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Above: "Mighty Matt," which has pulled the megaload from Umatilla, Ore., is parked at the old port of entry west of Marsing. **Below:** A steady stream of onlookers visited the site throughout the week to get photos of the massive megaload. Photos by Karen Bresnahan

Owyhee celebrates 150 years Saturday

The end of 2013 brought a landmark for Owyhee County and officials will celebrate in the first week of the new year.

On Saturday, the Owyhee County Historical Museum, located at 17085 Basey Street in Murphy, will host an event to mark the sesquicentennial.

The 150th anniversary celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, and the public is invited.

The event will include free food and drinks.

"It's going to be a fun event," Owyhee County Historical Museum director Joe Demshar said.

Music for the event will be provided by Givens resident John Larsen and Nampa's Gary Eller, who has researched and performed many Idaho folk songs from the early days of the territory.

Guffey's Blue Canoe Catering will provide the food and refreshments, and a number of dignitaries have been invited.

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Musical duo brings back many folk songs dealing with early Owyhee County.

Megaload mesmerizes Marsing



Deputies issue citations at parking site

The first of three megaload shipments destined to cross Owyhee County was a major attraction and headache for local authorities last week.

An Omega Morgan crew moved the 376-foot-long payload and trucks through Marsing on Saturday night About 100 people, including a

handful of protesters, gathered on the southwest corner of Main Street (Idaho highway 55) and 8th Avenue West (Idaho 78) to watch the truck negotiate a right-hand turn on its way to Murphy and beyond.

The load traversed Owyhee County overnight, making it to a point south of Hammett early Sunday morning.

The protesters were orderly and quiet as they held signs denouncing fossil fuel and pleading for protection of resources such

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2013 IN REVIEW: County saw many changes in year

January

Elected Owyhee County officials were sworn into office, including Perry Grant as sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery and District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick for

four-year terms and District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland for a two-year term.

Dennis Wilson became the Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

principal.

Clay Webb, Adrian Mayor for 28 years was featured in the Avalanche. He died in August.

Eula Dunn, an 81-year-old from Homedale, was named to the Idaho Quarter Horse Hall of Fame

for her 35 years of service.

Three new irrigation directors took office in the south end of the Owyhee Project, including Harold Bruning on the Ridgeview board and Ryan Criffield and Chris Landa on the Gem board and the

South Board of Control.

Jerry Hoagland was named Conservationist of the Year by the Owyhee Conservation District.

Connie Chadez, SBOC

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Sage-grouse plan could put more pressure on cattlemen

Public can comment during Murphy open house Monday

The federal government's Greater Sage-Grouse conservation proposal could have further impact on grazing in Owyhee County, but a state alternative seeks mitigation.

The DEIS proposes elements that will affect grazing and permit renewals when the activity infringes upon habitat zones for the sensitive species.

The Bureau of Land Management will play host to a two-hour public meeting Monday addressing the Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The meeting takes place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The meeting is one of the first opportunities for members of the public to voice their opinion about the conservation plan that will affect 29 land use plans on more than 30 million acres of BLM and U.S. Forest Service land throughout Idaho, Oregon and southwest Montana. According to the DEIS, there is more than 11 million acres of sage-grouse habitat in the area that

would be affected by the land use plan amendments.

The document includes an Idaho alternative plan derived through work with the 15-member Governor's Task Force, which included local input from District 1 county commissioner Jerry Hoagland and state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson). Idaho's plan and a similar regionally focused plan for Montana are identified as preferred alternatives in the DEIS.

Idaho's sub-regional alternative aims to balance conservation measures with resource uses such as livestock grazing and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

The Idaho plan develops a concentrated focus on specific areas of habitat, which are broken down into three classes — preliminary priority management areas (PPMAs), preliminary general management areas (PGMAs) and preliminary medial management areas (PMMAs).

Each classification reflects a varying degree of conservation intensity with more multiple use activity allowed in PMMAs and PGMAs.

Maps within the DEIS show that nearly two-thirds of Owyhee County — mostly west central, southwest and the breadth of the southern portion of the county — has been identified as PPMA. Under Alternative D, the state's preferred plan, the PMMA would provide a buffer of sorts between PPMA and PGMA regions.

The state's alternative also develops core habitat zones and important habitat zones, which would help land managers determine how grazing operations can co-exist with the sage-grouse. Under the DEIS, there would be a process by which infrastructure

improvements would be allowed. Most improvements would be precluded in core zones, while important habitat zones would be open to new infrastructure under a certain criteria.

Other open houses are planned in the region. Each will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on its respective night:

- Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave, Ontario, Ore.
- Tuesday, Jan. 14 inside the Canyon Springs Red Lion Inn Oak Room, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls
- Wednesday, Jan. 15 inside the Boise Hotel and Conference Center Peregrine Room, 3300 S. Vista Ave., Boise
- Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 U.S. Highway 95, in Jordan Valley

The three-volume DEIS and related documents can be found on the BLM's Greater Sage-Grouse website at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/sage-grouse_rmp_revision.html.

The website includes information on the planning process as well as a list of other public meetings times and locations.

Comments can be submitted in the following formats:

- On the Web at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/sage-grouse_rmp_revision.html
- Via email at blm_id_swmt_sagegrouse_eis@blm.gov
- Via postal mail to BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709 Attn: Greater Sage-Grouse DEIS

• Comments on the Oregon portion of the plan also can be sent to the Vale District Office, 100 Oregon St., Vale, OR 97918.

The final EIS will be released in the spring.

City officials offer tips to prevent frozen pipes

With another cold snap visiting the area, city maintenance officials want to help prevent frozen and broken pipes.

Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said that frozen pipes could be a concern for city infrastructure as well as residential buildings well into March because of the weather.

Smith said pipes on one vacant house froze last week. Earlier, aerators at one of the city's sewer ponds froze over, too.

He said folks should be aware of their pipes when temperatures dip below 20 degrees.

Marsing maintenance worker Jonathan Jarboe said Friday that the city had only one report of frozen pipes, and that was on a mobile home. Mobile homes are unique because water pipes are under the structure and exposed to the elements because skirts don't provide much insulation.

In both towns, if someone experiences frozen pipes they can contact the city of help.

Jarboe said Marsing residents with weather-related service problems can call City Hall at 896-4122 so a crewman can shut off the water to prevent further damage.

"We can't go past the meter itself, but we can give them advice," Jarboe said, referring to situations where breaks occur on the resident's property.

Weekend calls for service are routed to the maintenance worker on call, Jarboe said.

In Homedale, residents who experience freeze-ups with or without leakage can call City Hall at 337-4641 during regular business hours or 880-2720 on nights and weekends.

As in Marsing, pipes between the water meter and the building are the responsibility of the resident, but Smith says that prolonged freeze-ups and extreme

cold can damage city infrastructure just the same.

"If your pipes freeze up, you can help prevent a line breakage by leaving faucets open as soon as the freeze-up is first encountered," Smith wrote in a press release.

Smith also urged residents to leave operation of water meter valves to city workers.

"We have several unique valve types throughout the city, and if you break it, it could cause flooding and water damage to your property as well as your neighbors' properties," Smith said, adding that residents could be held responsible for damage from such breaks.

Some safeguards against frozen pipes include:

- Seal any cracks or holes in exterior walls or foundations
- If there is plumbing in the garage, keep the door closed
- Make sure your water meter lid is secure, and think about leaving snow on top of the lid because it acts as insulation. Call the city public works department if your meter lid won't fit right.
- Leave a drip running at faucet near or at the end of the plumbing in your house
- Leave cabinets containing plumbing open
- Maintain a house temperature of no lower than 55 degrees
- Protect pipes exposed to unheated air in places such as garages and crawl spaces, and check exterior fixtures and pipes.
- Ways to protect exposed pipes include insulation, heat tape (use with caution because this is a fire danger) and space heaters (again, use extreme caution and use only indoor-approved heaters).

Smith warns to never place a space heater near flammable materials and never use open flame, gas or kerosene heaters because they pose fire and carbon monoxide hazards.

— JPB

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Gateway panel continues work

Idaho Power has proposed nearly \$7.5 million in a natural resources enhancement package tied to the Gateway West transmission line.

Officials from the public utility presented details during a Dec. 17 Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee meeting in Boise.

The package includes mitigation of resource damage during construction within the utility corridor for the 500-kilovolt power line as well as habitat restoration in areas of the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area unaffected by the route.

A law enforcement component covering the next 20 years also has been proposed in the package, which would spend twice as much money as a similar package Idaho Power offered the BLM in September.

Owyhee County officials and residents prefer segments 8-9 of the power line pass through the Birds of Prey area to avoid encroachment on private property.

The subcommittee meets again at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise for the third of four planned meetings. The panel, which includes Murphy biologist Karen Steenhof (a co-chair) and Grand View rancher and sage-grouse local working group chair Donna Bennett, has been charged with coming up with a consensus siting for segments 8-9. The Department of the Interior has approved most of the 1,100-mile route, but the federal agency deferred its decision on the segments crossing Owyhee County.

Whatever siting the subcommittee comes up with also would affect the City of Kuna in Ada County.

Subcommittee members agreed they would start working on actually plotting routes Tuesday. BLM RAC chair Gene Gray suggested the group get moving on that responsibility during the Dec. 17 gathering, and Tetra Tech engineers shared information about plotting software that would consider all factors and plot the most feasible route.

Despite subcommittee member Betsy Buffington’s assertion that it would set an undesirable precedent for other parts of the National Landscape Conservation System, the subcommittee has focused on an existing power line route through the Birds of Prey.

“My biggest concern is that we’re just setting ourselves up for a decision that’s going to get kicked back (to the subcommittee) or wind up in court,” she said. “By focusing on the heart of the NCA, I’m afraid this might be all for naught.”

In the first meeting, Idaho Power officials said that a double circuit of the existing 138kV line with the proposed 500kV Gateway West line would be possible. It was suggested that the old wooden 138kV poles could remain in place to provide nesting boxes for the raptors.

On Dec. 17, Steenhof — a supporter of the NCA route because of the nesting boxes — was shocked to learn that there was no plan to add platforms to the new, taller double-circuit towers in the NCA. Idaho Power officials said the option wasn’t considered because the raptors will nest where they want and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would require a special permit if line maintenance was required during golden eagle and bald eagle nesting seasons.

Steenhof pointed out the irony of possibly not being able to use the NCA for the utility corridor because the man for which the area is named — Morley Nelson — worked diligently to ensure that raptors and power lines could co-exist.

A USFWS representative could visit the group’s meeting Tuesday to discuss the federal policies that may discourage an NCA route as well as what options may exist to maintain that idea.

It’s a good bet that a strong contingent of Owyhee County property owners will be at the next meeting, too.

County commissioners have sat side-by-side with members of the Owyhee County Task Force that came up with the alternative utilizing the existing NCA corridor to avoid private property.

Oreana resident Robyn Thompson presented a slideshow of many natural features around her home that would be visually impacted by the routing of the power line.

She and her husband, Ernie Breuer, have attended both meetings and probably will be back for the third meeting Tuesday.

“This is our home. I chose it, and I’m on my hind legs showing my teeth to protect it,” Thompson said during the last meeting.

— JPB



Graciela Monreal, a sixth-grader at Homedale Middle School, holds her winning drawing for the Idaho School Board Association calendar contest. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

HMS sixth-grader’s artwork featured in ISBA’s 2014 calendar

Graciela Monreal, sixth grader at Homedale Middle School, has been selected as a winner in an art contest put on by the Idaho School Board Association.

