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Audience participation



Story Time participant gets helpful during reading

Derek Rich, 4-year-old son of Homedale residents Shane and Jana Rich, points as he helps reader Laryssa Takashige count the snowflakes on a page of the children's book "Snowmen at Night" during Friday's Story Time at the Homedale Public Library. Story Time continues Friday morning. For more on library activities, read the story on **Page 4**. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Homedale, Grand View get new mayors

Four new councilmembers will receive oaths in county towns

Gheen Christoffersen and Franklin Hart begin their terms as mayors for their respective cities tonight.

Christoffersen will take the oath of office during the Homedale City Council meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. inside the magistrate courtroom at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Hart becomes Grand View's next mayor during that city council's first meeting of 2014, which also begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall,

425 Boise Ave.

Christoffersen won a three-way race to fill Homedale's vacant mayoral position in November. He defeated City Council president Dave Downum and former mayor Harold Wilson.

A former city councilman, Hart was successful in his write-in campaign against appointed Grand View Mayor Opal Ward.

Christoffersen is one of three newcomers who will serve the next



Christoffersen

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Disaster fund raffle begins in Marsing

Committee prepares for Feb. 1 auction

Tickets for the Marsing Disaster Auction's annual raffles have been on sale since December as organizers gear up for the 53rd annual event next month.

There are several prizes available in both the \$10 raffle and the \$1 raffle.

Marsing Disaster Auction committee members are selling tickets for the \$10 drawing, while the town's fifth- through eighth-graders are selling the \$1 tickets.

The drawings take place during the Marsing Disaster Auction, which begins at 10:13 a.m.



on Saturday, Feb. 1 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Last year's auction raised more than \$80,000 for the Marsing Disaster Fund to support Marsing Ambulance, the United Way and other service organizations.

Money is also raised during the

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Legislature's dilemma: New revenue to tax cuts or schools?

Brackett returns to Boise for 2014 Statehouse session

State Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) began the Idaho Legislature's 2014 session Monday with a clear idea of what is worrying the Board of County Commissioners.

Brackett visited the commissioners during a recent meeting in Murphy.

Board chair Joe Merrick, the District 3 commissioner who served for years on the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees, opened the discussion

with a question about what the state plans to do to reduce the school funding burden on local property owners.

"I applaud the governor and the Legislature for trying not to raise taxes, but it has put the burden back on the individual school districts and citizens," Merrick said.

"In my school district, my taxes exceed the county taxes. I have a philosophy that we do have to support our schools, but it's a burden."

Merrick pointed out that the state's support for school district, which is formulated in student support units, had decreased nearly 27 percent from \$26,000

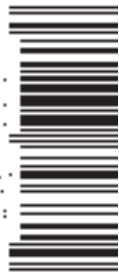
per unit to \$19,000 per unit since 2008.

Brackett said re-establishing state funding is a priority, although it may not happen as swiftly as most would like.

"The plan is to get funding back up to \$25,000 (per unit) within five years, but there is quite a bit of sentiment to do it in two years, or less than five," the District 23 legislator said.

Brackett said he heard from Owyhee County residents during his November town hall at Rimrock High School that a funding formula more favorable to rural schools was more desirable.

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No chickens lost in Homedale pen fire

Homedale Police Chief and volunteer firefighter Jeff Eidemiller sprays water on a chicken coop fire while other members of the Homedale Fire Department look on Thursday. No chickens perished in the fire, which was reported before noon in the 400 block of South 1st Street West. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Marsing man, 80, injured when others fight at gas station

An 80-year-old bystander was sent to the hospital and another Marsing resident jailed after an altercation between two men at a gas station last week.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 56-year-old Ricky Johnson was arrested for disturbing the peace after the Dec. 31 altercation at Logan's Market.

Deputy David Green made the arrest after Johnson scuffled with 48-year-old Thomas Slocum of Marsing. The incident was reported at 3 p.m.

Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said 80-year-old Louis O'Neal, a Marsing man who was at the gas station fueling his vehicle with Slocum, was knocked to the ground by the younger men scuffling.

