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## Dairies' decision could help preserve roads

Contracted truckers who haul manure over Homedale roads for two large dairy operations will lighten their loads and take their foot off the gas.

DeRuyter Dairy manager Gerard Lutner and Nederend boss Michael Ball told The Owyhee Avalanche that Homedale Highway District commissioners asked them to take the action on a voluntary basis.

"It seems that they're wanting to work with us," Homedale Highway Sub-district 2 Director John Demshar said. "Hopefully they'll help us out a little bit."

Lutner said that DeRuyter trucks currently aren't on the district's roads, but are hauling silage between the dairy's fields.

The highway district considered applying load and speed restric-

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## Bids soar at silver anniversary auction



### Sweet treats help light Bruneau streets

*Above:* Auction helper Matt Tindall (left) holds up a tray of chocolate-covered cherries as spotter Kevin Seward looks for prospective buyers and auctioneer Kyle Colyer announces the bidding. *Left:* A toddler keeps his eyes on the action. For more on the auction, see **Page 11**.

## BLM angers BOCC again

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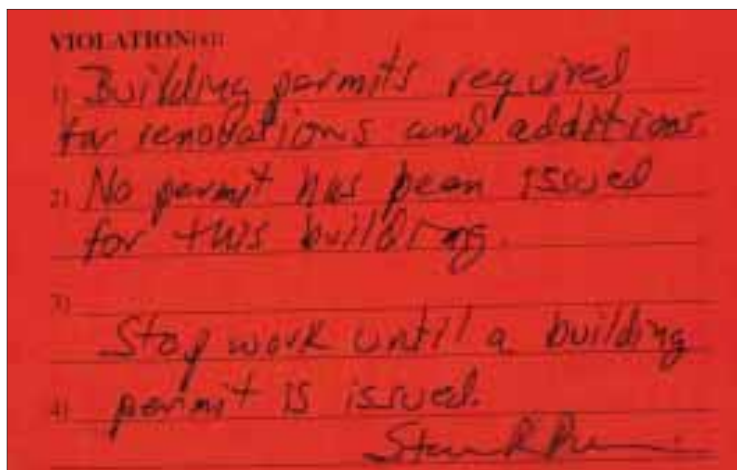
**Coordination not followed in recent plan releases**

County commissioners aren't happy that the Bureau of Land Management released the draft Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Management Plan for comment without keeping them in the loop.

The plan was mandated under the Owyhee Initiative portion of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009.

The Board of County Commissioners says its coordination status with the BLM

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Homedale building official Steve Pierson recently posted this tag in the window of a business on East Idaho Avenue.

## Red tag means stop

### Homedale tackles problem of construction without permits

Facing a trend of non-permitted residential and commercial development, the City of Homedale is considering a punitive clause for its building fees.

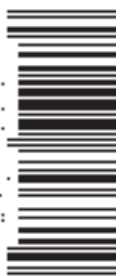
City councilmen could see a proposed resolution as early as their next meeting that would create a penalty four times the amount of a building fee if a developer fails to obtain a permit before beginning

a construction project.

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

In recent weeks, city building inspector Steve Pierson has issued stop orders on at least three

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# Homedale pair avoids prison in drug raid case

Probation and community service ordered

Two Homedale residents arrested after a raid on their home nearly a year ago have been sentenced.

Judy Ann Donnell, 58, and Tony Raymond White, 42, received the same sentences in their appearances before different Third District judges Feb. 14.

After guilty pleas to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, both defendants must serve 180 days discretionary time and put in 100 hours community service. They also must pay \$415 in fines and fees and \$200 in restitution, and they will be placed on two years' supervised probation.

Judget Molly J. Huskey sentenced Donnell, while White appeared in the courtroom of

Thomas J. Ryan.

The sentences came nearly a year after local, state and federal law enforcement authorities raided the rental home shared by White and Donnell at 9 E. Owyhee Ave., on Feb. 29. Police officers from Homedale, Parma and Wilder and sheriff's deputies from Owyhee County executed a search warrant after the Idaho State Police and Federal Postal Inspector received a tip about a potential drug shipment to the address.

Donnell and White originally were charged with felonies including drug trafficking in heroin and trafficking in methamphetamine or amphetamine by manufacture. Misdemeanor possession charges also were originally levied at the time of their arrest.

Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery dropped the two trafficking felonies against each defendant in March.



Homedale High School freshman Megan Aman, white top, far left, performs with the All-Northwest Wind Symphony on Feb. 17 in Portland. Photo by Howard Rockwin, Musical Memories Photography

## HHS percussionist performs at All-Northwest festival

Freshman one of 35 valley musicians in Portland

A Homedale High School freshman was the only Southwest Idaho musician to perform in the All-Northwest Wind Symphony recently in Portland.

And once she got there, Megan Aman did more than she ever expected.

The 14-year-old daughter of Rob and Bridget Aman, attended the Presidents' Day honor music event at the Oregon Convention Center as a percussionist.

When another percussionist didn't make the National Association of Music Educators Northwest Division-sponsored show, Aman was pressed into duty on five different instruments, including the vibraphone on which she had a solo despite having no extensive practice.

Other instruments Aman played included the xylophone, bells, marimba and tom-toms.

The Wind Symphony performed Feb. 17 as part of the festival's Instrumental Concert Program before about 1,000 people.

The All-Northwest Band and Choir event involved nearly 1,100 of the best high school musicians from Idaho, Washington, Oregon,

Wyoming, Montana and Alaska.

Aman was part of a 75-person band that performed six musical pieces under the direction of conductor Glen Adsit. Adsit is the director of bands and associate director of Instrumental Studies at the prestigious Hartt School at the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

There were 291 applicants from the six states for the Wind Symphony. More than 5,200 musicians applied for the All-Northwest weekend.

"Students submit recorded auditions, and competition is keen, resulting in a gathering of some of our best, brightest and most talented students," NAFME Northwest honor groups student events coordinator Bruce Gutgesell said.

Aman was one of only seven Idahoans selected for the Wind Symphony, which Gutgesell said was added this year to give musicians from smaller schools a chance to shine.

"Personally, I can't imagine it not becoming a permanent fixture," he said. "The group sounded awesome, led by Glen

Adsit."

The compositions the Wind Symphony presented included the "Star Spangled Banner," "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite" by Karl King, "Rest" by Frank Ticheli, "A Movement for Rosa" by Mark Camphouse, "Undertow" by John Mackey, and "Galop" by Dmitri Shostakovich.

Overall, the All-Northwest festival featured 35 Treasure Valley musicians. Only a handful, including Aman, were from small schools in the Class 3A to Class 1A range.

Aman and the other musicians selected to the All-Northwest ensemble went through intensive rehearsals before the gala performances on Feb. 17.

After submitting an audition tape, Aman went through screenings in Idaho and at the Northwest level.

According to David Smyth, one of the Idaho judges, the screeners listened to the auditions with no knowledge of who the musicians were.

Smyth, who is involved with the music program at Boise High School, did say selection to the All-Northwest group is a "significant accomplishment."

— JPB

# Drunk drivers receive sentences

Two Elmore County men recently were sentenced for misdemeanor driving under the influence convictions in Owyhee County.

Mountain Home resident Walter Jay Doty, whose birth year is 1960, was ordered to nine days of house arrest at his Jan. 28 sentencing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Doty received credit for the one day in jail he served after Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Snyder arrested him on Oct. 13. Grober suspended 170 days of a six-month jail term and also ordered him to serve 12 months and


pay fines and fee totaling \$750.

Doty also paid \$101 for the infraction of driving on an expired license.

Grober handed down a similar sentence to King Hill's Frank Illingworth Sykes on Jan. 28 in Murphy.

The judge suspended Sykes' driving privileges for six months and ordered 18 months' probation. Grober also suspended 178 days of a 180-day jail term.

Sykes received credit for the two days he spent in the Murphy jail after Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Schwartz arrested him on Nov. 18.



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# Homedale eighth-graders get inside look at engineering

Students lay out roads and other aspects for city

The only way that Ambyr VanWinkle and Vany Mata could more alike would be if they were twins.

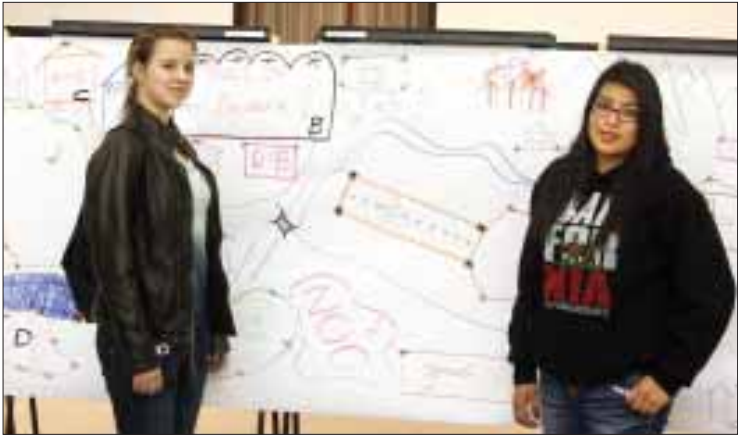
The 14-year-old Homedale Middle School eighth-graders were born 30 minutes apart on the same day in 1998. They both are involved with their school's athletic teams and both wear glasses (although Ambyr recently took steps to ditch spectacles).

On Thursday, they represented HMS at Engineering Girls Day at the Idaho Transportation Department headquarters in Boise. The girls were among 19 students from across the state who were selected after submitting essays.

Vany, the daughter of Alma and Jesus Mata, saw the event as an opportunity to learn a little bit about her dad's professional world and how blueprints and sketches become structures.

"Since I was little, my dad has worked in construction," she said. "It's really inspiring and creative how you can turn something so small into something so big and help other people."

The daughter of HMS principal Amy Winters and Parma resident Joseph VanWinkle, Ambyr saw the engineering day experience as a way to bolster her resume for college. She has designs to



Homedale Middle School students Ambyr VanWinkle and Vany Mata stand next to the whiteboard on which participants mocked up a city's layout. Photo courtesy ITD

become a biomedical engineer.

The girls were pleasantly surprised when they arrived at the ITD event. There was much to learn and see, and it wasn't at all as boring as expected.

And they got to design a city with, of course, one of the biggest shopping malls ever conceived.

"I think it's because there were a bunch of eighth-grade girls designing it," Ambyr said.

The girls learned all the factors that go into designing a city, including all the different engineering components that building the components of a city entails, ITD spokesman Reed Hollinshead said.

The attendees came up with ideas for power generation, residential areas, police and fire services, an airport, schools, a car dealership and "ample" leisure options such as the mall, fast food restaurants, a park, boat launch

and zoo.

"Roads and bridges were used to connect them all," Hollinshead said.

The experience with engineering roads gave Ambyr new perspective on the way home. She sees roadways as more than stretches of pavement now.

"Driving back, I saw it all differently, the aspect of the road design and how to maintain and keep the road looking good," she said.

Vany's outlook also changed after her field trip.

"I never thought that I would have a career in it, and now I want to get involved more and make it a career," she said, adding that civil engineering appeals to her.

She also encourages more people — especially girls — to get involved with learning about engineering.

— JPB

## HPD seeks public's help



### Police trying to ID subjects in Paul's incident

The Homedale Police Department would like the public's help in identifying these three subjects who are believed to have been involved in an incident at Paul's Market on East Wyoming Avenue on Jan. 19. No other details are available about the case. Anyone with information or if anyone recognizes any of the people in security footage is asked to call HPD at (208) 337-4642.

# Homedale trucker killed in Louisiana loading accident

A Homedale truck driver died last Wednesday while loading steel in Louisiana.

Bobby Wayne Higginson, 59, was killed when he fell off a flatbed trailer and a large piece of steel rolled over him.

According to Bossier City, La.-area media reports,

Higginson died sometime around 4:40 p.m. as he was helping load round steel components used in oil and natural gas exploration projects. One of the pieces of steel became dislodged, and Higginson fell.

The accident took place at Cactus Wellhead in Bossier City, La.

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# Lizard Butte marks Idaho's 150<sup>th</sup> through reading series

# Idaho territorial sesquicentennial showcases state

At libraries throughout Idaho, this year's "Let's Talk About It" discussion series celebrates Idaho 150, the program marking Idaho's territorial birthday. Lizard Butte Library's program is in full swing and has been a big success.

The upcoming selection will be hosted at 7 p.m. Monday at the library, 111 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W.

Anyone interested in the discussions can check out copies of the book being discussed beforehand. Two sessions have already been held and have been a great success, a library official said.

"We have had 12 to 15 people in these groups, and people love the discussions," Lizard Butte Library director Jana Streibel said. "It's a very lively group."

Five books are chosen as part of a reading club and scholars, who are usually professors, teachers, or other subject experts, lead the book discussion.

Including Monday's discussion, three more monthly Lizard Butte sessions are planned. The series wraps up in May.

