government, West Point's Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) has issued a new report making some dangerously irrational generalizations about the "far-right."

Entitled "Challengers from the Sidelines: Understanding America's Violent Far-Right," the West Point report provides a stunningly one-sided demonization of conservative ideology — and simultaneous embrace of "progressive" liberal thought.

Written by Dr. Arie Perliger, director of terrorism studies at the CTC, the report warns of the rising militancy of so-called "anti-federalists" — or Americans who embrace radical notions like "civil activism, individual freedoms and self-government." In other words, anyone expressing support for the fundamental democratic ideals upon which our nation was founded could be a terrorist.

According to Perliger, these "anti-federalists" are dangerous because they "espouse strong convictions regarding the federal government believing it to be corrupt and ty-

rannical, with a natural tendency to intrude on individuals' civil and constitutional rights."

Wait — government isn't corrupt? And warrantless wiretaps, forced participation in a Social Security Ponzi scheme and President Barack Obama's health insurance mandate aren't intrusions on our liberties?

Of course they are — but apparently exercising one's First Amendment freedom to speak out against these assaults on liberty is a one-way ticket to a government watch list. However, advocating vociferously in support of these anti-American policies is completely permissible.

"While liberal worldviews are future- or progressiveoriented, conservative perspectives are more past-oriented, and in general, are interested in preserving the status quo," the report claims. "The far right represents a more extreme version of conservatism, as its political vision is usually justified by the aspiration to restore or preserve values and practices that are part of the idealized historical heritage of the nation or ethnic community."

In case those racial undertones were too subtle, Perliger's report proceeds to put a much finer point on it.

"While far-right groups' ideology is designed to exclude minorities and foreigners, the liberal-democratic system is designed to emphasize civil rights, minority rights and the balance of power," he writes.

Translation? "Extreme right-wingers" aren't just terrorists, they're racist terrorists.

This shameful playing of the race card is nothing new. Who can forget the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's insidious "See Something, Say Something" video a disgusting bit of race-baiting propaganda that portraved

white men in hoodies as menacing figures intent on attacking African Americans, Asian Americans and Latinos.

Like so many myths propagated by the far left — i.e., "gun control reduces violence," "tax cuts must be paid for" or "government spending stimulates the economy" — the whole "right-wing radical" myth is easily debunked.

In fact, according to a DHS-funded study released last year by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism, America's militant left is far more likely to engage in acts of violence than its militant right. According to the report — entitled "Hot Spots of Terrorism and Other Crimes in the United States, 1970-2008" — the overwhelming majority of domestic terrorist attacks in America have been "extreme left-wing" in their ideological origins (364) followed closely by single-issue groups whose ideologies were classified as "other" (337).

By comparison, "extreme right-wing" groups accounted for far fewer (58) attacks.

In other words, it's not tea partiers we need to watch out for, it's people like Obama's terrorist buddy Bill Ayers.

As the Obama administration ramps up its assault on our liberties, we must not forget that these intrusions affect Americans of all creeds and colors. It's also important to remember that taking a firm stand against these intrusions doesn't make one a radical, a right-winger or a racist — just an American exercising your right to free speech.

This is why West Point must immediately fire Perliger - and publicly repudiate his reckless statements.

— Bill Wilson is the president of Americans for Limited Government. You can follow Bill on Twitter at @BillWil-

Growth: Time to remove government spending from GDP barometer

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156.4 percent, because bloated government spending dropped by 65.6 percent, the economy "shrank" by 10.9

"Was the economy contracting, or was spending simply cut?" Wilson asked.

He explained, "The fact is, the war ending and the substantial decrease of government spending were both boons for the global economy, which after the war the economy grew dramatically," such that "including spending as a component of GDP is a gross distortion of economic

Adjunct scholar of the Mises Institute Howard Shostak succinctly points to the potential absurdity of using gov-

ernment spending to measure economic welfare, writing, "if a government embarks on the building of a pyramid, which adds absolutely nothing to the well-being of individuals, the GDP framework will regard this as economic growth.'

Shostak makes a fair point. Without distinction, government spending, whether or not it is wasteful, tends to get lumped together with everything else. Moreover, government spending may even be disruptive and economically counterproductive.