"While they were fighting, basically they knocked over a guy standing by the gas pumps," Bowman said. "There were no injuries to the two combatants, but O'Neal hit his head on the pavement."

O'Neal was treated and released from a Canyon County hospital after complaining of head and neck injuries.

Olsen said the reason for the altercation is the subject of another OCSO case that is still being investigated.

Caldwell woman arrested on warrant

A 41-year-old Caldwell woman wanted on a bench warrant in Owyhee County was arrested Thursday night by Canyon County Sheriff's deputies.

According to court records, a bench warrant was issued in August after Cynthia M. Contreras failed to complete 16 hours of community service related to a Owyhee case. She received the sentence in June after pleading guilty to an amended charge of misdemeanor fraudulent use of a financial transaction charge.

Contreras originally was charged with two felonies, including fraudulent use of a financial transaction charge and grand theft. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped the grand theft charge when Contreras entered a guilty plea to the misdemeanor in June.

Contreras served two days in jail previously and had the balance of a six-month jail sentence suspended.

According to court records, Contreras committed the fraudulent acts in November 2012. Bowman said she used a card at Sunny Slope Market and Logan's Market.

The Sunny Slope market crime resulted in 10-day jail sentence in Canyon County as well as a year's probation. She pled guilty to petty theft, amended from felony grand theft.

— JPB

Four-day school committee to discuss parental survey

Next meeting held today at district office

The Homedale School District's four-day school week exploratory committee meets again today.

The committee's meeting at 5:30 p.m. inside the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., is open to the public.

No public comment will be taken during the meeting, however.

The committee was supposed to receive surveys back from district employees prior to the Christmas break. The next focus is a survey for parents, which will go out sometime this month.

The panel is supposed to work on the aspects of that survey at tonight's meeting.

The committee hopes to have its findings finalized to send to the board of trustees next month.

After the school board hears the findings, public input will be sought.

If a four-day week is feasible, the school board could act swiftly enough to implement the schedule for the 2014-15 school year.

The 17-person committee includes:

District administration — Shelley Shenk, Zone 4 trustee; Stacy Woods, Zone 2 trustee; Rob Sauer, superintendent; and Dion Flaming, high school principal

District employees — Vicki Eby, food services supervisor; Tonya Garrison, bus driver; Sally Gonser, Language Arts teacher, middle school; Mike Greeley, industrial arts teacher, high school; Lori Idsinga, agricultural teacher, high school; Mary Jo Larzelier, fourth-grade teacher, elementary school; Michelle Larzelier, elementary school teacher; Gloria Lejardi, high school registrar; Machele Randall, elementary school paraprofessional; and Shirley Martinat, elementary school food service

Community volunteers — Rutillo Bautista, Oscar Evans and Heidi Nash

Gardening takes top billing at next Bruneau and Beyond

The Bruneau and Beyond speaker series makes its return next Wednesday at the Bruneau Valley Library.

The free luncheon series brings a different topic to light each month with a guest speaker.

January's program focuses on choosing garden varieties that are outstanding and best suited to the climate and soils of the area.

Garnette Edwards and her daughter Erin Monnie, both of Edwards Greenhouse in Boise, will serve speakers for the program, which takes place at the library located at 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau.

Organizers have scheduled the gardening topic early this year to allow time for gardeners to order from seed catalogs.

Edwards and Monnie are part of the fourth generations of the Edwards family to operate the business that began in the Boise Valley in the summer of 1930.

Edwards Greenhouse has been chosen as the local gardening/nursery store on the Best of Boise list for 10 years running, according to the Bruneau and Beyond press release.

A light luncheon will be served prior to the gardening presentation.

There is no charge for either aspect of the program, but those planning to attend should RSVP by Monday by contacting the library director at (208) 845-2131.

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Anniversaries



From left: Bill and Florence Shenk and Nellie and Dave Gorley. Submitted photo

Couples celebrate 60th anniversaries together

Bill and Florence Shenk and Nellie and Dave Gorley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries last year on Nov. 27, 2013.

In 1953, the two sisters were married in a double ceremony in Boise. Florence Stanford married Bill Shenk, and Nellie Stanford wed Dave Gorley.