Twelve winners of varying ages were named in the contest, and the winning art is used to illustrate the ISBA 2014 calendar. The calendar is sent to all the schools in the district.

The topic of the contest was, “What do you like about school?”

Graciela made her drawing about science. She is the daughter of Francisco and Lucia Monreal of Homedale.

Science is her favorite subject in school, but she also enjoys math and working on projects for social studies. As far as sports, she has fun in volleyball and basketball.

Graciela has four brothers, so she is the only girl in her family.

— KB



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OHR residents enjoy their Christmas

Residents at Homedale’s Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation gathered together in the dining room and were showered with gifts on Christmas Eve. Each resident received several gifts from the annual gift drive sponsored by The Owyhee Avalanche. Wish lists for about 30 residents were fulfilled by community members. Faces lit up and some ladies sighed with delight as gifts were delivered by Santa and others. Ice cream and cookies were served during the party.



Photos by Karen Bresnahan

GV man dies in Christmas Eve crash

ISP: Seatbelt not worn during Idaho 78 accident

The Idaho State Police reports a 23-year-old Grand View man has died in a single-vehicle accident outside Grand View. Cody Cover was partially ejected

and became pinned under his 1996 Dodge pickup after it rolled when he lost control around 8:45 Christmas Eve morning on Idaho highway 78, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said. Bowman said icy roads contributed to the crash, but excessive speed was not a factor. The wreck occurred near the intersection of Idaho 78 and Bybee

Lane, and that section of the highway southeast of Grand View was blocked for about three hours. Cover was not wearing his seatbelt and died at the scene, ISP said. Cover’s death marked the second time in five days that an Owyhee County resident had died in a crash in which ISP said seatbelts were not in use.

New Year’s holiday hours announced

- All Owyhee County governmental offices in Murphy, Marsing and Grand View are closed today, although dispatch as well as Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office patrol and fire and emergency medical services will be available throughout the county.
- Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Murphy and Bruneau are closed.
- US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are closed.
- City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are closed, but Homedale Police will be on patrol.
- The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners, which usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month, has moved its January meeting to 7 p.m. next Wednesday.
- The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing reopens Thursday.
- Homedale, Marsing, Adrian, Melba and Pleasant Valley schoolchildren return to class on Monday.
- Jordan Valley schoolchildren return to class Thursday.
- Bruneau-Grand View schoolchildren are back in class Tuesday.
- The Owyhee County Historical Museum will be open New Year’s Day.
- The Homedale Public Library, Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, Bruneau Valley Library and Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View are closed New Year’s Day.
- Paul’s Market in Homedale is open regular hours, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. Paul’s Pharmacy will be open regular hours (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) on New Year’s Eve and closed New Year’s Day.
- Logan’s Market in Marsing will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on both New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.
- Senior centers in Homedale and Marsing are closed New Year’s Day. The Rimrock Senior and Community Center in Grand View is closed each Wednesday.
- The Owyhee Avalanche is closed today for New Year’s Day. All deadlines for the Jan. 8 edition remain unchanged.

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✓ **Megaload:** Shipment draws crowd as it rolls on the next leg of journey

as water. They moved into the right-of-way briefly before the shipment rolled through town, but Idaho State Police troopers asked them and other spectators to return to the sidewalk and give the shipment a wide berth.

The turning radius for the shipment included a sweeping right-hand turn that put the semi on the Pruett Tire Center property while crews tried to move the load around the corner.

The shipment was parked throughout the week across from the Gem Stop ION at 5644 Buntrock Road near the Idaho 55-U.S. Highway 95 intersection. The 96-foot-long heat exchanger/water purification unit destined for a tar sands oil field in Alberta, Canada, drew its share of interest.

On Christmas Eve, a day after the shipment trudged through Homedale and was parked west of Marsing, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office issued a news release about safety concerns at the location.

Deputies wrote 25 to 30 citations for either illegal U-turns or illegal parking in the roadway, Sheriff Perry Grant said. Citations carried a fine of \$90 each.

Pedestrian crossings are not legal in the area, which is a major intersection with heavy long-haul truck traffic. Cars parked at the roadside must be completely off the pavement to be legal, Grant said. U-turns are not allowed.

At the site, a couple of trucks were parked near the megaload with people apparently stationed to watch the pedestrians and keep them from crossing over the fenced-off area and getting close to the object.

The sheriff's office set up a spectator corridor of sorts. OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said an area on the old port of entry was roped off to allow folks to line up and view the megaload without impeding traffic and compromising safety.

"It's been crazy around here," Gem Stop employee Patrice Neely said. "We are getting calls all the time with people asking where it is."

"There has been a constant stream of people parking out there to see it."

The second of the three shipments is expected in the county later this week.

— KB and JPB



A couple protesters bundled up against the cold Saturday night in Marsing. Photo by Jon P. Brown

✓ **2013:** Many elected officials ended tenures during year

secretary, was named Employee of the Year by the Idaho Water Users Association.

February

The Bureau of Land Management proposed grazing cuts of 35 to 47 percent on four grazing allotments in the first of four permit renewal packages issued in 2013.

Patriot Pawn and Gun was shut down for months after its location in the old Homedale Feed Store on Main Street burned.

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association passed resolutions to require NEPA compliance on grazing permits and demanding the federal government transfer land to the state.

Homedale High School freshman Megan Aman performed with the All Northwest Wind Symphony in Portland.

Colyer Hereford and Angus Ranch broke a world record when a bull sold at auction for \$600,000.

March

A year after Trina Bibbey's death, her husband Rodney Bibbey was indicted on a first-degree murder charge. The Marsing-area resident is awaiting sentencing later in January after entering a guilty plea.

There was an ownership change in the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic, as Randy Bean and Bill Cegnar sold the business to Lori Otley and Ann E. Mueller.

Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn announced her

retirement. Angela Barkell would be appointed to succeed her.

John Quintana, 66, a former world champion bull rider from Homedale, died in a plane crash in Australia.

April

The Homedale School District sought a levy for \$968,000 that would raise property taxes.

Debbie Holzhey won the Marsing Lion's Club Lion of the Year Award.

Marsing School Board chair Joe Usabel announced he was leaving the school board after 22 years.

Homedale school trustees Tim Quintana, Kevin Miyasako and Todd Kelly announced they wouldn't seek re-election.

East African veterinarians visited Jordan Valley ranches to study ranching methods.

The Gem Irrigation District looked at reduced water allotments.

HHS music director Jessica Bohachek resigned after three years in the position. Skyler Krall would be hired in the summer to pick up the baton.

A heart attack claimed Shoshone tribal leader Terry Gibson at 52. He was a key person in the development of the Owyhee Initiative.

The Homedale municipal swimming pool upgrade was started. The \$48,000 project involved refurbishing, repairing and retiling the pool.

HHS's choir and band were awarded silver ratings in a Seattle music festival.

Work got underway to replace the Scorpion Creek culverts on Idaho highway 78 between Guffey and Murphy.

A Homedale mother pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter, Veronica Herrera, 29, in the August 2012 death of her 2-year-old daughter.

Chuck Ryan celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

A University of Idaho Alumni Award was given to Homedale native Rod Cegnar for his distinguished career in the food industry.

The state Department of Commerce awarded a \$150,000 grant to help refurbish the Bruneau American Legion Hall.

HHS senior Erin Shenk was elected as state FFA Reporter.

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards visited Washington D.C. to testify before Congress on grazing and sage-grouse issues.

May

Marsing resident Michelle Jacobi sought community support for her Run the US Relay marathon, where she was scheduled to run 26 miles each day for six days to raise \$35,000 for Multiple Sclerosis.

Homedale's city engineer Fred Ostler apologized to the city council for miscommunication on work completed on the water and sewer systems in 2010, and told council \$21,000 in bills were forgiven. The city council later cut ties with Ostler's firm Project Engineering Consultants Ltd.

A community dedication was held for Taylor's Corner on Marsing school grounds in memory of Taylor Sauer, who died in 2011 while texting and driving.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission proposed a power zoning overlay district for the protection of private property in the ongoing Gateway West powerline dispute. The Board of County Commissioners later adopted the overlay.

The Marsing School Board accepted the resignation of school superintendent Tracia Craig. Norm Stewart transferred from his middle school principal position to take the job, and Tim Little was named high school principal. Tyson Beggs took over as Marsing Elementary principal, and Skeeter Duby took over as middle school principal.

Homedale and Marsing students attended the Business Professionals of America Nationals Competition in Orlando Florida.

The third annual Angel Walk event raised \$10,000 to help a local child with medical bills.

An open house in Murphy attracted a crowd of 150 people to discuss proposed Gateway West power line issues.

Taylor Sauer's family, including her uncle, Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer, made their first anti-texting and driving presentation in Owyhee County at Homedale High School.

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✓ **Owyhee:** Historical music will be part of day

County commissioners will be in attendance, and school officials were also invited, however the schools are currently on Christmas break.

The program will include presentations by museum staff, on the topics of the Austrian Settlement and Silver City. Additional information about Owyhee County history will be handed out. For more information, call 495-2319, or visit the museum website online.

On Dec. 31, 1863, the Idaho Territorial Legislature, meeting in Lewiston, formed Owyhee County as the first county in the new Idaho Territory.

Owyhee County's original makeup included regions that would become Oneida County in 1864 and Cassia County in 1879.

The first county seat was Ruby City, but as mining activities spiked in Silver City, the county seat was moved there in 1867. The county seat was moved to Murphy in 1934.

— KB

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Calendar

Today

No events scheduled

Thursday

Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Owyhee County Fair board meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing

Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431 or homedalegunclub.com

Friday

Homedale Public Library Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 in the afternoon Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Owyhee County 150th anniversary celebration
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Marsing Lions bingo
6:45 p.m. early game, 7 p.m. regular games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 454-7820

Sunday

Liberty Quartet concert
10:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Middle school youth group
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409

Monday

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

Homedale Public Library board meeting
11:30 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Book club for adults
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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

After-school Story Time
4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library,

111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Wednesday, Jan. 8

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

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

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

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

Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

Community Prayer Gathering
7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, N. 18 St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3464

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., kindergarten to sixth grade, transportation provided, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Story Time
10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3500

Thursday, Jan. 9

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

Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Rimrock Food Pantry preparation
4 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2314

Saturday, Jan. 11

Rimrock Food Pantry distribution
8:30 a.m. Knight Community Church 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2314

Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Sunday, Jan. 12

Middle school youth group
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409

Bruneau Valley Library board meeting
2:30 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Monday, Jan. 13

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


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

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
1 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-2458

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

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley IV



Sagebrush and Axle Grease

The Automobile

When Frank Swisher went to work for my Dad he had never driven a tractor. True, he had an old pickup which he seldom drove and when he did it was an iffy situation. My Dad talked him into driving a Ford tractor because he thought Frank would put a short tongue in the wagon and haul manure faster and easier.

The first day out, Frank drove up to the gate, pulled back on the steering wheel and said “WHOA!” He had to rebuild the gate but got along with the tractor quite well for several days.

I was working in the shop on the third day, when Frank drove up to the gate. He spooked, pulled back on the wheel and said “WHOA!” He saw he was going to hit the gate, so turned sharply and yelled “WHOA, HENRY, WHOA YOU SON OF A GUN!” After setting a new gatepost, he refused to drive the Ford again and went back to the old team which had enjoyed a four-day rest.

Then there was the old timer who bought his first car, a Model T, and had a run-away with it. He got along fine, except in panic situations, where he didn’t fare so well.

