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*"We knew improvements had to be made ... in order to grow and attract new businesses and residents."*

— Tammy Payne  
Grand View mayor

## Review aims to help GV shape its future

A community review that included focus groups and a town hall meeting may be the first step to help the City of Grand View secure new grants for improvements.

Mayor Tammy Payne said that seeking citizen involvement is vital to help shape the city's future.

"When I came on board and we went through the city records, it became clear that there were no comprehensive or strategic plans," Payne said. "We knew improvements had to be made to the infrastructure and to the economy in order to grow and attract new businesses and residents."

Community review surveys were sent to residents to gather opinions and help the city manage the community and plan for improvements. The second half of the citizen review process involved focus groups and

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Volunteer Rob Howarth puts a slab of prime rib on the plate of one of the attendees at Saturday's eighth annual Marsing Fire Department crab feed.

## Another sellout in Marsing

Several volunteers make fire department's annual crab feed go smoothly

Question: What do Saturday's Marsing Fire Department crab feed and Green Bay's Lambeau Field have in common?

Answer: People are on lengthy waiting lists to get into both.

The crab shells and prime rib scraps piled up at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center on Saturday as 500 people chowed down.

Only in its eighth year, the annual fundraiser has been sold out for the past few years.

"It has turned out to be a wonderful community event," volunteer firefighter Pete Smit said. "The community loves it, and it's a great way to get together with the community."

"They love supporting us, and we love serving them."

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Terri Belle Smith, right, rolls up a cutlery service during Saturday morning's preparations.

## Bruneau auction Torch passed on old favorite

Donations still sought for Saturday's event

The silver anniversary Bruneau Boosters Auction will have one of its most popular items again this year, but with a twist.

Fern Graham's famous red velvet cake will be back on the block this year, but her niece will be making the dessert under the tutelage of the master. As she gracefully ages, Fern has decided to hand down the duties to her niece, Lez Rahn, of Bruneau.

Rahn spent an entire week at her Aunt Fern's perfecting the red velvet cake recipe so bidders at the auction would get the real deal.

Fern's Red Velvet Cake has "brought us more money in the last 25 years than any other auction item," Booster Club president Judy McBride said.

Fern Graham, who is a descendant of early Bruneau pioneers, said she doesn't remember why or when she started baking and donating her signature dessert for the annual auction, but over the years she has made the cake hundreds of times for every event imaginable.

This year the proceeds from the event will go to various community projects as well as Bruneau Community Park maintenance,

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# Marsing middle school celebrates Red Ribbon Week

During Red Ribbon Week, Marsing Middle School students attended a school assembly and decorated classroom doors to affirm their commitment to live drug-free.

A door decorating contest was undertaken by sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders who fashioned cutout silhouettes of T-shirts and decorated them with anti-drug slogans. The shirts were then placed on brightly decorated doors, which were judged for the most realistic anti-drug message as well as the most creative message.

Lizeth Aguirre, 13, was intently decorating a classroom door with other students and said that she had learned a lot about drugs, their impact on people, not to take drugs and what happens when you do choose to let drugs into your life.

"I'm really having a good time with the contest and learning as we go," Aguirre said.

Seventh-grade teacher Misty Dietz agreed.

"It's a great way for all of us to work collaboratively and to not only look at the negative impact drugs have, but also the positive way to keep drugs out of your life."

Red Ribbon Week included a school assembly with guest speakers from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction as well as juvenile correction inmates. Other activities included wearing unique and interesting hairstyles to school, students wearing their favorite pajamas one day and then their favorite hats another day.

The primary focus of Red Ribbon Week and the school assembly is to help students gain an increased awareness about how the use of drugs and alcohol impact not only the user's life, but many others as well. Drug use often leads to jail time, legal complications, loneliness, despair, and loss of dignity for one's self and others.

Red Ribbon Week also honors the sacrifices of those who have fought against drug cartels, such as DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarina, who died in the line of duty.

"Drugs are everywhere. It's hard to stop it," Marsing Middle School counselor John Dewitt said. "We try to help the kids make good choices and explain drugs are not the road to go down."

He explained that a lot of issues he and other counselors used to see in high school — such as drug and peer relationship issues — are now cropping up at the middle school level.

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*Above: Lizette Aguirre, a 13-year-old attending Marsing Middle School, decorates her classroom door Thursday during Red Ribbon Week activities. Left: Students decorated the school with T-shirts carrying anti-drug slogans.*

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## Ranch succession classes set in spring

All Ranchers should have a succession plan for their property or Uncle Sam will handle it for you, warns University of Idaho Extension educator Scott Jensen.

"A good succession plan will help you pass your ranch to future generations, or give your spouse ownership," Jensen said. "It will also help you make sure you have sufficient income for retirement."

Help is coming in the form of upcoming classes on the subject called, "Keeping the Legacy Alive." The U of I Owyhee County Extension office will offer the sessions in the coming months.

A good plan can't be downloaded off a website, Jensen said, and it is more complicated than a will. He recommends getting a good estate-planning attorney and starting the necessary steps now.

"A good estate attorney will have you fill out a questionnaire so that he or she can learn about your family, assets, liabilities, consider what property is held and how it will be held," Jensen said.

He pointed out that your objectives will guide the process and help you establish priorities.

"No matter the situation, there is a plan for you," Jensen said.

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# HPD chief announces hiring of new officer

## Council hears of infrastructure updates, too

The Homedale Police Department soon will have a new officer on the beat.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the city council Wednesday of his plans to hire 20-year-old Christopher Jacob to fill a spot that has been vacant since Jeff Jensen left for the Caldwell Police Department in November.

Eidemiller said Jacob, who will turn 21 shortly, has spent his own money to attend the College of Southern Idaho's law enforcement training program.

According to the CSI website, all applicants must meet Idaho Peace Officer and Standards Training requirements in order to enter the two-year program.

Eidemiller said because Jacob has completed the CSI program, he won't have to attend POST Academy. The new officer will have to "challenge" the POST test, though, Eidemiller added.

"He spent his own time and money to pursue law enforcement," Eidemiller said. "That's impressive."

Eidemiller said Jacob will start the Field Training Officer requirement "right away."

"He did a great interview," Mayor Paul Fink said.

### Pool work resumes

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer said that a crew from Gem Gunite Pools Inc., of Nampa has resumed renovation work on the municipal swimming pool in Riverside Park.

The \$48,000 project includes new gunite decking, stairs and steps, new tile, a rehabilitation of the pool's surface and an upgrade on the skimmer system.

Bauer said wiring has been run in case regulations require the installation of a wheelchair lift in the future. The new pool

configuration also includes steps to allow easier access to the water.

"I think we're going to have a pretty nice showpiece when this is done," Bauer said.

Councilman Dave Downum suggested that Bauer look into installing a handrail on the stairs to make it easier for senior citizens to enter the water.

Bauer told the council that he has faith that workers will finish the job by April. The pool traditionally opens soon after the end of the school year in May.

### Last of frozen pipes thaw

Bauer told the council that the last of the city's main water lines frozen during the cold snap earlier this winter has begun flowing again.

He said five houses were without water because of the frozen water main.

### DEQ accepts study

City crews spent recent weeks sweeping up sand put down to improve traction on the city's icy main streets, Bauer said.

Councilman Steve Atkins, who had been critical of the public works department's response to snowfall in a previous meeting, told Bauer that the streets "look good."

Bauer also reported that Strata Engineering has resubmitted the sewer pond seepage test to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

DEQ previously wanted more testing because officials were concerned that the height of water in one of the monitor wells was higher than the bottom of one of the city's three wastewater lagoons.

To comply with DEQ's new requirement, Strata drilled new monitoring wells closer to the lagoons then resubmitted the test results.

Bauer previously said the testing would cost the city \$6,600.

—JPB

# Pawn shop fire investigation ongoing

## Residents wonder about insurance coverage

While authorities continue to investigate a Jan. 30 fire that gutted a local pawn shop, many residents who had items in the shop are wondering if they will be compensated for their loss.

According to Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui, the fire at Patriot Pawn and Gun is still under investigation. He said he is working closely with the state fire marshal's investigator and Homedale Police Chief Jeff

Eidemiller on the case.

"Patriot Pawn and Gun has been very cooperative," Eidemiller said. "Investigations like this take time, and it will require patience."

Several clients of the Main Street business have contacted *The Owyhee Avalanche* to inquire if there was any news of progress in the investigation and if their belongings were covered by insurance. Both pawn and consignment customers were affected by the blaze.

According to the Patriot Pawn and Gun web page, the business is insured for the loss.

A message on the website

states: "We have been in contact with the Homedale Police, and they are doing everything they can. Once the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the local police release the scene, we can start the long claims process. Please bear with us. The timing is out of our control."

The website also asks those people who have pawn or consignment items to call and leave a message at (208) 337-3030, or email patriotidaho@gmail.com. People are encouraged to check the business' website, www.patriotpawnandgun.com, for updates.

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## ✓ Favorite: Auction, dinner set Saturday

the annual Community Christmas Dinner, the Memorial Day dinner and two scholarships to graduating seniors from Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

Other items up for auction are: road grading service, loads of gravel, handmade rawhide horse gear, iron work, candy, signed books, framed photographs, engraved silver, newspaper subscriptions, a quartz heater, passes to area attractions such as Quey's Maze, Emu-Z-um and the Glens Ferry Opera Theater, and gift and goodie baskets. Former Rimrock shop teacher and boys' basketball coach Gary Jones, who has donated handcrafted jewelry and silver work over the years, is donating a wooden cutting board crafted in his custom cabinet shop.

This year's raffle item will be a casino-themed basket valued at more than \$250, featuring \$35 worth of lottery tickets, playing cards, games, a vintage mini poker chip set and cash. Tickets for the raffle basket are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The Bruneau Boosters Auction takes place on Saturday at the American Legion Post 83 Hall



This casino-themed gift basket is among the raffle items available at the Bruneau Booster Auction. Submitted photo

located at 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau. A free beef stew and French bread dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m. Homemade pie and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Donations of auction items are

appreciated and can be dropped off at the Legion Hall on Friday from noon to 5 p.m. or Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

For further information about donations or to have an item picked up, call (208) 845-2252.

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## Club's auction marks 25 years of giving back

Saturday's Bruneau Booster Club Auction marks the silver anniversary of the group's formation.

The Bruneau Booster Club kicked off its legacy with a spaghetti feed and auction during its 1988 inaugural year.

The club has come a long way in the years since that event raised \$1,215.

The auction has been held each February, and this event makes all the other functions in Bruneau possible.

Through the years, auction proceeds have:

- Kept the lights on in downtown Bruneau by funding street light installation and paying a portion of the electric bill

- Helped maintain the Bruneau Community Park

- Supported the Bruneau Valley Library

- Provided donations to the local burnout fund

- Benefitted Bruneau American Legion Post 83, the Bruneau Quick Response Unit and the Bruneau Fire Department

- Funded the publication of "Bruneau Then and Now," a history book of Bruneau

- Helped restore the Bruneau High School graduation photos from 1922 to 1969, some of which are displayed in the Legion Hall where the auction will take place

- Funded scholarships to 28 Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School seniors

## County P&Z to hold permit hearing next week

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will convene next Wednesday for a hearing.

The P&Z commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. inside the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

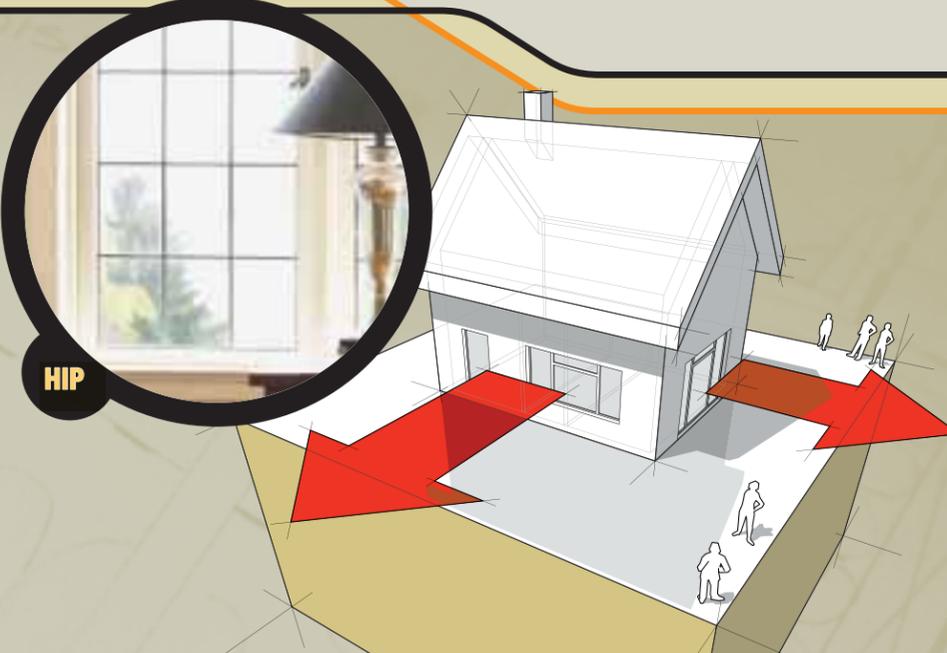
On the agenda is a Marsing family's request for a conditional use permit for a single-family residence on a five-acre parcel in an agriculture zone to be split from a 35-acre lot south of Marsing.

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# Homedale woman reflects on hall of fame horse show days

Eula Dunn was just doing what many mothers do — hauling her daughter and horse to shows and other events. Dunn didn't ride herself, but good-naturedly encouraged her daughter's passion.

One day, 35 years ago, a friend was putting on an American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) show and needed help.

"I said, 'I can do that,'" Dunn said with a laugh. That simple gesture led to a lifetime of adventure and accomplishments for the 81-year-old woman, who went on to become a renowned horse show secretary.

Dunn was recently inducted into the Idaho Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame, which is a very rare and prestigious honor.

"I was at the banquet and had no idea I was winning anything," Dunn said. "The president was speaking, but I was only half-listening when I looked up and saw my family and close friends standing in the doorway; then I knew they were talking about me over the microphone and winning the award and I burst into tears."

Dunn explained that only one award is given per year and some years no award is given if an outstanding person can't be identified.

"In order to get that award you have to earn someone's respect somewhere along the way," Dunn said.

Dunn's unplanned career unfolded quickly. She was so good at her duties that people kept asking her to help, and she took the required AQHA certification and then re-certified every five years. Horse show people soon heard of Eula Dunn, and her expertise was requested at shows in Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Montana.

She was also show secretary for the Idaho Cutting Horse Association in Twin Falls, the Idaho Reined Cow Horse shows, and the National Reined Cow Horse Association for five years.

Her favorite memories are of the wonderful people she met along the way who often became lifelong friends.