The Shenks have farmed and resided in Ridgeview, Ore., and Adrian, Ore., for most of their years together.

They have five children, including Vickki Price, Toni Case, Robin Martin, Louise Wortman, and Paul Shenk. The Shenks have 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The Gorleys have been ranching in Jordan Valley most of their married life.

They have two children, David and Jane, three grandchildren, Mindy, Michelle and Tyler (deceased) and two great-granddaughters.

Teen injured, driver cited in reckless driving accident

A 20-year-old Marsing man was cited for reckless driving after his passenger received minor injuries in a New Year's Day wreck.

Bernardo Galvez told Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies that he lost control of his 2001 Ford Mustang when he turned a corner off Main Street in Marsing just before 2:45 a.m. on Jan. 1.

OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Marsing Ambulance volunteers treated Galvez's 17-year-old passenger at the scene for facial injuries after Galvez's Mustang slammed into a telephone pole at the corner of 8th Avenue West and Bosma Lane next to Logan's Market.

Bowman said Galvez told authorities he was heading west on Main Street and attempting to turn on to 8th Avenue West when he punched the accelerator and lost control of the car as it skidded on ice, went across the sidewalk and hit the pole.

— JPB

✓ 2014: Time may be right for school funds

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He also added that the state has seen expanded revenues recently, but the state Department of Education will see competition for those funds from the Department of Correction and Health and Welfare.

"The revenue is coming in. There is growth, so there is some new money," Brackett said. "The question is: 'Where is that (money) going to go?'"

Brackett implied that the fight for the new money in the Legislature also could come down to who wants more money for education and who wants to use it for corporate tax cuts.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi bristled at this notion, pointing out that Idaho ranks 34th in the nation in corporate tax rate.

The senator said it was a matter of doing the right thing (funding schools) or the politically expedient thing (cutting taxes), but also said that the scales may have shifted on that notion.

"It may have come to the point where the politically expedient thing is education," he said.

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HHS band boosters look to future

Building membership, finding new officers added to priority list

Two years into its existence, the Homedale High School Band Boosters Club is looking at sustainability. Booster president Denise Dixon, who is nearing the end of her two-year term, recently addressed the drop in parental participation. Only three parents and four officers were at mandatory meeting held Dec. 10. “Parent involvement has dropped dramatically this year,” she said. “This sometimes happens with a new director on board. The first year for a new director right out of college can be challenging for everyone.”

Skyler Krall is in his first year as director for the HHS music and choir program. “We will continue to encourage our parents to be involved,” Dixon said. “The mission of the band booster association is to encourage growth of our students and assist them financially to obtain the uniforms and equipment they need to be successful.” New officers will be elected in April. In addition to Dixon, the current officer lineup includes vice-president Kirsten Mast; secretary Carol McMichael; treasurer DeAnn Thatcher; community liaison Jerry Holloway; color guard coordinator Rhonda Cole;

and communications director Margaret Lejardi. “I’m hoping some parents will step up and get more involved by taking on a leadership role,” Dixon said. The boosters annual spaghetti feed will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30 at Homedale Middle School. A silent auction will be held, and boosters have the idea of letting each band section create a theme basket to be sold. Band students will sell advance tickets for the feed next month.

Dixon also announced that the Homedale Farmers Market will return for a second year beginning June 14. The season will run through Oct. 1 at Bette Uda City Park.

“I have 25 new interested vendors for this year, so I am hoping our second year will be very successful,” she said. “We learned a lot in our first year and are excited to proceed into our second year.” Dixon said there is a Facebook page that is “continually updated,” and there are plans to start a website. All proceeds from the Farmers Market benefits Homedale school programs, such as the band, clubs and FFA.

— JPB

Homedale FFA Alumni holds Monday meeting

The Homedale FFA Alumni Chapter will hold an organizational meeting Monday. The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Monday inside the Homedale High School Ag Shop at the corner of East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd St. East. Sid Freeman, Idaho FFA Alumni coordinator, is guest speaker. The meeting will feature a meal

catered by Homedale’s New York BBQ. Dues-paying members, those who have filled out membership applications or anyone who wants to know more is invited to attend. Anyone who supports the Homedale FFA program is welcome to become a member. RSVP to Sue Williams at 337-4226 for planning purposes.