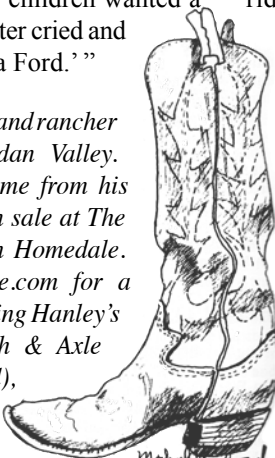
One morning he was driving down a hill near his place, still half-asleep. The car started to pick up speed and the old man pulled back on the steering wheel and yelled, the familiar “WHOA!” The steering wheel came off and instead of stepping on the brake he frantically tried to put the wheel back on. Lucky for him, the car ran off the road, into the bank, and stopped safely.

Many a Ford owner came out second-best in dealing with “Tin Lizzie.” They learned early that a backfire, while cranking, could result in a “Ford twist or thumb.” It sometimes backfired suddenly spinning the crank the opposite direction. Unless the thumb was tucked back out of the way it could be broken by the crank. It was also rough on wrists that were prone to get clobbered in the back swing. My Dad, who had his wrist broken twice by a Ford, said the secret was in knowing when to let go of the crank at the right time.

Sometimes when starting the Ford, the transmission would, for one reason or another, be engaged. When the motor kicked over the car was known to run over the cranker and if parked inside right on through the barn boards and all.

When my uncle, Walter McEwen, was a small boy living on the family homestead in southeastern Oregon’s Barren Valley, he unknowingly summed up many people’s attitudes concerning the aggravating “Tin Lizzie.” Harrison Seward bought a new Model T and stopped at the homestead and asked if the children wanted a ride. My Grandmother said, “Walter cried and said ‘I don’t wanna ride in a Ford.’”

— 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 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*.



Highway district meeting moved

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners meeting for January has been rescheduled because of the New Year’s Day holiday. The commissioners usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month, but will meet next week. The commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the district office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.


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Putting history to music for Owyhee’s 150th

Gary Eller once unwittingly promoted an Owyhee County folklore fabrication. He has been setting the record straight ever since.

The Nampa musician and historical music researcher will help celebrate the county’s sesquicentennial Saturday. He and Givens musician John Larsen will provide tunes from Owyhee’s past in a live performance during the 150th anniversary event in Murphy on Saturday.

Eller and Larsen crossed paths years ago when Eller was looking for the history of Jump Creek. He wanted to name his bluegrass band the Jump Creek Boys and wanted the back story on the waterway’s name.

Larsen, who is as famous for his historical recall as he is for his stories, came up with the tale of Obediah Jump after then-Owyhee County Historical Museum director Thom Couch asked him for context to help Eller.

“Obediah Jump used to live down there (in the Jump Creek area) and he became famous because he was such a terrible musician that he had to check his fiddle at the city limits in Silver City,” Larsen told Couch.

Couch relayed the yarn to Eller as the gospel, and Eller and his colleague, Marv Quinton, set out to put the story to song for their tour of schools teaching the history of Idaho.

“So I took a deep breath and called Eller and told him we were just kidding there,” Larsen said. “He was most chagrined because he’s Mr. Ph. D. in Chemistry and goes with the facts.”

Eller had a solution to the potentially embarrassing blot on his record: Larsen would join the band and visit the schoolchildren to explain how he came up with the fictional folly.

The Jump Creek Boys eventually became Bona Fide, and Larsen and Eller patched things up to the point where the Marsing High School graduate helped — legitimately — further Eller’s reputation for culling long-forgotten songs from Idaho’s pre-radio past and re-imagining them for modern-day consumption both in live performances and recordings.

As Owyhee County Historical Society president, Larsen was

“Owyhee Miner’s Lament”

Good-bye, old Owyhee, I’m going to the States;
Your mining population have got to emigrate,
‘Cause the Bulls and Bears of ‘Frisco, with their pockets full of dimes,
Have played the very devil with all our leading mines.

CHORUS
Rip, rap, flip flap. I wish I had my money back.
I would deal no more ‘n mining stocks –
I would be a wiser man.

Oh! There’s the Ida Ellmore, the Poorman, and the Pauper,
With their assessments I’m dead broke, I haven’t got a quarter;
They kept sinking and drifting all around the lower levels,
Til’ I’m dead broke, my coat’s in soak, and I’m going to the Devil.

CHORUS
Some time ago Mahogany was thought to be a buy,
A few hundred I invested again my luck to try;
I kept watching and waiting expecting a big rise,
When a two-dollar assessment it opened wide my eyes.

CHORUS
There’s the Oro Fino, the pride of all the camp.
But, when she failed to come to time, it caused the boys to tramp.
With their blankets on their shoulders from morning until noon,
Since the Superintendent went to ‘Frisco and flopped the big Muldoon.

CHORUS
Oh! Once I had the money plenty enough to buy a farm.
But to take a deal in mining stocks I thought ‘twould be no harm.
So five thousand I invested in Golden Charlot stock,
When all at once she took a flop – they couldn’t find payrock.

CHORUS

instrumental in helping Eller obtain Idaho Humanities Council backing for his Idaho Songs Project.

The project has unearthed — and in some cases, resurrected — tunes from Idaho’s early history, including several that reference Owyhee and were included in the 2007 recording “Ballads of the Owyhee Country.”

Larsen performed with Bona Fide on “Owyhee Mystery” from that CD.

A year later, Larsen and Eller collaborated on “Owyhee Miner’s Lament,” a poem penned by

someone with the pseudonym of Pay Rock that originally appeared in the Jan. 29, 1876 issue of the Idaho Weekly Avalanche.

“It was just a ditty put out in the newspaper,” Eller said. “It would be interesting to know who Pay Rock was. I’m almost for sure he was a miner who lost his shirt.”

Larsen said Pay Rock was complaining about the stock market collapse and more than likely lost his investments in the San Francisco exchange, which in the 19th century was as big as modern-day Wall Street.

Eller and Larsen agree that

the song’s message translates well to 21st century stock market frustrations, especially when it’s performed live.

“When the song comes to ‘I deal no more in mining stocks,’ I encourage the audience to add their least-favorite stock,” Eller said. “That’s the timelessness to me.”

Larsen suggests “Enron” as a good lyric.

The song is a perfect fit for Saturday’s sesquicentennial because it mentions several Silver City mines.

“It’s a perfect example of what I’m looking for in the project because if you have a little background information, every line in that song is meaningful,” Eller said. “It’s very revealing of the local culture at that time.”

Presented only with the lyrics, Larsen set out to compose a melody. He also provides the vocals on the original recording that can be found on Eller’s website, www.bonafidaho.com, as the April 2008 entry for the Pre-1910 Idaho Songs of the Month.

“You recite the thing and go along with what seems to be a music pattern that would go with it,” Larsen explains as his strategy for setting the piece to music.

“I just asked John to put himself back in 1876 and imagine what it would have sounded like,” Eller said.

Larsen said Benje Graves engineered the recording at his studio inside Vision Bible Church in Marsing.

Larsen and Eller continue to collaborate on recordings and pulling more songs from the dusty pages of history.

“John and I both have folders full of half-baked songs that we’ve never recorded,” Eller said.

“We’ve got quite a few songs,” Larsen said. “It’s a good feeling (bringing songs back).”

“My daughter says, ‘Gee, Dad, the older I get the more I’m interested in history.’ I said, ‘The closer you come to becoming history, the more you’re interested in it.’”

— JPB

GV man gets probation for lewd conduct

A 30-year-old Grand View man has been released from Owyhee County Jail on felony probation after his sentencing for lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor.

Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey suspended a prison term of up to 10 years when she sentenced Lorton Duane Blewett on Dec. 13. Blewett was ordered to serve five years’ probation, and he must pay \$840.50 in fines and court costs. The court also retained discretion on a 180-day jail term.

Blewett was arrested March 1 for the lewd and lascivious count and two misdemeanor counts of dispensing alcohol to a minor. The misdemeanors were not included in the final disposition.

Prison time suspended for Middleton woman

Middleton resident Teresa Lowise Jarvis must pay \$580.50 in fines and fees for a felony methamphetamine possession conviction. Jarvis’ prison term of up to five years was suspended.

Out-of-staters sentenced on drug charges

Three men were sentenced for misdemeanor drug possession shortly after a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95.

Idaho State Police Trooper Christopher Cottrell stopped Kings Beach, Calif.’s Adam G. Thornburg for speeding Nov. 27.

Thornburg had half of a \$1,000 fine suspended at a Dec. 16 sentencing for misdemeanor marijuana possession before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. Thornburg was ordered to pay \$192.50 in fees and \$90 for speeding.

Vallejo, Calif., resident Lawrence G. Thornburg must pay a \$500 fine for possession as well as \$192.50 in court costs.

Justin C. Thornburg of Vail, Ariz., received the same sentence for possession, while a paraphernalia possession misdemeanor was dismissed.

Jail, probation for bar beating

A 25-year-old Boise man has been placed on four years’ probation for beating another man outside a Homedale bar in June.

Benjamin Joseph Brault’s prison sentence of up to five years was suspended when Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey delivered sentencing Dec 13 on an amended felony aggravated assault charge.

Brault was ordered to spend 14 days in jail and must pay \$840.50 in fines and court costs.

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Food bank cause bigger than one person

*With community help,
Homedale Elementary
nurse pulls together
plans for food pantry*



Aundra DeWitt shows off the new Homedale Elementary Little Pantry, a cooperative with the Idaho Food Bank.

“It was amazing. In less than 24 hours, we found two refrigerators, one stand-up freezer and shelving.”

— Aundra DeWitt, Homedale school nurse

An idea that originated at the beginning of the school year has ripened into a reality for Aundra DeWitt, and many others at Homedale Elementary. DeWitt is school nurse at the facility.

Through a lot of planning and preparation over the past few months, DeWitt has seen her dream of a food pantry materialize.

The Idaho Food Bank has partnered with the school to start a pantry that will become a regular service available at the school.

The reality is HELP, the Homedale Elementary Little Pantry. The pantry will be for the use of families who have children attending the school, and it is housed in a

room that is 14 feet by 13 feet, just off the kitchen at the school. The first distribution of food took place Dec. 19.

“I’m so excited to be doing this,” DeWitt said.

She and principal Terri Vasquez took the initiative to put together plans for the pantry.

“This is amazing. It was a big undertaking, but I am very excited to have this in our community,” DeWitt said.

Approximately 1,600 pounds of food was delivered to the pantry last month. The effort is the result of a great deal of planning on DeWitt’s part, as she learned what was needed to establish the pantry. She had a list of requirements to fill.

First, a space needed to be provided, then refrigeration, shelving, and gaining volunteer support and, finally, school superintendent approval.

“Everybody was very positive about this,” she said. “It was amazing. In less than 24 hours, we found two refrigerators, one stand-up freezer and shelving.”

The items were obtained through community donations. The donations were made after DeWitt used all the resources she could find to get the word out.

“This was a little humbling for us, because we had to ask for help in getting this done. I’ve been praying for this for a long time,” she said.

“If a family is struggling financially, they will be able to get help. Nobody needs to be hungry because they can’t afford to buy food,” she said.

“What we are doing is bigger than one person, and that is the whole point of being in a community, is to be able to help each other,” she said.

DeWitt first started thinking about a pantry last fall when she visited with Idaho Food Bank nutrition services specialist Mary Ann Liby and she heard that the Food Bank had plans to add three pantries in Idaho schools this year.

“Put us at the top of the list,” she told Liby.