According to the Idaho Commission for Libraries website,



## Marsing library offers Story Time, too

*While the “Let’s Talk About It” Series is designed for adults, Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel (with book) holds a Story Time for children each Wednesday.*

## Idaho 150 series

Each discussion starts at 7 p.m.:

• **Monday** — *A Victorian Gentlewoman in The Far West* by Mary H. Foote

• **April 1** — *Bloodlines*  
by Janet C. Hale

- **May 6** — *Where the Morning Light's Still Blue, Personal Essays from 35 contemporary writers*

groups together with humanities scholars in Idaho's public libraries to discuss fine literature since 1985. These book readings and discussions explore American values, history, culture, aging, classics, and much more.

The presentation by and interaction with a program scholar is what sets these discussions apart from traditional book clubs and discussions.

The Marsing library will take a summer break from book discussions and then return with regular book club discussions in the fall. — AS

# Pot suspect wanted on bench warrant

## Fresno man is a no-show for sentencing hearing in Murphy

A \$50,000 bench warrant has been issued for the second of four defendants scheduled for sentencing in drug trafficking case.

Sergio Alejandro Bejar didn't show up for his sentencing before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan on Friday.

A failure to appear warrant was issued in the Owyhee County Courthouse more than a month after Bejar's first sentencing hearing was continued on Jan. 11.

The Fresno, Calif., resident, who was born in 1990, faces two felonies (criminal conspiracy and marijuana trafficking) and a misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bejar already has yet to pay \$155 in fines and court fees stemming from a speeding ticket received during the same Oct. 26

traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 during which Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy David Green arrested Bejar and four others on suspicion of criminal conspiracy and marijuana trafficking and misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia.

One of his co-defendants, Timothy Juarez, is scheduled for sentencing on Friday, March 8. Another, Christopher McMurray, is supposed to be in court on Friday, March 22.

A fourth suspect, 19-year-old Ernesto Franco, was placed on two years' probation and ordered to pay \$550 in fines for his conviction on a misdemeanor drug possession.

Franco's sentencing came on Feb. 4 after he had been extradited from California.

## Donkey hoops heads for Marsing

The donkeys are coming to the Marsing High School gym as a benefit for the Marsing FFA chapter.

The donkey basketball action will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7.

The high school seniors' parents will face off against three

student teams in the battle of the donkeys.

Get tickets at the door or from Marsing FFA members.

aAdmission is free for children 5 and younger, \$4 for kindergarteners through sixth-graders, \$6 for seventh- through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders and \$8 for adults.

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# HSD officials keep eyes on funding legislation

## District’s fund balance could dip below \$1 million by summer

The Homedale School District’s fund balance could shrink by at least \$300,000 by the end of the school year.

Superintendent Rob Sauer said that state legislation currently under consideration in Boise could help the district’s bottom line, but not all the questions will be answered by the time the 2013 Legislature adjourns.

Part of the issue stems from the defeat of the three propositions on November’s ballot.

After lawmakers passed bills establishing online education

requirements and more science and math emphasis last spring, districts built their 2012-13 budgets with the anticipated state revenue to carry out those laws in mind.

However, when Props 1, 2 and 3 went down during the general election, the districts were left with allocated money that didn’t exist.

“Currently, with the propositions being defeated in November, we’re looking at about \$220,000 less if the Legislature doesn’t take action,” Sauer said. “The Legislature can’t distribute the money because the propositions to authorize

distribution were defeated.”

Now, the Senate Education Committee has forwarded SB 1091 and SB 1092, which would reinstate the online education and math and science requirements nullified in November.

Another piece of the puzzle is the \$34 million for which Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s Education Task Force will make recommendations. Some of the money could be used to fund teachers’ professional development and implementation of new common core standards, but Sauer said the funding won’t be available this year.

The money staying earmarked for education isn’t a given.

“(Education committee

members) believe very strongly that the money should be left in education,” Sauer said.

Another factor in state funding is support units based on Average Daily Attendance.

“We look pretty close to where we were last year,” Sauer said.

Even with the status quo, the district’s fund balance could dip below \$1 million by year’s end.

Still, there occasionally are rumblings that legislators will pull back on how much money they allocate for each support unit.

“At some point, we’re going to have to find a way to replace the funding we’ve lost and will continue to lose,” Sauer said.

— JPB

# Cunningham qualifies for Franciscan Dean’s List

The Cunningham tradition lives at Franciscan University.

Caleb Cunningham, whose brother and sister also attended the school in Steubenville, Ohio, has earned a spot on the Dean’s List.

The son of Ron and Nancy Cunningham of Jordan Valley is a freshman in General Studies.

Caleb’s sister, Andrea, and brother, Sean, are previous Dean’s List honorees at Franciscan University.

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## ✓ BOCC: Commissioners vent in letter

requires communication between the county government and the federal agency in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

The draft plan was released late Friday afternoon, but the commissioners didn’t learn of it until Monday morning, hours before a planned coordination meeting with officials from BLM’s Boise District.

“Monday morning is the first time we’ve seen this document,” BOCC chair Joe Merrick said. “We can’t even comment on it until we’ve read it, but we’ll make sure it’s written in the spirit that was intended (by the Owyhee Initiative partners).”

This surprise comes on the heels of the proposed grazing allotment cuts in the Owyhee Resource Area and follows a pattern of the BLM clearly disregarding its own process, officials said.

Also during Monday’s coordination meeting, BLM Owyhee Field Manager Loretta Chandler gave an update on the 68 grazing permit renewals pertaining to the Owyhee Resource Area.

She said she is currently working on strategy development for future years and how it might look.

“We are telling ranchers (the proposed cuts are) what we need right now, but we may have to

come back to (them),” Chandler said.

She also admitted that it’s possible changes could be made in the middle of a grazing year and cattle would have to be pulled off if standards aren’t met by August of a given year. BLM officials acknowledged they’re fearful of a lawsuit from Western Watersheds Project.

A lawsuit by the radical environmentalist group put BLM on this path in the first place when U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill approved a stipulated settlement agreement between WWP and the BLM and required the agency to begin the permit renewal process again, setting the December deadline.

At one point, Winmill supposedly said: “This will certainly be an interesting intellectual discussion.”

Owyhee County Natural Resources Commission director Jim Desmond noted that ranchers also have retained attorneys and the situation will result in lawyers talking to lawyers with no forward progress.

“This is not an ‘interesting intellectual discussion,’ ” Desmond said Monday. “This is (about) people’s livelihoods.”

The BOCC also handed Chandler a letter with specific points of protest relative to the

draft environmental assessment for Group 1 of the grazing permit renewals, which was released earlier this year.

When asked about the letter, Chandler said, “I’ll give it full consideration as we do all protests.”

Protest points include:

- Failure of the Owyhee Field Office (OFO) and the BLM to meet their obligation for coordination with Owyhee County and to engage in meaningful dialogue with affected ranch operators during monitoring and assessment
- Failure to rely on the best available science.
- The inclusion of biased language that presents information in a manner that purports unjustified grazing effects and exaggerates potential impacts of livestock grazing
- Failure to conduct meaningful cumulative impact analysis of potential social and economic effects of the alternatives in the EA
- OFO failure to correct errors in the draft EA, as well as other points

“It’s not the ranchers’ fault, but they’re paying the price for what the BLM did,” District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

— AS

## BLM sets comment deadline for draft wilderness plan

### Public has until April 30 to respond

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise and Twin Falls districts have released a Draft Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Management Plan (WMP) for public review and comment.

Comments will be taken until April 30.

The wilderness and Wild and Scenic River designations grew out of the collaborative Owyhee Initiative.

These areas have been called “Working Wilderness” because ranching has been a part of the Owyhee Canyonlands for more than 100 years, and the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 specifically provides for continued livestock grazing in the wilderness areas.

“I look forward to implementing a plan that embraces the visions of such a collaborative effort,” BLM Boise District Manager Jim Fincher said.

Because the six wilderness areas are in close proximity and share comparable natural and cultural resources, and similar management issues, the BLM completed one plan to

address all six areas, as well as the 16 WSR segments located almost entirely within the wilderness areas. There are 518,000 acres of wilderness and about 325 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers.

The Draft WMP is designed to guide the management of the wilderness areas and WSR segments for the next 10 years.

An electronic version of the plan can be found at [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa\\_register/Owyhee-wilderness-WSR\\_plan.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/Owyhee-wilderness-WSR_plan.html)

Public comment can be submitted in a number of ways:

- Email to [OMA\\_TRANS\\_Wild@blm.gov](mailto:OMA_TRANS_Wild@blm.gov).
- Write to John Sullivan, Wilderness Project Lead, Bureau of Land Management, Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705-5339.

All information submitted in a comment, including the commenter’s address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information may be made available to the public at any time.

Groups wishing to discuss specific sections of the Draft WMP in more depth may contact Sullivan at (208) 384-3300 to schedule a meeting.

## ✓ Roads: Thieves already making off with brand-new “Slow” signs

tions on Thompson Road after new damage cropped up from agricultural trucks transporting manure, feed and hay.

New signs were placed recently on some of the trouble spots throughout the district, Demshar said.

On Monday, he reported that two of the

new “Slow” signs crews put up have already been stolen. The signs cost \$28 each, Demshar said.

Officials are asking truckers to consider their speeds and weights to protect all road surfaces in the district from further break-ups.

The district is asking for loads ranging from between 12,000 and 16,000 pounds per axle.

According to Demshar, dairy managers also have to deal with sanitary and animal health conditions at their locations. The managers told Demshar that if they don’t

move copious amounts of manure out of their hospital pens, the state could levy fines.

As manure liquefies, it must be removed from the pen in order to help keep the dairy cows’ udders clean and healthy.

— JPB

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## Spaghetti feed to support woman’s cancer fight

Proceeds from a spaghetti feed and silent auction set for Friday will help a Marsing resident’s fight against cancer.

The event in honor of Cheryl Johnson takes place at 6 p.m. on Friday inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.

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

For more information, call Caba’s Restaurant at (208) 896-4182.

## School menus

### Homedale Elementary

Feb. 27: Crispito, taco salad, applesauce  
Feb. 28: Nemo sandwich, sweet potato fries, strawberries, jello

### Homedale Middle

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. 27: Enchilada or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 28: Hamburger, cheeseburger, or chicken patty, salad bar, fruit choice

### Marsing

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. 27: Lasagna, garden spinach salad, steamed carrots, fruit  
Feb. 28: Enchilada w/salsa, Spanish rice, refried beans, corn, fruit

### COSSA

Feb. 27: Chicken, bean & rice burrito, corn, fruit  
Feb. 28: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad w/tomato, bread, mixed fruit

## Senior menus

### Homedale Senior Center

Feb. 27: Sausage & biscuits, potato, carrots  
Feb. 28: Baked chicken, noodles, beets, bread

### Rimrock Senior Center

Feb. 28: Deep dish pizza  
March 5: Tacos

## Death notices

**STEVEN INOUE**, 65, of Boise, a 1966 Homedale High School graduate, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2013. Arrangements were under the direction of the Cremation Society of Idaho.

**GEORGE LEONARD JOHNSON**, 51, of Homedale, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, at home of natural causes. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

## Bruneau program traces evolution of modern Indian life

### Tribal women explain changes with Europeans’ arrival

A packed house received lessons in the cultural and political history of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes and its reservation last week in Bruneau.

Last Wednesday’s Bruneau and Beyond luncheon was moved from Bruneau Valley Library to the Bruneau Community Church after 59 people turned out to listen to Winona Manning from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

Manning’s sister, Claire Manning-Dick, also contributed to the presentation.

Most of the presentation focused on the period after the Europeans began arriving in Nevada around 1840. Manning described the Indians’ way of life through interesting stories of making rabbit blankets, roasting squirrels with the skins on, sleep-

ing on heated lava rocks, tanning buckskin hides, and roasting pine nuts in willow baskets.

She explained that the Shoshoni and Paiute tribes, which for centuries had moved with the seasons to find food, had to begin working for the mines or for settlers because of the diminished supply of food and game after the settlers arrived.

Their nomadic life ended when 20 square miles of northern Nevada were set aside to create the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in 1877. The government was determined to turn the tribespeople into herdsmen, ranchers and farmers.

Manning also screened a short video of a modern cattle roundup on the reservation.

After years of mismanagement by some of the tribal agents, the

administration of the reservation was turned over to tribal government in 1976, as it continues to this day.

Manning worked for a number of years for the Nevada Intertribal Council collecting oral histories and developing curricula, history books, and films pertaining to the four indigenous tribes in the state of Nevada. She is now retired but ranches with her husband and still functions as a brand inspector for the State of Nevada, a job she says she acquired by accident.

Her sister Claire, who was Miss Indian America in 1976, is fluent in Indian sign language and sang and signed with a traveling Indian choir while in college.

In one of the highlights of last week’s program, Claire illustrated how the mothers would put a baby to sleep by rocking the cradleboard and singing to the child. She sang two Paiute and Washoe lullabies.