Only the puppy knows at next Story Time

“Not Me!” by Nicole Killen is the selection to be read at this week’s Story Time at the Homedale Public Library. The weekly event for preschoolers starts at 10:15 a.m. on Friday with songs, followed by the story, crafts and snacks. The Story Time takes place at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. This week’s book tells the story of a puppy who has all the answers to a household’s mysteries of mischief, including who has been eating the cake or playing in the rain or making messes all around the house.

But will the puppy tell? For information on Story Time, call the library at 337-4228. The library is open from 1 p.m.

to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. **Hungry Games continue** The library’s Teens and Tweens program continues its Hungry Games theme for January on Saturday. The hour-long session begins at 4 p.m. at the library and will feature word games such as Boggle and Mad Libs. In keeping with the month’s theme, the winners will earn edible prizes. Teens and Tweens is open to boys and girls ages 10-17. For more information, call the library.

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100-year-old lives by the Golden Rule

Marsing resident says family is the most important thing in life

Story and photo by Karen Bresnahan

The quiet little country town of Marsing has something rare. Her name is Sonja and on Jan. 15, she will be 100 years old.

Sonja Krafve (Stephens) is a little Swedish lady who has all the charm in the world. She is bright, active and well loved by everyone who knows her. Soft-spoken and sweet, she is a good listener and pays attention. But, it is we who should pay attention to her, because she has lived her life to the fullest, and she has a story to tell.

Most people live well into their 70s, some into their 80s and rarely a person lives to be 90. But this little lady, who stands less than five feet tall, has them all beat. And although she has lost most of her eyesight and much of her hearing, she can still communicate well because of hearing aids and remembers quite a bit of her life.

“Mom is one of the most honest people you will know,” her daughter Kathy says. “She always looks for the positive. She gives us a great example to follow.”

Sonja admits that she is very fortunate. She believes the most important things in life are family and friends.

“Your family has got to be the most important thing,” she says.

She feels lucky that her children turned out fine (she has two) and all her grandchildren (eight) and great-grandchildren are good kids. She has 33 great-grandchildren, by the way.

She talks about living a good life. “You can live a good life, if your mind isn’t just stuck on yourself. If you think about other people, that’ll make you happy,” she says.

Sonja is most grateful for two things in her life.

“I’m grateful for being married to someone I loved and admired, and for being able to have children,” she said.

An important thing in life, she says, “is having people around you that you can trust, that are good to you. If you are good to them, they’ll be good to you.”

The most important thing she has learned in life is “to do unto others, as you would have them do unto you,” she said.

She also believes firmly that “a good life repays itself.”

People in general should learn to enjoy life, Sonja believes. “There are lots of things in life to enjoy, if you just realize it,” she said.

A person should always remember to “be in a good mood because it helps the whole family,” she said.

Sonja was born on Jan. 15, 1914 in Gothenburg, Sweden. Her father’s name was Reinhold Krafve and her mother was Calla. She has one sister, Vanja, who was five years older, and two brothers, Henry, who was seven years older, and Ivan, just two years older.

Her earliest memories are when the family moved to Norway, when she was just two years old. She learned to ski at the age of four. Skiing was very popular there, she said. She recalls going to the ski lift and says the family lived by a lake and railroad tracks.

One of her most vivid memories as a young girl happened when she was just four. The trains came by, and they were loaded with orphans. They were German kids who had lost their parents in World War 1 and they were brought to Norway to be put in orphanages. She saw them staring out the train windows.

“They were very sad, pathetic kids,” she remembers. She still sees the scene in her mind, “like it was a picture,” she said. It was 1918.

Her father ran a printer’s office in Oslo, and there was a great deal of skiing all the time. She remembers swimming in the lake, her folks reading the paper on the porch, and going on trips to pick blueberries. At five years old, she managed to go over a giant ski jump by herself.