With the opening of the new pantry, DeWitt said HES is the only Idaho Food Bank outlet in this area.

DeWitt said she wants to make sure people in the community know that the school “is here to help, and not to make judgment calls.”

Implementing a pantry took a great deal of preparation and some training that was provided by the Idaho Food Bank. Part of the training involved learning how to fill out paperwork and signing a confidentiality agreement, she said. DeWitt and Vasquez went through the training together.

“She was thumbs-up from the beginning,” DeWitt said of Vasquez.

They currently have about 12 volunteers who are set up to dispense the food. DeWitt’s goal is to provide food to needy families on a twice-a-month basis. The Idaho Food Bank will be making deliveries to the elementary school once a month.

She plans to have two teams of volunteers, and have each team work once a month.

The families needing assistance are identified early in the year by school personnel. The food they receive is based upon the number of people in the household. It is also a “free choice” pantry, where individuals can choose some of the food items.

The pantry now has canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, mashed potatoes, chili, beans, spaghetti sauce, yams, and canned tuna and canned chicken. They also had frozen turkeys for Christmas. The amount and type of food will vary slightly each month, DeWitt said.

Anyone interested in donating food to the pantry can call the school at 337-4033. Food items are needed, but there is especially a need for paper goods and toiletries, she said.

The following donations were made by community members, which helped establish the Homedale Little Pantry: Kasey and Keri Garrett donated shelving, Mike and Laurie Conant donated a freezer, and Lori Idsinga donated a refrigerator.

Volunteers who worked to establish the pantry were: Heidi Ankeny, Ray Powell, Lindsey Love and Clara-Leigh Evans.

DeWitt wants to extend public thanks to all who assisted her with the project.

*Story and photos
by*

Karen Bresnahan



✓ 2013: Fair, rodeo changes

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An Emmett-based company, Idaho Northern and Pacific Railroad, donated a new tractor to Hope House in Marsing, so residents there can continue cultivating the nearly 80 acres of land on the property.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi called for the resignation of two BLM officials in the wake of grazing cutback proposals.

A videotaper at the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo resisted arrest after ignoring a ban on taping and was taken into custody.

Voters rejected a two-year, \$968,200 supplemental levy proposed by the Homedale school board. A similar levy would be voted down again in August.

The Homedale Highway District first attempt in 97 years to raise its levy was rejected.

Joel Wilson won a three-way election to succeed John Demshar on the Homedale Highway District board of commissioners.

Marsing third-grader Harlee Ferdinand captured a national clogging title.

Kristie Garrett retired after teaching at Homedale Elementary School for 24 years.

Teacher Janet Cooney retired from the Marsing School District, and the middle school’s Misty Dietz was named teacher of the year.

June

It was announced that 64-year-old Marsing resident Jerry Holmberg had been indicted along with 19 others after a federal investigation into a drug trafficking ring.

Marsing’s William Hill won a truck driving state championship. In September, he would finish 11th in the national competition.

The first year of the Homedale Farmers Market to benefit Homedale High School extra-curricular programs began.

Karen Edwards stepped down as secretary and manager after the Owyhee County Fair. Marsing resident Ginger Loucks would replace her.

The annual Idaho Historical Preservation Council’s Orchid Awards recognized historical structures in the county as well as Fr. Gerald Funke, who was instrumental in preservation of two Catholic churches in the county.

Six-term Homedale mayor, Paul J. Fink, lost his battle with cancer.

After years of complaints from Silver City property owners, the county moved to replace a dilapidated bridge over Jordan Creek.

July

The Homedale City Council decided to wait until after the election to fill the mayoral vacancy created when six-term mayor Paul J. Fink died of cancer June 22. In November, Gheen Christoffersen won a three-way race for mayor and Kim Murray and Vonnice Harkins were elected to city

council positions as Tim Downing retired and Dave Downum gave up a shot at another council term to run for mayor.

Kurt Shanley returned to the chairmanship of the Homedale school board after the retirement of Tim Quintana. Dwayne Fisher and Shelley Shenk joined the board after May’s election, and Stacy Woods was eventually appointed to take Quintana’s spot. Kevin Miyasako and Todd Kelly also decided not to seek additional terms.

The Homedale FFA Livestock team qualified for the national convention in Louisville, Ky.

The Marsing FFA Agricultural Communications team won another state championship.

Everett Ensley repeated as champion in the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

The Board of County Commissioners hired a new trash-hauling contractor and began closure proceedings for the Bruneau-Grand View Landfill.

Marsing resident Ginger Loucks took over as Owyhee County Fair manager and secretary.

Dion Flaming was hired as Homedale High School’s principal, succeeding Luci Asumendi-Mereness, who became assistant superintendent in Caldwell.

There were more changes for the Bruneau-Grand View School District as Lori Bennett replaced Marie Robertson as school board chair and Rimrock High School athletic director Mike Chandler retired.

Two Homedale High School students — Brenda Uriarte and Hailee Aberasturi — were among the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency contingent to visit the Health Occupation Students of America convention in Nashville.

Clay Sauer became chair of the Marsing school board, which welcomed Michael Lankow as a new trustee.

South Board of Control irrigators found out that because of the dry summer, water supplies probably wouldn’t last much past Sept. 1.

Opal Ward was appointed mayor of Grand View when Tammy Payne resigned to become city clerk.

August

Former Owyhee Veterinary Clinic owners Randy Bean and Bill Cegnar were honored as grand marshals of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade. There were 46 entries in the parade, and Jordan Valley’s Pat Stanford returned to announce the parade.

It was learned that the Idaho Transportation Department plans to replace the 58-year-old bridge spanning the Snake River in Marsing. The replacement will take place in 2017.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna visited the Marsing School District summer school program to see how technology is being used to help children learn.

Keri Garrett ended five years as the Owyhee County Rodeo secretary.

Miranda Wilkins, a 17-year-old from Nampa, was crowned Owyhee County Rodeo Queen.

A Bureau of Land Management contractor died in an accident while fighting the Grassy Mountain complex fire near Jordan Valley.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office announced plans to establish a substation in an office building on Homedale Highway District property.

For the second time in the year, voters rejected a proposed two-year, \$968,200 supplemental levy for Homedale schools.

Marsing High School senior Brad Labit learned that he had been chosen to play saxophone in the National FFA Band during the national convention in October in Louisville, Ky.

It was discovered that Family Dollar Stores and King’s Department Stores plan to build stores in Marsing and Homedale, respectively.

Colleagues rallied to help Owyhee County Sheriff’s Marine Deputy Brent Boster after he was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident outside Horseshoe Bend.

Linda Araujo was appointed to fill out the remainder of Opal Ward’s Grand View City Council term after Ward was appointed mayor.

Wildfires near South Mountain highlighted the importance of the new Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Agency as member ranchers swung into action.

The Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance restricting where large-scale utility projects could be built in the county.

Local irrigators learned that the dry summer would result in a shorter water year.

September

The Board of County Commissioners passed a budget that included pay raises for most employees and elected officials.

US Bank manager Sheila Leavitt retired after 39 years of working in Homedale banks.

The Rimrock FFA livestock judging team won the Western Idaho Fair championship.

Rabbit Creek in Murphy swelled again as floodwaters kept Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies busy.

Veronica Herrera, the Homedale mother indicted in connection with the death and burning of her 2-year-old daughter, was sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison.

After two failed supplemental levy elections, the Homedale School District formed a committee to analyze the merits of a four-day school week.

The City of Marsing and the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office began talking about a law enforcement contract. The city council eventually proposed a \$15,000 contract that would bring enforcement of some city ordinances.

Bonnie Black Colyer served as grand marshal of the Bruneau Round-Up.

Stacey Buckingham succeeded Dick Strickland as the Bruneau fire chief.

The sheriff’s office and jail were put back under Idaho Counties Risk Management Program insurance coverage.

Longtime Marsing businessman and former Marsing mayor Roy Herman died at the age of 78.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office announced that the county’s junior livestock sale topped \$200,000 in proceeds for the first time as several records fell.

Luke Flaming and Kathryn Thatcher were crowned Homedale Homecoming royalty.

A construction crew completed the replacement of the Scorpion Creek bridge on Idaho 78.

Courtney Rhodes and Raul Garcia were tabbed Homecoming queen and king in Marsing.

The Homedale FFA Harvest Auction brought in \$17,000 for the chapter.

October

Jessica Eubanks, a 2010 Homedale High School graduate, won the Homecoming queen title at Idaho State University.

Adam Percifield, the grandson of John Salove, reopened his grandfather’s iconic Marsing restaurant, The Sandbar.

Torsten Pearson and Mickie Newman were voted Homecoming royalty at Rimrock High School.

Natasha Keller was named Jordan Valley High School’s Homecoming queen.

Marsing High School’s marching band finished second at the District III championships, while Homedale earned an award for Best Music.

Homedale-area sculptor John Septien won Best of Show in the Centennial 28 Juried Art Show in Nampa.

More than 100 people attended the first Owyhee Research and Restoration Roundup in Marsing as conservationists and ranchers looked for solutions to myriad issues related to natural resources in Owyhee County.

Homedale High School graduates and former athletic standouts Amador Cortinas and Daniel Valadez died in a head-on crash on Idaho highway 19 east of Wilder.

The Homedale FFA chapter’s delegation to the national convention took time to visit Dave Ramsey’s radio show in Nashville before moving on to the convention in Louisville, Ky. FFA’ers from Homedale and Marsing brought home awards.

The Bruneau community mourned the loss of librarian Clara Morris, who died several days after a rollover crash on a Nevada highway.

The Marsing Fire Department received \$3,500 after the first Hometown Heroes promotion at Logans Market.

The Homedale Subway sandwich shop earned the Southwest District Health’s Food Merit Award for Owyhee County.

Homedale Middle School eighth-grader Diana Cook won

an Idaho Power art contest.

Mining could again be undertaken — with a milling operation to boot — at South Mountain after a Boise joint venture group received conditional use permits.

November

Gheen Christoffersen won a three-way race to become Homedale mayor, while Kim Murray and Vonnice Harkins were top vote-getters in the council election.

Marsing voters retained city councilman Aron Streibel, but went with Cory Percifield over incumbent James Ferdinand for the second available council seat.

Write-in candidate Franklin Hart ousted Opal Ward as Grand View mayor, while James Burnett (four years) and Linda Araujo and Marie Hipwell (two years each) won city council terms.

Bruneau Fire District voters approved an override levy to help with operational expenses as well as rent for part of the planned Bruneau Quick Response Unit emergency services building.

The BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council formed a subcommittee to help hammer out the routes for Segments 8-9 of the Gateway West power line. The subcommittee met twice in December.

Musicians and vocalists from Homedale and Marsing high schools were selected to perform in the Treasure Valley Honors Meet in Nampa.

The Homedale School District and Homedale City Council agreed to a school resource officer contract, with services set to begin Jan. 6.

Longtime Marsing resident Roman Usabel served as grand marshal for the town’s holiday parade.

Enrico Ponzo, the New England mobster who lived on the lam in Marsing as Jay Shaw, was convicted on racketeering charges in Boston.

December

Schoolchildren in Homedale and Adrian donated to help Filipino children affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

Former South Board of Control employee Donald Robison was charged with stealing more than \$17,000 in fuel.

Longtime Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer accepted an early retirement.

Bruneau Elementary School received nearly 70 bicycles — one for every student — after winning one of two grants awarded nationwide.

Business leaders came out against a proposed reconfiguration of Homedale’s main entrance during a joint public hearing for the city council and Idaho Transportation Department. The new intersection was proposed to accommodate the planned King’s store.