"I've had a lot of laughs and made many friends," Dunn said.

However, three decades as show secretary also had its surprising and unpleasant moments.

"I had two men who got into a fight in the show office one time, and I stepped in between them and told them to stop," Dunn said. "They did, but it was kind of tense for a minute."

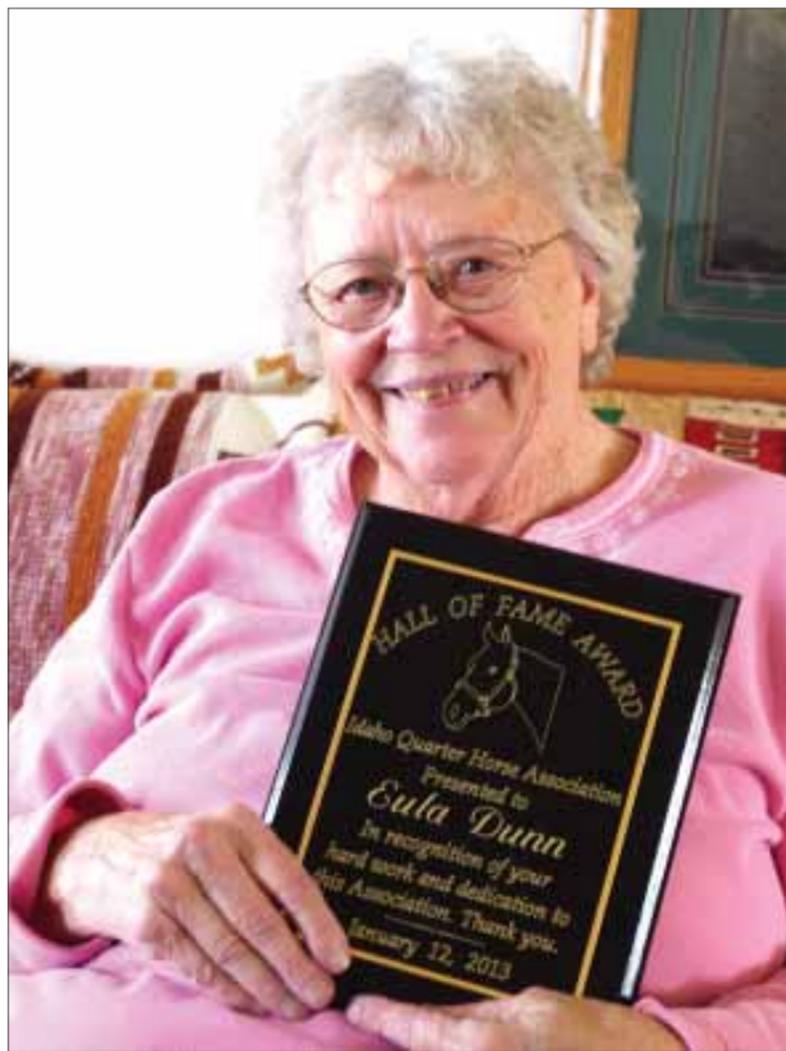
Dunn is known for her integrity and never played favorites. Judges liked her and liked going to her shows.

A life-changing bout with cancer seven years ago put Dunn in a wheelchair, and she had to pass on most of her duties to someone else. Though saddled in a wheelchair, Dunn rides with indomitable spirit and still produces the Idaho Quarter Horse Bluebook Directory and compiles the year-end points for Idaho.

"I'm a living archive," Dunn said with a laugh. "I get calls all the time from horse people wanting to know this or that, and checking on the history of things."

Dunn now has time for her other passion — quilting.

Dunn also has something else to celebrate. She and husband Jim have been married almost 63 years and her daughter, Brenda Lair, lives close by in Homedale.



Homedale quarter horse veteran Eula Dunn shows off her Idaho Quarter Horse Association hall of fame plaque.

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### ✓ Review: Results from multi-faceted analysis to be released later

listening sessions last Wednesday and Thursday. The scheduled discussion focused on economic development, infrastructure and community identity. A community review town hall meeting followed Thursday. A printed report of the findings will be released by May 1.

Area ranchers Donna and George Bennett attended one of the focus groups.

"I think this was a good start," Donna Bennett said. We need a big boost. Everyone knows what the problems are, but I think this was the first time people came out *en masse* and said what the problems are."

Business owner/accountant Robert Swenson of RIS Office agreed.

"It was a good thing to start this process," Swenson said. "I also attended the town hall meeting, and there was a pretty good turnout."

The review was conducted by the University of Idaho's Extension Community Development, which partners with state and federal agencies and private foundations. This partnership helps communities address challenges ranging from rapid population growth to economic and social changes affecting rural Idaho. Speakers at the focus groups indicated that the review process makes obtaining future grants more promising.

"We try to work with

communities struggling with change and how to manage that change," Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) housing resources coordinator Erik Kingston said. IHFA is one of the community partners in the analysis.

Employees from the partnerships are "loaned" to the project free of charge.

Participant groups included: citizens, Hispanics, farmers, ranchers, businesses, large employers, front line responders such as fire, law enforcement, emergency medical technicians, and faith-based community members, senior citizens and youth.

Participant concerns focused on both the positive and negative.

Positives for Grand View are great recreational opportunities, the Owyhee Mountains, the Snake River, agriculture, mild weather and a community that pulls together.

According to focus group participants, some of the current negatives can be seen in Grand View's stagnation, decline in infrastructure, small business survival, lack of good housing, and attracting new employers so that people who grow up in Grand View someday return to the city to live.

Sponsors included Idaho Power, Simplot, US Ecology Idaho and CenturyLink.

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Ranchers Donna and George Bennett, second and third from right, listen during a Thursday focus group for agricultural producers and other businesses. The focus group was held at the Eastern Owyhee County Library and was followed by a town hall meeting later that night.

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# Obituaries

## John G. Scott

John G. Scott, 88, of Jordan Valley, Oregon, died February 8, 2013. John was born February 6, 1925 to Esther Robinson Everson and John M. Scott.

John graduated from Eugene High School in 1943. He was a member of the FFA and the rifle club. In 1944 while taking over his grandparents' farm north of Eugene, he joined the Cowboy Turtle Association, he was #726. CTA became the Rodeo Cowboys Association, and he was a member of that. When work allowed, he went to local Oregon rodeos. There at the Sisters Rodeo in 1946, he met his future wife, Delores Helfrich. They were married in November 1946.

They eventually had three daughters.

In 1962, they added cattle to the place and became ranchers with the last forest permit on the Willamette National Forest. There was always a large family gathering when it was time to move the cows from the forest. Because of the brush and also his love of bells, each cow was fitted with a bell so they could be found.

The family lived at Mt. Vernon in Grant County for a time in 1970s and ran cattle in both places. In 1999, the place was sold and a bigger one purchased at Jordan Valley. He was a hard worker all his life and active up until September 2012 when he had a stroke.



He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Delores, 3 daughters: Janice Scott, Zelda (Mike) Workman, both of Jordan Valley, and Helen (Jim) McDonald of Denio. 8 grandkids: Cristina Rosenberg, Corrina Robinson, JoAnna Rosenberg, Linden Goodwin, Gordon Goodwin, Carol Cano, Brandon Plourde and Teresa Plourde. Step-grandkids: Bo, Sam and Ty Workman, 11 great-grandkids and 9 step-great-grandkids.

John was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, stepmother and in-laws.

A celebration of John's life will be held Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 1:30 PM at the Lion's Den in Jordan Valley.

Condolences for the family may be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

## Dale Keith Mandrell

Dale Keith Mandrell was born Sept 21, 1940 in Carnegie, Oklahoma. He passed away on February 9, 2013 in Boise, Idaho following a brief hospitalization.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, parents Leonard and Amy, brother Larry, and daughter Nora. Dale is survived by his son Nathan, brother Lyndon, sister Teresa Thomas, 4 nieces, 1 nephew, 4 grandchildren.

Dale worked as a heavy

equipment mechanic specializing in Caterpillar D4-D6.

Dale and Marilyn moved from Merced, California to Marsing, Idaho some 20 years ago.

He enjoyed history including books and documentaries about WWII.

Graveside services were held February 13, 2013, at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences can be made at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)



## Steve Thomas

Steve Thomas, 98, of Homedale, Idaho died at home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 15, 2013 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. A viewing was held one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Interment followed at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Mr. Steve Thomas was born February 28, 1914 in Indian Valley, Idaho. He was a son of Arthur Lane Thomas and Augusta Baker Thomas.

Mr. Thomas moved to Pierce County, Washington at the age of 4. He graduated from Kapowsin High School in 1932. He worked as a logger at St. Paul/St. Regis Lumber Co., Tacoma, WA, a Game Warden for the State Fish & Game Department in Washington and then returned as a logger for the rest of his working career.

After his retirement, he continued his work ethic by growing



vegetable and flower gardens. He enjoyed feeding his family and extended family with vegetables, fruits, and walnuts. He enjoyed his 3-day week swim first at Givens Hot Springs then at the YMCA. He was an active member of the Senior Citizen Center in Marsing, ID. He loved competitive sports,

hunting and fishing.

Steve moved to Homedale, Idaho in 1979 and married Marianna George in 1980. His wife, Marianna George Thomas, two daughters, Nancy (Walter) Silva of Tacoma, WA and Vivian (Jack) Walter of Graham, WA survive him. He has 5 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and 5 step-daughters: Georgia Leasor of San Antonio, TX; Rosalyn Alambra of Homedale, ID; Marilyn (Ray) Gamero of Wilder, ID; Vivian (Jerry Calton) Leasor of Gilbert, AZ; and Marcia (Duane) Key of Homedale, ID. He was preceded in death by his sister, Marjorie Thomas, brother, Morris Thomas, son, Larry Allen Thomas and stepson, Gordon Leasor. A special thanks to Kathy George Barton and Teresa Cates for their wonderful care.

Condolences may be sent to [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

## Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The country is piling up some well-needed snow.

Some changes were made in 2012. Craig Miracle was hired as new road supervisor. A new modular home was set down at the road yard. Then Craig up and resigned. Bill Sluder with the help of Jody Cooper is now holding down the fort.

The new teacher, Dena Pollack, is making things interesting in the community. The schoolchildren were taken on a ski trip to Magic Mountain in January. They are

still wanting box tops and labels for education.

Kimberly Brackett is writing a weekly article entitled "Curious Minds" for the *Times-News*. She is digging up some very interesting facts.

The winter meeting of the 71 Livestock Association is scheduled for Feb. 26, 2013 at the Bartons Club 93 in Jackpot, Nev.. Meeting starts at noon. Lunch will cost \$15.

Jarod Brackett, Three Creek's most eligible bachelor jumped the broom lately. He and his bride-to-be, Tay Dennis, along with a party of friends and relatives flew to Benzie, Mexico where they tied the knot on Jan. 8, 2013. A well-attended reception was held Feb. 2 at the 360 Main Event Center

in Twin Falls. Jarod is the son of Chet and Nancy Brackett, and Tay is the daughter of Carolyn Dennis and the late Gary Dennis. They will be at home in the rock house Jarod's great-grandfather, Bert Brackett, built for his bride, around a 100 years ago on their ranch on the Browns Bench.

Lynn Messman, 74, who had a vacation home at Murphy's Hot Springs, passed away in Boise on Christmas Day.

Laurence Heil, 92, passed Jan. 4, 2013, at Burley. He started ranching at Roseworth in 1946 and the ranches were in the family until 2006.

They ran livestock in the Mar Hall Butte country on the Humboldt Forest reserve in Nevada.

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# 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

### Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon

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

### Christian Life Club

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

### 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

### Friends of the Lizard Butte Library board meeting

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

### Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

## Friday

### Story Time at Homedale Public Library

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

## Saturday

### Homedale Running Club

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

### 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

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

## Tuesday

### Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

## Wednesday

### 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

### County P&Z Commission hearing

10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095

### Christian Life Club

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

## Thursday, Feb. 28

### Bruneau Valley Library District board meeting

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

### Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.,

Homedale. (208) 337-4641

### Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

### Read Across America

6 p.m., for elementary and middle school students, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

## Friday, March 1

### A Festival of Fun with Dr. Seuss

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Marsing Elementary School, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

### Story Time at Homedale Public Library

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

## Saturday, March 2

### Homedale Running Club

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

### Marsing Lions bingo

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

### Artists jury day

10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 455-2550 or dfchris2@gmail.com

## Monday, March 4

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

## Tuesday, March 5

### Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

### Gem Irrigation District board meeting

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

### Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting

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### South Board of Control board meeting

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### Bruneau Post Office community meeting

6 p.m., American Legion Post 83 hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau

## Wednesday, March 6

### NOCWMA meeting

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

### Christian Life Club

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

### 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

### Military veterans coffee

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

### Homedale Highway District meeting

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



## Otie the science project

A biology project was required for the spring term at Eastern Oregon College, which I attended as a freshman. Most chose what the professor referred to as the less imaginative and said he favored those with character that could earn extra credit.

Several had chickens and rabbits. There were rats, mice and a guinea pig, but I chose something more exotic. I told our government trapper of my desire to have a coyote pup.

When I came home for spring break, waiting for me was a wee coyote which my mother and sisters had been feeding with a doll baby bottle. The trapper retrieved "Otie" from a den and his eyes weren't open, which he explained would make him bond more readily with humans.

Rules stated that pets could not be kept at the dormitory, but it was agreed Otie was a biology project and thus "somewhat" exempt. The cooks clandestinely provided hamburger and while I was at class, Otie slept in a shoebox with a fuzzy pillow. At night, he'd crawl to the end of the bed, under the covers, and snuggle up to my feet. My roommate barely tolerated either one of us, but since he was gone much of the time, he didn't complain too much.

As Otie got older, I put a leash on him and attached it to the clothes line in back of the dorm. He ran back and fourth then would set and howl. Between classes, I'd often set alongside him and we'd howl together. My roommate told me I'd be much better off going to church instead of howling with a coyote, but then as now I believe there's something soulful about a coyote howl.

The science project was a success, and Otie was the star. "He's so cute" and "Does he bite?" were the comment and question I mostly heard and answered.

I was standing by the cage, and a girl stopped and cooed, "You're so cute."

"Why, thank you ..." I began.

She cut me short: "Not you, the coyote."

I had made a big cage, which he slept in so he had his familiar den at the science fair. People were always feeding him treats, his favorites being Hershey bars and spearmint gum.

Otie showed his true character when another student turned his rooster loose on the floor with a twine tied to a leg to keep him from running off. Otie was immediately excited, so I took him out of the cage and turned him loose. He ran to the rooster, grabbing its free leg. Otie wasn't much bigger than a half-grown kitten and the big rooster beat the heck out of him with his wings, but he hung on.