### Mentors looking for more



#### Volunteers sought to help Homedale’s at-risk children

From left, Homedale mentoring volunteer coordinator Randee Garrett and mentors Betty Arriaga, Sharon Frost, Gina Millard, Rebecca Quirk, Elsie Kushlan and Toni Morgan marked National Mentoring Month with a coffee gathering at Moxie Java on Jan. 25. The Mentoring Network is a school-based volunteer program serving Homedale, Parma, Vallivue, Caldwell and Nampa school districts. For more information on The Mentoring Network or how to get involved, call executive director Donna Shines. Application information also is available online at <http://www.mentoringnetworkid.org/mentor.html> or call Donna at 459-2844.

Photo by Donna Shines

## Irrigation meetings set Tuesday in Homedale

Irrigation board members will gather in Homedale on Tuesday for their monthly meetings.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors meets at 1 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District directors are scheduled to begin their meeting at 1:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control convenes at 1:30 p.m.

All three meetings take place in the boardroom in the base-

ment of the South Board of Control office 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

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# MRW seeks chili cook-off entries

## Annual event part of OCHS bazaar

Entries are being accepted now for the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Department’s second annual firehouse chili cook-off.

Awards are up for grabs in each of four categories.

There also will be a people’s choice award handed out after the event, which coincide with the Owyhee County Histori-

cal Society’s spring bazaar in Murphy.

It costs \$15 for the first entry and \$5 for additional entries to participate in the chili contest. The public can sample all of the entries for \$5.

Tasting will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 16.

The cook-off and bazaar will

be held at the Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St.

The bazaar will feature local arts, handcrafted items, home accessories and homemade pies.

For chili cook-off entry forms, rules, or information, contact Louis Monson at MRW538@gmail.com or (208) 495-2154.

For information on the bazaar, call the Owyhee County Historical Museum at (208) 495-2319.

# 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

**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

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

**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

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

### 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.

**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

**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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

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

### Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting

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

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

**Bruneau Post Office community meeting**  
6 p.m., American Legion Post 83 hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau

**A Festival of Fun with Dr. Seuss**  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Marsing Elementary School, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

### Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

### Thursday, March 7

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

### Friday, March 8

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

**Mr. AHS Pageant**  
6:30 p.m., Adrian High School gymnasium, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2335

### Saturday, March 9

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


**Txoko Ona Basque Dance**  
5:30 p.m., Badiola Arena, 406 Hwy. 95, Homedale.

### Sunday, March 10

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

Owyhee  
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



### Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

#### The evils of the plow and milk cow

Don McKay was looking over Bill Shea’s ranch thinking about buying it. Don saw a plow parked in a corner and commented about it. “Hum, I see you have a plow.” Bill replied, “Young man, never buy a ranch that’s got a plow on it.”

I’ve heard it said that more ranches were ruined with the plow and milk cow than anything else. When a rancher gets either, he finds himself tied down to the home ranch and isn’t out tending to the cattle like he should be.

My Great-Grandfather Hanley took it even further for he believed that the good Lord had created the sod right side up to furnish range for stock, and everything that was worthwhile could be done from a horse’s back. He also never gave much credit to the farmer who he figured, “Had the idea the Lord had made a mistake when he created soil covered with grass, so to help the Creator out, he turned the sod upside-down.”

I had to milk as many as three cows at one time, and I hated every minute of it. One time, my Dad was standing in the barn door watching me milk, and he didn’t give me any help or sympathy for that matter. I could say what he told me he would rather be caught doing than milking a cow but I won’t ... just the price one has to pay for growing up.

A lot of men of my persuasion found relief with the invention of canned, condensed milk.

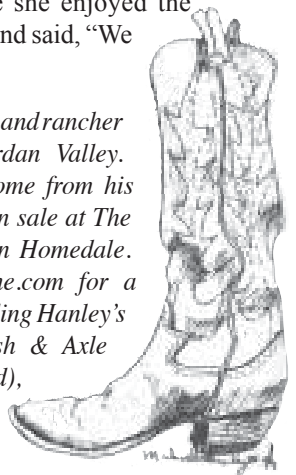
#### Milking cows and the warpath

I was speaking to a group of western writers at the Capitol building in Boise. The subject came around to why the Indians left the reservations in Western Idaho, Northern Nevada, and Eastern Oregon during the Bannock War of 1878.

I told them the basic cause was that the government put them on reservations, told them to start milking cows, and to plow up their land. Then to see that they did, they sent in blue-nosed Yankees to oversee the job. I went on to say that I knew exactly how the Indians felt because I didn’t like milking cows and certainly questioned the purpose of regulators coming to us from Washington, D.C.

After the program, a lady came up and introduced herself as a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe of Fort Hall. She told me she enjoyed the program, touched my arm and said, “We still don’t milk cows.”

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



## Adrian’s annual Mr. AHS pageant on the horizon

The annual Mr. AHS Pageant is set for Friday, March 8 inside the Adrian High School gym.

The 6:30 p.m. event benefits Shane Miller’s Senior Project, Rachel’s Challenge.

This year’s candidates are

JJ Maxwell, Sam Kim, Bryson Shira, Emmanuel Dominguez, Jett McCoy and Chase Walker.

Admission is \$5.

For more information, call the high school or Danny Livas at (541) 372-2335.

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.



# Homedale middle-schoolers win another Academic Bowl

Homedale Middle School used the speed round to blow past its Academic Bowl competition last Wednesday.

The Trojans trailed by 50 points when the final round of the contest spun around

in Fruitland.

But Homedale's speed round team was able to turn a tie for third place into a 50-point victory.

Homedale has four wins this season with

meets remaining in Fruitland on March 12 and Payette on April 10. One of the victors was a co-championship.

Homedale finished last Wednesday's meet with 180 points to out-pace Parma.

Weiser and Payette Lakes from McCall were tied for third with 110 points, followed by fifth-place McCain of Payette (90) and Fruitland (80).

Jan Silva is the team's advisor.

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# Mt. Calvary presents Lenten suppers again

## Caldwell K of C sets fish fries at Catholic church

Anyone showing up for the ongoing Lenten soup suppers at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will be in for a pleasant surprise.

The 6 p.m. meals, served each Wednesday at the Homedale church through Holy Week, aren't soup any more.

For example, tonight's pre-service meal is spaghetti. Church services begin at 7 p.m.

A taco bar and baked potato bar also are planned during the weekly meals, which will end on March 27.

Holy Week at the church includes Maundy Thursday on March 28 with communion, a Good Friday service on March 29 and Easter Sunday service at 10 a.m. on March 31.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church is located at 621 W. Idaho Ave. For more information, call 337-4248.

The Knights of Columbus Caldwell Council 3086 invites Catholics in the Homedale and Marsing area to the weekly Lenten Fish Fry at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, which is located at the corner of Linden and Farmway roads in Caldwell.

The weekly fish fry features Alaskan cod, fries and coleslaw.

The dinners begin will be held each Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. until March 22. No fish fry will be held on Good Friday.

The cost is \$10 per person, \$8 for children ages 5-12 and seniors 60 and older. A family can eat for \$35.

Proceeds benefit youth activities, the Boy Scouts and charities.

# Dr. Seuss birthday celebrations planned

## Homedale, Marsing schools schedule reading activities

Schoolchildren in Homedale and Marsing will mark the 108<sup>th</sup> birthday of the man known as Dr. Seuss this week.

The anniversary of Theodor Seuss Geisel's birth is Saturday.

On Thursday, Homedale elementary and middle school students will take part in a Read Across America event celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Hats Off to Reading will feature reading activities, pizza and door prizes.

It'll run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

On Tuesday, teachers and other adults will read some of the most popular Dr. Seuss stories during "A Festival of Fun with Dr. Seuss" in Marsing.

During the third annual event, which will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Marsing Elementary School, kindergarteners through fifth-graders will hear "The Cat in the Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham," "Butter Battle Book," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and others.

Limited seating will be available for a writers' workshop for fourth- and fifth-graders. Two 30-minute sessions will be held at 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Children will also be able to make their own bookmarks and hats like the one atop the Cat in the Hat.

There will be a RIF book distribution as well as Dr. Seuss birthday cake and ice cream.

The Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) event is sponsored by Marsing's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers After-school Program and the Macy's-RIF Be Book Smart partnership.

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02/20	3.9	14	6.8	40	26	31
02/21	3.9	13	6.8	34	20	25
02/22	3.9	13	6.8	35	13	25
02/23	4.2	16	7.1	41	24	31
02/24	4.2	15	7.1	31	20	26
02/25	4.2	15	7.1	37	13	23
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
02/19	3.7	7	8.6	33	20	27
02/20	3.8	8	8.7	33	22	26
02/21	3.8	8	8.7	28	19	23
02/22	3.9	9	8.8	30	19	24
02/23	4.0	9	8.9	35	23	28
02/24	4.2	10	9.3	31	18	23
02/25	4.3	10	9.4	28	17	24
<b>South Mountain</b>						
02/19	8.4	26	16.5	39	21	30
02/20	8.5	27	16.6	38	22	28
02/21	8.5	27	16.6	30	16	22
02/22	8.5	28	16.6	30	18	23
02/23	8.9	30	17.1	34	22	27
02/24	9.5	34	17.7	31	17	21
02/25	9.5	33	17.7	32	16	24

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 42 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 261 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 34 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 300,690 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

# Marsing readies for Science Fair

## Eighth-graders plan nearly 70 exhibitions for Tuesday show

Folks can find out if hand-sanitizers really do kill bacteria or which substance is more combustible between baby powder and flour Tuesday at Marsing Middle School.

Deidra Little's eighth-grade Science students will show off the projects they've been working on throughout the quarter during a Science Fair.

The event runs from 4 p.m to 6 p.m. inside the middle school gymnasium on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

Little plans to have 68 entries in the fair, including DNA extraction from various fruits and an exhibit on how music affects students' test scores.

There are a few exhibits analyzing which beauty products — eyeliner, mascara and foundation — stay on longer.

There also will be the stalwart volcano exhibitions as well as the teenage favorite of tracking the reaction of Mentos candy when it is dropped into a bottle of soda.

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Early fair entry?



Thawing ice reveals nature’s wonder

Marsing resident Mary Blackstock snapped a photo of her cement walk and sent it to The Owyhee Avalanche earlier this winter. The pattern, which resembles an embossed print seen in some antique furniture fabrics, was created as the ice covering the concrete began to thaw.

Locals earn Treasure Valley CC honors

A handful of local students appear on the Treasure Valley Community College honor rolls for the fall semester.

President’s list recipients who attained a 4.0 grade-point average include:

**Adrian** — Hilary A. Heller  
**Homedale** — Robyn L. Page  
**Marsing** — Mary C. Hill

Dean’s list members (3.75 GPA or better) include:

**Adrian** — MaryJane Ellsworth

Griffin and Evan D. Sneider

**Marsing** — Joy Renae Kudlo

Students maintaining a GPA between 3.5 and 3.7 were placed on the Honors list:

**Bruneau** — Lyndie Emily Gillespie

**Greenleaf** — Ashley Flaming (a Homedale High School graduate)

The Ontario, Ore.-based college will release its honor lists from the winter term in April.

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Story Time will have a visitor this week

Library assistant Laryssa Takashige, left, reads to a group of preschoolers and their chaperones during Friday's Story Time at the Homedale Public Library. Wilder author Bonnie Kloster will read her children's book during this week's Story Time session.

Homedale library Friends group selling book bags as fundraiser

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library has launched a benefit book bag sale.

The bags, emblazoned with a logo featuring the original library building, are on display at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Friends group is suggesting a donation of at least \$8 for the sturdy, brightly colored bags. Proceeds from the sale will benefit library activities.

The Friends of the Library are planning an April 6 book sale. Books, many in new or almost-new condition, will be available for 50 cents per pound.

For more information on Friends of the Library, including how to join the group, call Ned Stokes at 337-3851 or library director Margaret Fujishin at the library, 337-4228.



Homedale Public Library volunteer Camille Batt shows off one of the new book bags the Friends of the Library group is selling as a fundraiser for the library.

**Children’s author to read**

Wilder author Bonnie Kloster will read her own book, “Rufus & Friends,” at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library for the preschool Story Time.

Kloster has written stories about Rufus the farm dog and his farm friends.

Along with Kloster’s reading, the event will feature crafts, songs and snacks.

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

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.



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# Heroes and villains

## Hyers take sibling rivalry act to Weiser stage

Homedale brothers part of March melodrama

Cowboys aren't supposed to wear rouge, but for Homedale brothers Travis and Wade Hyer, the over-the-top cosmetic is all part of the act.

The Hyer boys are components of the Owyhee connection at the Illustrious Onion Skin Players production company in Weiser.

The brothers are pitted against one another as hero and villain in the Onion Skin Players' 2013 melodrama, "Johnny B. Goode or A Prickly Situation," which begins a three-week run at the historic Star Theater in downtown Weiser on Friday.

The fact that the Onion Skins perform 1890s-style melodrama explains why the Hyers will be made up like something out of Cabaret but slightly less animated than Clarabell.

"Melodrama is different than every other type of drama because everything is over the top — all your facial expressions, gestures," Travis said.