At six years old, Sonja’s world changed drastically. Her family moved to Idaho Falls, and her dad joined with his brothers in the potato farming business. “It was tough on him because he was a city kid,” she said.

At the age of 9, Sonja’s family moved again, this time to Nampa. Her father returned to the printing business and worked many years for the bi-weekly Leader-Herald newspaper. Sonja attended Kenwood grade school and went to the first new junior high school in town, and graduated from Nampa High School in 1933.

What she remembers most about high school was that there were no athletics allowed. The athletics for women had been stopped due to the Depression. “We thought we were getting deprived,” she said.

Sonja had lots of friends and really enjoyed the school dances back in those days. The city of Nampa was all dirt roads and the only paved roads were between Nampa and Boise.

She remembers walking in downtown Nampa near what is known as the Hasbrouck House on 12th Avenue. “I remember it because there was always a big mud puddle there.”

After high school, she and her graduating classmates had a tough time, she said, because “there was no work to be found.” She picked apples, peas, and did various kinds of fieldwork, and finally worked at a laundry.

But in 1938, her life changed again. She met and married Jim Stephens, who was a farmer. That same year she attended the very first Easter Sunrise Service at Lizard Butte, and remembers the day.

Shortly after she married, she and her husband moved to Vale, Ore., a place they would call home for 10 years. The Stephens cut 30 acres out of the sagebrush there. At first, they lived in a tent, and then built a one-room shack, with newspaper for insulation in the walls. It was one of the happiest places she ever lived.

“You’re always happy when you are first married,” she said. “We were young and healthy and went dancing every Saturday night. We had a great time.”

In 1939, her daughter Kathy was born, and in 1940, she had a son, Wayne.

Another move in 1949 brought Sonja back to Idaho. The Stephens started another farm with 40 acres and eventually acquired 100 acres. They moved to the Black Canyon area near Middleton, where they raised milk cows, pasture hay, wheat and corn.

In 1964, at the age of 50, Sonja made the decision to go back to school. She studied Nursing at Boise State



Sonja Krafve (Stephens) turns 100 next Wednesday.

College, and after a one-year course, she graduated second in her class and became an LPN. She then worked at the original Mercy Hospital in Nampa for many years. Then, when the new Mercy Hospital was built, she helped open the doors. Her nursing career spanned 14 years.

“I just loved nursing,” she said. “I liked everything about it. You’ve got to put a lot into it. I felt like I was accomplishing something.”

After retiring from nursing, Sonja and her husband traveled for about 10 years in their motorhome, down to Yuma, Ariz., where they met many friends. She recalls meeting quite a few people from Middleton in Yuma. While spending time there, she learned to do crafts and became skilled at pine-needle basket-weaving and woodcarving. She has made baskets for all her grandchildren.

In 1991, her daughter, Kathy, and son-in-law Joe Gannuscio bought land along the Snake River near Marsing and built the Riverhaven RV Park. Kathy was hesitant to leave her aging parents, so her husband said, “OK, we’ll just build a big house for all of us.” So, they built a large, split-level home, and her parents lived on the lower level.

After 22 years, this is the place Sonja still calls home.

Sonja and her husband were married 60 years and “he was a good husband,” she said. Jim Stephens passed away in 1996 at the age of 86.

Sonja’s son Wayne owns the Silver Creek Plunge near Garden Valley. Wayne and his mother are very close. Come rain or shine, he calls his mother every day.

Sonja’s daughter Kathy followed in her mother’s footsteps and studied nursing. She worked as an RN for 10 years at Mercy Hospital in Nampa, and 10 years at the Southwest District Health Department, before retiring.

What is the secret to living a long life?

“Eat your vegetables,” Sonja said. “We always had vegetables.”

She says it is funny how she used to “think down” on Marsing because it was such a little town. But now she feels like Marsing is such a good community, with good people. She regularly attends the senior center and has lots of friends there.

Sonja has remained active all her life. She has always been an avid walker, according to Kathy. Sonja continues to walk some, but not as much in the winter. She has no major health problems. Her blindness is the result of macular degeneration.

The view from her daughter’s house is very expansive. She loves to bundle up and sit on the swing on the property overlooking the river and listen to the birds. She can’t see them, but knows they are there because of the wonderful sounds.