From then on, Otie started becoming what nature wanted of him, a coyote. After the fair, my intention was to take him home and turn him loose, but in the meantime, he continued to spend nights in the dorm and on nice days on the clothes line and in a "coyote" house I made for him out of a cardboard box.

I kept him with me in the dorm when I was studying. On a warm spring day, he jumped into the toilet and sat down with his head peaking over the rim. Just to see what he'd do, I flushed it, and he spun around and looked down the hole to see where his tail had gone. Then he'd get in position, and if I didn't flush it soon enough to suit him, he'd make yipping noises.

One day, I left him in the dorm while I went to the library. In the meantime, my roommate came rushing in to use the bathroom, and there was Otie looking up at him, yipping.

Not amused, he called the Fish and Game office, and when I returned my little friend was gone. The game warden left a note explaining that it was illegal to have a wild animal in captivity and he would be returned to the wild. He left a number to call if I had any questions. I didn't. The game warden was right.

I wasn't cut out to be a den mother anymore than Otie was to be confined and abused by a mean rooster.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at [www.theowyheeavalanche.com](http://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](mailto: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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# Children can break out the jammies for Homedale's Story Time

Fittingly, a pajama party will be held Friday for the Homedale Public Library's preschool Story Time for "Llama, Llama, Red Pajama."

Anna Dewdney's story about a young

baby animal that has trouble getting to sleep will be read at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Preschoolers are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the party.

There also will be crafts, songs and snacks.

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

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

The library is closed on Sunday.

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 20: Orange chicken, steamed rice, peas, mandarin oranges
- Feb. 21: Chili, baby carrots, applesauce, goldfish crackers
- Feb. 22: Pizza hot pocket, tossed salad, tropical fruit
- Feb. 25: Hot dog, tater tots, peaches
- Feb. 26: Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed fruit w/ jello
- Feb. 27: Crispito, taco salad, applesauce
- Feb. 28: Nemo sandwich, sweet potato fries, strawberries, jello

## Homedale Middle

- Feb. 20: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, apple
- Feb. 21: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, carrots, mandarin oranges
- Feb. 22: Idaho haystacks or fish nuggets, tossed salad, pears
- Feb. 25: Hot dog or turkey sandwich, baked beans, pears, jello
- Feb. 26: Oven fried chicken or pork chop, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peaches
- Feb. 27: Toasted cheese or rib-b-que sandwich, string cheese, corn, banana
- Feb. 28: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, mandarin oranges

## Homedale High

- Feb. 20: Lasagna or rib-b-que, mixed vegetables, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 21: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 22: Crispito w/taco salad or hot pocket, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 25: Cheese pizza or ham/cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 26: Chicken tenders or pork chop, scalloped potatoes, roll, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 27: Enchilada or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 28: Hamburger, cheeseburger, or chicken patty, salad bar, fruit choice

## Marsing

- Feb. 20: Hamburger or chicken nuggets, potato wedges, green beans, pudding
- Feb. 21: Malibu chicken or fish taco, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 25: Chicken fried steak or roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, roll
- Feb. 26: Hot dog, baked beans or egg roll, rice, winter blend veggies
- Feb. 27: Orange chicken & rice or ham/cheese sandwich, potato chips, mixed veggies, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 28: Spaghetti w/breadstick or beef nuggets, green beans, salad bar 6-12

## Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 20: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, breadstick, strawberry green salad, fruit
- Feb. 21: Fish taco, corn, sliced peaches, jello
- Feb. 22: Pig in a blanket, baked beans, broccoli, fruit, banana cake
- Feb. 26: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit
- Feb. 27: Lasagna, garden spinach salad, steamed carrots, fruit
- Feb. 28: Enchilada w/salsa, Spanish rice, refried beans, corn, fruit

## COSSA

- Feb. 20: BBQ chicken, corn, cheesy bread, pears
- Feb. 21: Navajo taco, lettuce, cheese, tomato, refried beans, mixed fruit
- Feb. 22: Corn dog, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches
- Feb. 25: Hamburger on w/w bun, lettuce, pickle, tomato, baked fries, pears
- Feb. 26: Fish nuggets, green beans, w/w roll, peaches
- Feb. 27: Chicken, bean & rice burrito, corn, fruit
- Feb. 28: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad w/tomato, bread, mixed fruit



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# US Ecology Idaho presents donation for Taylor's Corner

A donation from US Ecology Idaho will help further the work of the Taylor's Corner project.

Company officials presented a \$2,000 check last week that will help complete the outdoor classroom near Marsing Elementary School.

The classroom has been dedicated to the memory of 2011 Marsing High School graduate Taylor Sauer.

"It's wonderful to have businesses looking out for organizations who are trying to do the right thing," Taylor's mother, Shauna, said. "This donation will pay for the tables and chairs, which finishes the project itself."

The project helps raise awareness of the dangers of texting while driving and motivated Marsing school students to participate in building the outdoor classroom. Taylor's Corner is not only a lasting memorial to Taylor Sauer, who died in a January 2012 auto accident while texting, but also to Marsing community members. Taylor Sauer wanted to be a teacher, so organizers came up with the outdoor classroom idea to honor her.

Organizers continue to sell inscribed bricks that will become part of the classroom.

Brick sales proceeds go to the Taylor Sauer Memorial Foundation, which is dedicated to educating youth about the dangers of



From left: Pete Smit, Marsing Schools, US Ecology Idaho general manager Terry Geis, USEI HR generalist Liz Schwager and Taylor Sauer's parents, Shauna and Clay Sauer at Friday's presentation.

texting and using social media while driving. The foundation also sponsors two local scholarships — the Taylor Sauer Memorial Scholarship and the Taylor Sauer Owyhee County Fair Memorial Scholarship.

To purchase bricks or donate,

visit the Taylor's Corner Facebook page. Bricks can also be purchased by filling out an order form located on the Facebook page and mailing it to Taylor's Corner, P.O. Box 891, Marsing, Idaho 83639.

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# Senior menu

## Homedale center

- Feb. 20: Beef stew, biscuit
- Feb. 21: Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, bread
- Feb. 26: Salisbury steak w/ onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread
- Feb. 27: Sausage & biscuits, potato, carrots
- Feb. 28: Baked chicken, noodles, beets, bread



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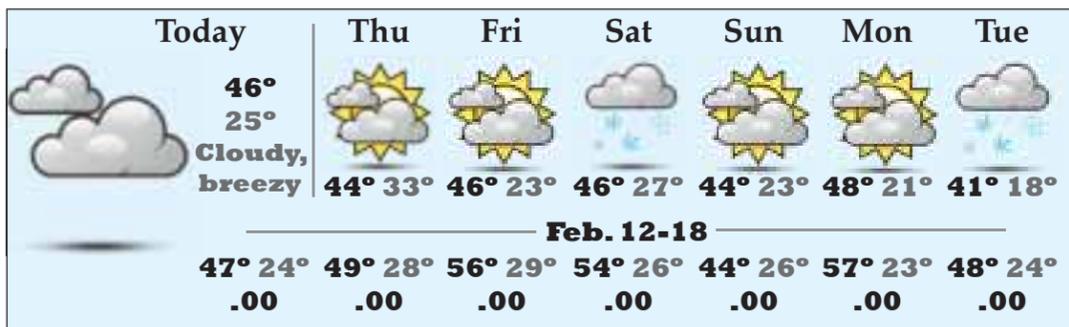
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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
<b>Mud Flat</b>						
02/12	3.8	13	6.8	36	3	21
02/13	3.9	12	6.8	41	14	27
02/14	4.0	12	6.9	45	23	33
02/15	3.8	12	6.8	44	23	33
02/16	4.0	12	6.8	43	19	30
02/17	4.1	15	6.9	48	21	35
02/18	4.0	15	6.7	37	13	27
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
02/12	3.8	9	8.6	33	19	27
02/13	3.7	8	8.6	35	27	30
02/14	4.0	8	8.6	39	29	34
02/15	3.5	8	8.7	38	26	32
02/16	4.1	8	8.6	44	28	36
02/17	3.6	7	8.6	48	30	40
02/18	4.6	7	8.6	33	20	26
<b>South Mountain</b>						
02/12	8.3	28	16.5	36	17	25
02/13	8.3	28	16.5	36	25	28
02/14	8.3	28	16.5	43	28	33
02/15	8.4	28	16.5	37	24	31
02/16	8.4	27	16.5	46	30	38
02/17	8.4	26	16.5	47	30	39
02/18	8.4	27	16.4	35	20	25

**Water report**

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 41 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 272 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 34 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 295,136 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 3 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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



Fritz Cordes, left, helps Charley Rains with her water color project as Nancy Coggins works on her painting Saturday at Lizard Butte Library in Marsing.

**Light-hearted approach at library's art class**

**Class ends run this week, may return**

Even though Fritz Cordes intones John Banner's Sgt. Schultz character from Hogan's Heroes, he does know quite a bit more than nothing about watercolor painting.

Cordes and his wife Karin, whom he says is the actual instructor, have been leading a class into the art discipline at Lizard Butte Library for the past month.

"I'm the mouthpiece. She tells everything I know," Fritz says, pointing to his spouse. The couple lives off Chicken Dinner Road across the river from Marsing.

Karin is a former artist of the month at the Marsing library, and now she is helping pass on the passion for painting.

Although the five-week course ends Saturday and there are only two students who stuck it out through foggy and icy driving conditions (Nampa resident Nancy Coggins and part-time Marsing resident Charley Rains), the Cordeses anticipate bringing the course back to the library's Community Room later this year.

Fritz said, however, it's difficult to figure out an ideal time. Too many things are diverting folks'

attention in the spring and summer, he said, so it's expected the class will re-emerge in the middle of winter again – even if Mother Nature knocked down the class enrollment from the original five to Coggins and Rains.

"We try to get them on the right foot and show them what coloring with watercolors would do and could do," Fritz said.

With classical music from his table lightly filling the room (Fritz says music with vocals can be distracting), Coggins and Rains worked on their own projects. Both women began with a sketch and then proceeded to fill the work area with color.

Both worked on landscapes as Concerto for Strings and Continuo by Andante Molto played and Fritz continued his light-hearted encouragement.

And Fritz continued to make it perfectly clear that he was merely relaying his wife's wisdom.

"I know nothing," he said. "That makes it easier. Do you know why? I can't be blamed."

There is none of the pretension many may see in the art world.

Fritz discouraged Coggins' self-criticism when he told he wanted to borrow one of her previous creations to give proper matting and framing.

"It's a stupid fault of every artist," he said. "They are the worst critics of themselves."

— JPB

**Story time ongoing at Marsing's library**

The Lizard Butte Library's preschool story time continues each week.

The story time begins on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

The library, located at 111 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing, is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, contact the library at lizardbuttelibrary@yahoo.com or 896-4690.

Jury Day to select the monthly featured artists for the library's 2013-14 season of exhibits will be held Saturday, March 2. Artists can register for Jury Day by contacting the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library at 455-2550

or dfchris2@gmail.com.

The Lizard Butte FOL board of directors meets at 4 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month inside the library's community room.

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library also continues its fundraising sale of book bags. The bags, which include a Lizard Butte-related logo, cost \$8 each.

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## Idaho Power points out danger



### Scale model provides shocking lesson

An Idaho Power employee creates an arc in a miniature power line during a Feb. 11 demonstration at the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall. The training was aimed at helping Homedale Fire Department volunteer firefighters avoid the dangers of contact with live power lines when they are battling blazes.

## FFA news

# Homedale members earn State Degrees

Submitted by Lydia Aman  
chapter reporter

Four members of the Homedale FFA chapter have received their State Degrees.

The State Degree is one of the more distinguished degrees an FFA member can earn.

Homedale recipients this year include Esteban Lejardi, Tell Hyer, Shelby Lee and Lydia Aman.

To earn their State Degree, members are required to have two or more years of an FFA project

documented in a record book and also must pass a test covering FFA history, general knowledge and parliamentary procedure.

Homedale FFA also sent two candidates for the Boise Valley District Speaking Career Development Events, which were held Feb. 6 in Kuna.

Madi Fisher finished second overall in creed speaking, while Megan Bettleyon delivered an address on the Humane Society for the prepared speech competition.

# Rimrock's Tindall applies for his State Degree

Rimrock FFA chapter member Zach Tindall has applied for the State Degree, which is the third-highest degree available to FFA members.

Another Rimrock FFA member, freshman Hailey Pearson, presented the FFA creed during the Boise Valley District Speaking Career Development Event on

Feb. 6 in Kuna.

Twelve Rimrock FFA members attended the 212°/360° Idaho state leadership conference presented by the National FFA organization, too.

The Jan. 28-29 event in Boise featured beginner and advanced workshops and also had speakers from the national level.

# Reminiscing

## Woman grateful for God, Homedale's helpful folks

by Grace Bowman

There's a song we've been singing lately titled, "God Leads Us Along," the refrain of which is:

*"Some thro' the waters, some thro' the flood,  
Some thro' the fire ...  
Some thro' great sorrow, but God gives a song,  
In the night season and all the day long."*

The verses, too, are very rich to our soul.

In our recent Christmas letter, we referred to what we called a "major disaster," when our sewer system backed up and flooded our basement. This entailed Uria Pump — Ric and his wonderful, capable helpers — coming out and working under very precarious conditions. They had to dig much deeper than they had anticipated, about a 10-by-4-foot trench, to replace World War II-era pipes made of tar and cardboard that had collapsed.

In elaborating in my Christmas letter, focusing on the "Light of The World is Jesus," we wrote that we were finding how amazing that "Light" truly was, as He turned our hysterics into praise and a deep settled "peace that passeth understanding." As we came down before Him in prayer, we received the necessary strength and His amazing grace, to carry on, in what seemed an impossible, unbearable task.

Through it all, we so keenly felt His care. That was the flood.

Now, the Jan. 21 fire during which our missionary son-in-law and daughter's mobile home went up in flames.

Being the good businessman he is,

### God Leads Us Along verses

Written by George A. Young, 1903

*"In shady green pastures so rich and so sweet,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,  
God leads His dear children along."*

*"Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Sometimes in the valley in the darkness of night,  
God leads His dear children along."*

*"Tho' sorrow befall us and evils oppose,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,  
God leads His dear children along."*

*"Away from the mire, and away from the clay,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Away up in glory, to eternity's day,  
God leads His dear children along."*

and generous toward God's work, our son-in-law had this rental to help bring in some income. We know God in His care, protected in a measure that only could have been Him, considering a good renter had just moved out and a new one was considering renting it. The prospective tenant had looked at the rental an hour or so before the fire, but had not moved in (therefore, no liabilities against us, which could have been a different story otherwise).

The next day, we were awed again, as we made a call on a man who had just gotten out of the hospital. We had only time to say a prayer before going to an insurance office

before it closed.