And, of course, that makeup. Travis plays the title role this year. His brother, who trains horses for a living, is the villain, Cactus Needles.

Other crew and cast members also have Owyhee ties, including:

- Patsy Jo McMichaels, who plays stage stop owner Carmen Getit in this year's production, lived in Jordan Valley for 16 years and worked as a hairdresser. She lived there with her first husband Mike Jenkins and children Staci and Michael.



Travis Hyer

- Director Connie Fowler was born and raised in Adrian. She now lives in Ontario.

- Assistant director Linda Webb, who first moved to Adrian nearly 40 years ago, returned to the area in 1995.

The Hyer brothers and Fowler are three of the five credited playwrights who developed this year's production. Others are Ron Fowler and Ange' Goodwin, who play villainess Faye Tality.

"We just thought it would be fun to try and write because it was a challenge," Travis said of he and his sibling's involvement in the creative process. "And it turned out to be a blast.

"It's always fun to tell a story, and it's even more fun to see that story come to life on stage."

The writing team literally ate up the opportunity to compose the play. They met on Thursdays beginning in May for dinner before moving on to discuss ideas and come up with dialogue. Sometimes, lobbying for dialogue included acting out the concepts.

"We wrote scenes several times just because this is a family-



Wade Hyer hams it up with a guest during last year's run. Submitted photos

friendly show," Travis said. "So we had to make sure the humor was tactful, the jokes were tactful.

"We want to be able to have everyone come and enjoy this."

The result is what promises to be a rollicking story about a stageline owner, mining claims and the bad guys' attempt to steal those mining claims off a stagecoach, which will make appearances on stage.

"We love audience interaction," Travis said. "We cheer for the hero and boo the villain. The energy from the crowd just makes it go."

Ruth Creek started the Onion Skin Players 28 years ago and she's back in the cast this year. This is Travis' third year with the company.

Wade got his start last year after

watching Travis' debut in 2011's "Wheeler Up the River" from the audience.

"He landed the hero role (last year) and he did a phenomenal job," Travis said.

While Wade caught the acting bug, Travis was more or else inoculated.

"They said, 'Just come take a look,' and I said, 'No promises,'" Travis said. "I show up, and they hand me a script and say, 'Guess what we want you to do?'"

Even with the support of his brother in the audience, Travis sums up his first go on the historic stage with the hyperbole that goes with classic melodrama.

"It was probably one of the most singularly terrifying experiences of my life because just the reality of what I was doing was pretty tough," he said.

### Show times

The Illustrious Onion Skin Players' "Johnny B. Goode or A Prickly Situation" runs through Tuesday, March 16 at the Star Theater on State Street in Weiser.

**Show times** — 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, March 12 and March 15-16; 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 10

**Doors open** — Thirty minutes before curtain. Seating is first-come, first-served.

**Tickets** — \$10 each; \$8 for Sunday, March 10 matinee

**Reservations** — Mikes Custom Footwear in Ontario, the OnionSkin hotline at (541) 889-6564 or the Weiser Chamber of Commerce at (208) 414-0452.

Three years later, however, Travis has embraced the idea of acting much like the theater company embraced him that first night and through his real hardships, such as a life-threatening farming accident in the middle of preparation for this year's play.

"I joke I have 14 mothers because of (the Onion Skins)," he said.

In the end, Travis understands the true reality of being on stage is truly just fantasy.

"When I'm up on that stage, I'm not Travis Hyer," he said. "It's pretty cool because for a brief moment in our adult lives, we get to step outside the box." — JPB

## 25<sup>th</sup> annual Bruneau Boosters Auction



Above: The typical crowd turned out for the auction at the Legion Hall.



Right: Volunteers Bill McBride, Lez Rahn and Ruth Jackson watch the auction as they wait for more money to come in.

Organizers are still discussing how to use the proceeds from Saturday's silver anniversary Bruneau Boosters Auction at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau. With the help of Fern Graham's legendary red velvet cake, which fetched \$2,300, this year's auction brought in about \$24,000, surpassing the 2012 total by \$1,500. Each year, proceeds support community projects or improvements and help pay for lighting the streets in downtown Bruneau.



Marsing basketball season closes

2A, 3A all-conference teams announced

# Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013

## 2013 wrestling state tournaments

### Hardy's 2<sup>nd</sup> state title leads Trojans to 8th

Five HHS wrestlers earn medals

Tyler Hardy book-ended his high school career Saturday, winning the 3A state championship at 113 pounds. The Homedale wrestler beat fellow senior Skylerr Valentine of Snake River, 10-6, in the title match at Holt Arena in Pocatello. "It was a pretty dramatic battle between state champions," HHS coach Toby Johnson said. Hardy (39-1) finished his career and only season with the Trojans back on top. He won a 5A state title with Caldwell as a freshman. "He defeated the two-time

defending state champion in the finals in one of the premier matchups of the entire tournament," Johnson said. The senior's gold marks the 25<sup>th</sup> state championship in Homedale history. Hardy was one of five Trojans to grab medals as top-six finishers during the two-day tournament that wrapped up Saturday on the Idaho State University campus. Bolstered by the most state-placers since 2006, Homedale collected an eighth-place finish in the team standings, amassing 101.5 points and finished 4.5 points behind seventh-place Teton. Hardy's career-capping championship win didn't come without a little nail-biting, though, at least from the scorekeeping standpoint.

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Tyler Hardy gets his arm raised in victory Saturday after the Homedale High School senior won the 113-pound championship at the 3A state tournament. Photo by Machele Randall



Marsing's Dillon Danner has control in his 2A tournament third-place match against Glenns Ferry 152-pounder Nate Shenk. Shenk rallied for a 5-4 victory. Photo by Machele Randall

### Mustang's 2nd crown highlights 2A medals for Owyhee entries

Two Huskies medal; Rimrock wrestler 0-2

Three Owyhee County wrestlers won medals in the 2A state tournament, including Troy Richardson, who won his second consecutive championship. The Melba High School 182-pounder edged fellow senior Kaleb Nelson of Ririe, 3-2, for the crown Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello. Richardson (47-1) pinned his way to the championship final, dispatching opening opponent Anthony Benavidez of Valley in seven seconds. He also pinned

Grangeville freshman Shaydn Wassmuth in 56 seconds. The Mustangs finished second in the 2A team standings with 156 points, while Ron Johnshoy was named the classification's Coach of the Year for the division. Marsing senior Dillon Danner ended his career with the fourth-place medal at 152 pounds, while the Huskies finished the team contest tied for 20<sup>th</sup> with Glenns Ferry with 33 points. Danner (29-6) suffered a narrow 5-4 loss to fellow senior Nate Shenk of Glenns Ferry in the third-place match. Danner had beaten Shenk, 5-3, in overtime earlier in the tournament to reach the

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## Poor shooting puts lid on Jordan Valley's season

Adrian girls also bow out early in 1A Oregon basketball playoffs

The Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball season ended Friday with a cold-shooting performance at home. Seventh-seeded Elkton beat the No. 2 Mustangs, 53-38, in the second round of the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

Jordan Valley (22-3) converted just 17 of 80 field-goal attempts (21.3 percent) and had their seven-game winning streak halted. "We just shot poorly the whole game," Mustangs coach Mike Workman said. "I never thought we would ever shoot that bad at home. "The kids played hard throughout, but you could see the frustration of not knocking down shots." The Elks (19-7) ride a three-game

winning streak into today's first-round 1A Oregon state tournament game against Crane in Baker City. Jordan Valley beat Crane for the 1A District 8 championship earlier this year. "I really felt we were the better team overall," Workman said of the matchup against Elkton. "I'm proud of them for what they accomplished throughout the season." The Elks claimed a seven-point lead after eight minutes and never looked back.

Jordan Valley trailed by 14 points heading into the final period. Wyatt Trautman was the only Mustangs player to crack double figures, scoring 10 points to go with his 10 rebounds. Blaine Moran also collected 10 boards, but was held to eight points on 3-for-10 shooting. Nate Elsner buried a pair of three-point goals for his only points of the night. Ben Telleria scored six points and also

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# Sports

## Marsing boys miss free throws, chances in district loss

Galligan averages 15.5 points in final two prep games

The Marsing High School boys' basketball went without scoring for the final two minutes of its game Thursday night, resulting in the end of one of the most successful Huskies seasons in the past two decades.

Cole Valley Christian surged to a 53-47 victory in a closely contested 2A District III Tournament elimination contest at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Marsing (14-10) held a five-point lead with less than three minutes to go when Josh Larsen hit a layup. He couldn't convert the free throw on the three-point play opportunity, however, and missed foul shots would prove to be a trend the Huskies would continue down the stretch.

"You have to convert those clutch moments," Huskies coach JW Chadez said, adding that a culture of comfort while playing under pressure must be built from the youth ranks.

"I felt if we make those free throws, we win that game. We were right there to put them away to take the air out of them and their hope."

Chadez still expressed pride in his squad, though.

Marsing finished fourth in the district tournament, putting together the second-best finish for a team since the Huskies joined the 2A ranks in the 1990-91 season. Only the 2006-07



Senior Jason Galligan attempts to drive around a Cole Valley Christian defender Thursday.

team featuring Shea McClellin, Johnathon Cossel and Aaron Salvas that played in the 2A state tournament has a better finish over the past 22 years of Marsing basketball.

Marsing seemed up to the challenge against Cole Valley in the first half.

Using an opportunistic transition game, the Huskies moved to a 13-6 lead on Jason Galligan's inside jump shot with 1 minute, 52 seconds left in the first quarter.

But the same fast-paced attack that gave the Huskies an early lead also showed signs of inconsistency during the run. Marsing guards

missed four layups during the stretch, allowing the Chargers to hang around.

Marsing pushed its lead back to seven points, 23-16, when Miguel Leon hit two of his three-point goals and also grabbed a steal and fed Jesus Lino for his only basket of the game.

Cole Valley stormed back again, but an offensive putback and layup from Josh Larsen put Marsing ahead, 28-25, at halftime.

Senior Jason Galligan scored 14 points in his final game for Marsing. Leon scored all 11 of his points from the field, while Jose Acuna dropped in six points. Larsen finished with 10 points.

Trevor Thomas led Cole Valley with 14 points.

**Feb. 19: Marsing 47, Nampa Christian 42** — Find their range from the free-throw line late, the Huskies stormed past the Trojans in the fourth quarter to prolong their season in a district tournament elimination game on their home floor.

Nampa Christian surged ahead, 32-28, with a 14-9 run through the third quarter.

The Huskies, however, turned it around with 19 points in the final eight minutes. After missing 11 of their first 17 free throws, Marsing players with 5-for-6 from the charity stripe down the stretch.

Galligan notched 17 points to lead all scorers. Larsen (11 points) and Acuna (10) also reached double figures.

Acuna nailed two of his team's three-point goals.



Josh Larsen lines up a jump shot Thursday night in the 2A District III Tournament third-place game against Cole Valley Christian at Vallivue High School.

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**Fourth place — Jovan Cornejo (28-11), jr., 160 pounds**

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Owyhee County resident Troy Richardson, a Melba senior at 182 pounds, began his march to a second consecutive state title with a lightning-quick move and seven-second pin against Valley's Anthony Benavidez. Submitted photo



Rimrock sophomore Austin Barzee, left, tries to escape from the grasp of North Fremont's Estaban Lozano in a 145-pound match in the 2A state tournament. Photo by Machele Randall

✓ 2A: Danner fourth, Noah Grossman sixth for Marsing's only placers

championship semifinals.

St. Maries senior Joseph Bloomsburg pinned Danner 50 seconds into the second round of their semifinal match.

Danner rallied with a pin of sophomore Eric Eliason of Malad to reach the bronze medal match.

Huskies sophomore Noah Grossman (33-8) mounted his own comeback with three consecutive victories before losing the 220-pound fifth-place match to New Plymouth sophomore Marcus Davis. Davis needed just 22 seconds to pin his fellow District III competitor.

Grossman battled against Matt OKeefe, hanging tough in their opening-round match until the Wendell senior pulled off the pinfall with five second left in the third and final round.

Grossman looked to be on his way to a shot at the bronze medal after second-round pins against two Firth wrestlers (sophomore Cody Burch three seconds before the whistle ended the second round of their match; and Nick Anderson at the 3:24 mark of their bout).

In the consolation semifinals, Ririe senior Conner Caudill outscored Grossman, 11-8, to send him into the fifth-place match.

Two Marsing juniors split four matches in the state tournament.

Austin Williams (28-7) beat Wasey Erickson, a junior from Raft River, by pinfall with five seconds remaining in the second round of their 160-pound opener. After Potlatch sophomore and eventual state champion Rowdy Paul pinned Williams in the quarterfinals, the Marsing standout beat another Potlatch sophomore (David Amos), 5-2, before losing by pin at the end of the first round to Firth's Conner Montgomery.

Brad Labit (9-20) lost both his state tournament matches by pinfall with just seconds left in the first round.