The BLM razed a historic mercury mine outside Homedale.

The Homedale City Council approved a plan to put an Austrian Settlement monument in Bette Uda City Park.

Huskies enter big wrestling tourney

Homedale wrestlers ready for new year

Avalanche Sports

Huskies end year with successful Classic

Boys split games against 1A, Div. I opponents during Marsing tourney

Coach Tim Little understood exactly what was in store Saturday night when Marsing High School faced the third-ranked 1A, Div. I boys' basketball team in the state.

"Liberty Charter's defense is probably the most intense defense we've seen this year as far as really trying to dictate what we did (with) ball pressure and flying around to the ball," Little said.

The Patriots employed a trapping defense and double-teamed anyone who dribbled, forcing early turnovers to seed a 52-38 victory over their hosts on the final night of the Husky Holiday Classic.

But the fact that Marsing (2-6 overall) was only 14 points in arrears is a testament to how the Huskies were able to rally after digging an early hole.

Liberty Charter held a 25-16 halftime lead.

"Turnovers killed us in the first half," Little said.

But Marsing wreaked just as much havoc on the Patriots in the first quarter.

"In the first and second quarter, I think we did a good job of talking on defense," Little said.

Neither team looked prepared

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Above: Marsing High School girls' basketball guard Ofelia Herrera works the ball upcourt against defense from a Liberty Charter player Saturday night. Photo by Dan Pease

Right: The Huskies' Rodrigo Acuna backs up his dribble near the three-point line against double-team ball pressure from two Liberty Charter players. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Girls get back on track with wins vs. Notus, Liberty Charter

Jaime Wood thinks his team had a breakthrough in the Husky Holiday Classic.

The first-year Marsing High School girls' basketball coach watched his players shake off a three-game losing streak to dominate their opponents on their home floor Friday and Saturday.

"They bounced back from the Melba game," Wood said, reflecting on a 44-15 loss to a 2A Western Idaho Conference foe six days before the Classic began.

"We talked about getting through the barrier and putting together a good weekend."

The final weekend of 2013 was indeed a good one for Marsing (5-6 overall), which went unbeaten in the reformatted tournament.

"Hopefully we can carry this into the (McCall-Donnelly) game next Friday," Wood said.

The Huskies jump back into conference play at 7:30 p.m. at home against the Vandals.

Saturday: Marsing 34, Liberty Charter 9 — The Huskies closed out the tournament with a stifling display against the Patriots from the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

"We really played well (Saturday night) as a team,"

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2013 IN REVIEW: Those championship seasons

January

It took seven seasons, four coaches, 18 games and two overtimes, but Homedale High School finally ended its 17-game girls' basketball losing streak to Fruitland with a 65-58 victory Jan. 8 on the Grizzlies' floor.

Homedale's junior varsity girls' basketball team (16-3) nipped Fruitland, 49-46, on Jan. 30 for the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship.

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team won its third consecutive 2A Western Idaho Conference championship.

February

On Feb. 15, the Homedale girls are eliminated from the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. The 46-33 loss to 2012 state champion Marsh Valley concluded the Trojans' season at 12-13.

Homedale's boys' basketball JV B team capped an 18-2 season

with a 52-51 win over Parma for the 3A SRV title on Feb. 15.

In what would be Mike Chandler's final game as coach, the Rimrock girls (14-15) were eliminated from the 1A, Div. I state tournament, 62-29, by Challis on Feb. 15.

Marsing's third trip to the girls' basketball state tournament ended with a 43-23 loss to Melba in the Feb. 16 consolation final. The Huskies ended the season 14-11 and finished second in the District III tournament.

Adrian's girls' basketball (19-10) season ended Feb. 20 with a 46-31 first-round 1A Oregon state playoffs loss to Triad.

Jordan Valley boys' basketball (22-3) saw its season end with a 53-38 loss to Elkton in the second round of the 1A Oregon state playoffs Feb. 22.

Homedale High School graduate Austin Emry is named co-MVP of the Big Sky Conference indoor

track and field championships on Feb. 23. He would finished 12th in the heptathlon at the NCAA Indoor Nationals in March.

Tyler Hardy wins his second state title at 113 pounds to lead five medalists in Homedale's eighth-place finish at the 3A wrestling state tournament on Feb. 23. Trojans coach Toby Johnson received a sportsmanship award from the Third District Officials Association, too.

Owyhee wrestler Troy Richardson won his second consecutive championship for Melba, and Marsing's Dillon Danner and Noah Grossman also medaled in the 2A state tournament on Feb. 23.

The Marsing Middle School eighth-grade boys' basketball team lost the 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament final in double overtime, 37-36, to New Plymouth.

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Homedale High School's softball team celebrated a state championship — the fourth in school history — in May.

Sports

Huskies’ mat season heats up Friday

The Marsing High School wrestling team hits the ground running in 2014 when it visits the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa.

The prestigious tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at the Idaho Center.

Second-year coach Jon Nelson takes a relatively inexperienced squad into the tournament.

Only four of the team’s 11 athletes have previous wrestling experience.

The Huskies finished second to Homedale in the Glenns Ferry Tournament on Dec. 20-21 as junior Noah Grossman (220 pounds), and seniors Brad Labit (182) and Austin Williams (160) all came away with championships.

Manny Macias is the fourth veteran on the Huskies’ roster.

Marsing’s three 2013 state tournament qualifiers also fared well during the Dec. 13-14 Bucks Bags Duals at Capital High School in Boise.

Led by Grossman, Labit and Williams, the Huskies won 14 of 15 matches, Nelson reported.

Marsing also is scheduled to take part in the Skyview Duals on Jan. 11 in Nampa. The 1A-2A Western Idaho Conference pod tournament will be held on Jan. 31 in New Plymouth.

Marsing also plans to host its own duals tournament on Feb. 8, two weeks before the 1A-2A District III Tournament in New Plymouth.

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to take control.

The Patriots’ first field goal of the game, a shot by Kalin Lister, gave Liberty Charter a 3-2 lead with 3 minutes, 25 seconds left in the first quarter.

Dylan Breshears single-handedly tried to keep Marsing in the game down the stretch, scoring seven of his 12 points in the fourth quarter. He was the only Husky to score in the final eight minutes.

Jose Acuna nailed three three-point goals in the third quarter to wrap up his game-high 15 points for Marsing.

Ryan Linford scored 13 points to lead three Patriots in double figures.

Friday: Marsing 44, Notus 30 — The Huskies held the Pirates to 16 points through the first three quarters en route to snapping a three-game losing streak.

Acuna and Breshears led the way again with 12 points each for Marsing. Teammate Emmanuel Lagunas added nine points.

Judd Buckingham led Notus with seven points.

✓ Girls: Team back to WIC play Friday

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Wood said. “Offensive rebounds and putbacks are what we’ve been trying to get. Those have been the girls’ personal goals.”

Shelby Dines scored 14 points and was 3-for-4 from the foul line to lead Marsing. Destiny Reynolds added nine points.

Bailey Magdaleno hit a three-point goal for Liberty Charter’s only field goal of the second half and her only points. Erika Linford also scored three points.

Friday: Marsing 39, Notus 27 — Reynolds scored six of her nine points in the first quarter as the Huskies set the tone with a 13-1 run to start the game.

Dines led all scorers with 14 points, including 3-for-4 free-throw shooting and a three-pointer in the third quarter.

Marsing, which held a 23-8 advantage at halftime, hit 10 of 15 free throws, including a perfect 5-for-5 in the second half. Kieya Buckley was 3-for-4 from the charity stripe as part of her five points for Marsing.

Alana Riley’s 13 points paced the Pirates.

✓ 2013: Marsing cowboy wins state rodeo title; Huskies coaches resign

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March

Kurt Caselli of Palmdale, Calif., won the AMA Hare and Hound Rabbit Creek 100 desert race outside Murphy on March 24. Caselli, 30, died in a late-race crash as he led the Baja 1000 in Mexico in November.

Homedale youngsters Kaden and Rylan Binford were first and second in the Mini 65cc class.

April

A slew of Owyhee high school coaches were honored by their District III peers. Marsing’s Jaime Wood and Rimrock’s Juan Colunga

earned football coach of the year awards; Homedale’s Mark Boothby was tabbed top wrestling assistant; subvarsity coach of the year awards went to Homedale’s Taci Morris (volleyball) and Janee Brumfield (girls’ basketball) and Marsing’s Lamou Loucks (boys’ basketball).

By the end of the year, both Colunga and Wood would leave their football posts.

Homedale wrestler Tyler Hardy won the Bob Stancil Award winner, gained All-American status with a fifth-place finish at the Reno Worlds and wrestled in the Flo Nationals in Pennsylvania.

JW Chadez resigned as Marsing

boys’ basketball coach. Girls’ coach Tim Little would eventually replace Chadez, and Wood moved into the girls’ coaching spot.

Homedale’s Tyler Hardy, Jaeger Rose and Brayden Christofferson and Marsing’s Noah Grossman won championships during the state Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling tournaments.

May

Homedale won its first district boys’ golf championship in a decade, and Reed Maggard captured the individual crown. Maggard would finish second in the 3A state tournament while the

Trojans finished fifth as a team. Coach Casey Grove would be named district coach of the year.

Homedale Middle School’s eighth-grade girls won the conference track and field title.

Miguel Leon played a role in two district gold medals for the Marsing track team. The Huskies would finish 12th in the state meet.

Emilee Hann won the 3A district title in the girls’ high jump. Fellow senior Ali Abbott won the silver medal in the long jump at the state meet, while Hann would get a fifth-place medal.

Three Owyhees — Johanna Mori of Rimrock and Greenleaf

Friends Academy athletes JB Bermudez-Koch and Darrell Cereghino — competed in the 1A track and field state meet.

Homedale beat Fruitland, 12-2, to cap a 20-9 softball season and win the school’s first 3A district title. Coach Larry Corta earned district coach of the year honors.

June

Marsing’s Austin Williams won the Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo bareback championship and four Owyhees — Ricky Sullivan (Marsing) and Adrian’s Quincy Pendergrass and Tyler

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MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete of the Week

Dylan Breshears, sr., boys’ basketball

The Play — The 6-foot frontcourt player averaged 12 points as the Huskies split two games in their own tournament Friday and Saturday. Breshears connected on seven of 13 free throws during the weekend and pulled down nine rebounds in Friday’s 44-30 win over Notus.

Boys’ Basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Girls’ Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Husky Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 3 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.



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Sports

Trojans wrestlers bask in early success

Team returns from break with Skyview Duals on Jan. 11

Homedale High School's wrestlers have another 10 days before they see competition, but the Trojans have built impressive beginnings to their 2013-14 season.

Four wrestlers captured championships at the Glenns Ferry Tournament last month, and many athletes have posted strong records in the first month of the season.

The Glenns Ferry Tournament, which was held Dec. 20-21, featured a dual-meet component that will serve Homedale well in the upcoming 3A Snake River Valley conference season as well as dual-meet tournaments such as the Jan. 11 Skyview Duals in Nampa and the newly dedicated Rodger Nash Duals at the HHS gymnasium on Feb. 1.

"The nice thing about duals tournaments is you're going to get — in theory — five matches in day per wrestler," Trojans coach Toby Johnson said.

The Trojans have their share of bracket tournaments, such as the Jan. 17-18 Magic Valley Classic and last month's Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore., but Johnson says wrestlers may only see two or three matches on a given weekend in those formats.