We mentioned we had had a fire, to which the caregiver exclaimed, "Where? Homedale? A mobile home?"

"Yes," we replied, "Are you from Homedale?"

"No, I had some business with my car at Owyhee Motors, and I don't even know why I was on that street, kind of lost, when I saw smoke coming out the back, which seemed more than coming just from a chimney."

He called 911. He took pictures from the back alley, and told us we could have them for our insurance company.

Even though the insurance will not

nearly cover the loss because of recent improvements, we were so thankful for our super nice adjustor with Foremost, who we felt was very fair, and did her very best for us.

Even though there is a certain sadness, our hearts have much to rejoice in.

We're rejoicing in Chief of Police Jeff Eidemiller and Officer Andrew Arnold and the hard-working faithful firemen in responding so quickly and efficiently.

We want to thank those who laboriously worked during the fire and the ongoing investigation amongst dangers, even possibly risking their lives, braving the awful, cold conditions.

We also serve the God of all comfort, and oh how truly He has proved to be just that.

We know about great sorrow, too. All four of our children were taken back to their Maker in a boat accident. They are our precious little cheering section, looking down from Heaven, cheering us on, that we can make it, too.

We can make it, if we stay "true blue" and obedient. Oh that we'll not compromise or veer off from that first love and devotion to our wonderful Lord and Saviour or get caught up with the deceitfulness of riches and the tricks of the enemy of our soul.

All our sorrows, hardships, and the dark times, have so sufficiently and gloriously been sprinkled with His loving kindness!

Along with His many benefits that He abundantly bestows upon us, He witnesses to our unworthy hearts again and again that He is real, coupled with His amazing grace, He gives us a song.

— Grace Bowman is a Homedale resident.

# Cause gets Homedale Elementary students jumping

## Annual fundraiser garners thousands for American Heart Association

Dan Moore's long association with the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart continued last week.

The Homedale Elementary School physical education teacher has been encouraging children to take part in the annual fundraiser since 1988 when he was teaching in Chicago.

He began the string of HES jump roping events in 1999, and between 150 and 200 students skip rope each year.

About 160 students crammed into the multipurpose room on Feb. 12 to jump rope for a couple hours.

"We had a great event," he said. "I would like to thank all of the students, parents and staff that helped with this healthy event."

As many as 300 HES students took part in the early days when fifth- and sixth-graders still walked the halls at the West Washington Avenue school complex.

In the past three years, Moore has put a twist on the JRFH event, presenting a Homedale's Got Talent-Minute to Win It jump rope challenge.

"Students in each classroom try out to get to go to the finals that happen during our JRFH event," Moore said.

Each student performs a one-minute jump-rope routine for three judges who score the entrants. The children practiced the routines over and over before the competition.

"Since this challenge started, the level of jumping ability has been improving each year," Moore said.

This year's results included:

**Fourth grade** — 1. Kenna McKay; 2. Tommy McGuire; 3. Ventura Martinez Sanchez

**Third grade** — 1. Eli Heck; 2. Josh Brown; 3. Jaiden Ruiz

**Second grade** — 1. Zayne Hall; 2. Bailey Purdom; 3. Andres Waters

The Jump Rope for Heart is

aimed at raising money for the American Heart Association.

Students take a collection envelope home and ask friends, family and others for sponsorships.

The primary use for money raised is researching new methods of dealing with heart problems. Moore said a large portion of that research is focused on infants, and youth heart issues.

Several HES students have undergone some form of heart surgery, he said.

"Many of our students have brothers or sisters who have had heart problems," Moore said.

"When I ask the students (each year) how many know of another young person who has had a heart problem, almost every student raises their hands."

In the previous 13 years HES has participated in Jump Rope for Heart, students have raised more than \$45,000 for the American Heart Association. He's still waiting on numbers from the 2013 event, but Moore says the event usually brings in more than \$2,000.

"The money that has been raised has most definitely helped children right here in Homedale," he said.

The children and others who help out get more than the satisfaction of raising money for those in need, though. Moore says they learn that it's fun and important to have the entire community involved in a "healthful and far-reaching event."

The event also teaches the students and their families the importance of exercise, too.

Moore extended his appreciation to several local businesses that helped out this year, including Paul's Market, Subway, Matteson's, Frosty Palace, Homedale Drug Store, Moxie Java and Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

— JPB



**Above:** Salvador Monreal, center, jumps as Cali Smith, left, and Brock Johnson hold a jump rope during last week's fundraiser.

**Below, left:** Amad Garcia is all smiles as he skips a rope inside the Homedale Elementary School gymnasium.

**Below, right:** Cali Smith watches her footwork while jumping rope.

Submitted photos



# Owyhee students have chance to chat in space at COSSA

## Pre-engineering classes working on antenna to contact space station

Students from Homedale and Marsing will be able to hear communications from the International Space Station next month.

The opportunity is part of an event to which the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Regional Technical and Education Center (CRTEC) will play host.

An exact date in March has not been determined.

COSSA students are working on a component that will allow communication via amateur radio with astronauts orbiting on the space station from the school's Wilder

campus. About 100 pre-engineering students, including 21 from Homedale and 15 from Marsing, will be at CRTEC for the event.

Other students in Homedale and Marsing will be able to listen in on the interaction thanks to amateur radio operators who will transmit the communication to Marsing Elementary School as well as the middle school and elementary school in Homedale, according to COSSA's Marlene Moore.

CRTEC is partnering with the Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club (ARC) for the

event.

Pre-engineering students at the COSSA campus currently are building the rotary assembly for the antenna that will be used to track the space station during the radio communication.

CRTEC is one of the few schools in the United States selected by NASA to participate in this year's Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program.

Some of the students who will participate in the ARISS event also come from the COSSA Gifted and Talented program. In addition to Homedale and Marsing, students also come from the Parma, Wilder and Notus school districts.

ARISS is a cooperative venture among

NASA, ARRL, AMSAT and other international space agencies that coordinate scheduled radio contacts between astronauts aboard the ISS and schools.

The ARISS radio contact is one in a series with educational activities to improve teaching and learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It is an integral component of Teaching From Space, a NASA Education office. The office promotes learning opportunities and builds partnerships with the education community using the unique environment of human spaceflight.

Idaho Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan are among the dignitaries who have been invited to the event.

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# DuraPatcher demo intrigues Homedale road bosses

## No decision made on acquiring trailer-mounted repair unit

In their ongoing quest to find ways to fix roads at the lowest cost, Homedale Highway District commissioners watched a demonstration last week.

Dan Horner, a salesman out of Rigby, singlehandedly performed repair work on Cemetery Road on Feb. 12 as part of the pitch for the DuraPatcher.

“In my opinion, it could save us some money, I think, if those patches hold up like they say,” district commission chair Larry Prow said.

DuraPatcher is a trailer-mounted device that takes gravel from the bed of a dump truck, mixes it with hot oil from a tank then spews it onto the pavement through a nozzle at the end of a long hose.

Prow and his fellow commissioners — John Demshar and Scott Salutregui — watched Horner use hot air to blast loose asphalt out of a pothole then spray oil to prime the repair area then, with the flip of a switch, spread gravel across the damaged portion.

While Brad McCoy, the owner of local DuraPatcher dealer MetroQuip out of Meridian, sat in the driver’s seat of the adjoined dump truck, Horner would work on potholes and a network of cracks — better known as “alligators” because of their resemblance to the reptile’s tough skin — in the Cemetery Road surface. When Horner needed to move along, he’d hit a button on the DuraPatcher’s wand that honked a horn to let McCoy know it was time to pull forward.

Commissioners learned that the DuraPatcher could be used to quickly address breakups and flaws in roads within the district’s boundaries. It could be used to

shore up intersections the edges of which have been damaged by the constant right-hand turns from heavy agricultural trucks.

Homedale Highway’s two-man crew of Stuart Constantine and Dan Herman would be able to work faster as well because the DuraPatcher removes old pavement and cleans the patch area without digging and no spreading of the new road mix is necessary.

“I could be faster, as soon as you got a break up, you could fix it, and you wouldn’t have the continual breakup,” Prow said.

Prow even wondered if a crewman could work alone after seeing the ease with which Horner handled the wand. Constantine and Herman also tried their hand at it — as did Demshar.

Prow figures a DuraPatcher could save the district part of its approximately \$40,000 annual bill for creating road mix. The savings would come from eliminating a contractor to mix gravel and oil because the DuraPatcher does that on its own.

Still, Prow has his skeptical side.

“I’m kind of like a Missourian,” he said. “I have to be shown a little more.”

Foremost in his mind is how the patches will hold up over time. Horner said road closures are minimal because the fixes are designed to handle immediate traffic as a way to help the mix settle.

But sales officials at the demonstration said that any cracks in the roadway should be sealed to ensure the best results with the resurfacing machine. The DuraPatcher doesn’t do crack-sealing, the commissioners found out.

No decision was made on the fu-



**Above:** Homedale Highway District commissioner John Demshar tries his hand at the DuraPatcher on Cemetery Road. **Left:** Board chair Larry Prow, right, and Demshar listen as DuraPatcher salesman Dan Horner discusses the features of the trailer-mounted road repair machine.

ture of the DuraPatcher — which is made in Mississippi — with the local district. Prow said the commissioners and DuraPatcher reps didn’t talk price when they returned to the district office to complete the special meeting.

“They’re supposed to get back with us,” Prow said.

He said the commissioners want to weigh all their options, including a short-term lease with monthly payments, buying one outright or entering a lease-to-buy

option. Commissioners also mulled the idea of renting a machine from a local dealer whenever it was feasible and/or necessary.

“We’ve got to crunch the numbers and see,” Prow said. “I think it would be a great machine to have.”

“I think it would be a great maintenance machine to level out some of these humps and hollers.”

Horner said several area road

districts — including Golden Gate and Owyhee County — have purchased DuraPatcher machines in the past.

Prow, however, said that Homedale commissioners learned during the transition between the old road crew and the new one that there are certain compensatory requirements that districts must meet if they are borrowing equipment from other road districts.

— JPB

## Prow: Thompson Road taking a beating again

While Homedale highway commissioners were looking to the future with a new gadget, they also were firmly planted in the present last week.

“Our priority right now is to get the right-of-way sprayed to keep the weeds down,” district board chair Larry Prow said.

With manure trucks back on the road as the weather warms, the commissioners are faced with more roadway damage, too.

A week after commissioners finished paying for an approximately \$100,000, half-mile rehabilitation on Thompson Road, Prow delivered more bad

news about the beleaguered stretch.

“What hadn’t been rebuilt now is breaking up because of the trucks,” he said.

He said that the next move could be imposing weight limits and speed restrictions on the road.

Prow said that decision may come from Director of Highways Stuart Constantine.

“It could be up to the director,” Prow said. “It should fall under him, if he wants to put load restrictions on the road.”

Nielson Lane south of Graveyard Point Road remains in the same state it did when the district rotomilled the pothole-riddled roadway last year. Earlier this month, Prow hinted that the district may not have enough money to complete the overlay work.

— JPB

## Learning the business



### Scouts tour Owyhee Publishing plant

Boys from several different levels of the Homedale Cub Scouts pack crowded into The Owyhee Avalanche office last Wednesday to learn about the inner workings of the newspaper business. Managing editor Jon P. Brown demonstrated page design and news-gathering techniques before the group moved on to learn about the straight-to-plate and printing press operations.

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# Avalanche Sports

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## 2013 wrestling state tournaments



Homedale High School senior Tyler Hardy won the 113-pound championship at the 3A District III Tournament on Saturday in Weiser. Submitted photo

### Several Trojans head east in 3A

#### 6 wrestled for district titles

One athlete making a long-awaited return heads a list of nine Homedale High School wrestlers who will be in action this weekend in the 3A state tournament.

Tyler Hardy, who hasn't been the state tournament since winning the Class 5A 103-pound championship as a freshman for Caldwell, won the 3A District III title at 113 pounds Saturday.

The senior was one of five Trojans to reach the finals at Weiser High School.

He beat Fruitland freshman Robert Diaz, 8-2, for the title.

Hardy will be the highest-seeded Homedale wrestler when the state tournament begins Friday morning at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

The second-seeded Hardy (35-1) meets Gooding junior Jeff Hernandez (18-17) in the first round.

Five other HHS wrestlers are seeded Friday:

- Senior Brad McCain (33-4) will carry the 195 division's No. 3 seed when he faces South Fremont senior Mario Cisneros (18-20). He

— See 3A, page 18

### Richardson, Danner begin another quest for 2A state medals

#### Melba, Marsing, Rimrock all have Owyheens in

Several wrestlers with ties to Owyhee County will compete in the 2A-1A state tournament this weekend in Pocatello.

Marsing, Rimrock and Melba high schools all are sending competitors to Holt Arena. The tournament runs Friday and Saturday on the Idaho State University campus.

Three wrestlers — Melba's Troy Richardson and Dillon Danner and Austin Williams from Marsing — will head to the final tournament of the season as District III champions.

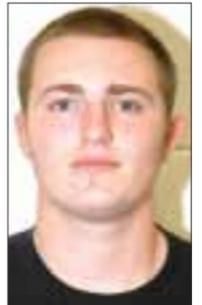
Richardson, a Melba wrestler living in Owyhee County, is the top-seeded 182-pounder at State. He won the 160-pound state championship last year.

The senior (43-1) beat New Plymouth's Luis Castro in Satur-

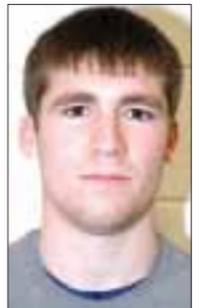
day's District III championship final in McCall. He'll face Valley junior Anthony Benavidez (10-11) in his State opener.

Another senior, Danner (26-4) secured a return trip to the state tournament and collected a district crown along the way. The Marsing downed DJ Todd of Melba in the 152 final.

Danner will open the state tournament Friday against Potlatch senior Caleb Richards (14-12). He placed fifth at 152 a year ago.



Noah Grossman



Brad Labit

— See 2A, page 18

## Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball

### WIC rivals deny Huskies hardware

The team Marsing High School beat to reach the girls' basketball state tournament ended the Huskies' season with a loss Saturday.

In a rematch of the two teams' 2A District III semifinal from earlier in the month, Melba crushed Marsing, 43-23, in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout consolation final at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

"It was the fifth time we'd seen Melba this year," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "We kind of knew what they were going to do to us defensively, but we didn't have the time to work on many things."

The Huskies (14-11) had beaten Melba, 38-22, on Feb. 2 to qualify for its second state tournament in the past three years.

Saturday morning, the Mustangs got a big game from Dani Romans to end the Huskies' season. Romans scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Mean-

while, teammate Kara Leavitt collected 10 boards, including seven on the defensive glass as Melba dominated the backboards.