Celebrations planned

A surprise birthday party is planned for next Wednesday to celebrate Sonja Stephens’ 100th birthday. The party will take place at 11 a.m. during the lunch meal at the Marsing Senior Center, at 218 Main St.

An informal open house will also be held to honor Stephens’ birthday. It is being planned for Saturday, Jan. 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the LDS Church located at 215 3rd Ave. W. in Marsing. Gifts will not be necessary, her daughter Kathy Gannuscio said. Cards will be welcomed.

For more information, call Kathy at 896-4268.

Obituaries

Cody Ryan Cover

Cody Ryan Cover of Grand View passed away December 24, 2013 at the age of 23. He was born in Boise, and spent his childhood in Kuna. He grew up racing B.M.X bikes. He inherited his love of racing from his father. If it had wheels, Cody was racing it.

Cody was an avid outdoorsman. His passions included camping, hunting and hiking. He loved the desert country. That is what drew him to Grand View, where he met the loves of his life; Christina, Raef and Maggie. Cody and Christina were married September 20, 2013 in Fairfield, Idaho.

Cody recently discovered a new-found love for farming, which became his passion and his career. He loved big pickup trucks, black smoke, loud guns, Copenhagen and GO FAST.



Cody is survived by his wife Christina Cover; their children Raef Wolfe-Cover and Maggie Cover; his father Jeffrey Cover and stepmother Cindie Cover;

his in-laws Billy and Vickie Wolfe; his mother Tami Coler and sister Lacy Cover; “Mama” Tif, Klub and “brother” Jo-Don; and numerous other members from the Cover, Coler and Wolfe families and an infinite number of friends.

We know that when The Big Man took Cody he said, “Welcome home, cowboy, your entry fees are paid.”

Donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/Codyryancover. There will be a Celebration of Cody's life at the American Legion Hall in Grand View, on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 11-2 p.m.

Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Clifford Earl Kennedy

Clifford Earl Kennedy, age 85, of Homedale, Idaho went home to be with his Lord and family on January 2, 2014. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Eagle Christian Church, Fireside Room (southern most entrance). Reception to follow.

Clifford was born on February 29, 1928 in Aberdeen, Idaho, to Raymond Joseph and Lorena Viola (Miser) Kennedy. He was raised in the Magic Valley, Idaho area with his 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

Clifford joined the Navy at age 18 and was proud to serve his country. After his military service, he became a highly skilled Machinist and Welder. He was

employed by Aero Jet in California where he worked on projects for the Space Program. He later moved back to the Magic Valley and owned his own Machine shop in Filer, Idaho.

Clifford married Blanche Drake Burns on December 27, 1970. Clifford and Blanche lived in Filer, Idaho and later in Encinitas, California. Clifford was a devoted and loving husband and caregiver to Blanche until her death in March of 1987.

Upon his wife's death, Clifford moved to Boise, Idaho to live with his brother John Kennedy, also widowed. They spent the remainder of their years together. They were inseparable companions, working on numerous

projects together, including the building of musical instruments, and the building of their home in Homedale, Idaho in 1998.

Clifford is survived by his sister Alice (Kennedy) Carter of Mission Viejo, California, his sister-in-law Betty Kennedy of Pocatello, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Blanche Kennedy, his parents Raymond and Lorena Kennedy, his brothers Floyd Kennedy, Harold Kennedy, and John Kennedy, and his sisters Ruby Kennedy and Elaine (Schmidt) Kennedy.

Clifford was a devoted and loving son, brother, husband, and uncle and will be deeply missed.

Death notices

RANDY R. HAVEMANN, 56, of Homedale, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 of natural causes at a local hospital. Cremation is under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

EDNA G. RICHERT, 86, of Homedale, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 of natural causes at a Homedale care facility. Arrangements are pending at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Adult game night starting in Grand View

An adult game night will kick off this month in Grand View.

The Rimrock Senior and Community Center has announced plans to start an adult game night features cards and dominoes and other favorite games at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18.