"In a dual tournament, you're going to get more mat time. You're going to get to see more competition in your weight class and see everybody that's there," he said.

There were eight teams in Glenns Ferry, and Homedale came out on top with the team championship as well as four titles: Freshman Caleb Meligan, who ran his record to 6-2 at 113 pounds; sophomore 126-pounder Nash Johnson, who is now 11-1 overall; junior Devin Fisher, who is 5-1 at 138; and junior 195-pounder Colton Grimm, who is 4-1 overall.

The Trojans will compete in the Skyview Duals in Nampa on Jan. 11.

"There are about a dozen teams, and it'll be a grinder," Toby Johnson said.

The tournament should provide another test for Homedale with larger schools in attendance, including the Centennial junior varsity, Rocky Mountain of Meridian, Skyview. Payette and Marsing are on the entry list, too, but head-to-head matchups may be formulated to steer the Trojans away from familiar foes, Johnson said.

Homedale's conference season begins Jan. 23 with a dual meet on the road against Payette. The Trojans play host to Parma (Jan. 30) and Fruitland (Feb. 6) for its home portion of the 3A SRV campaign.

— JPB

HHS track's tree pickup continues Saturday

✓ 2013: HHS football returns to prominence

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Reay — into the National High School Finals Rodeo. Williams and Pendergrass qualified for the NHSFR short-go in July, with Pendergrass finishing fourth in goat tying and Williams tying for seventh in bareback.

Two Owyhee teams — the Diamond Deputies and the Honey Badgers — won championships in Caldwell GALS softball play.

July

Marsing's Noah Grossman picked up a win in each of the Junior National wrestling tournaments in which he competed.

The Owyhee Rivercats lost, 8-7, in the American Legion baseball tournament. Coaches Jerry Stacy and Travis Jarvis retired from the team. HHS coach Burke Deal will take over the summer squad.

August

Owyheans Steven Jim (ranch bronc) and Scott Roeser (steer wrestling) won the Owyhee County Rodeo professional titles.

Homedale High School fielded a cross country team for the first time since 2009. Cole Hungate would become a district champ and he and three teammates would compete in the state meet.

Marsing 8-year-old Robert

Saturday is the final round of the Homedale High School track and field team's Christmas tree disposal fundraiser.

First-year coach Heidi Ankeny said Trojans athletes will haul away trees for a fee.

Athletes will collect discarded trees and haul them away for a

suggested donation of \$10, but larger sums won't be refused.

Proceeds will help the team buy new uniforms and equipment.

Pick-ups begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday. People who want the disposal help can call Ankeny at 936-0702 to arrange a pick-up out of their driveways or at their curb.

Renteria II finished second in the Idaho BMX state championship.

Rimrock graduate Alex Meyers took over the football program at his alma mater. In October, the Raiders lost a 1A, Div. I state play-in game against Challis.

October

Homedale clinched its first 3A SRV football championship by beating Fruitland for the first time since joining Class 3A. The 34-12 victory on Oct. 11 also brought the Trojans program its first football title in a decade. The Trojans' JV also won the conference crown.

Homedale Middle School's seventh-grade football team and seventh-grade B volleyball teams won conference championships.

HHS won the 3A SRV frosh-soph volleyball championship after an 11-1 season under first-year coach Erica Dines.

Maya Correa was district cross country runner-up. She joined Hungate, Riley Portwood and Kathryn Thatcher at State.

November

Homedale's Cole Hungate finished 10th in the 3A cross country state meet. Marsing's Ofelia Herrera competed for Marsing in the 2A girls' meet.

Adrian High School's

dominating season, which included a 7-2 record and a 1A High Desert League championship, ended in the 1A Oregon state quarterfinals with a 52-28 loss to Camas Valley.


Homedale football reeled off two state playoff victories at home before suffering a controversial 30-29 loss to Fruitland in the semifinals. Matt Holtry earned SRV coach of the year, while receiver Lane Sale and linebacker Nathan Leslie would be tabbed conference players of the year.

December


Homedale grad Austin Emry began his senior season with the University of Montana track and field team by winning the heptathlon at the Candy Cane Invitational in Cheney, Wash., and qualifying for the Big Sky Conference indoor championships in the 55-meter hurdles.


HMS' eighth-grade girls beat Fruitland, 20-21, for the conference basketball title when Faith Jacobson hit a free throw with 30 seconds remaining. The seventh-graders, meanwhile, lost the conference title game, 22-15, to Parma to end the season 9-4.

Four HMS wrestlers won district championships when the Trojans hosted the SRV tournament. The Trojans finished second.




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Athlete of the Week

Caleb Meligan, fr., wrestling

The Play — The 113-pounder is off to a strong start to his high school career. He went unbeaten in five matches — all pinfalls — during the Dec. 20-21 Glenns Ferry Tournament to move his record to 6-2.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 3 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 3 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 3 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 3 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 3 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.


Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 3 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling


Saturday, Jan. 11 at Skyview Duals, Nampa, 8 a.m.

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25 years ago

January 4, 1989

Feud over Williams’ autopsy bill is over

Newly appointed Owyhee County Coroner Harvey Grimme has determined that the coroner’s office must pay for an autopsy on murder victim Denise Williams by a Nampa pathologist following the recovery of William’s body by area law enforcement authorities last August near Cow Creek Road.

Who should pay for the billing has been part of a long-simmering feud between former county coroner, Harold “Mick” Craven of Homedale, who resigned Oct. 31, and Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton of Murphy. Craven, reportedly miffed over his exclusion by Nettleton from access to the body during and immediately following its recovery, had claimed that the sheriff’s office should pay for the autopsy.

But Grimme said Dec. 30 that he had investigated hospital records involving the autopsy and noted, “Mick Craven really had signed the authorization, so the coroner’s office will go ahead and pay it.”

Two Nampa men, Maxwell “Mad Max” Hoffman and Ronald Wages, have been charged with the murder of Williams in Owyhee County on Sept. 18, 1987. Wages has already confessed his role in the capital crime. Hoffman is scheduled to go on trial in Murphy on March 7.

A third man implicated in Williams’ death, Richard Holmes, was killed during a prison riot at the Idaho State Penitentiary last September. The murder victim, Williams, of Nampa, had been providing information secretly to Nampa Police about the area drug deals before she was killed.

Bill Detweiler heads county historical society

Bill Detweiler of Murphy will head the Owyhee County Historical Society during 1989 as a result of recent elections. Other new officers taking up leadership posts include: Walter Shouse of Grand View, vice president; Ruth Doughty of Murphy, treasurer; Jaci Skinner of Caldwell, recording secretary, and Margaret Harris of Grand View, corresponding secretary.

Newly elected members of the organization’s Board of Directors are Judge Daniel Eismann of Melba and Bud Kehne of Caldwell. Others continuing to serve on the board include Frank Johnson of Meridian; Jerry Cunningham of Grand View; Tom Skinner of Caldwell; and Jim Huntley of Marsing.

Dale Gray, director of the county museum in Murphy, reported that all general meetings of the society’s membership are now being videotaped.

Kushlan on Dean’s List at EOC for fall quarter

Gary M. Kushlan of Homedale was one of 257 students named to the fall quarter Dean’s List at Eastern Oregon State College on Dec. 20.

Tango Club building sold; restaurant and bar to open

Irene and Roy Wilks of Homedale are in the process of purchasing the large corner building at the corner of Idaho Avenue and Main Street where they plan to operate a remodeled Tango Lounge upstairs and café downstairs once that area is also remodeled.

The impending purchase is forcing the relocation of both Bull Realty, owned by Paul Bull, and Farmers Insurance Group, owned by Dan Erbe. Their first-floor offices are tentatively planned to be moved in the next several weeks from 3 North Main to 13 North Main, the unoccupied front quarters of the building owned by Contel, and immediately across the street from Contel’s main office building in Homedale.

The Wilkses expect to finalize purchase of the building from Dee Maxwell of Wilder in January, Irene Wilks said late last week, and will call their business being located there The Tango Lounge and Café. The upstairs lounge will be reopened “as soon as possible,” and will feature a “good piano bar” and continued dance floor facilities, she said. A liquor license is being obtained for the premises.

50 years ago

January 2, 1964

Jet bombers to begin low-level training flights

Jet bombers will be seen (if not heard) near this area starting Jan. 2, according to word from the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

General Thomas S. Power, commander-in-chief of the Strategic Air Command, said USAF B-52 jet bombers of the SAC will commence low-level training flights over Southern Oregon and Northern Nevada the first of the year. The exercises will continue for an indefinite period. The bombers will fly at altitudes between 800 and 3,000 feet above the terrain, during day and night.

“Low-level flying increases the proficiency of SAC combat crews, enabling them to perform any bombing tactics,” General Power said.

The bombers will descend to their training altitude near Valley Falls, Ore., then fly southeast over Adel, Ore., and on over Summit Lake, Nev., then to Jungo where they will turn northeast to a point near Paradise Valley. Here they turn north, passing over Antelope Reservoir, Ore., then to a point near Adrian where they will climb to their assigned altitude for returning to base.

Sororities hold joint Chmas meeting

Xi Alpha Omega and Alpha Phi chapters of Beta Sigma Phi held a joint Christmas meeting Dec. 20, at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Keith Eachus, with members from both chapters as hostesses.

Mesdames Paul Zatica and Reed Frye presented the cultural program “Clothing for Madame.” Mrs. Zatica reviewed the book “Wife Dressing” by Ann Fogarty.

A style show was presented with fashions by Irene’s Fashion Shop, modeled by Beta Sigma Phi members. Following was the revealing of secret sisters and gift exchange.

During the social hour and refreshments, new secret sisters were drawn for the coming year. The home was gaily decorated in keeping with the holiday motif, as was the tea table and the refreshments.

Alpha Phi sponsors Chmas party for kindergarten

Eighteen kindergarten students were given a special Christmas party by their sponsors, the Alpha Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, on Dec. 20 at the kindergarten room in the junior high building.

Mrs. Norris Lineberger was general chairman and was assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Kent, Mrs. Jim Murray, Mrs. Tom Arima and Mrs. Jim Duncan.

Two cartoons titled “The Night Before Christmas” and “Mickey Mouse” were shown by Tom Arima. Mrs. Pederson, kindergarten teacher, directed the students in a finger song. A solo “Silent Night” was sung by Mark Kubosumi. Robbie Frye, Sally Funk and Kelly Johnson presented a snowman skit.

The students had a gift exchange following the program. Refreshments were served by the Alpha Phi hostesses. Mothers of the students were special guests.

Homedale locals

Pete Echevarria Jr. arrived from John Day, Ore., last week to spend the Christmas and New Year’s holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Echevarria.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Townsend were Christmas dinner guests at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Don Townsend. The occasion honored their 54th wedding anniversary. John Watson, Peck, father of Mrs. Don Townsend, was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Downing and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis and family, Minnie Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burke and family of Alameda, Calif., were Christmas dinner guests in the Walter Adams home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bergeson of Logan, Utah, arrived Friday evening to spend the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bergeson and Mr. and Mrs. Thane Lankford of Marsing.

Mrs. Roger Abbott and son of Nampa visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wes Butherus.