Rimrock's lone representative, 145-pound sophomore Austin Barzee, finished the year 14-19 after losing both his state matches.

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✓ Season:  
Adrian falls  
in first round

collected three assists and three steals.

Juniors paced the Elks. Colton Maxwell led all scorers with 16 points, while Tracey Doudna put in 12 points and John Evoniuk added 10.

**Girls**  
**Wednesday: Triad 46, Adrian 31** — The Antelopes' season ended in a first-round game in Klamath Falls. No other details were provided.

Coach Gene Mills' team finished with a 19-10 record.

# MARSING HUSKIES

## Congratulations to 2A state tournament wrestling medalists



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Dillon Danner  
(29-6), sr., 152 pounds**



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Noah Grossman,  
(33-8), so., 220 pounds**



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# Sports

## District referees honor Homedale wrestling coach

### Johnson cited for respectful interaction with officials

Toby Johnson admits he's not the perfect coach.

After all, the head of the Homedale High School wrestling program has demonstratively debated with officials in his career.

Twice.

In 16 years.

Johnson's level-headed sense of fair play has earned him respect throughout the wrestling ranks in District III. It's not a stretch to say that the respect is shared by some of the coaches with whom

Johnson rubbed shoulders this week in Pocatello.

But during the 3A District III Tournament in Weiser on Feb. 9, the guys in the stripes honored Johnson as one of two coaches of the year from the district.

"It was a big surprise," Johnson said. "It was a nice surprise."

The Third District Officials Association began honoring coaches for "exemplary support" to the state high school athletics and sports officials, according to Third

District Officials Wrestling Director Jacob Hersel.

"We all get together and talk about coaches that coach their kids and stay off the officials," Hersel said of the district's 35-member wrestling officials fraternity.

"The coaches were really starting to get bad, and so we started the award three years ago to recognize a coach that is a role model to the sport — being a class act guy for his team, and the sport."

Johnson and Collin Robertson from Centennial in Boise are the 2013 recipients.

"Toby is always positive," Hersel said. "Even when his wrestler loses, he still has something positive to say to them."

"I've never seen him get angry at any situation even when he feels that he didn't get a call his way. He always treats officials with respect."

Hersel presented Johnson with a plaque before six of the coach's wrestlers took to the mat for championship matches at the district meet.

The honor is separate from the annual Coach of the Year Award that the district's wrestling coaches bestow.

— JPB



Toby Johnson

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## ✓ Trojans: Homedale turns in best showing at state meet since 2006



Homedale's coaches pose with the team's medal-winners Saturday at the 2A state tournament. Back row, from left: Brad McCain, Tyler Hardy and Jovan Cornejo. Front row, from left: Assistant coach Mark Boothby, Devin Fisher, Nash Johnson and head coach Toby Johnson. Photo by Machele Randall

Hardy took control of the match with a reversal and a near-fall in the second round, but initially the official didn't give the senior credit for the reversal, even though he had started the period in the down position and had to fight to get away from Valentine's advantage.

Sophomore 126-pounder Devin Fisher rebounded from a loss in the championship semifinals to finish third. He became the 16<sup>th</sup> wrestler in Trojans' history to placed twice at the state tournament.

Fisher (34-7) capped his second straight trip to the state tournament with a narrow 10-8 victory over Ryker Merrill, a senior from Sugar-Salem.

"(Fisher) had a couple of matches where he had to work from being down a point and had to seal it in the third and really did a good job," Johnson said.

Nash Johnson also joined a select group on the wall in the HHS wrestling room. He rallied from a loss in the 106-pound quarterfinals to finish fourth and become only the eighth Trojans freshman to earn a medal at the state meet.

Johnson (30-8) scored a near-fall with five second left in his consolation match with fellow District III wrestler Dakota Whitaker of Parma to score a 4-3 victory and reach the bronze medal match.

"Those kind of magic moments — Tyler doing that and kids coming through and medaling — it's a magic that you can't see anywhere else but at the state tournament," Toby Johnson said.

Nash Johnson lost to Bear Lake junior Garrett Brogan in the third-place match.

Junior Jovan Cornejo (28-11) lost to eventual state champion Stephen Meija, a senior from Buhl, but came back to finish fourth at 160 pounds. Filer senior JaCade Jones pinned Cornejo in 68 seconds during their third-place match.

"Jovan wrestled the best tournament of his career," Toby Johnson said. "Hands-down it was the best wrestling of his career."

One of only 14 Trojans to ever qualify for the state tournament all four years of his career, Brad McCain wrestled his way into the 195-pound semifinals before coming back to finished his high



Homedale junior Jovan Cornejo keeps pressure on Kimberly's JT Grover in an opening-round match. Cornejo pinned Grover in the second round and had to beat Grover again to stay alive at 160 pounds.

school career with a fifth-place medal. He beat Gooding sophomore Landunn Koyle, 5-1, for the medal, which put the senior in a group of 16 Trojans to earn two state medals.

McCain (36-6) lost to fellow District III wrestler Matt Loughran, a senior from Weiser, in the semifinals. Loughran recorded a technical fall with an 18-3 victory over McCain.

The senior's victory for fifth place was his second win of the tournament against Koyle. McCain beat him, 8-3, to move into the championship semifinals. McCain began his tourney with a three-minute pinfall over South Fremont senior Mario Cisneros.

McCain and Hardy were the lone Homedale seniors to compete Friday and Saturday, giving Toby Johnson something to look forward to out of the program peppered with young wrestlers.

"Whether it's Jovan or any of those guys, they've experienced it an they know what it's going to take," the coach said.

"You come back from Pocatello or wherever it is, and you have a deep understanding of what you need to do to your wrestling up to that level to get back there or to medal."

Junior Michael Deleon was one of two Trojans who wrestled in the 120-pound division.

Deleon (24-10) won his first match with a 20-8 major decision against Gooding junior Santos Gutierrez. After falling into the consolation bracket, Deleon eliminated sophomore teammate Andrew Randall with a pin before ending his tournament with a 10-0 major decision loss to Teton's Cade Cooke.

Randall (15-17) pinned Gooding sophomore Salvador Lopez in 33 seconds in the first round of consolation action.

Sugar-Salem sophomore Hayden Wood sent Randall into the consolation bracket with a 22-second pin in the tournament's opening round.

Junior Curtis Stansell (23-14) collected one victory in the 170-

pound bracket. After losing his opening match Friday to Snake River senior Carlos Molina (55-second pin), Stansell put Kaden Barrus on his back at the end of the first round of their first-round consolation match.

Freshman Jakabee Osborn (16-20) pinned Filer junior Jorge Peratta five seconds before the end of the first round of their consolation match for his only win of the tournament.

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Sports

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Marsing JV B boys' basketball team wins conference tourney

The Marsing High School junior varsity boys' basketball B team made it a clean sweep in the 2A Western Idaho Conference tournaments earlier this month.

Back row, from left: coach JW Chadez, Connor Rhodes, Jose Gutierrez, Jose Munoz, Isaiah Ponce, Billy Bowers and Hayden Dines

Front row, from left: Lorenzo Lankow, Cody Barrett, Juan Garcia and Seth Hardy.

Not pictured: coach Lamon Loucks

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GFA's Owyheeans run Rimrock out of 1A, Div. I district tourney

Meyers' strong first half sends Raiders past IC

Rimrock High School never got its footing Thursday in what turned out to be the final game of its boys' basketball season.

Marsing-area resident JB Bermudez-Koch scored 12 points as Greenleaf Friends Academy routed the Raiders, 48-27, in a 1A, Div. I District III elimination game.

Coach John Hannah's Raiders ended the season with an 8-13 record.

Homedale's Dalton Penrod scored 10 points for the Grizzlies, whose season ended Saturday with a loss to Grace in a state tournament play-in game.

Against Rimrock, Greenleaf built a 10-point lead at halftime and closed the game on a 10-2 run in the fourth quarter.

Jared Lemieux led Rimrock with 10 points, while Austin Meyers added nine, and Jacob black scored six. Cristian Ayala had a basket for the Raiders' only other points.

Feb. 19: Rimrock 48, Idaho City 30 — Three players topped double figures as the Raiders rebounded from their tough district semifinals loss to Liberty Charter four days earlier.

Meyers poured in 12 of his 15 points in the first half in Bruneau as the Raiders built a 23-15 lead en route ending the Wildcats' season.

He completed a double-double with 13 rebounds, including eight on Idaho City's end of the floor.

Black scored six points in the first quarter to spark Rimrock's 14-5 start to the game. Black led all scorers with 16 points and added five assists, five steals and had four of his six rebounds on the offensive glass.

"Jacob Black has stepped up his play, scoring 20, 12 and 16 points in the three district games we have played," Rimrock coach John Hannah said after the victory over the Wildcats.

Lemieux hit two three-point goals in the second half to fuel a 13-point performance. Porter Simper was the only other Rimrock player to score, putting in four points to go with five defensive rebounds.



Rimrock's Jacob Black tries to take a shot over JB Bermudez-Koch of Greenleaf Friends Academy during Thursday's game at Caldwell High School.

Ayala led the team with six assists and also swiped five steals.

Blake D'Aquino rallied from a scoreless first quarter to lead Idaho City with nine points.

Feb. 16: Liberty Charter 70, Rimrock 27 — The Patriots rolled in Nampa to qualify for the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Black notched 12 points and seven rebounds for the Raiders, who were hampered by 36 turnovers.

Meyers had eight rebounds, and Ayala added six.

Liberty Charter got 16 poins from Dominic Hulsey and 15 from Ryan Linford.

Good all-around play brings Marsing slew of All-WIC selections

Fittingly, the team's two seniors led Marsing High School's march onto the all-conference girls' basketball team.

Guards Ashley Hull and Lacey Usabel were among five Huskies named to the All-2A Western Idaho Conference squad, which was announced last week after the state tournament.

Leading rebounders Marissa Hardy (a junior), sophomore Destiny Reynolds and freshman Shelby Dines were placed on the all-conference honorable mention list.

"Our success this year is a result of the whole team's effort and commitment to improving each practice, and the commitment of these five players not accepting mediocrity and pushing themselves to become better players, teammates and athletes," fourth-year coach Tim Little said.

"Without them pushing each other every day, we would have had different results."

Both Hull and Usabel also will closer their prep careers as members of the Class 2A team during the District III 2A/3A Senior All-Star Game, which tips off at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Fruitland High School. The 2A-3A boys' basketball all-star game follows at 8 p.m.

"Both Ashley and Lacey have stepped it up this year in leadership roles and leading by example," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

"They have both been with me since I started and have really bought into the philosophy and discipline that I believe in."

Hull and Usabel averaged 29 minutes per game while leading the Huskies to their second state tournament appearance in three

seasons.

Hull was Marsing's leading scorer in each of her four years and finished her career with more than 1,200 points. She was the conference's offensive player of the year as a junior (and was succeeded by New Plymouth's Kylee Garrick in that distinction this season). Hull averaged 17 points per game as a senior.

Usabel led the Huskies with 3.2 assists and 1.6 steals per game in her senior season. She averaged 5.9 points a game, too.

The triumvirate of Hardy, Reynolds and Dines emerged as Marsing's three-headed rebounding monster.

Though only a ninth-grader, the 5-10 Dines led the way with 6 rebounds per game. The post player averaged more than a block per contest and scored 4.6 points per night.

"Shelby really impressed the other coaches in the league with her mid-range jumper and potential to become one of the best players in the league by the time she is a senior," Little said.

The 5-foot-6 Hardy averaged 5.2 boards and 3.1 points per game despite often giving up height to her assignments.

"Missy was our best post defender, often over-matched with size," Little said. "She is a tough, strong defender that is very coachable."

Reynolds, a 5-7 post, collected 4.8 rebounds each night and scored 5.8 points. She also had the third-best steals average on the squad, getting 1.5 per game.

"Destiny took on the task of defending our opponent's best perimeter player throughout districts and is a very intense player," Little said.

— JPB

Trojans' Lane, Rupp named All-SRV

Esparza to play in all-star game

Two underclassmen earned first-team all-conference honors for the Homedale High School girls' basketball team.

The 3A Snake River Valley conference coaches placed junior Kaylee Rupp and freshman Tory Lane on the first team in voting prior to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

First-year coach Joe Betancourt announced the nominations after the Trojans' first state tournament appearance since 2003.

A forward, Rupp averaged

nine points and a team-best nine rebounds per game during the 2012-13 season. Lane, who played guard, was the team's leading scorer, putting in 11.5 points per game. She also collected four rebounds each outing.

Sophomore guard Morgan Nash, who scored eight points a game, was placed on the honorable mention list.

Guard Debra Esparza, one of two seniors on the Homedale roster this season, was selected to play in the 2A-3A District III Senior All-Star Game. Tipoff is at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Fruitland High School. The 2A-3A boys' all-star game starts at 8 p.m.



# Sports

## Emry rallies after disappointing Big Sky heptathlon

Former Trojans star earns bronze and two silvers

Homedale High School graduate Austin Emry may have finished behind his rival again, but he still posted a breakout meet at the Big Sky Conference indoor track and field championships.