Participants are invited to bring their favorite game or settle in to play Bunco, Pinochle, Mexican Train Dominoes and other games.

The cover charge is \$1.

The game night will be held on the third Saturday of the month, but could be convened more often if it proves popular, according to organizers.

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Today

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

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

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

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

Homedale schools four-day committee meeting
5:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale School District office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4611

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

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

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

Thursday

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After-school Story Time
4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., public invited, location TBA, Marsing. (208) 318-3982

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

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

Marsing School Board meeting
7 p.m., Marsing School District office, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4111

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

Wednesday

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon
Noon, RSVP by Monday, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

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

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday, Jan. 16

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

Friends of Lizard Butte Library board meeting
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 W. 3rd Ave. S., Marsing. (208) 455-2550


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

Friday, Jan. 17

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

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Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley IV



Tales of the I.O.N. Country

Too many twins

Montana cattleman Grandville Stuart described a genetic imbalance in a neighbor's herd.

"Near our home ranch we discovered one rancher whose cows invariably had twin calves and frequently triplets, while the range cows in that vicinity were nearly all barren and would persist in hanging around this man's corral, envying his cows their numerous children and bawling and lamenting their own childless fate. The state of affairs continued until we were obliged to call around that way and threaten to hang the man if his cows had any more twins."

Rustling doesn't pay
(as told by Frank Swisher)

Perry Maupin and Rodney Buckmaster were working for Vanator and were moving some of Anderson's cattle by Saddle Butte on their way to Vanator's ranch. Russ Bryan and Riley Scott were putting in a reservoir for Duncan when they saw the pair. They were out of their territory and weren't there for fun.

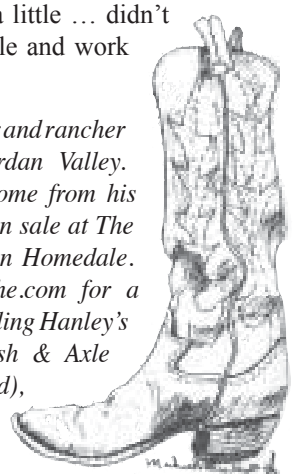
Russ Bryan tipped Jim Anderson off, who immediately set out to retrieve his cattle. He got the help of Buck Scott and Johnnie Wroten (marshal of Jordan Valley). Wroten went back to Jordan Valley to get help while Scott and Anderson trailed the cattle.

Before Wroten could get back with help, Maupin and Buckmaster made a break for it. Buck opened fire on them, shooting the saddle horn off Maupin's saddle and putting another bullet through his jaw. When Maupin went to the doctor, he said that a horse did it to him.

My grandfather waited until Frank had told about the above and commented on it as a resident of the "territory" Maupin and Buckmaster were headed for:

"It quieted them down a little ... didn't pick up Jordan Valley cattle and work the irons."

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



Irrigation board meetings rescheduled to Tuesday

The first meetings of 2014 for the three sets of directors that make up the South Board of control have been rescheduled.

The men who oversee the south end of the Owyhee Project will meet Tuesday downstairs in the SBOC office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at 1 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District board meeting convenes at 1:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control directors open their meeting at 1:30 p.m.

The meetings were originally scheduled for last Tuesday, but were moved back a week to accommodate a family matter for one of the principal attendees.

For more information, call (208) 337-3760.

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

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

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Austrian Settlement memorial monument soon to be erected in Homedale

Story by Karen Bresnahan • Photos courtesy of Bob Cegnar

*Former resident
Bob Cegnar donates
\$5,000 to complete
the project*

The events of 1914 will be celebrated this Feb. 14-15, with a monument placement honoring a small group of families who are considered to be among the first settlers of Homedale.

The Homedale City Council recently approved the Austrian Settlement Monument, which will be erected on a 15x15 cement platform at the Bette Uda City Park.

The monument will consist of three stones, one in the left corner, which will contain engravings, and two smaller stones on each side, in addition to several sitting stones which will be placed in a circle around the main stone.

Bob Cegnar, a descendant of one of the Austrian Settlement families, has been instrumental in making the monument concept become a reality.