Shostak notes that "the building of the pyramid will divert real funding from wealth-generating activities. thereby stifling the production of wealth."

That certainly appears to have been the experience after

World War II. Once resources previously dedicated to the war effort were freed up, the private sector economy grew rapidly.

To that end, Wilson advocated for the government to get out of the way, concluding, "the budget should be balanced, freeing up resources for the private sector. Health, labor, and environmental regulations restricting business expansion ought to be rolled back. And sound money must be restored, bringing an end to the Fed's quantitative easing programs.'

Instead, the only thing Obama appears interested in is increasing spending.

- Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.

Public notices

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CORRECTION

The City of Homedale's quarterly report appearing in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche was titled incorrectly. The quarterly report should reflect the first quarter of FY 2013.

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS **MINUTES JANUARY 28,** 2013

Approved pay authorization for part-time appraiser at \$14.76 per hour. Approved road name of Fantastic Drive requested by Ed Frisbie. Tax Cancellations on parcels: PP 5900353 T, PP 5901890 A, PP 5901889 A, PP 5901891 A. Approved 2012 SHSP Grant with BHS. Indigent and Charity: 12-58 approved with reimbursement, 12-44 reaffirmed prior denial. Approved pay authorization for Waterways Deputy at \$15.79 per hour. Authorized increase of \$500 for Prosecuting Attorney's credit card. Held a coordination meeting with the Boise District BLM. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net, or in the Clerk's office.

2/13/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. xxxx8309 T.S. No. 1375551-26 Parcel No. rfd00000157402a **NOTICE OF** TRUSTEE'S SALE On May **30, 2013**, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at In the lobby of owyhee county courthouse, 20381 state hwy 78, , Murphy, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, state of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: A tract of laud In Sections 15 and 22, Township S Sooth, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owvhee County. Idaho, described as follows: COMMENCING at a brass cap monument marking the section corner common to Sections 15, 16,21 and 22, Township S South. Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho width bears South 0°00' 42" West from centerline station P.S. 10t40.31 according to the official plans of State Highway No. 61, Project No. F.A.P. \$4804 (4) on file in the office of the State of Idaho Department of Highways, Boise, Idaho; thence North 87° 31'17" East 2518.62 feet to a railroad rail section buried vertically in an existing fence line; said rail bears North 41° 37' 24" West 166.26 feet from a brass cap monument marking the quarter

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and 22: thence North 44° 28' 44" West 585.61 feet to a steel pin on the Southeasterly right of way line of Klrchgestner Lane; thence South 600 II' West along said right of way line 166.94 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 60° 11' West along line 198.57 feet to a steel pin on the Northerly right of way line of the Grand View Irrigation District Canal; thence South 78° 51' East along line 282,85 feet to a steel pin; thence North 28° 09' West 107.36 feet to a steel pin; thence North 42° 53' West 80.20 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 255 5th Street Grand View Id 83624. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Clayton E. Shank as Grantor, to Alliance Title and Escrow Corp, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Metlife Home Loans, A Division of Metlife Bank, N.a. as Beneficiary, recorded November 19, 2009, as Instrument No. 269744, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the entire unpaid principal balance pursuant to demand dated september 24, 2012 wherein the beneficiary has exercised its option to immediately declare all sums due and payable; plus interest thereon from november 17, 2009; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$147,991.75, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/ or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. First American Title Insurance Company C/o Cal-western Reconveyance Corporation P.O. Box 22004 El Cajon Ca 92022-9004 (800)546-1531 Dated: January 25, 2013 Signature/By First American Title Insurance Company. R-425328

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Total Acres: 249

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55-13910 MORGAN RANCHES LLC, DAVID RUTAN, POBOX 277, JORDAN VALLEY, OR 97910

Point of Diversion NWSE S19 T06S R05W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: IRRIGATION 04/01 to 10/31 4.5 CFS

Total Diversion: 4.5 CFS Date Filed: 9/4/2012

Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T06S R05W S18 L3(NWSW) L4(SWSW)

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Total Acres: 225

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Use: IRRIGATION 04/01 to 10/31 5.46 CFS

Total Diversion: 5.46 CFS Date Filed: 9/4/2012

Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T06S R05W S19 SWSE

T06S R05W S20 SWSW **SESW**

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T06S R05W S30 NENE Total Acres: 273

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