The Mustangs held a 51-31 rebounding edge overall and denied Marsing many second chances with a 29-14 advantage on the Huskies' end.

Marsing shot only 12 percent in the game (6-for-50), and Melba went on a 15-4 run through the third quarter to take control.

The state tournament marked the first time this season that the Huskies had played games on three successive days.

"I don't think the young girls realized until after Saturday just what a grind it was," Little said. "And that experience for (those players) coming back will really benefit us."

Sophomore Destiny Reynolds scored a team-high six points for Marsing.

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Senior Lacey Usabel puts up a jump shot Saturday against Melba. Photo by Dan Pease

### Foes' depth, defense derail HHS

Homedale High School's first appearance in the girls' basketball state tournament in a decade lasted two days in Nampa.

The Trojans were eliminated Friday when 2012 state champion Marsh Valley used 18 straight points to take control in a 46-33 3A Real Dairy Shootout consolation bracket victory at Skyview High School.

Homedale (12-13 overall) trailed by five points, 23-18, at halftime, but the Eagles scored the first 12 points of the third quarter.

Elise Shenk hit her only three-point goal of the game 56 seconds before the end of the third quarter, but Marsh Valley's Dassia May answered with a trey of her own to send the Eagles into the final period with a 31-21 advantage.

Marsh Valley doubled the lead to 20 points, 44-24, with Amanda Marshall's baseline layup with five minutes, 16 seconds left.

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# Sports

## Marsing can't overcome North Star comeback

### Boys lose in district semifinals

A fast start didn't equal victory Saturday night for the Marsing High School boys' basketball team.

Playing against North Star Charter and its raucous fans, Marsing streaked to a 13-point lead only to watch the Huskies from Meridian storm back under the guidance of Jakob Hyde.

Hyde led all scorers with 23 points in North Star's 48-39 victory in the 2A District III Tournament semifinals at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

"We came out hot and played hard, and we played hard the whole time, really," Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "The thing I felt that both (assistant coach Lamon Loucks) and I felt was missing was that top-notch intensity level wasn't there the whole game."

"We did a lot of good things, but it seemed that little extra notch of wanting it wasn't there."

The loss sent Marsing scrambling into the losers' bracket.



The Marsing High School boys' basketball team awaits the start of their district semifinal Saturday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Coach JW Chadez's squad played host to Nampa Christian after deadline Tuesday with the season's future on the line.

Marsing was still within four points of North Star in the fourth quarter, but Marsing was unable to connect on key foul shots and

field-goal attempts.

During the first 10½ minutes of Saturday's game, Marsing looked as if it would cruise into the district championship game — and earn a berth in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Senior Jason Galligan and his

teammates were getting key defensive rebounds over the 6-foot-7 Hyde, and Marsing's quick guards were getting the ball down the court for easy baskets.

Galligan hit a pair of jump shots to fuel an early 9-0 run to a 16-4 Marsing lead after the first quarter.

The roll continued in the second quarter as Les Loucks buried a three-point goal for a 21-8 Marsing lead.

All the while, however, Hyde was beginning to heat up.

He scored 13 of his team's first 17 points and sparked 12 unanswered points in the second quarter.

Tony Angelos' three-pointer with 35 seconds left capped the run and put North Star in front, 21-20. Angelos finished with 12 points.

Galligan and Jose Acuna scored 10 points apiece for Marsing, while teammate Miguel Leon kicked in eight. Galligan came away with six rebounds, and Leon had three steals and three assists.

**Wednesday: Marsing 67, Melba 32** — Leon scored two-

thirds of his 15 points in the first half as the Huskies rolled over the visiting Mustangs to move into the district semifinals. He also dished eight assists.

Marsing scored the game's first 14 points and held Melba scoreless for the first six minutes.

The Huskies employed a quick transition game to get many easy pull-up jump shots and built a 16-4 lead capped by Leon's jumper 14 seconds into the second quarter.

Galligan led all scorers with 16 points, and Acuna added 13 points.

Leon hit half of Marsing's six three-point goals, while Acuna, Gabe Miranda and Jesus Lino also connected from long range.

Melba pulled within 10 points, 18-8, when Joaquin Alvarez hit a jump shot with 5½ minutes left in the first half, but Marsing reeled off 12 consecutive points and closed the quarter on a 12-2 run.

Alvarez and Caden Cook scored six points each for Melba, which fell into the losers' bracket, while Owyhee County product Triston Hylton put in five points.

## Payette ends Homedale boys' season in district play-in

Homedale High School boys' basketball team couldn't climb out of an early hole in the district tournament.

The Trojans saw their season end with a 65-52 loss to Payette in the Feb. 12 play-in game for the 3A District III Tournament

at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Guard Hayden Krzesnik scored 18 points in his final high school basketball game to lead Homedale, which ended its first season under coach Casey Grove at 10-11.

The Trojans entered the

tournament with the No. 5 seed and needing to beat the Pirates to move into the semifinals against top-seeded Fruitland.

Fourth-seeded Payette started held an 18-11 edge after the first quarter. The Pirates held Homedale to seven points in the

third quarter to build a 14-point lead.

The Trojans were limited to 20 rebounds, including just nine on their end of the floor. Britt Eubanks grabbed three of those offensive boards to go with six points.

Adam Abrego knocked down 14 points and dished five assists for Homedale, while another senior, Ricky McBride, hit for seven points and also had five assists.

Saddled with four fouls, Trey Lane was limited to three points.

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### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

#### Tyler Hardy, sr., wrestling

The Play — In his first year with the Trojans, Hardy ensured his return to the state tournament with his 3A District III championship at 113 pounds Saturday in Weiser. Hardy, who won a state championship as a freshman with Caldwell, beat two ninth-graders during his district run. He won the championship with an 8-2 victory over Fruitland's Robert Diaz. Hardy is the No. 2 seed in the 16-person bracket at the state tournament, which begins Friday in Pocatello.

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### Wrestling

Varsity  
Friday, Feb. 22 at 3A state tournament, Holt Arena, Pocatello, 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 23 at 3A state tournament, Holt Arena, Pocatello, 9 a.m.

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# Sports

## Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball Ineffective rebounding ends Rimrock's run



Rimrock's Desi Meyers drives to the basket against Grace.

Cold shooting and a lack of offensive rebounds sent Rimrock High School to the exit after the second day of the 1A, Div. 1 girls' basketball state tournament Friday.

Appearing in their first Real Dairy Shootout in four seasons, the Raiders fell to Challis, 62-29, in a consolation semifinal at Columbia High School in Nampa.

The Raiders (14-5 overall) connected on just 12 of their 53 field-goal attempts (22.6 percent), and the Vikings held a 29-15 edge on Rimrock's backboard. Rimrock was just 5-for-31 (16.1 percent) from the floor in the second half.

Challis led, 19-12, after the first eight minutes and built an 11-point halftime lead on the strength of four three-point goals in the first half.

Junior guard Kyla Jewett led the way for Rimrock with 14 points. She had the team's only three-pointer and was true on six of 23 attempts.

Bailey Bachman scored nine points and collected 10 rebounds. Three other players (Desi Meyers,

Sami Bachman and Hailey Boman) scored two points apiece to round out the Raiders' scoring.

Madisen Garlie scored 14 points and snagged 10 of her 12 rebounds on Rimrock's end to lead Challis, which lost Saturday's consolation final to Butte County.

Garlie was one of three Vikings to reach double-figure scoring. Brielle Sheppard had 11 points and four assists, Morgan Miller put in 10 points. All but one of Challis' 10 players scored, and Rachele Chamberlain engineered the offense with seven assists.

**Thursday: Grace 48, Rimrock 35** — The Raiders lost their early foothold behind an inability to limit the Grizzlies' chances and key mistakes on the offensive end of the floor.

Rimrock began its first state tournament game since 2009 quickly, taking advantage of Grace's sloppy ball-handling to forge a 12-2 advantage.

Jewett scored seven of her team-high 12 points in the first half, but had only eight points in the game's final 3½ quarters.

Grace, meanwhile, began chipping away when Stephanie

Lloyd hit her team's only three-point goal of the opener near the end of the first quarter.

The Grizzlies were able to get several second- and third-chance shots during their comeback. When Lloyd stole the ball in the final seconds before the break, she missed the layup only to have teammate Kate Skinner grab one of her five offensive rebounds and put the ball back at the buzzer. The shot capped a seesaw first half, and Grace entered the locker room with a 24-21 advantage.

Lloyd finished with 11 points, while her 5-foot-9 junior teammate Mackenzie Windley led all scorers with 17 points.

Windley also grabbed 11 boards, while 5-10 junior post Danielle Prowell collected 14 rebounds.

Overall, with Sami Bachman getting 10 of her 11 rebounds on the Grizzlies' end, Rimrock held a 38-21 edge in defensive rebounds. Grace, however, held Rimrock to just nine offensive rebounds during game in which the Raiders shot 31.8 percent from the floor.

Bailey Bachman scored nine points for Rimrock.

## Adrian girls reach state playoffs

Jordan Valley ends season at .500

The Adrian High School girls' basketball team slid into the 1A Oregon state playoffs Saturday in John Day, Ore. The Antelopes (19-9) edged

Monument/Dayville, 26-21, in the 1A District 8 Tournament's third-place game. They'll play a first-round state playoff game tonight in Klamath Falls against

Triad (16-7).

Adrian lost in the district title game, 47-35, to Prairie City.

The Antelopes crushed Mitchell, 43-14, on Thursday.

### Jordan Valley

After losing its opener, 36-34, in

overtime to Monument/Dayville on Thursday, Jordan Valley (11-11) rallied for the consolation title with a 46-37 win over Mitchell.

The Mustangs beat Spray, 64-27, on Friday.

Andi Warn was named first-team all-tournament.

## MARSING HUSKIES

### Athletes of the Week



Dillon Danner

**Dillon Danner, sr., wrestling**  
**Austin Williams, jr., wrestling**



Austin Williams

*The Play* — Danner and Williams led the way as four Huskies qualified for the 1A-2A state tournament in Pocatello, which begins Friday. Danner beat Melba's DJ Todd for the District III championship at 152 pounds. Williams also won a district title in McCall, beating New Plymouth's Chase Bowen at 160 pounds.

## Girls' Basketball

Varsity  
Congratulations  
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## Boys' Basketball

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# Sports

## Jordan Valley rides Ty's trey to State

Ty Warn's three-pointer with 55 seconds left finally got Jordan Valley High School over the hump in its boys' basketball championship battle with Crane.

Crane's Tyler Opie missed a running jump shot attempt as time ran out and Jordan Valley prevailed, 36-35, in the 1A District 8 Tournament final in John Day, Ore.

"It was a close game throughout," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "The biggest lead was Crane by six points in the first quarter."

Jordan Valley (22-2) takes a seven-game winning streak into the 1A Oregon state playoffs. The team plays host to a second-round game Friday night against an as-yet-undetermined opponent. A win Friday sends Jordan Valley to the eight-team double-elimination state tournament, which will be held Feb. 27-March 2 at Baker High School in Baker City, Ore.

"The boys played hard throughout the weekend, and they showed grit through two very intense games," Workman said, referring to the 37-32 semifinal win Friday over rival Adrian.

Warn scored nine points and grabbed a co-team-high six rebounds (with Nate Elsner), but Workman said the inside presence of junior Wyatt Trautman was a huge factor in beating Crane for the second consecutive time this season.

"Wyatt Trautman played his best game so far," the coach said.

"His 6-foot, 7-inch frame helped change several of Crane's shots inside, including the final shot."

Trautman led Jordan Valley with 11 points. He also collected three of his four rebounds on the offensive glass.

Crane (20-6) will take the league's No. 2 seed into the state playoffs and plays host to Cove at 5 p.m. today.

Zalin Arritola, who scored 30 in Crane's win over Jordan Valley earlier this year, was held to 12 points. He scored 15 in Crane's loss to Jordan Valley near the end of the regular season. On Saturday, he was saddled with four fouls and connected on only three of his 13 shots. Opie also was cold from the floor, going 3-for-17 for eight points while grabbing six rebounds.

**Thursday: Jordan Valley 87, Mitchell 27** — The outcome of the tournament opener was never in doubt as the Mustangs rolled to a 27-5 lead in the first eight minutes.

Five Jordan Valley players hit double figures in scoring, including junior Ben Telleria with a game-high 16 points and sophomores Lee Stanford (double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds) and Braden Fillmore (11).

"We had a big lead early, and our young kids played very well," Workman said.

Senior Blaine Moran kicked in 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Ty Warn came up with 11 points and four steals.

## Mustangs edge Antelopes in semis

The boys' basketball teams from Jordan Valley and Adrian high schools met for the second time in seven days Friday, and the result was much closer the second time around.

Nate Elsner scored nine of his 11 points in the fourth quarter as the Mustangs overcame an uncharacteristically low-scoring performance to beat the Antelopes again, 37-32, in the 1A District 8 Tournament semifinals at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Elsner's clutch performance included hit six of seven free throws down the stretch and seven of nine in the game.

"This was a very close game throughout," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said. "The score was tied, 32-32, with less than a minute to go."

Jordan Valley went on to beat Crane, 36-35, on Saturday to win the district championship and earn a first-round bye in the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

Jordan Valley (22-2 overall) ended the week with a seven-game winning streak. The Mustangs beat Adrian, 58-34, in both teams' regular-season finale on Feb. 8.

Adrian (17-10) saw its season end in Saturday's third-place game, 54-43, to Monument/Dayville.

In Friday's game, Jordan Valley held Adrian to two points in the second quarter to grab a 17-11 halftime lead.

The teams combined for only 67 field-goal attempts in the 32 minutes.

Ty Warn scored seven points and snagged four rebounds for Jordan Valley, while Blaine Moran, who played with four fouls, was limited to a pair of free throws and five rebounds.

The Antelopes' Paxton Shira had 11 points and nine rebounds, while teammate Tommy Shenk scored nine points. Tyler Reay continued his late-season surge with 13 rebounds.



The Marsing High School boys' basketball junior varsity A team: **Standing from left:** Arnold Gonzalez, Jordan Garcia, Charlie Galvez, Cesar Ortiz, Rodrigo Acuna, Juan Ponce, Ben Isert, Garret Briggs, Skye Shore, PJ Even and coach Lamou Loucks. **Front:** Emmanuel Lagunas. Submitted photo

## Marsing JV boys dominate tourneys

### Huskies have five subvarsity titles in last three years

Marsing High School's dominance in the boys' basketball subvarsity ranks continued last week with a clean sweep.

Lamou Loucks' junior varsity A team crushed Cole Valley Christian, 62-39, at home on Feb. 11 to close out the Huskies' overpowering run to a second consecutive 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament championship.