140 years ago

January 3, 1874

A CHIMNEY BURNING OUT. Quite an excitement was created on Nelson Street, Sunday noon by the chimney in Mr. Frazer’s house taking fire. Mr. Frazer and a young man, a boarder, were the only occupants of the house at the time the accident was discovered. Mrs. Frazer and her father, who is in Danbury on a visit, were at church. Mr. Frazer was very much excited, but the boarder retained his presence of mind. The first move suggested to the latter was to get a pail of water, climb out on the roof and dash the water down the chimney. Mr. Frazer’s idea was to shout fire in one of the closets, execute a panic from the room, and shout, while the boarder struck out for the roof. It was in this stage of the affair when Mrs. Frazer and her father turned into the street and saw the trouble. They both started for the house on the run, and just as they reached it a young man in the opposite house fortunately rushed in with a basket of salt. Mrs. Frazer’s father seized this, and not having any well-defined locality of the fire started down the alleyway adjoining the house, which communicates with the back yard by half a dozen steps. Thinking he would not have time to descend these he impetuously jumped down from the bank and was promptly caught across the neck by an unobserved clothes line. The awful recoil jerked the basket from his grasp, distributing its contents in every direction, and threw him violently on his back, where he lay with a red mark on his neck, his tongue protruding, and giving other infallible indications of choking to death. Upon witnessing this accident to her father, Mrs. Frazer went into a hysterical fit and kicked the heels from an eight dollar pair of French gaiters. In the meantime Mr. Frazer had ripped away the fire-board, and crawled into the fire place with a view to seeing the extent of the trouble in the chimney, and it was while he was straining his eyes up the tube of flame, that the industrious and self-possessed boarder appeared at the other extremity with the pail, and straightway dashed its contents down the chimney. To say that Mr. Frazer was astonished at this unexpected turn in the affair is to speak very feebly indeed. That he was mad there can be no doubt, and when he crawled out into the room, with the liquid set in a myriad of ripples dancing down his face and shirt front, and confronted his resuscitated father-in-law, who appeared at the same time without a hat, with one hand grasping an empty basket which he had mechanically recovered and with the other rubbing the top of his head, and staring about in hapless amazement — the spectacle was about as complicated and satisfactory as anything could be. The entry of the revived Mrs. Frazer accompanied by the calm and confident boarder, diverted the minds of the two sufferers and order was soon restored. But it taught Mr. Frazer a lesson. He will never again stay home from church.

SCHOOL MONEYS. Last week we copied an item from the Statesman to the effect that the Territorial Controller has apportioned, but had not remitted to the various counties, the school monies for 1873. It appears that the number of children in Oneida County in 1873 is 1,370 more than that of 1872, which gives that county \$2,071.37 of the Territorial school money, being \$94.05 more than for all other counties in the Territory. It may be all right, but it certainly looks suspicious — looks as though Oneida were endeavoring to make her sister counties support her public schools, and we hope that the Controller will not transmit the moneys till the matter be thoroughly investigated. Something over two years ago, the line between Idaho and Utah was run by the Government, resulting in the transfer of a large population, who had insisted on being, prior to that time, citizens of Utah, over the jurisdiction of Oneida County, Idaho. Our school taxes are remitted to the Territorial Treasury, and then are distributed to the various counties, according to the number of children residing in each. The School Superintendent of each county returns the number of children to the Territorial Controller each year, and thereupon he orders the distribution of the funds.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense The Food Age

According to a food scientist at the University of Arizona, more than 100,000 plant and animal varieties have become endangered over the past quarter century. In addition, it is commonly believed that only about 100 species of crops and livestock provide most of the food in the world. His interest is in reviving these endangered plants, as a regular part of the American diet.

When I was a student we had to study the benefits of the multiplicity of breeds, be they beef cattle, chickens, hogs, sheep, dairy or goats. It was a colorful time. But as the food scientist observed, things have changed. Today most of the chickens and hogs raised are composites, mongrelized to combine the benefits of many breeds into one superior sire or dam. My old animal science books have pretty pictures of Rhode Island Reds, Leghorns, Bantams, Plymouth Rock and Delaware hens and roosters! Now they are shuffled to the side.

The most common hogs in commercial operations today are a three-breed crossbred involving Hampshire, Duroc and Yorkshire. In FFA, I remember learning the traits of Poland China, Spotted Poland China, Berkshire, Tamworth and Chester White. They are now “heritage” pigs, their pictures hanging in the National Pig Museum.

Sheep breeds have managed to maintain some diversity, simply because of low numbers in the U.S. I think of them today as either meat or wool breeds. But they come from royal ancestors: Merino, Suffolk, Southdown, Cheviot, Shropshire, Rambouillet, Dorset and Hampshire.

This huge diminution in the variety of plant and animal foodstuffs is the direct result of the industrial world’s obligation to feed a burgeoning global population. They take what genetics are available and improve upon them. Chemical companies devise growth enhancers and disease repellants, which increase production. Farmers and implement dealers enact planting, growing and harvesting methods with better machinery to produce even more.

Instead of going back to look for natural substitute foodstuffs, these ag scientists are taking the best from all of them and building their own product! It’s working, and although many people distrust modern agricultural practices, they are the ones who benefit. Food is safer, better, cheaper and more abundant almost every year than the previous. It is also more available to those with a tight budget, or worse, go to bed hungry.

I appreciate the food scientist’s interest in preserving plants and animals that are falling to the wayside. I sympathize. My little tour through the sheep, hog and chicken breeds is just me reminiscing about the old days. But it’s not real life. The world went through the Ice Age, Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Exploration Age, Industrial Age, Technological Age and now we are in the Food Age. What modern agriculture has done in the past 30 years to stay ahead of global starvation is nothing short of a miracle. And still the onerous numbers hang over our heads: world population in 2013: 7.2 billion; in 2025: 8.1 billion; in 2050, when my son will be as old as I am now, the population will be 9.6 billion.

The downside, he may never see a watermelon radish, purple majesty potato or a real, homegrown tomato, and that will be too bad. It’s the price we pay to feed the world.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, “Poems Worth Saving,” other books and DVDs.

Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau



Voice of Idaho ag When it comes to Gateway West siting, BLM priorities are askew

In its selection process of a route for a massive power transmission line across southern Idaho, the Bureau of Land Management listed eight criteria used in the decision-making process.

“Route on public land where practical,” came in seventh.

The purpose of the Gateway West Transmission Project, proposed by Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power, is to route energy generated in Wyoming to population centers on the West Coast. Any benefits to Idaho residents are negligible. In fact, it’s not even on Idaho Power’s list of needed improvements over the next 10 years. However, it will place major constraints on some of the most productive farmland in the state where it crosses Power and Cassia counties. In those two counties, 75 percent of the route will be on private property.

On one hand, it’s astonishing that the right to own private property, one of the most basic freedoms outlined by our nation’s forefathers, slips to seventh place on a list like this. On the other hand, when analyzing the six criteria deemed more important than private property rights, it’s shocking how insignificant individual liberty has become in the view of our federal government.

There are literally hundreds of quotes made by our forefathers about private property rights and their connection to our basic freedoms. James Madison said, “Where an excess of power prevails, property of no sort is duly respected.” President Calvin Coolidge said, “Ultimately property rights and personal rights are the same thing.” Northern Nevada rancher, the late Wayne Hage, summed it up as well as anyone when he said, “If you don’t have the right to own and control property then you are property.”

So without further adieu, here’s what it has come down to, folks. Following are the six criteria established by the BLM as more important than your right to own property:

- Avoid BLM-identified preliminary priority sage-grouse habitat and Wyoming core habitat areas.
- Avoid designated areas such as National Monuments, Wilderness Study Areas, National Landscape Conservation System areas and state and local parks.
- Avoid Visual Resource Management Class II areas.
- Follow existing corridors or linear structures.

— See *Gateway West*, Page 17

Vision and Values Wide variety of ways to keep New Year’s exercise resolution

by Dr. Gary Welton

For many years, on Jan. 1, I resolved to practice a more active and healthy lifestyle; instead, I experienced consistent failure.

The American College of Sports Medicine recommends 20 to 60 minutes of continuous aerobic activity (biking, walking, jogging, dancing, swimming) three to five times a week, at 60 to 90 percent of maximum heart rate. I have a busy life with many and varied responsibilities. I never made it out of January with that resolution.

The surgeon general’s report on physical activity and health recommends that all adults should accumulate 30 minutes of moderate-intensity activity on most, if not all, days of the week. Unfortunately, I have a sedentary job: reading, teaching, advising, and preparing reports. I never made it out of February with that resolution.

The National Institutes of Health suggests that even 10 minutes at a time is fine. The key is to find the right exercise for you. It should be fun and should match your abilities. Except, I don’t have that many physical abilities, and for me, exercise is not fun. Nevertheless, this suggestion includes a perspective that I appreciate. Even though 20, 30, or 60 minutes would be better, something is better than nothing. Even 10 minutes is more than I used to do.

Increased activity became a sustainable goal for me when I adopted the following perspective: Exercise can be of three forms.

In the first form, some exercise is indeed fun. Some joggers tell me that jogging is fun for them. I accept their contention as true (though with some doubt), as long as they are willing to accept my contention that it is not fun for me. On the other hand, volleyball is my true passion. It is the one (and only) sport in which I am competitive, and that remains true in my mid-50s. But, I understand that volleyball might not be fun for everyone. The limitation with volleyball is that it requires a critical mass of likeminded and skilled competitors (but not too many). Then again, get one or two players on the court who confuse volleyball with dodge ball, and the enjoyment

quickly abates. Sometimes, on really good days, I can clock hours of fun physical activity, but most days, not so much.

In the second form, some physical activity is productive. Although I do not enjoy jogging or walking in circles, some treks are productive, as I complete errands around town or use the stairs. Although I don’t enjoy raking leaves from my yard, it is a productive activity, as I recover my lawn from the six-inch carpet of leaves. I seem to lose more weight in October and November than during any other time of the year. If exercise cannot always be fun, then it should be productive (which is one of the reasons why I still choose to shovel snow from my drive, rather than using a snow blower).

Most days in my hectic life, however, there are no obvious opportunities for either enjoyable or productive exercise. In the third form, exercise ought to be quick. If I can’t do something fun, and no active duty forces my hand, then I need a quick option in order to establish a sustainable exercise program. For me, that looks like sit-ups first thing in the morning. Once getting out of bed, I accomplish my 10 minutes of active exercise. For me, the sit-ups are boring, but the process is very quick. My waist size is still the same, without that spare-tire look.

If you make resolutions that require a complete change in your lifestyle, it is unlikely that you will make much headway. On the other hand, focus on a sustainable change. How can you establish a new habit now, rather than waiting for health problems to force your hand? The key is a sustainable manageable program. When you can, enjoy your exercise. Or, at least accomplish something productive. When neither of these is available, just be quick.

I’m now starting year four. May your resolution be just as successful.

— Dr. Gary L. Welton is assistant dean for institutional assessment, professor of psychology at Grove City College, and a contributor to *The Center for Vision & Values*. He is a recipient of a major research grant from the Templeton Foundation to investigate positive youth development.

Commentary

Financial management

Don't let young model's salary ruin her perspective on life

Dear Dave,
I live in Los Angeles, and my daughter makes \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month modeling. I don't want her to become spoiled by this job and the income, and I need advice on what to do with the money. Should it be put aside for a car, and do you think she should have to pay for something like that herself?