The junior shared the meet’s co-MVP award with Jeff Mohl of Montana State — the man who won the heptathlon as Emry finished third — after scoring more than half of the University of Montana’s points in a sixth-place finish in the men’s meet.

Emry scored 27 of the Grizzlies’ 51 points in the enemy territory of Bozeman, Mont.

Emry rallied from a disappointing second day in the heptathlon to finish second in the long jump with a career-best mark of 24 feet, 9¼ inches; second in the 55-meter hurdles in 7.58 seconds; and fourth in the high jump (6-8¾). His effort in the long jump was just a half-inch off the winning mark.

He scored 19 of UM’s first 26 points in the meet, and the Grizzlies were tied for third after Friday.

His final eight points came Saturday in the 55 hurdles.

Emry saw a good-sized heptathlon lead over Mohl dissipate after achieving a no height in the pole vault Friday.

“Austin was as distraught as I’ve ever seen him (after the pole vault),” UM coach Brian Schweyen said.

“We talked about it, and I told him that things can either go downhill from here and that no-heighting could ruin his entire

championships, or it could light a fire.”

He rallied for a career-best time of 2 minutes, 51.48 seconds in the 1,000 meters and then pulled off his individual feats.

It started Friday night when he competed in the long jump, high jump and then qualified for Saturday’s 55 hurdles final with a time of 7.62, which was .07 of a second faster than his heptathlon mark earlier in the day.

“I went up and sat with Brian and (assistant coach) Adam (Bork) after the heptathlon, and I was able to relax and let my emotions come down and let my mind go,” Emry said Friday. “Then when the hurdles came around, it was back to business. My mind made that switch, and I knew it was time to go.

“Today was the best I’ve done that. When I was warming up for the long jump, I didn’t even have it on my mind that I had competed in a heptathlon. I was looking at it as a whole new day.”

After the meet Saturday, Schweyen agreed that something clicked with Emry after his disaster in the heptathlon.

“Austin could have been broken after (no-heighting), but he became a man after that,” Schweyen said. “His competitiveness, his adrenaline and his focus were at a level they’ve never been before.

“You hate to say it, because at the time that’s not what’s going through your head, but no-heighting might have been the best thing that ever could have happened to him. He is now a better competitor for having gone through that.”

Now, Emry awaits word later this week on whether he will qualify for the NCAA nationals as a heptathlete.

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## FFA news

# Cool treats, cool facts mark Homedale’s FFA week

Organization is about more than just farming

Lori Idsinga let them eat cake last week.

And drive their tractors to school.

Homedale High School’s FFA advisor left sweets in the teacher’s lounge to celebrate National FFA Week.

“For the high school teachers that put up with all of the craziness ensued,” she wrote in an email to faculty in which she detailed Homedale FFA activities.

National FFA Week, which ended Saturday, was designated in 1947.

Homedale FFA marked the observation with Greenhand Day on Feb. 19.

Last Wednesday, FFA members drove their family tractors to school.

On Thursday, the members enjoyed ice cream, and they wrapped up the week Friday with a series of Fear Factor activities.

Idsinga took the opportunity

last week to outline how the 58 Homedale student-members benefit from being part of the organization.

The Homedale FFA chapter has been chartered for nine years this time around. The club, which welcomes eighth- through 12th-graders, is the largest club at HHS.

The two biggest programs for FFA are Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) and Career Development Events (CDE).

Idsinga reports that Homedale students recorded nearly \$137,000 in earned and invested incomes from their SAEs last year.

In 2012, students earned more than \$18,000 in SAEs in cash sales and work income.

Statewide, which encompasses 85 chapters, Homedale placed in the top 10 in all but three CDEs.

The CDEs are aligned with Common Core Standards and each one either has a math element or a public-speaking element. Idsinga said each CDE has real-world application for careers.

Homedale students competed in CDEs such as Job Interview, Welding, Small Engines,

Electricity, Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking, Landscape Design, Floral Design, Dairy, Horse & Livestock Evaluation, Rangeland Management, Natural Resources, Agronomy, Food Science, and Business Management & Sales.

FFA is about more than getting ready for a career, though.

It’s also about giving back to the community:

- Each year the chapter adopts two area families and buys, wraps and delivers Christmas presents to them.
- This year, Homedale FFA’ers cut, split and delivered 10 cords of wood to families in need during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend last month.
- Over the life of its Meat the Need program, the chapter has raised and delivered over 2.5 tons of pork to needy families in the community.

Later this year, the chapter will host its annual Agriculture Field Day at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. About 500 elementary school students from Homedale and other schools turn out each year.

## Adrian chapter sets bar high

### Members start food drive with Jordan Valley, Nyssa counterparts

by Anna-Marie Chamberlain, chapter advisor

As part of National FFA Week, the Adrian FFA chapter has been participating in a variety of activities.

One such activity, “Changing Hunger” was a coin and canned food drive through the entire school district. FFA members collected loose change and non-perishable food items and delivered them to the Nyssa Les Schwab as part of a statewide food drive.

Les Schwab and the Oregon FFA recently partnered to conduct this event with all proceeds donated to food pantries throughout Oregon. The program’s goal is for each chapter to donate 500 pounds of food in an effort to reach the ultimate goal of collecting 50,000 pounds of food in Oregon during February.

Chapters and their sponsoring store that reach the 500-pound goal will be recognized at the Oregon FFA State Convention in March at Oregon State University in Corvallis. In addition, the top chapters that raise the most pounds, based upon their OSAA rankings, will also be recognized and awarded a chapter scholarship.

The Adrian, Jordan Valley and Nyssa chapters are competing locally to determine which chapter can collect the most pounds of food. The winning chapter will receive T-shirts donated by the Nyssa Les Schwab. All food collected at the Nyssa store will be donated to the Nyssa Food Bank.

Examining the barrels set up in the store, it appeared that Nyssa had a definite advantage in food collected — until the Adrian chapter delivered their haul. Although an exact weight has yet to be taken, the Adrian chapter delivered a carload of food items in addition to a tub of change and bills of various



Adrian FFA members, from left, Morgan White, Tyler Reay and Jett McCoy helped collect and deliver a carload of food and coins to the Nyssa Les Schwab Tires location. Submitted photo

denominations. It is estimated that nearly \$150 in change alone was collected. Each 50 cents collected equates to one pound of food in the contest.

“It was absolutely amazing to see the generosity of the students and teachers, especially the younger grades, when we collected the food and money,” FFA member Morgan White said.

“Mrs. Ellsworths’ kindergarten class alone had over 100 cans and boxes of food, and they gave us over \$75.”

Chapter Sentinel Jett McCoy, who helped collect and deliver the food, said:

“It was awesome to meet Dave (Jensen), the Nyssa store manager. He was really nice and appreciated all the work we had done to collect all that food.”

Community members are encouraged to contribute to their favorite FFA chapter and add to the barrels (in this case, Adrian now has a tire crate) set up at the Les Schwab store.

The partnership between the FFA chapters and Les Schwab has proven to be a strong one, but in the end, it is the hungry families of the local communities that will benefit the most.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Spousal training



One of the most important things in the success of a marriage is spousal training.

Many stories exist when a “cowboy type” (male or female) marries someone with an urban upbringing. Usually it is the male heir to the ranch who goes to A&M, falls in love with a city girl and brings her home. Mother and Dad get a feelin’ pretty quick whether the “tryout” is going to fit in the family. Maybe she’s funny or loves kids, rolls up her sleeves and does the dishes and really appears to care for their lovesick son. Or they immediately realize they better get a prenuptial agreement to keep from losing the ranch! But most brides are willing to learn something new to please the potential groom.

However there are some limits!

Cary came home with a young horse. He was pretty shiny but not too “civilized.” Cary put a bale of hay in each corner of a square corral to give the illusion of a round pen, haltered the nervous 3-year-old and began its training. By the fourth day, Bad News (the horse’s new name) was still not coming along as quickly as Cary had hoped. The horse had been introduced to the saddle, but you could say they weren’t best friends.

Day five, Cary asked his new bride of three weeks if she would come and help him with one of the horses. He was keenly aware that she was unschooled in animal husbandry, BUT it would be a good chance for her to get a lesson in spousal training. He handed her a 12-foot training whip and climbed into the saddle on Bad News.

“Now,” he instructed, “I’m gonna ride this horse in a circle. You stand here in the center of the corral. If he balks or stops, you just show him the whip and cluck.”

“OK,” she said, but she was wondering what was a cluck?

Her training had begun.

Then Bad News stopped. “Now,” Cary said quietly.

She laid that whip across Bad News’ butt like it was a Cat-o-Nine Tails and crowed like a rooster! Bad News went to buckin’! When he got tired of buckin’ in a circle, he bucked over the slip rail, into the boneyard, over the hayrake and through the irrigation pipes! Suddenly he pitched forward, released the saddle horn from the waist button on his jean jacket and fired our spousal trainer into a pile of net wire fencing and cedar posts, where he hung up and flipped over a corrugated culvert, banged his head on a rusty disc blade and sank in a pile.

He could hear his wife screaming! “Oh,” he thought, “She’s concerned about me.”

Then he realized she was racing for the house, cursing him colorfully, vowing at the top of her lungs she would never help him in the barn again!

Today, 10 years later, he loves her still. They have three kids, she has a job in town, and the spousal training continues: he fixes breakfast, picks up his socks, he’s learned to run the washer/dryer and dishwasher, and they take turns with the 3-year-old (child, not horse).

They’ve learned to compromise; she deigns to feed the stock when he is gone, but draws the line at holding horses under any condition, or doctoring Cary if he’s wounded so badly he needs stitches.

A nice compromise.

—Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Inspiration point closed?



The International Olympic Committee’s decision to possibly end wrestling before the 2020 Summer Games seems counterintuitive to everything that the Olympic Games are supposed to be.

But the possible banishment of one of the original Olympic sports is about more than international wrestlers losing their biggest stage. The repercussions could be felt in Owyhee County.

Full disclosure: I haven’t always understood or appreciated the sport of wrestling. Early in my journalism career, I thought wrestlers and the men who led them were a little odd. Most competitors struck me as typical bad news teenagers – much like the psychotic, torture-minded Sid in “Toy Story.” Coaches, despite the lip service of “discipline,” seemed to have little control over themselves or the behavior of their charges.

That perception changed when wrestling in Owyhee County became part of the beat.

Men like Toby Johnson in Homedale and Rick Folwell and Jon Nelson at Marsing showed the technical and spiritual side of the sport. Instead of a bunch of kids rolling around on a mat, wrestling became something with a pulse promoted by people who exuded class.

The passion that drives the wrestlers overflowed when the proposal to end the oldest Olympic sport was unveiled.

“I was shocked to hear about wrestling taken from the Olympics,” Nelson said. “I grew up watching some of the best wrestlers ever in the Schultz brothers, Kenny Monday, John Smith and a lot more.”

Those names and others mentioned by Homedale assistant Mark Boothby — Dan Gable (Johnson’s idol), Rulon Gardner and Cael Sanderson, among others — aren’t on the same cultural plane as Jordan, LeBron or Kobe, Brady, Peyton or Peterson or Pujols, A-Rod or Jeter, but they have just as much impact on the boys (and girls) who embrace wrestling.

In fact, Boothby doesn’t wear Air Jordans. His kicks are Bruce Baumgartners.

“Each year, when I have those shoes on, inevitably a wrestler asks about the signature on my shoes,” Boothby said, adding that he educates young wrestlers of Baumgartner’s history of earning medals in four consecutive Olympiads.

“I always follow up my comment with a directive: ‘Know your heritage.’”

With the absence of Olympic wrestling, that heritage may be all young wrestlers will have to hold on to.

“As we coach today’s athletes, the level of competition is different, the style may be different, but the core of the sport, the dedication to training and discipline required, are the same,” Boothby said.

Nelson, who is trying to rebuild the Huskies’ program, fears the IOC’s short-sightedness could hurt the fabric of the sport.

“All these kids have for goals is to compete to maybe go to the Olympics,” he said. “Now what do they have to look forward to?”

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Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau

Voice of Idaho ag Ballot initiative reform will preserve rural voice



The media has misunderstood and misrepresented Idaho Farm Bureau’s position on new legislation currently under consideration by the Idaho Legislature that would strengthen the voter initiative process.

The legislation in question, Senate Bill 1108, would ensure there is broad support across the state for any issue before it is placed on the ballot as an initiative or referendum. It does not raise the bar on the total number of signatures required, but would require that the signatures that are gathered come from across the state rather than just one or two heavily populated areas. This legislation has nothing to do with the education measures that failed in last fall’s election, on which Farm Bureau took no position.

Recent newspaper editorials cite a previous ruling wherein the court struck down a proposal requiring six percent of voters from 22 of Idaho’s 44 counties in order to get an initiative on the main ballot. The new legislation specifies six percent of voters in 18 legislative districts. A recent editorial in the *Idaho Press-Tribune* called the change “divisive, cynical, unnecessary and without merit.” However, the same court ruling cited by the newspaper also states that “Idaho could achieve the same end through a geographic distribution requirement that does not violate equal protection, for example, by basing any such requirement on existing state legislative districts.”