No conference team was able to beat Marsing, which posted a 12-0 record in the regular season and then beat No. 4 seed North Star Charter, 56-36, in the Feb.

9 tourney opener before slicing through the third-seeded Chargers in the tourney final.

The top-seeded Huskies led 13-1 after the first 90 seconds of the championship game and held a comfortable 41-15 advantage at the break.

The championship run capped a 20-2 season for Marsing, which lost only to Homedale during the campaign.

The JV B team collected its third consecutive conference tournament championship Feb. 11 with a 41-40 overtime triumph

against North Star from Eagle. As with the A team, the B squad's title-clinching win came before a home crowd.

Loucks shared coaching duties with JW Chadez, who also coaches the varsity team. Loucks serves as Chadez's assistant on the varsity sideline.

The Marsing B squad (15-3 overall) entered the tournament with the top seed after a 9-1 romp through the 2A WIC regular season. The Huskies' only conference loss came to North Star, 54-52, in the first half of the season.

Marsing qualified for the tournament championship game with a 51-35 victory over Melba on Feb. 9.



**Front row, from left:** Chase Martell, Garrett Carter, Connor Carter and Orion Cardenas. **Middle row, from left:** Josh Tolmie, Isaac Harvey, Benny Schamber and Lawsen Matteson; **Back row, from left:** Coach Luke Ankeny, Richard Symms and Dylan Burks. Submitted photo

## Trojans' JV B edges Parma for title

### All-fresh team posts 18-2 record

A season that had few dramatic moments came down to a nail-biter Friday for the Homedale High School boys' basketball junior varsity B team.

The Trojans slipped away with the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship when a Parma player missed a last-second shot in the title game in Payette.

Connor Carter went 3-for-3 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter as Homedale survived, 52-51.

"The Parma game was just a slugfest," HHS coach Luke

Ankeny said. "It was our studs against their studs. It was fun to watch."

Homedale (18-2) never ended a quarter with a lead larger than three points.

Garrett Carter scored 14 points to the Trojans, who connected on nine of 12 foul shots.

Parma's Enrique Gutierrez led all scorers with 23 points, while teammate Tanner Kramer fired in three three-point goals on the way to 18 points.

Benny Schamber kicked in nine points for Homedale, which ended the season with 10 victories in 10 encounters with conference foes.

One of the Trojans' two losses came against the varsity team from Canyon Springs Alternative

High School in Caldwell.

The Homedale roster was made up exclusively of freshmen.

**Wednesday: Homedale 67, Fruitland 33** — The top-seeded Trojans stormed to an 18-point lead and never looked back.

"We came out in the first quarter and scored 29 points," Ankeny said. "We just buried them."

Garrett Carter was perfect on five free throws and led all scorers with 19 points. He had 11 points in the opening frame.

Schamber also helped fuel the first-quarter onslaught, scoring 10 of his 18 points in the eight-minute span.

Richard Symms scored eight points, and Connor Carter added seven.

# Sports

## Liberty Charter unloads on Rimrock in district semis

Rimrock High School was afforded few opportunities Saturday in its quest for a berth in the Real Dairy Shootout boys' basketball state tournament.

The Raiders visited the free-throw line only twice as Liberty Charter of Nampa rolled to a 70-27 victory in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament semifinals.

The loss put fourth-seeded Rimrock in a win-or-go-home situation Tuesday night at home after deadline against Idaho City.

The Patriots built a 28-point halftime

lead en route to securing a state tournament spot and a berth in the district championship game against Notus.

Jacob Black scored all 12 of his points from the floor to lead the Raiders, who didn't score in double digits in any quarter. Austin Meyers was the only other player to score more than two points as he hit a pair of two-point field goals.

Dominic Hulsey had 16 for the Patriots.

**Thursday: Rimrock 37, Compass Honors Charter 36** — Black's free throw

with eight seconds left lifted the Raiders into the district semifinals over the fifth-seeded Aviators from Meridian.

"Jacob Black was a driving force in the game," Raiders coach John Hannah said after the game played in Bruneau.

Black scored half of his game-high 20 points in the third quarter and amassed 16 in the second half, a point-a-minute clip.

He also had nine rebounds and nine steals for No. 4 seed Rimrock.

Only three other players (Jared Lemieux

and Meyers, six points each, and Cristian Ayala, five) scored for the Raiders.

Meyers ripped down 14 rebounds, including nine on the Compass end. Lemieux distributed five assists.

Ayala fired in a three-point goal in the second quarter as Rimrock rallied from an early deficit.

Merrick McDonald notched a double-double for Compass, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Jared Ball and Andrew Clegg scored eight points apiece.

## From page 14

### ✓ HHS: Lane leads the way

Still, the Trojans seemed on the verge of making a move. Destiny Long hit a pair of free throws and Kaylee Rupp took a pass from Tory Lane and hit a short turnaround jumper to spark a 8-2 run over the next three minutes. Homedale was 7-for-20 the rest of the day from the foul line, and Rupp's basket would be her only points of the game.

Despite owning a double-bonus situation on the foul line, the Trojans only scored one point in the final 2 minutes, 9 seconds.

Marsh Valley switched to a mixture of man-to-man pressure and a three-quarter-court trap defense to force turnovers.

Four of Lane's seven points came in the final three minutes of the game as she hit a three-pointer and free throw.

Morgan Nash led first-year coach Joe Betancourt's squad with nine points. She and Hattie Mertz collected seven rebounds each.

Rupp finished with nine rebounds, and Long collected seven of her eight boards on the Eagles'

end. She also had five points.

Marsh Valley's Marshall led all scorers with 15 points. Fellow Eagles starter Kami Hansen added 10 points, and Jessica Dunn chipped in 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Trojans made their first trip to the girls' basketball state tournament since the school joined the Class 3A ranks. Homedale played for the 2A state title in 2003.

Marsh Valley went on to lose the consolation championship to Bonners Ferry on Saturday.

**Thursday: Sugar-Salem 49, Homedale 37** — Homedale led early, but couldn't handle the

each for the Huskies.

Playing with four fouls, Dines collected five rebounds. Marissa Hardy also recorded five boards, while Usabel carded six.

Usabel also hit seven of eight free throws.

Lizzy Henry scored 13 points to lead Valley in its final game of the tournament. Kami Elorrieta kicked in 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

**Thursday: Soda Springs 47, Marsing 27** — The Huskies couldn't get shots to fall and were held to their lowest point total of the season.

opener. Labit collected a district silver medal, losing the final to McCall-Donnelly's Zach Lowen, the reigning state champion.

Sophomore Noah Grossman (30-5) opens his stay at 220 with a showdown against Wendell senior Matt O'Keefe (19-12).

Grossman finished second to

rounder against South Fremont senior Paxton Oram (5-25).

Johnson squeezed into the championship round with a 7-6 win over Parma junior Dakota Whittaker (19-14).

• Junior Michael Deleon (22-8) beat teammate Andrew Randall, a sophomore, for the bronze medal at 120 pounds. Deleon is seeded seventh in the state bracket and faces Gooding junior Santos Gutierrez (13-18) in his opener.

Deleon and Randall (14-15) are making their second straight state appearances. Randall takes on Sugar-Salem sophomore Hayden Wood (19-19) in his first match.

"Andrew Randall was particularly impressive, beating two opponents he had lost to earlier

Diggers' second-quarter onslaught or depth.

Sugar-Salem got 35 of its points from bench players, including top scorer Abby Allen. The freshman fired in three three-pointers and finished with 13 points. Another reserve, sophomore, Jessie Harris, hit all six of her free throws en route to eight points.

Conversely, Homedale's starters scored all but two of the Trojans' points. Mertz, who also had five rebounds, came off the bench to hit one of her three shot attempts.

Sugar-Salem built a big cushion

The top-ranked Cardinals held a 20-8 halftime lead and cruised to their 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive win. Soda Springs would go on to lose the state final to North Fremont.

Hull led Marsing with nine points, but connected on just three of 16 shots. The senior had two defensive rebounds.

The Huskies hit only three of their 17 first-half shots (17.6 percent) and finished the game 9-for-41 (22 percent).

Soda Springs was 19-for-51 (37.3 percent) and opened the quick lead by hitting three times as many shots as Marsing in the

New Plymouth's Marcus Davis.

Rimrock will send one wrestler to State as sophomore Austin Barzee enters the 145-pound bracket after beating fellow Owyheean Alex Webb of Melba for the bronze medal at district. Barzee (14-17) draws a tough first-round match against Prairie

our team who really battled hard and just came up a little short in very difficult weight classes," Toby Johnson said.

Junior Curtis Stansell (22-12 at 170) and ninth-grader Jakobee Osborn (15-18 at 220) will be making their state meet debuts.

Stansell reeled off a pair of victories for third place, beating Payette sophomore Colbee Ransom for the bronze medal. Stansell challenges Snake River senior Carlos Molina (34-14) in his first state tournament match.

Osborn took out Payette's Shad Allison (3-20) in their third-place match. Osborn will face South Fremont sophomore Blaze Eckman (20-17) in his state opener.

"We had some other guys on

with a 16-3 run through the third quarter and at one stretch went on an 18-2 spurt.

Homedale rallied in the third quarter, scoring 20 points, but couldn't erase the deficit.

Lane led the Trojans with a game-high 17 points. She hit two three-point goals.

Lane and Morgan Nash took 25 of Homedale's 45 shots. Nash scored six before fouling out.

Rupp also had six points, but she only attempted three shots. The junior led the team with seven rebounds, while Nash and Shenk collected six each.

first half (9-for-29, 31 percent).

The Cardinals held a 24-13 rebounding edge on Marsing's backboard with Cierra Simmons (seven points, eight rebounds) getting six on the defensive end.

Katelyn Monk scored 10 points to lead Soda Springs' balanced attack. Bench player Markee Kimball put down four of six shots for eight points.

Shannon Clover came off the bench to score eight points and collect a co-team-high five rebounds for Marsing. Hardy had all five of her rebounds on the Cardinals' glass.

senior Kade Perrin (53-3).

Webb will attend the state tournament as an alternate.

Marsing heavyweight Jacob Young lost the district bronze medal match to New Plymouth's JJ Olvera and also will hope for a spot at State if one of the district's top three can't compete.

our team who really battled hard and just came up a little short in very difficult weight classes," Toby Johnson said.

John Collett wrestled in a crowded bracket at 138 pounds, bringing home a 3-2 record and the fifth-place spot.

Collett is one of three Trojans to earn alternate selections. They'll wrestle in case one of the top four in their weight class can't represent the district at State.

Also picking up victories at the district tournament were Riley Christoffersen at 113 and 182-pounder Colton Grimm also are alternates.

Jacob Christensen was 1-3 at 126 pounds, and 132-pounder Wylee Cooper went 1-2.

### ✓ Huskies: Reaches 3rd day

Senior Ashley Hull was 1-for-11 from the floor (including 0-for-5 from within the three-point line). Freshman Shelby Dines scored all her points from the foul line while missing nine field-goal attempts.

Lacey Usabel, who like Hull was playing her final high school basketball game, went 1-for-11 from the field and had five points.

**Friday: Marsing 50, Valley 42** — Three players in double figures prolonged the Huskies' season and sent the team to the

consolation final.

The come-from-behind victory was the first state tournament win for Marsing since the 2003-04 team beat West Jefferson, 47-42, in the first round nine years ago.

Marsing entered the fourth quarter trailing, 34-31, after the Vikings had held the Huskies to 16 points over the second and third quarters.

Hull fired in three three-point goals and led all scorers with 18 points. Usabel and freshman Shelby Dines scored 11 points

### ✓ 2A: Rimrock represented

Williams (26-5), who is a junior at 160 pounds, is the Huskies' other district champion.

He beat New Plymouth's Chase Bowen in the district final. Williams takes on David Amos (26-13), a Potlatch sophomore, in the

first round Friday.

Marsing has two other wrestlers making the trip east with first-year coach Jon Nelson.

Junior 170-pounder Brad Labit (9-18) challenges Grace senior Matt VanBuren (25-6) in his state

### ✓ 3A: McCain earns 3rd trip

finished second Saturday at district, falling to Weiser freshman Shane Loughran (26-9) in the final.

"Brad McCain wrestled to his third district final in four years and looks good for a second state medal this weekend," HHS coach Toby Johnson said.

• Sophomore Devin Fisher (30-6), who is making a return to the state tournament, also was district runner-up. He's seeded fourth at 126 pounds and will face junior Luke Soumas of Priest River (14-16) in the first round.

Fisher ran through two opponents before Weiser's Lionel Perez pinned him in the final

stages of the district championship bout.

"Devin Fisher wrestled very well and just got caught in the last round of the final match," Johnson said.

• Jovan Cornejo (25-9), who lost to Weiser's Matt Petero in 160-pound district title match, is the No. 4 seed at State. He'll face fellow junior JT Grover (21-14) of Kimberly on Friday. This is Cornejo's first trip to state.

• Freshman Nash Johnson (26-6) lost a close district title match, 4-1, to Weiser's Chase Beltran, who finished third at State as a junior. Johnson will take the No. 5 seed into a Friday first-

# Looking back...

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## 25 years ago

February 27, 1988

### Posse aids in search efforts

Members of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse assisted Nampa law enforcement officials late last week in one of several recent search efforts of a missing 28-year-old woman believed by authorities to have been kidnapped and killed last fall.

The search efforts for Denise Williams, 28, of Nampa, an informant for the Nampa Police Department, were centered in the Squaw Creek and Elephant Butte area south of Marsing.

Although law enforcement officials did not locate the remains of the woman, they did find evidence that she had been in the area, a source said Monday.

Williams, who reportedly turned informant in drug-related investigations to "pay off" a fine, was last seen leaving her home in the company of two men Sept. 18. Police now believe that she was abducted, and taken in a truck to a scheduled area south of Marsing.

She is now officially considered "missing," but is believed to have been murdered.

### No money for project?

The chances that funding for the proposed Jump Creek Canyon Recreation Area will come from state recreational vehicle development coffers are apparently pretty slim.

Brian Miller, coordinator of the Idaho Recreational Vehicle Program, indicated that there exists only a small chance that the Bureau of Land Management, the would-be developers of the proposed recreation area, will get funding for the project.

The BLM's Owyhee Resource planner, John Benedict, applied for funding for the Jump Creek Recreation Area in the form of a grant.

In January, Benedict told The Owyhee Avalanche that the project's total cost is estimated at about \$107,000. He and local Jump Creek park promoter Duane Emry of the Homedale Kiwanis Club hope that about \$40,000 of that estimate can be provided through volunteer labor and material.