— Lisa

Dear Lisa,
So how do we keep a high-income, high-profile job from ruining this little girl? I think a lot of it has to do with her interaction with you, and how you gently mold her work ethic and attitude. Don't let her become a diva. She's not there to be fawned over or placed on a pedestal. She's there to serve. That means working hard and doing the best she can. That's her job whether she's flipping burgers or making \$5,000 a month modeling. The money's

nice, but what we're really doing is making sure she learns some important life lessons. And you're still being a parent, not a friend or peer, through every moment.
When it comes to the money, you guys should sit down and discuss some goals for the future. I think it's important that any car purchase be reasonable, because the best thing a kid this age could do with that kind of money is save up for college. Even if she goes to school on a full scholarship, she should be driving something low-key. Just because she gets a free ride in college doesn't mean she gets to cruise the streets in a Lamborghini. Set the rest of it aside for when life really begins — after college.
As her mom, it's very important that you teach her these lessons now. It's essential, too, that you don't surrender the position of parent, teacher and leader. Chances are when this young



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lady is 34, no one will give a flip that she modeled for a while as a teenager. The most important things here are the lessons taught and learned, not the money.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband and I have about

\$60,000 in federally insured student loans. Can our wages be garnished if we're paying less than the actual payment amount? If so, how far behind do we have to be for that to happen?

— Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,
To the best of my knowledge there's no set formula for making this determination. In counseling people, we find some folks who are two years behind making payments before anything is done, while others are flagged at just a couple of months. In reality, they can garnish you immediately if you're paying less than the agreed-upon amount. But in most cases they won't mess with you as long as there's reasonable activity on the account.
The thing most people don't realize about student loans is that a lawyer doesn't have to be involved for them to garnish

your wages. It's a lot like the IRS in that they don't have to sue you in order to take your wages. Congress gave them that power because it's a federally insured loan. And in my mind, that's way too much power.
If you're having trouble making your payments, don't just throw up your hands and default. Talk to them about a deferral, and keep sending them whatever you can. It's always better to be proactive than reactive in situations like these. Let them know you want to make good on your obligation, and ask what you can do to make this happen under terms you can afford.
Good luck, Jennifer!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*.

Americans for Limited Government

Obama's healthcare lie sends Oval Office to new low

by Tom Toth

President Barack Obama's words have pulled the United States executive office to a new low.
Obama's poll numbers have tumbled to the lowest point for an American president at this stage of his administration since (post-Watergate) Richard Nixon. Barely a year after besting Mitt Romney for a second term in office, "lame duck" fails to describe an Obama who has stumbled from exemplar of hope and change to below even just another politician willing to say anything politically expedient for himself.
Barack Obama, at the height of his popularity and trust from the American people, looked into the eyes of Americans and predicated the cornerstone of his presidency's agenda on the personal guarantee that "if you like your healthcare plan and you like your doctor, you can keep [them]."
As it has turned out, only months after reelecting him in spite of his unpopular keynote law, there is a daily-increasing trend of millions of Americans losing health insurance and access to their personal physicians solely because of the so-titled "Affordable Care Act."
Now, in only the first year of his second term, the president — who once represented progress and principled leadership to so many — is now the very face of American

political dishonesty. Popular fact-checking website Politifact designated his "if you like your healthcare plan ..." promise as the "2013 Lie of the Year." The Washington Post's fact-checking page attributed three of the year's top 10 lies (or "Pinochios") to Obama — the only person on the list to be designated with more than one.
Simply put, the leader of the free world is, by even the standards of America's far-left news media, the world's most famous liar.
Of course, he's far from the first president to sully the office with his words and actions. Richard Nixon cheated on a campaign, compromised the Oval Office by obstructing justice, and then proceeded to lie about it before his resignation. Bill Clinton cheated — we'll leave further explanation to itself — compromised the honor of the Oval Office, and proceeded to lie about it before Congress voted for his impeachment.
Barack Obama cheated the American people with false guarantees regarding his defining law. The subsequent loss of trust in the president's word compromised the integrity of the Oval Office. By not owning up to his false rhetoric, the lie continues today.
The difference? Obama's lie is more than a scandalous headline — Americans were personally affected by believ-

ing his lie. Further, one could speculate that he wouldn't even occupy the office if not for the persistent regurgitation of his lie, before and after the law was signed.
There is no political victory to be found in the president's now-established reputation. The President of the United States has shamed the nation by tainting, perhaps forever, the image of the world's most powerful and prestigious democratically elected position — America's Commander-in-Chief.
At least this generation — at great cost — may now understand the value of honor and integrity in selecting their elected officials. If it makes any future difference is anyone's guess. Elections are a direct reflection of whom Americans are collectively and the people will ultimately end up with the government they choose for themselves. If Obama is the standard of American political greatness, perhaps it is time for the nation to abandon the status quo.
Until the American people again cast ballots in 2014 and 2016 for whom they choose as representatives, these of Obama's own words ring true: "If the people cannot trust their government to do the job for which it exists — to protect them and to promote their common welfare — all else is lost."
Hopefully not all.
— Tom Toth is the social media director and contributing editor for Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Gateway West: Private property rights a distant consideration for BLM

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- Avoid sensitive species habitat, including bald eagle nests and big game winter range.
- Avoid cultural and natural resource areas.

Sage-grouse habitat is more important than private property. We heard a rumor several years ago that by the time all was said and done, sage-grouse would make the spotted owl controversy seem small in the realm of economic devastation. This could be a preliminary indication of that prediction coming true. While no one can see into the future, it certainly makes you wonder if the farmers and ranchers who settled southern Idaho by developing the water and hacking a living out of the sage brush would have done so knowing that one day the presence of bird habitat would become more important than farms and ranches.
Wilderness Study Areas are more important than

private property. This is possibly the biggest kick in the guts on the list. It takes an act of Congress to establish a Wilderness Area and judging by recent memory, we all know Congress doesn't act on much of anything. In light of that fact, our federal land management agencies have the power to establish a Wilderness Study Area — a de-facto Wilderness Area — on their own. We would be surprised if the BLM could find one acre south of the Snake River in Idaho that meets the true definition of a Wilderness Area — "untrammeled by man." Yet, here we have another instance of federal agencies running our state.
Follow existing corridors or linear structures. Isn't Interstate 86 an existing corridor for infrastructure?
Big game winter range and bald eagle nests are more important than private property. One of the true benefits of living in Idaho is an abundance of wildlife. Many farms and ranches support wildlife during different times of the

year and some incur significant damage. But we don't understand how the presence of wild animals is more important than the presence of Idaho's hard-working farm and ranch families. In addition, we believe those hard-working families have established a firm record of living harmoniously with our abundant wildlife. How a federal agency establishes this as criteria to justify the taking of private land is astonishing.
Private property is an integral part of the engine that powers Idaho's economy. Private property helps pay a lot of mortgages in this state — sage-grouse don't. The biggest threat to sage grouse is fire. This tells us that BLM needs to do a better job of managing public land and never be allowed to dictate how and where the rights of private property owners will be violated.
— Frank Priestley has been Idaho Farm Bureau president since 1997.

Public notices

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2014

Notice is hereby given: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2014.

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICT | ELECTION DATE | DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE |
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| COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650 | May 20 | 5:00 P.M. March 14 |
| COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650 1/1/2014 | November 4 | 5:00 P.M. March 14 |

NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

THE REGULAR HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Jan. 1st, 2014 HAS BEEN CHANGED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8th, 2014, AT THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 102 E. COLORADO IN HOMEDALE, AT 7 P.M.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF December, 2013
Terri Uria, Secretary
1/1/14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2013-3119-H 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 URIEL YEHEZKELY, A.K.A. URI SKELY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michele Yehezkely has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the

decedent or the estate 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 presented to counsel on record, Russell G. Metcalf, Metcalf Law Office, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, Idaho 83628, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 19th day of December, 2013

/s/Russell G. Metcalf, ISB No. 7024, Attorney at Law, 17 E. Wyoming Avenue, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, ID 83628 Phone (208) 583-2354 (208) 337-4945 Fax (208) 337-4854, Attorney for Petitioner
12/25/13; 1/1, 8/14

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

57-11843, JOSEPH L PARKINSON, 123 W HIGHLAND VIEW DR, BOISE, ID 83702

Points of Diversion NESW SWSW S15 T04S R02E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Point of Diversion NESE S16 T04S R02E OWYHEE County

Source GROUND WATER

Use: DIVERSION TO STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 1 CFS

Use: RECREATION STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 37 AF

Total Diversion: 1 CFS
Date Filed: 9/30/2013

Place of Use: RECREATION STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE

T04S R02E S15 NESW

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/20/2014. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
1/1, 8/14

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Friday fire guts mobile home

A mobile home received significant damage during a Friday night fire in Sunset Village off South Main Street in Homedale. A woman was in the structure at the time, but was able to get out after the fire started before 9 p.m. The Homedale Fire Department responded with four pieces of equipment, and a Homedale Ambulance crew was on standby. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Melba woman hurt in Idaho 78 wreck

Nampa man in head-on collision with cow

A 21-year-old Melba woman was transported to a Caldwell hospital Thursday after she rolled her vehicle off Idaho highway 78.

Analee Ponce was on her way to work in Marsing when her 2000 Ford Taurus left the foggy roadway at the northwest corner of Old Bruneau Highway and Idaho 78 just before 6 p.m.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Ponce told investigators that she served to miss something in the road.

"She lost control and drove off the side of the embankment and the car rolled at least one time and came to rest," Bowman said.

Ponce complained of arm and back injuries, and Marsing Ambulance transported her to West Valley Medical Center.

It's believed Ponce was wearing her seatbelt, Bowman said.

Citations are possible once the investigation has been completed, Bowman said.

Same cow, two accidents

A 66-year-old Nampa man received lacerations to his face when he hit a dead cow lying in the middle of Idaho 78 on Christmas Day.

Duane Eugene Cone and his wife were traveling on Idaho 78 near milepost 15 about 3½ miles outside of Givens. Cone's 2012 Toyota Prius received significant damage during the head-on collision at 9:40 p.m.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit personnel treated Cone at the scene.

Bowman said that 10 minutes earlier 26-year-old Spencer William McIntyre was driving a 1999 Freightliner semi.

"He reached down to roll the window down and looked up and he hit (the cow)," Bowman said.

Bowman said McIntyre drove to a nearby home to report the accident, but still received a misdemeanor citation because he left the scene of the accident without checking on the animal's condition.

Bowman said there likely won't be any liability on the part of the cow's owner, 78-year-old Gerald Muller of Melba, because the area where the animal was hit is open range.

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Stock company owner arrested

The owner of an Owyhee County rodeo stock company has been arrested on a felony warrant for domestic battery.

Gene Gordon King, 33, was taken into custody at 7:47 p.m. on Dec. 23 on a \$15,000 warrant. Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Terry McGrew arrested the owner of the King Cattle Co., at the ION Gem Stop at the corner of Buntrock Road and Idaho highway 55 outside Marsing.

A warrant for King's arrest was issued after a Dec. 12 incident at his residence on Hogg Road. He was released on bond hours after his arrest.

King will be arraigned at 9 a.m. on Monday in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on a felony charge of domestic battery with traumatic injury as well as two misdemeanor counts of destruction of a telecommunications device or line.

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Bibbey sentencing continued to Jan. 17


A Marsing man originally facing a first-degree murder charge will be sentenced Jan. 17.

Rodney Wayne Bibbey Jr. originally was supposed to learn his sentence on Dec. 23, but court records indicate the hearing has been continued until 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 17. He will appear before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey in Murphy.

Bibbey faces a maximum sentence of life in prison on the amended charge of second-degree murder for the April 2012 death of his wife, Trina, in their Marsing-area home.

In October, Bibbey, 38, entered a guilty plea to second-degree murder charge as well as an injury to child misdemeanor. That charge was reduced from felony solicitation of a sexual act with a minor under 16.

At the time, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said the man would serve no less than 10 years in prison.



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