It seems that some newspapers believe that rural Idaho should take a backseat in the initiative process. The arguments raised by those in opposition seem to believe that a class distinction should exist between urban and rural voters. This legislation seeks to correct the discrepancy.

The threat on the horizon comes from large non-governmental organizations (NGOs) like the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and others. Their tactics have worked in several states and placed unnecessary restrictions on agriculture. In fact, their power and influence have become so prevalent that just the threat of them bringing an initiative has caused some states to cave in to their demands. The bottom line here is that the process of lawmaking is difficult for good reasons. It should be challenging for a wealthy, out-of-state organization with an agenda, to come to Idaho and force its way onto our ballot.

To illustrate the issue of numbers, consider that statewide there are 895,834 registered voters. Ada County has 251,467 registered voters as of the last general election. Therefore, it would only take 21.3 percent of registered voters in Ada County to get the required 53,750 signatures. If you add Canyon County, it would take only 15.5 percent of registered voters in those two counties to qualify a measure for the ballot. With numbers like these, why would signature-gatherers ever need to venture outside of the Treasure Valley?

Since the 1930s, when the initiative and referendum laws were enacted, demographics in Idaho have changed dramatically. Back then, our population was much more evenly distributed and there was no real danger that one part of the state could potentially impose its will on the rest of the state. Because of increasing urbanization and population declines in rural areas over past decades, it’s easily conceivable that the urban areas of the Treasure Valley could place items on the ballot that would be

— See *Reform*, Page 19



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Rotating credit card debt for perks will bite you

**Dear Dave,**  
What do you think about the practice of credit card churning?  
— Ethan

**Dear Ethan,**  
I think it's a pretty dumb idea. The concept is to run up the balance on one card as high as you can, then flip the balance from card to card in order to get perks like airline miles.  
But if you want to go through all the trouble and hassle over such a small amount of money, be my guest.  
I've met thousands of million-



aires, and none of them have ever credited their success to credit card churning. Think about it: With all the time you'd spend, and risk you're taking on a scheme like that, you could actually have made some money.  
If you want success, Ethan, you have to mimic what success-

ful people do. This means living on a detailed plan, saving, and investing!  
— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
Both of our daughters will start college next year. We have \$25,000 set aside for each in their custodial accounts, but my financial advisor says we should take the money out because it will keep them from being awarded as much in scholarships and other assistance.  
What do you think?  
— John

**Dear John,**  
I disagree. It's like saying you should quit your job to get food stamps. You guys obviously aren't poor, and any financial advisor who says you need to fake being poor in order to get help is not a person whose advice I want to follow.  
When your kids apply for scholarships and assistance, your entire financial picture will be assessed. More funding goes to kids from poor families than rich ones, but that's only fair. Chances are, you fall somewhere in the upper-middle portion of the scale.

But no, I wouldn't move the money or try to hide it. It's just not honest to try and act like you're poor when you're not. I don't believe in that kind of stuff.  
— 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.

### ✓ Inspiration: Change could hurt sport's future

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"I am afraid that it is going to hurt the sport in that less kids are going to not compete as hard during the offseason (freestyle and Greco-Roman seasons)."  
In Johnson's mind, wrestling goes beyond the mat. Want proof? Jorge Hernandez, who struggled growing up in Homedale, ended his high school days as a state tournament qualifier. Today, the former heavyweight has dropped 40 pounds and has enrolled at the College of Southern Idaho to pursue a law enforcement degree.  
"Life is full of challenges, and wrestling is a sport that makes you rise to the challenge," Johnson said. "If you want success in wrestling, you have to earn it, just as in life. Furthermore, wrestling is one of the toughest sports in the world and requires tremendous discipline and years of training."  
"In my program, I'm not just trying to produce successful athletes. I'm trying to mold young men into adults with integrity and a strong work ethic."  
Here's hoping IOC officials can find both in the next eight years and come to their senses.

### ✓ Reform: Protection for interests in minority

*From Page 18*  
detrimental to rural interests, and have the votes to ensure passage. This is one of the main reasons our founding fathers rejected direct democracy in favor of a representative republic.  
Many other states also have geographic requirements for their initiative and referendum procedures, many of which are even more restrictive than the one proposed by S1108.  
S1108 does not restrict access to the ballot or limit citizens' ability to petition the government. It simply provides an additional "check and balance" to ensure broad support for an idea before it can move forward.  
While it may require a little more work to gather signatures across the state, that is a small price to pay to ensure that the rights of the minority are protected from the majority.  
— Frank Priestley is president of the Idaho Farm Bureau.

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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

March 2, 1988

### USPS cancels post office construction

A United States Postal Service real estate specialist has confirmed that USPS plans to build a new post office in Homedale have been cancelled.

In a Feb. 17 letter to Homedale Postmaster Joyce Turner, USPS Real Estate Specialist Denise Hammond stated flatly that Homedale will not be considered as a site for new postal facilities until the next fiscal year.

“Please,” she wrote, “put to rest any speculation that the Postal Service will have to take action in the next ninety days as this is strictly an unfounded rumor.”

Ms. Hammond said in the letter that the Postal Service regrets “the community would not vacate that portion of the alley which would run through the proposed site...”

Ms. Hammond said the USPS feels concerns that the US 95 site faced were merely “temporary.”

“Since the state is moving forward progressively to reroute this highway in the near future, we feel this is only a temporary concern compared to the forty of fifty years the Postal Service will provide services from this location,” she wrote.

### ICA asks Hodel to oppose park

Leaders of the Idaho Cattle Association met privately with Don Hodel, secretary of the Interior, Feb. 25 to urge opposition to the proposed national park in the mountainous areas of the county.

The proposal by an environmentalist group, the association said, would deny access to Bureau of Land Management grazing lands in the county. Members of the association claim cattle ranchers would be forced to abandon their businesses and homes as a result.

Tom Shaw of Caldwell, president-elect of the group, told Hodel that the proposed plan by the Committee for Idaho’s High Desert “threatens to destroy the livelihood of Idaho citizens who for more than 100 years have raised not only cattle, but their families, on the ranchlands of Owyhee County.”

Joining Shaw in the meeting were Eric Davis, Bruneau, association president; Bert Brackett, Rogerson, vice-president, and Gary Glenn, Boise, executive vice-president.

### Nettleton named as top lawman

Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton has been named Lawman of the Year by a Boise-based service organization.

Nettleton was presented the award for his contribution to law enforcement by the Boise chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution early last week.

“I really did appreciate it,” Nettleton said Monday. “I felt quite honored.”

Nettleton was nominated for the Lawman of the Year Award by former Caldwell Police Captain Al Wing.

### Academic team sweeps division

Homedale High School’s Academic Decathlon Team, as one high school staffer put it, “kicked butt” during regional competition Saturday at Meridian’s Centennial High School.

Homedale’s team swept the small school division of the academic contest, and scored more total points than all but one other school at the meet — that school was Bishop Kelly High School, an A-1 institution.

Individual scholastic awards were won by local academic decathletes Blas Uberuaga, Danny Itano and Tim Coleman, according to Coach Frank Craig.

“And,” he added, “our kids took seven of the nine awards in the essay contest.”

Academic essay winners included Jeanie Jordan, Kelly Itano, Tony Freibert, Joe Eisenbrandt, Christy Alambra, Nichole Chadez and Danny Itano.

The Homedale regional victory qualifies the local academic squad to compete for the state small school title March 25 and 26 at Boise State University.

## 50 years ago

February 28, 1963

### Trojans eliminated in 2<sup>nd</sup> district tournament game

The Homedale Trojans lost to Parma 57-32 at Caldwell Thursday night in their second game of the district tournament and became the first team eliminated.

The Trojans lost their first game of the tournament at Parma Wednesday night to New Plymouth 50-42.

In the Saturday night game the smaller Trojans, out-rebounded on both boards, could not match the torrid Panthers’ first-half scoring pace and were down 29-14 at the intermission. The closest they came in the second half was 42-24 midway in the third period.

Junior Cliff Gould led the Panther scoring with 17 points and took down nine rebounds to lead in that department also. The Panthers held a 29-15 margin off the boards.

John Watts chipped in with 12 points to back up Gould’s leading effort. Floyd Breach, a 5-10 junior, topped the Trojan scoring with eight points while Jay Olsen topped in rebounding with five.

Pilgrims 50, Trojans 42

In Friday night’s game, New Plymouth rallied from a 23-18 halftime deficit to nip the Trojans after an upset looked in the making.

Jumping off to a quick lead, Homedale was on top 13-7 at the first quarter mark and continued to hold the edge through the second period.

The Pilgrims turned warm in the third stanza and scooted to a 37-32 advantage as the final eight minutes got under way. In the final period, New Plymouth hit 13 points to 10 for the Trojans.

Senior Jay Olsen paced the Trojans and all scoring with 21 points on seven fielders and a like number of free shots. Greg Meacham was tops for the Pilgrims with 11, and these were the only two players in the contest to find double figures.

It was from the charity line that Homedale stayed with the Pilgrims. The Trojans held a 16-8 advantage from the line while being out-shot from the field, 21-13.

### Marsing Disaster auction promoters plan 3<sup>rd</sup> event

Preparations for the Marsing Community Disaster Fund Inc. are going “great guns” to make the third annual auction March 2 a success. Sale will start at 10:30 a.m. with hamburger lunch being served from 12 o’clock on under auspices of the Marsing businessmen with Ray Herman manger and chief cook.

Charles Falen, auction chairman, Vernon Hauman, vice chairman, and Mrs. Mel Ezell, secretary, have been holding meetings with all committee heads completing final arrangements.

The hauling and transportation committee consisting of the Marsing firemen, Wilbert Mayer and Stan Schindele are busy going into Caldwell and Nampa picking up furniture, televisions, rugs, dishes, dryers, etc.

The solicitations committee, Mrs. Julio Churruca chairman, has flowers, purses, candy, sugar, dry goods, games, groceries, clothing and many other things too numerous to mention stored at her service station ready to be auctioned off.

**Succor Crik Sam Sez:** “Seems like the legislature is always thinkin’ up new taxes before I can git the old ones paid.”

### Lenten services planned by Lutherans

The holding of special Lenten services is a standard practice of the Lutheran church. Beginning this week, Mt. Calvary Lutheran congregation will hold its mid-week services each Thursday evening at 8 o’clock.

The Rev. Victor A. Schulze, pastor, will preach a series of sermons on the passion history of Jesus Christ, titled “Bought With a Price.” A series of six New Testament films in color will be presented at these services.

Self-denial offering folders will be distributed for an in-gathering of mission funds on the first Sunday after Easter. The public is invited to attend.

## 140 years ago

March 1, 1873

A PREVENTIVE OF CRIME. It is suggested that a method employed in Glasgow for the speedy detection of burglars should be put in practice elsewhere. Some few years ago, the Chief of Police established in Glasgow an office wherein, for a small annual payment, any merchant is allowed to deposit the keys of his business premises, together with such particulars as are likely to be of service to the police in the protection of his property. If the constable on his beat observes any movement unusual in the look of the premises under his charge, he is able to enter them without delay or difficulty, and the knowledge of this fact inspired among thieves a wholesome fear that they were liable to be interrupted at any stage of their proceedings. It seems that the system not only pays its working expenses, but has considerably lessened the number of warehouse robberies.

GREELEY’S ESTATE. Appraisers of Greeley’s estate estimate that the personal property will foot up to about \$120,000. It is said Samuel Sinclair is indebted to the estate at least \$8,000. There are about \$100,000 in bad debts and worthless securities. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., owes the estate \$50,000 borrowed money. Commodore Vanderbilt has given \$5,000 to each of Mr. Greeley’s daughters, saying they can have as much as they need at any time.

CATTLE FOR SALE. The undersigned has one thousand (1,000) head of fine half-breed Texas steers and heifers, from three to seven years of age, which he offers for sale at the low price of fifteen (\$15) dollars per head! There are about equal numbers of the steers and heifers, and they are now grazing on Sucker Creek, Snake River. Cornelius Shea, Silver City, I.T., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1873

AN OLD SETTLER GONE. Egidius Korb, familiarly known as “Old Cutch John,” died suddenly of a species of paralysis last Wednesday. Deceased was a native of Prussia, and came to Owyhee about nine years ago. The funeral took place day before yesterday. One by one the old settlers of our camp are passing over the dark river whose waters lave the shores eternity.

GOOD FOR THE EMPIRE. The last crushing of Empire ore taken from the north works yielded \$77.60 per ton, and the mine is now looking better than ever.

BULLION SHIPMENT. Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped from here, this week, bullion to the amount of \$10,500.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. The weather has been acting very badly for the past two days – snowing and blowing like mad.

The ball a week ago last night was well attended, and a very pleasant affair. The new canvass is just the thing.

A young man at the party the other evening being asked if he could play the harpsichord, wanted to know if it was anything like seven up.