### Grand View kicks off 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Saturday, the City of Grand View will begin its celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was 100 years ago Saturday that Grand View was granted its first post office.*

*To mark the occasion, Grand View is celebrating with a pit roast beef dinner for the community and guests at 6pm at the grade school gym.*

*What follows are some accounts of Grand View's early years as related by Mrs. Jerry Cunningham of the Grand View Centennial Commission.*

*Happy birthday, Grand View!*

On Feb. 27, 1888, Grand View was granted a post office from the United States Post Office Department. In December of 1887, Lafayette Aspinwell applied for a post office to be named Grand View, 15 miles east of Castle Creek, 23 miles northwest of Mountain Home, and 26 miles west of Bruneau on the south side of the Snake River.

The office would serve 300 people and would be on the direct postal line between Castle Creek and Mountain Home, which ran three times a week.

From the Nov. 26, 1887 Silver City Avalanche newspaper the following article was written:

"Grand View is the name of the town to be started at Dorsey's Ferry on the Snake River in this county. We suppose it is named by the view that can be had from that point of old War Eagle Mountain and Quick Silver Mountain in this county and the Sawtooth range of mountains in Alturus County, to say nothing of the serpentine Snake River flowing near the hotel being built."

The Snake River Company of Providence, Rhode Island, under the management of Wipple Phillips in 1887 began the construction of the dam on the Bruneau River two miles up from where it dumped into the Snake River.

## 50 years ago

February 21, 1963

### Prow heads Labor Camp association

Elmer Prow is the new president of the Homedale Labor Camp Association for 1963.

Other officers recently named are Steve Hirai, vice president, and Joe Eiguren, secretary-manager. Members of the board are Prow, Hirai, Masa Nishihara, Mac Parkins and Paul Akichika.

Parkins and Nishihara are newly elected members.

### Talent contest winners

Winners in the talent contest held Feb. 9 by Slatter Implement in connection with Case day were Marvin Brown, and Mac Parkins, Jack Matteson, and Betty Nanney and Mark Evans. The contest drew a large crowd and many contestants to the Washington school auditorium.

### Basketball games canceled due to illness

Because of a rash of illnesses that hit both the varsity and junior varsity basketball squad, it was necessary on the part of the Homedale High School administration to cancel the remaining two conference basketball games.

Both the game Friday night at Marsing, and the Saturday night home game with Fruitland were canceled.

In the overall attendance last week, there had been approximately 30 students per day absent. Last Thursday the varsity squad was down to four men.

With the attendance improving this week, the high school will participate in the district tournament as scheduled.

### Homedale PTA honors Founders day Monday

The Homedale PTA met Monday evening at Washington grade school in honor of Founders day.

The flag ceremony was given by Den 2 Pack 71 of Cub Scouts under the direction of Mrs. Betty Johnson, den mother. Rev. Irwin Alger of the Friends Community Church gave the invocation.

Vice President Lewis Mills presided in the absence of President Homer Anderson. An election of nominating committee was held with Mrs. Odessa Eidemiller, Charles DeGues and John Kushlan being elected.

Guest speaker Sen. Arlie Parkins spoke on education matters before the legislature.

Past presidents honored were: Jim Garrett, Mrs. Irene Nanney, Bill Long, Glenn Faulks, Mrs. Mildred Sweep and Mrs. Melba Yost. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade mothers served refreshments.

### Marsing wins 11 of last 12 tilts, rattles Pilgrims

Marsing High wound up regular season activity Saturday with a 56-40 basketball victory over visiting New Plymouth in the Snake River Valley B League.

Marsing shot 22 percent from the field with 19 for 82 and New Plymouth made 14 of 55 from the floor. The Huskies hit 18 of 27 foul shots to 12 for 17 for the Pilgrims.

The Huskies closed the season with 11 wins in the last 12 games. Marsing took third in the SRV-B with 10-4; New Plymouth was fourth with 8-6.

### Homedale locals

Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Niles, California, moved back to Homedale Saturday. Her son, Alvin Benjamin, and his two daughters helped her move. Mrs. Pierce is staying with Mrs. Pearl Percy.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jemmett, Mrs. Ernie Cantrell and Mrs. George Keith attended The College of Idaho concert Feb. 10 at the Jewett Auditorium. Judy Jemmett sang in the concert choir.

Mrs. Ben Echevarria and Felisa attended St. Teresa's PTA Thursday night at Boise. It was fathers' night and bingo was played with Felisa winning a TV, transistor radio and a set of dishes.

Mrs. Alice Egurola, Mrs. Joe Eiguren, Mrs. Ben Echevarria, Mrs. John Landa and Felisa Echevarria attended the Basque Ladies Society dinner meeting, Sunday at Harold's café in Boise.

## 140 years ago

February 22, 1873

TO BE PAID. A Washington dispatch of February 8<sup>th</sup> says the fact has come to the knowledge of the Committee on Claims that General Butler paid over in 1868 to the United States Treasury \$262,000, being money captured in the South, in fact belonging to the loyal people of the North, which had never been transferred into the Treasury. Yesterday morning the same Committee agreed to report that the debts of Northern creditors confiscated by the South and captured by Butler, amounting to \$203,000, be distributed among the Northern creditors pro rata.

"OLD WINNEMUCCA." The Winnemucca Register of last Saturday says that the Reno Journal has a long article relating to an interview with Sarah Winnemucca, Queen of the Piutes, who has been for the last week or two, stopping at Reno. Sally says that it is the understanding among her people that her father, "Old Winnemucca," with some braves from Humboldt County are fighting with the Modocs. A number of braves from Winnemucca have been missing for some weeks; and that is what has probably become of them. Dobe John, a prominent personage among them, has been missing for over a month and Susie, one of his wives, says Natchez took him off and killed him. There has been some ill feeling between Dobe John and Natchez, we understand, ever since the counsel held by the Piutes concerning the murder of the Indian girl Jennie. Natchez was for delivering the murderer up to the white authorities for punishment, but Dobe John was opposed to it, and spirited the murderer away. Whether John has been killed, or has joined the Modocs is uncertain.

PURIFYING CONGRESS. The country has reason to congratulate itself on the searching investigations now in progress in Congress, whereby schemes of corruption in the conduct of public business are undergoing exposure. Members of Congress who have made merchandise of their positions and speculated in Credit Mobilier stock and other schemes pay a tribute to the honesty of the people by shrinking from the revelations which come through these investigations. If the time were to come when men in the highest places would no longer dread exposures of this kind, the country might well be despaired of. But the masses of the people are honest, and their guilty servants therefore shrink from the consequences.

Public virtue is not dead when our highest legislative body thus undertakes its own purification. That it has a purpose and courage to do so is a most hopeful sign. The honest men in Congress feel that their own reputations and their own future are at stake. They must vindicate the honor of the country by unmaking and exposing the wrongdoers, or they must go down with them. To falter in the investigation is to share the infamy of the faithless ones whose conduct is execrated by an outraged and incensed people. There is in Congress a general awakening, and members are at work to unthread the whole web and tissue of great jobs and corruptions which have scandalized the country. Besides the investigations in regard to the corrupt legislation for the Pacific railways, the Senate is considering and will soon be called to pass on the grave questions of expelling a member of its body who is charged with having bought his election. The awakening in Congress comes opportunely. It is well that the body recognizes the temper of the country.

FROM CATHARINE CREEK. Captain Paul, of the Warm Spring Ranch, on Catharine Creek, paid Silver a visit this week. His ranch is 20 miles from this place by the trail, and 27 by the wagon road. The Captain has been plowing for the last two weeks, and will supply our market with onions, radishes, &c., of fresh growth, in about ten days. What a treat that would be to people of the Eastern States! "Away down in Maine," for instance.

# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense My new horse and Tom

I traded for a new horse a while back. He's a buckskin, 11 years old by his teeth, no papers, 15 hands and sound.

*It was not long after my friend, Tom, had been diagnosed with cancer. It was a bad one. He was younger than me and, by outward appearances, a healthy man. I included him on my prayer list and called occasionally.*

I put my new horse into the string. He had come from a ranch in California. They said, "Try him out. Don't know much about him except he's supposed to be gentle."

*Tom's condition continued to crumble. Each call I made, he described the treatment he was on, its expectations and alternatives. We also discussed his sister, who was in another hospital and suffering through a malignant cancer problem of her own. Tom was part of her "Circle of Hands and Hearts" that kept her spirits up.*

I received this horse sight-unseen. The first 10 yards out of the corral, he stuck his head between his knees and started pitching! I let him get in a couple of bucks' worth then clamped down. He's never tried again. Our first trip to the rancho, he was a little nervous. It was new country for him: rocks, canyons, mesquite, cactus, rattlesnakes, snakey cows, the scent of strange horses and a new cowboy on his back. There was lots of snorting, stopping, jumping sideways, and asking directions on his part. But as soon as he figured it out, it was OK.

*Tom was the kind of person that often served as part of the foundation in his community's enterprises.*

*A quiet, God-fearing man who worked behind the scenes to get things done. He shared the credit with modesty and addressed missteps or obstacles with firm resolve, regardless of who was to blame. He was like an offensive lineman, protecting and clearing a path for the flashier MVPs in the game. It took a while to get to know him.*

Well, months have gone by and I've made a lot of circles on the new horse's back. I'm getting use to his character. He doesn't really care to be petted. He's touchy about his head. He stands there waiting while I dump hay in his trough, just watching. Most horses talk to you while you are feeding, indicating you should feed them first. Not him. You do your job, he'll do his. He cooperates when I shoe him, doesn't kick or lean on ya. I have a term for big-footed, cover-the-country horses like him, Nevada Slogger. Nothing delicate, nothing fancy. One word: Strong.

*I got the word yesterday that Tom had passed away. It hurt a lot. There's no justice, no explanation, just the hope that someday we'll meet again. We each have to handle death in our own way.*

This morning we made a 20-mile circle just trying to see where the cows are getting scattered. The buckskin packed me through the brush, up the canyon walls, over the rocky ridges, staying where I pointed him, standing when I got off to warm my toes. He just soldiered on, crashing through the mesquite, diggin' in, always forward, getting me where I needed to be and getting the job done. I guess he was doin' it the way TOM would.

It takes a while for me to name a horse. It came to me as I looked down at his ears when we turned back to the corral ... I'm gonna call him TOM, I decided ... TOMPERRY.

Sen. Mike Crapo



## From Washington Time is nigh for president, Congress to get serious

Like many, I watched with great interest President Obama's recent State of the Union Address, in which he outlined his priorities. Fiscal reform and economic growth should top the list of priorities for the president and Congress over the next four years. The debt crisis is the most pressing issue facing our nation today. In the midst of this crisis, the president and Congress have the opportunity to reform our badly broken tax system, address the federal spending problem and promote a sustainable economic recovery that will result in increased jobs.

Over the past four years, our national debt has increased \$6 trillion to \$16.5 trillion. This spending spree must stop. The president claims the actions taken in the past two years have nearly solved our fiscal crisis. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Congressional Budget Office recently issued a report stating that the United States is on an unsustainable fiscal path, pointing to spending as the cause. Without a course correction, rising spending will fuel a \$9 trillion increase in the gross debt, further slowing growth and hurting millions of Americans.

Absent targeted, structural reforms, the Social Security Disability Insurance program will be insolvent before the president leaves office. The Medicare program will be insolvent before our next president leaves office, and the Social Security program will be insolvent within a generation. To date, none of the actions taken in recent

years by Congress and the White House have had any measureable effect on improving the solvency of these programs, nor will any of the new tax increases proposed by the president. Until we have serious leadership that addresses this looming insolvency head-on, the future of these programs remains at risk.

Further, it has been proposed that rather than replace the upcoming sequestration with prioritized cuts, we address our burgeoning debt with yet more tax increases. Excessive taxing and our massive debt are weakening economic growth today, resulting in fewer job openings, smaller paychecks and more dependence on the federal government. We need a comprehensive solution to our nation's fiscal problems that incorporates discretionary spending reductions, mandatory program reforms and pro-growth reforms to our tax code to improve our economy.

The president talked about tax reform, yet his interpretation of tax reform means finding new ways to increase taxes on the American people, rather than comprehensive reform. Tax hikes are not the answer — they will not grow the economy or create jobs. We must dramatically simplify our tax code by eliminating complexity, favoritism and loopholes, broadening the base and significantly lowering the rates. True tax reform would contribute significantly to reducing our national debt and creating jobs.

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## Americans for Limited Government Minimum wage increase is an unwise economic idea that just won't go away

by Rick Manning

It is being reported that in Williston, N.D., McDonald's is hiring for \$11 an hour, far above the \$7.35 minimum wage.

Why the high starting wage?

Williston and cities throughout the energy boom states are thriving because of their willingness to allow energy development using a technique called hydraulic fracturing, and their economies are thriving.

The demand for labor at all skill levels is at a premium, and places like McDonald's, which provide the first job for many Americans, is forced to pay a higher wage in order to serve their customers.

This labor shortage versus jobs available is why the town's unemployment rate is less than 1 percent and with the economy humming, entry level jobs requiring low-skilled labor pay well, and that is the honest prescription to raise entry-level workers wages, not artificially raising wages through government edicts that have no relationship to the local conditions and economy.

The honest free market approach to raising workers' pay should encourage elected officials to do everything in their power to get government regulators out of the way so wealth is created. More employees are needed, and individual workers become more precious commodities.

In his broadly panned State of the Union address, President Obama spoke about the manufacturing boom that is beginning to happen in our country.

Let's be clear, the federal government has only impeded that growth, which is almost entirely related to the lower utility costs created by the dramatic drops in natural gas prices to fuel the local utilities. All thanks to the same

hydraulic fracking phenomenon responsible for the economic miracle in North Dakota taking hold in rust belt states like Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The virtuous cycle works like this. Lower energy costs create lower utility costs, which makes manufacturing raw materials like steel more cost effective in the United States rather than importing it from overseas. From there, manufacturing of products like washing machines, becomes cost-effective and very quickly things are made in America again.

This doesn't happen because of central planning by Team Obama. It happens because Obama's regulators get out of the way. It happens because it becomes profitable to produce those products here at home.

Yet, Obama and his crew continue their war against inexpensive energy, and instead are trying to turn around the disastrous drop in worker wages that has occurred during their reign by artificially mandating wage increases.

These increases get paid for by cutting workers' hours, forcing workers to be more productive or raising the prices of the end product. In cases where the prices cannot be raised, employers have to foot the bill by delaying future expansion and deferring raises and pension contributions for other employees.

What Obama and his ilk never seemed to have learned is that wages are largely determined by supply and demand, and if there is a huge supply of potential labor, and the demand is small, the amount workers get paid drops, as it has during the past four years.

However, if the demand for labor increases, employers

— See *Wage*, Page 21

# Commentary

## Financial management

### Approach mother-in-law's credit card intervention delicately

Dear Dave,

My mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can't afford stuff, but she shops anyway, acquires more and more credit and thinks she'll pay for it all later somehow. Her husband has bailed her out a few times, but he's unwilling to do it anymore. My wife and I, and her sister, want to address this issue, but where do we start?

— Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,

First of all, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle, and her husband needs to be part of it, too. He's closer to this and feels the effects more than anyone else in the family.

They need to sit down with her in a closed setting, where there



are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. This part is really important. But they also have to walk through what's going on, and let her know they're tired of watching her destroy herself and her marriage with this immature and irresponsible behavior.

Everyone involved should understand going in that they're likely to receive a volatile, angry reaction from this lady. Sometimes people get ticked

off when they hear the truth, especially when it's connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife, her sister and your father-in-law to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. What we're really talking about here is an intervention.

If she were a drunk, you'd want to try and make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. Basically, she has a credit card addiction, and it's wreaking havoc on her marriage and their financial well-being. Show as much love and understanding as possible, but someone has to say something and draw a line in the sand. Otherwise, this behavior will eat everyone alive!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I want to get out of my whole life policy. Should I formally close out the old policy, or just stop paying the premiums?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Close out the old policy once you have a good, term life insurance policy in place. I recommend 15- to 20-year level term insurance equal to 10 to 12 times your annual income. For instance, if you make \$40,000 a year, you should have \$400,000 to \$500,000 in coverage.

Term life insurance is much less expensive than whole life. Plus, did you know that you lose the part of your whole life policy known as the "savings plan" or "cash value" when you die? They

only pay the face amount of the policy. So, close it out and stop pumping money into that thing!

But don't leave yourself uninsured. Make sure you have the proper coverage in a term policy first. There is never a good time to save money inside a rip-off, whole life, cash value insurance plan!

— Dave

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

## Letter to the editor

### BLM proposal threatens stabilization on public lands

If it was ever in doubt that there was an agenda to remove all livestock from BLM lands in the Owyhees, it was proven so (Feb. 9) in Oreana at the Owyhee Cattlemen's winter meeting.

In an age when we are constantly reminded of fairness and political correctness in dealing with all matters concerning others, we were hit with a blatant attempt to destroy the hopes and dreams of hard-working ranch families.

The Taylor Grazing Act, the parent legislation governing grazing on public lands, was mandated to bring conservation to the public lands and stabilization of the livestock industry and the communities dependent upon it.

It's a given that conservation doesn't mean what it did in 1934, but stabilization of the economy does. When BLM came out with the current Owyhee grazing program, by their own admission, the only reason effects of it upon the economy were addressed was because of public pressure and for that reason, and that reason alone, it was seventh and last upon the list of concerns.

Underlying the issue is the reference BLM made to the threat of lawsuits by Western Watersheds Project (WWP). The threat is real enough, we know that, but trying to placate radical environmentalists with bad to questionable science isn't going to win points in Judge Winmill's court any more than it does in Owyhee County. What appears to be the easy way out for BLM is the elimination of livestock grazing and permittees with the preference to graze on public lands.

It's not fair to paint young range conservationists and others working for the agency with the same brush as the BLM hierarchy because given the opportunity they could indeed return stabilization to the public lands on all fronts.

Michael F. Hanley IV  
Jordan Valley

### Letters to the editor

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

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday.

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

## ✓ Serious: Plenty of things can be done to help

From Page 20

There are other actions the president could take immediately to help spur job creation. Beginning construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which has been on hold for several years, would create 20,000 jobs and stimulate the economy by \$7 billion. Eliminating excessive regulations like those included in Dodd-Frank, the new health care law and those imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency will promote capital formation and promote investment in American job growth. Americans deserve a government committed to free enterprise and limited government, not more taxing and spending.

Fiscal reform and economic growth, including reforming

the tax code and curbing spending, are keys to job creation and increased global competitiveness, and must be our main focus during the next four years. Real progress can only happen if both parties come together to develop solutions to these serious problems that affect all Americans. We must find agreement on these issues where we can. We must use this opportunity for real reform.

— 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>.

## ✓ Wage: Mandate would stymie small business

From Page 20

attempting to lure scarce labor resources to become part of their team have to pay more money.

This is why skilled workers are typically paid more than unskilled workers, because the labor pool of skilled workers is smaller.

It is that simple.

Ultimately, when employers hire unskilled workers, they know that they will have to invest training costs into that employee to make them useful enough that they generate more income than they cost.

The higher the cost of that entry-level employee, the more income they have to generate in order to pay for themselves. If it is determined by a small business owner that the higher employee cost can't be justified, the employee doesn't get hired.

And that is why artificially created higher minimum wages end up hurting entry-level employees the most — as the cost goes up for those jobs, those jobs become more scarce.

Contrast this with market-based wage increases that the employer willingly pays to attract the needed labor force.

Many years ago, in the post John Lennon "Imagine" euphoria of the early '70s, it became fashionable for many people to say that socialism was a great ideal, that unfortunately it just didn't work in the real world.

While the underlying notion of collecting everyone's production and distributing it without regard to the value someone creates is at its core moronic, it still has its appeal amongst those who don't understand that effort and value have to be rewarded otherwise they will be withheld.

It is from the same minds who idealize collectivism that we have the almost inconceivably stupid idea of raising the minimum wage to \$9 an hour at a time when the employment situation amongst those who have a high

school diploma or failed to finish high school education is at catastrophic levels. And teen unemployment is even worse.

In what alternative universe do you create more jobs for unskilled or entry-level workers by raising the cost of hiring them?

If Congress really wants to encourage hiring or unskilled labor, they should adopt a market approach to the labor force by rolling back the damage to our workforce done at the hands of regulators at the Labor Department, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Interior.

This simple step will reverse the decline of average wages, open up more opportunities for all those willing to work, and help reinvigorate our economy as a whole.

But that would not be seen as a government solution, so they would not get political credit for raising wages, even though they created the economic conditions for honest, wage inflation based upon value employees bring to the table. And that is why minimum wage increases are the bad idea that refuses to die. It is just too attractive to politicians, and the people who get hurt by not being hired don't even know the reason why so they avoid the blame.

So, if politicians choose to support a minimum wage increase, they should not stop at a mere \$9 an hour, but instead should mandate that everyone make at least \$400,000 a year, so we are all paying those new, higher taxes.

While seemingly absurd, there is no practical difference between the government mandating one wage for workers over another, and for that matter, if they can set a minimum wage, why wouldn't they set a maximum wage?

But that is for another day.

— Rick Manning (@rmanning957) is the Vice President of Public Policy & Communications for Americans for Limited Government.

# Public notices

## SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$41,222 Road & Bridge \$39,209 District Court \$1,997 County Fair \$27 Probation \$1,480 Museum \$160 Indigent & Charity \$11,756 Revaluation \$682 Solid Waste \$1,924 Tort \$6,819 Weed \$20,911 \$41 Vessel \$37.

Adopted Resolution 13-05 Destruction of Records in Treasurer's Office. The complete minutes can be viewed online at [owyheecounty.net](http://owyheecounty.net) 2/20/13

## NOTICE OF INCLUSION/ EXCLUSION OF LAND INTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The undersigned, Secretary of the District hereby gives notice that the following petitioner, pursuant to Idaho Code 43-1001 filed with the Gem Irrigation District, a request that the land more particularly hereinafter described be included and excluded into the Gem Irrigation District:

Petitioner: Tom Wilke

Inclusion: 36 acres in the SWNE, Sec. 4, T2N R5W and 27 acres in the NWSE, Sec. 4, T2N R5W

Exclusion: 36 acres in the NWNW, Sec. 9, T2N R5W, 32 acres in the SWNW, Sec. 9 T2N R5W & 10 acres in the NWSW, Sec. 9 T2N R5W, all in Owyhee County, Idaho.

This notice is given to any and all persons who are interested in or who may be affected by the change of the boundaries of the Gem Irrigation District by the proposed annexation of the real property described above in and to the District.

Notice is hereby given to all interested or those who may be affected by such annexation to appear at the office of the Gem Irrigation District located at 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Homedale, ID at 7:15 PM on April 2, 2013 and at such time show cause in writing, if any they have, why the lands set forth above should not be included/excluded in and unto the Gem Irrigation District, Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

Connie Chadez, Secretary-Treasurer

Gem Irrigation District  
2/20,27,3/6/13

## 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 land In Sections 15 and 22, Township S Sooth, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee 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 corner common to Sections 15 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,

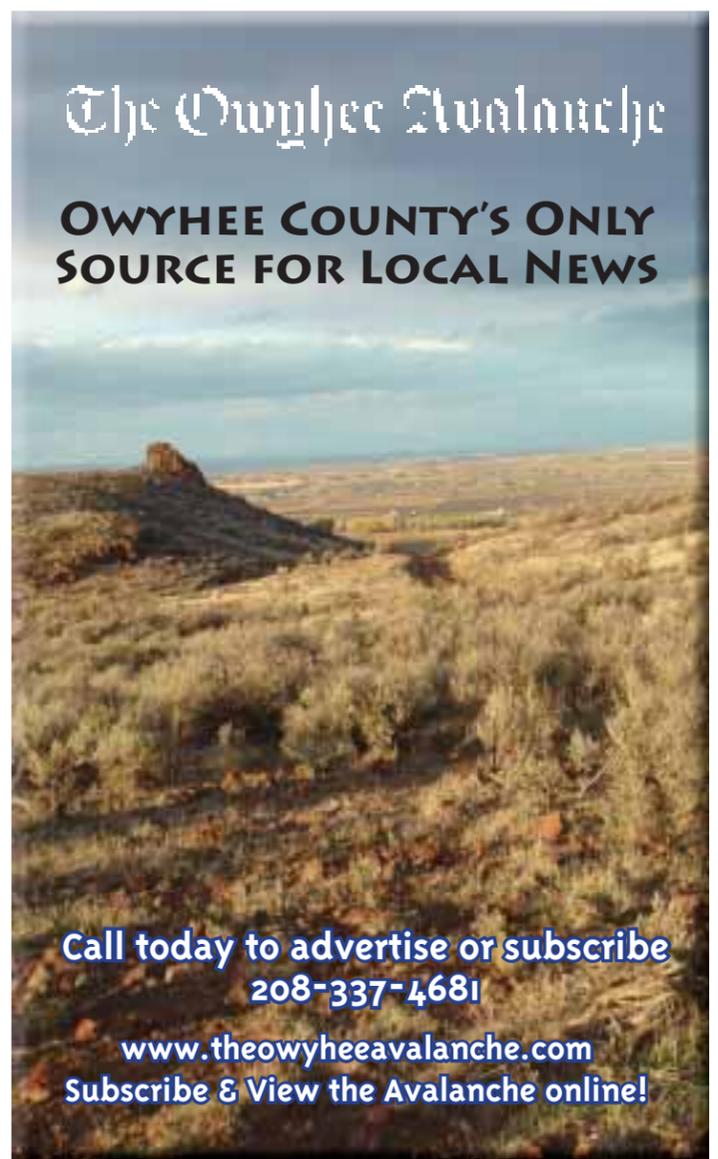
recorded November 19, 2009, as Instrument No. 269744, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale 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 2/6,13,20,27/13

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2013-02834 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of FRANCES H. MRAK, Deceased Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (PO Box 44), Caldwell, Idaho. DATED this 13 day of February, 2013.

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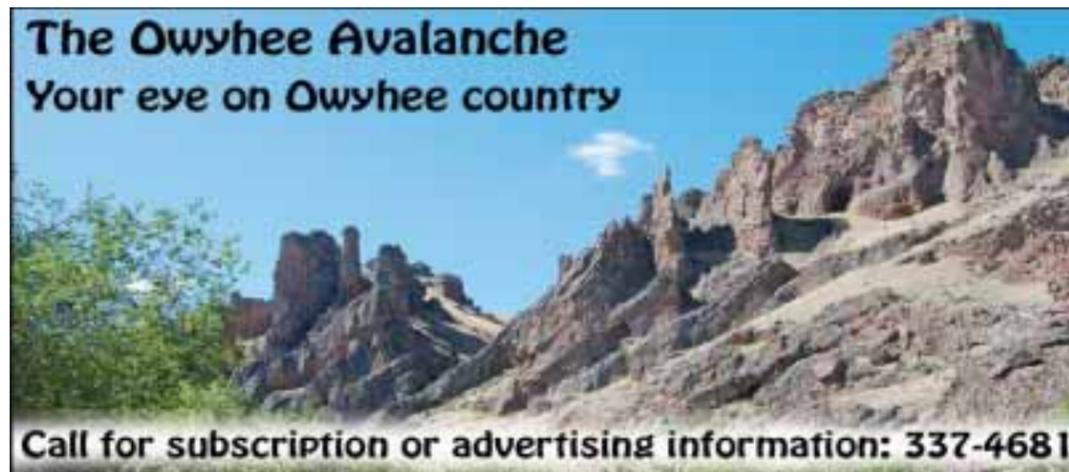
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Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho 83644 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Middleton at the address indicated above on April 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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**Above:** Kenny Rockey, left, and Bob Carter prepared creamed horseradish sauce Saturday morning. **Below:** Sue Showalter ladles clarified butter to go with au jus as folks line up for the dinner.

About 500 people enjoyed crab and prime rib during the Marsing Fire Department's annual fundraiser Saturday night.



## ✓ Marsing: All-night drive brings seafood

Chris and Beau Showalter drove all night with Jason Miller to the Oregon Coast on Thursday. They returned Friday with 1,200 pounds of fresh crab. Dan Campbell and Antone Badiola spent most of Saturday standing watch as a half-ton of beef (about 36 prime rib briskets) slowly cooked just outside the community center's back door.

Throw in salad, potatoes, and cookies and ice cream for dessert, and the meal was complete.

"We don't skimp on anything,"

Smit said.

The event aims to raise \$10,000 each year.

"The money is directed solely at taking care of the firefighters," Smit said.

He said proceeds help pay for training or special purposes, such as helping firefighters deal with hardships, including medical expenses that may have been incurred by injuries while fighting blazes.

The preparations also included wrapping plastic ware in red napkins sealed with a note of appreciation from the fire department. Teri Belle Smit,

Audrey Lindemann and Sheila Tieg were among the women wrapping up the sets of clear cutlery Saturday morning.

During the night, there were volunteers at several stations. Sue Showalter, wife of Marsing Fire Chief Brion Showalter, set up small, plastic cups of *au jus* and clarified butter.

Rob Howarth and Bob Carter carved prime rib, Ken Rockey dished out the crab and others – including Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Even – kept the diners stocked up with horseradish and cocktail sauce.

— JPB

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## Quick action averts damage during Marsing P.O. fire

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Marsing Fire Chief Brion Showalter said damage was averted when the electrical cord

on a hot water heater inside the suite on Main Street shorted.

Showalter said it was a fortunate thing that someone was inside the post office when the cord sparked around 7:12 a.m. on Thursday.

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