“Sailor Jack” got into some trouble on the Mountain this week and is now serving a 10 days’ term in jail, in default of paying \$40 fine.

Hon. B. J. Nordyke, Councilman from Lemhi County, is in town. He has a pack train engaged in bringing flour from Reynold’s Creek to Silver.

John Onstott got back from a brief visit to Boise and Idaho Cities this week. He says the weather is much colder in Idaho than in Silver.

Jas. H. Gardner has just received a letter from John Farneman, who went to Pioche last fall, but is now in San Francisco, on his way to the Atlantic States, in some one of which he intends to settle down. Mr. Farneman advised Owyheecans to stay at home, and not go to Pioche.

Hotel keepers are people we have to “put up with.”

A couple more discussions with fists in town this week.

No epizootic here yet, nor has it made its appearance on the Winnemucca road.



# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Approved pay authorizations for Clerk, Road & Bridge, and Sheriff’s Departments. Approved purchase of a new Data Tel Phone System.

Approved MOU with Bruneau Soil Conservation District on the Quagga Mussel Inspection Stations.

Approved Certificates of Residency for students attending CWI.

Approved application on JABG Grant

Co-Ordination meeting with Jarbidge District BLM.

Indigent & Charity: 13-03, 13-04 Liens approved. 13-05 approved applicant, 13-02 denied applicant.

Conference call with District 23 Legislators. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

2/27/13

**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**

Pursuant to Idaho Code 25-2301, the State Brand Inspector is holding on Holstein heiferette, found on Wright Lane near Summercamp Rd in Owyhee County. She will be sold at Treasure Valley Livestock Auction on Friday March 8, 2013. May be claimed with proof of ownership and paying all expenses. 208-459-4231

2/27;3/6/13

**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.

/s/Frances Myers, Personal Representative  
2/20,27;3/6/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On Tuesday, the 18th day of June, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 14, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 12 ½ FEET AND ALL OF LOTS 15 AND 16 OF BLOCK 58 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 9, 1911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 31 West Oregon Ave., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MARK A. BOOTHBY and AMY BOOTHBY, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded September 20, 2007, as Instrument No. 262493, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated September 10, 2007, in the amount of \$947.00 each, for the months of September, 2012, through January, 2013, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent

payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.44% per annum from August 1, 2012. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$124,699.03, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.44% per annum from August 1, 2012.

DATED This 15th day of February, 2013.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE  
2/27;3/6,13,20/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee’s Sale No. ID-PRV-13002593**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **June 27, 2013**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT ‘A’ AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 420 FRONTAGE ROAD , GRANDVIEW, ID 83624, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DENNIS F. CHAFE AND DARLENE F. CHAFE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF ADA COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of UNITED CAPITAL MORTGAGE COMPAY, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 12/15/2010, recorded 12/23/2010, under Instrument No. 273160, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by UNITED CAPITAL MORTGAGE COMPAY, INC..

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 12/15/2010, FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE WHICH BECAME DUE AT MATURITY, TOGETHER WITH ACCRUED AND ACCRUING INTEREST, CHARGES, FEES AND COSTS AS SET FORTH.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees,

costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$21,000.00, together with interest thereon at 7.000% per annum from 2/23/2012, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 2/19/2013.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services

Trustee By Amy L. Bowles, Assistant Secretary, c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510

**EXHIBIT “A”**

A tract of land having 192 1/2 foot frontage on the Grand View to Bruneau Highway in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Section corner common to Section 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 0° 17’ East 14.10 feet along the Section line to a point; thence

South 79° 27’ East 235.10 feet along the South Highway right of way line to a point on the curve; thence along a curve to the right having the following description, a central angle 5° 55’ tangent of 296.1 feet, a radius of 5,729.58 feet, a 1° curve, and whose South right of way long chord bears

South 76° 29’ 30” East 586.24 feet to a point on the tangent; thence

South 73° 32’ East 580.64 feet along the Southerly right of way line of the Murphy-Bruneau Highway to the Northeast corner of Lot 6 of the Sheldon Burghardt Survey, an iron pin, the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

South 73° 32’ East along the South right of way line of the Bruneau-Grand View Highway 192.5 feet to an iron pin; thence

South 05° 39’ 40” West 120.00 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 73° 32’ West a distance of 192.5 feet to an iron pin; thence

North 05° 39’ 40” East, a distance of 120.0 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

2/27;3/6,13,20/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

Loan No. xxxx8309 T.S. No. 1375551-26 Parcel No. rfd00000157402a **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE On May 30, 2013**, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at In the lobby of owyhee county courthouse, 20381 state hwy 78, , Murphy, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, state of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: A tract of laud In Sections 15 and 22, Township S Sooth, Range 3 East,

Boise Meridian, 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

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# Public notices

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**  
**CASE NO. CV2012-02441**  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**  
**OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL**  
**DISTRICT OF THE**  
**STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND**  
**FOR THE COUNTY OF**  
**OWYHEE**  
COLLECTION BUREAU,  
INC., an Idaho corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
AMANDA NICKOLE  
VESTAL, Defendant.  
**TO: THE ABOVE NAMED**  
**DEFENDANT(S):**  
You have been sued by the  
above named Plaintiff. The nature  
of the claim against you is monies  
due and owing. Anytime after 20  
days following the last publication  
of this summons, the court may  
enter a judgment against you  
without further notice, unless  
prior to that time you have filed  
a written response in the proper  
form, including the case number,  
and paid any required filing fee  
to the Clerk of the Court and  
served a copy of your response  
on the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Mark  
L. Clark, PLLC, PO Box 846,  
Nampa, Idaho, 83653; (208) 463-  
2311. A copy of the Summons and  
Complaint can be obtained by  
contacting either the Clerk of the  
Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.  
If you wish legal assistance, you

should immediately retain an  
attorney to advise you in this  
matter.  
DATED Feb. 12, 2013  
Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk of  
the Court  
By: Lena Johnson, Deputy  
Clerk  
2/27;3/6,13,20/13

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's  
date: February 13, 2013 File No.:  
7037.94653 Sale date and time  
(local time): June 14, 2013 at 11:00  
AM Sale location: in the lobby of  
the Owyhee County Courthouse,  
20381 State Highway 78, Murphy,  
Idaho 83650 Property address:  
230 W Montana Ave Homedale,  
ID 83628 Successor Trustee:  
Northwest Trustee Services,  
Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O.  
Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009  
(425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust  
information Original grantor:  
Brandon Wright, a married man,  
as his sole & separate property  
Original trustee: Alliance Title &  
Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary:  
Mortgage Electronic Registration  
Systems, Inc. as nominee for First  
Horizon Home Loans, a Division  
of First Tennessee Bank N.A., its  
successors and assigns Recording  
date: 06/30/2008 Recorder's  
instrument number: 265510  
County: Owyhee Sum owing on

the obligation: as of February  
13, 2013: \$66,105.61 Because of  
interest, late charges, and other  
charges that may vary from day  
to day, the amount due on the day  
you pay may be greater. Hence, if  
you pay the amount shown above,  
an adjustment may be necessary  
after we receive your check.  
For further information write  
or call the Successor Trustee at  
the address or telephone number  
provided above. Basis of default:  
failure to make payments when  
due. Please take notice that the  
Successor Trustee will sell at  
public auction to the highest bidder  
for certified funds or equivalent  
the property described above.  
The property address is identified  
to comply with IC 60-113 but is  
not warranted to be correct. The  
property's legal description is:  
Lot 10 in Block 39 of Amended  
Townsite of Homedale, according  
to the official plat thereof, filed  
August 9, 1911 as Instrument  
No. 7284, official records of  
Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale  
is subject to conditions, rules and  
procedures as described at the  
sale and which can be reviewed  
at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or  
[USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale  
is made without representation,  
warranty or covenant of any kind.  
(TS# 7037.94653) 1002.242117-  
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### PREVIEW AND AUCTION: 20 W. IDAHO AVE.

#### ONLINE AUCTION THE BUCK STOPS HERE & HOMEDALE MINI MALL TOTAL LIQUIDATION AUCTION

Due to the **HUGE AMOUNT OF INVENTORY,**  
**We will be auctioning off lots of items**  
**every week for the next several months**

**PREVIEW: Thursdays 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.,**  
**Closes Sundays @ 7 pm**  
**Pickup Mondays 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**20 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale, ID 83628.**  
**10% Buyers Premium.**  
**[treasurevalleyauctionnetwork.com](http://treasurevalleyauctionnetwork.com)**  
**208 941-2645**

### OPEN CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013

Located: At the East Edge of Homedale, Idaho at the Homedale Beet Dump.  
Signs posted.  
Sale starts 10:00 AM/MT Lunch served. Terms: Cash or bankable check sale day.  
No buyer's premium. No Credit Cards. Everything sold as is where is.  
**Selling all types of Farm & Ranch Equipment.**  
**To Consign your equipment, please contact**  
**JB Salutregui @ 541/212-3278 or any of the**  
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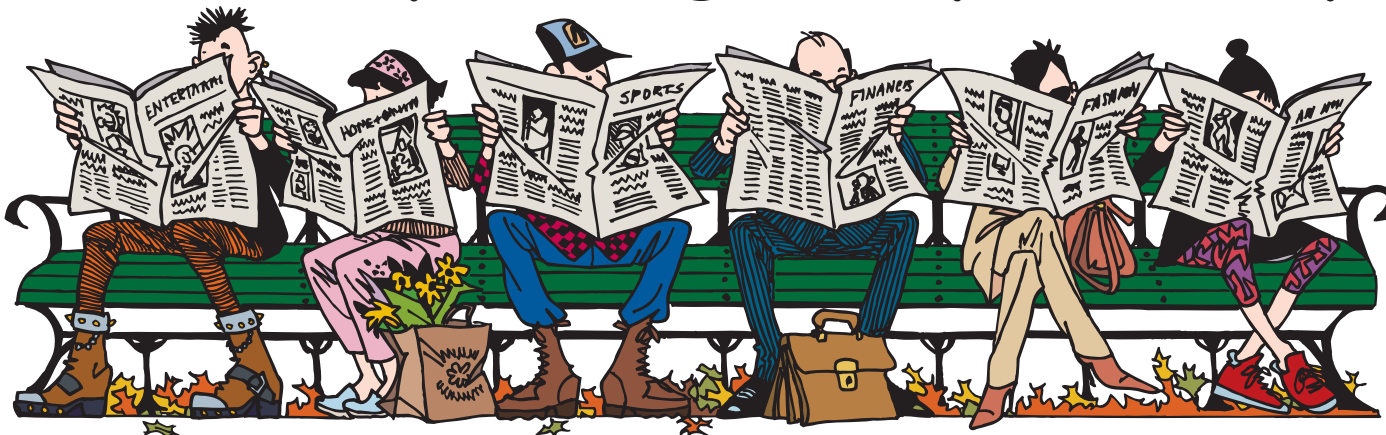
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### ✓ Permits: Clerk says lack of permit hurts city government's bottom line



A sign pointing out Homedale's rules on construction stands just feet east of the former Homedale Drive-In on Idaho Avenue.

projects because property owners hadn't purchased permits through the city.

One of those projects is the proposed New York Barbecue on the old Homedale Drive-In site at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West.

Restaurant owner Dave Williams plans to open next month, but on Feb. 13 Pierson posted a stop-work order in one of the building's windows because no permit was obtained before remodeling began.

It costs \$100 to take out a permit through City Hall. According to Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram, the final cost of a permit is dependent on the value of the construction, alteration or remodel.

The International Building Code sets a sliding ratio for final permit costs based on a percentage of the project's total cost, Pegram said.

Because the city doesn't have a full-time inspector on the payroll, Pierson works as an independent contractor. The city receives 25 percent of building fees paid on completed projects. The rest goes to Pierson.

When a property owner doesn't pull a building permit for a project, it affects the city in a number of ways, Pegram said.

For starters, each year the city council sets a budget based on projected revenue. If building fees aren't paid, the actual revenue could be lower than projections and create budgetary problems.

Liability also is an issue for the city, Pegram said, as the permit

process also reduces or eliminates the city's liability in the event of an accident caused by structural insufficiency.

In the bigger picture, unpermitted new development also can affect property taxes because owners may not pay for the full value of their improved lots. Ultimately, though, the task of making sure a property owner is paying his fair share comes down to the county assessor's office.

Other stop orders have been issued in Homedale for residential development in the King's Court mobile home park on Main Street and another home where the property owner had begun constructing — without a permit — a 20-foot-by-30-foot building that also didn't meet setback rules.

Pierson signs off on all building projects in town after making sure that all work is up to code and that all necessary steps are taken.

Building permits also ensure proper engineering is done when necessary on projects, Pegram said.

City records indicate that an engineering firm was consulted when Fisher's Bar expanded into the former Red Rock Antiques building next door at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street West. Pegram said the fire department also had to sign off on the addition.

Pegram confirmed that the proper permits were in place when construction began on the Tango Saloon on U.S. Highway 95.

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