Since October of last year, he has partnered with Joe Demshar of the Owyhee County Historical Museum for the design of the project. Demshar is museum director and also a descendant of the original families. He also is chair of the committee that is planning the Centennial Celebration.

He has been working on the monument concept for about a year.

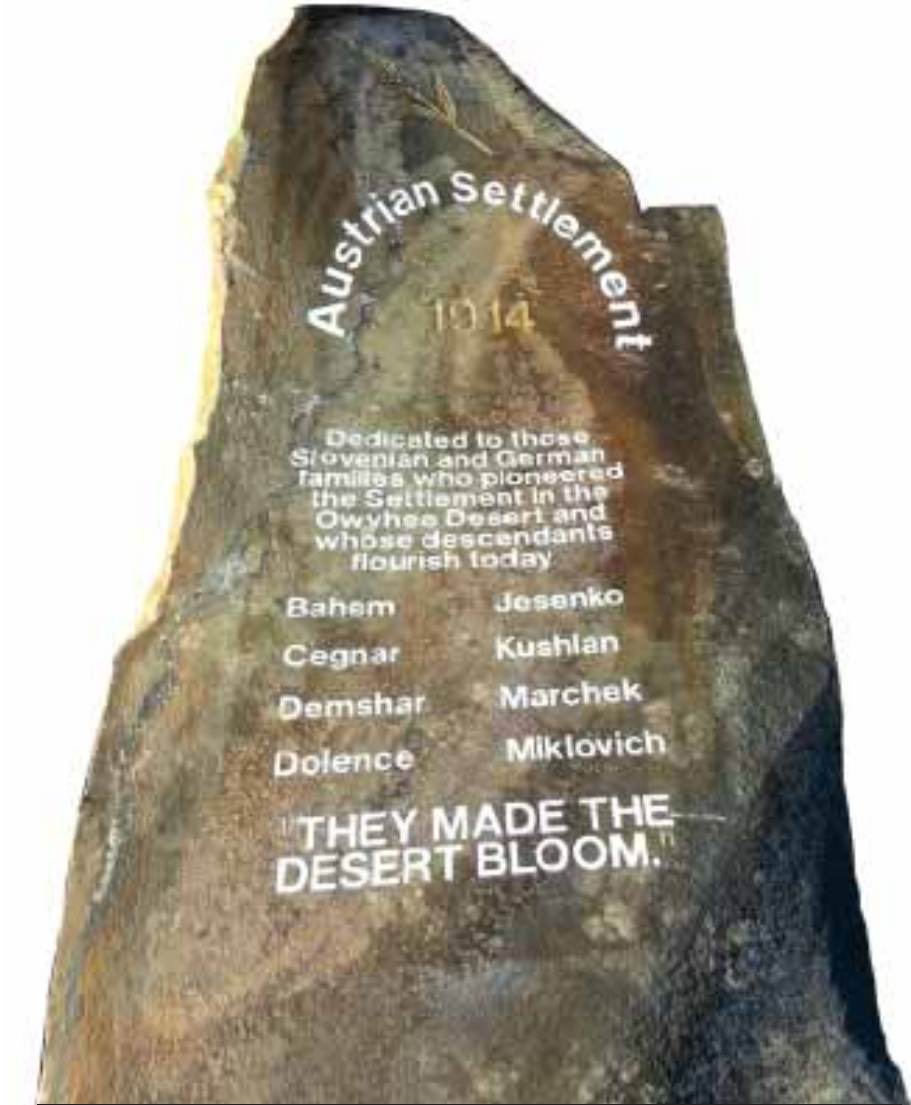
“I’m very happy and proud that Bob is doing this,” Demshar said. “It’s one of Homedale’s biggest historical events,” he said. “It will honor the eight families and more than 40 individuals who came here.”

Demshar is currently writing a book on the Austrian Settlement, titled, “The Homedale Empire.”

Demshar is also planning to put up a private monument near the corner of Graveyard Point and Johnstone Roads. The second monument is being built to honor Demshar’s father John, and also his sister Aida Demshar, who passed away a year ago at the age of 22.

Cegnar said he first heard about the Austrian Settlement monument when he was contacted last fall by one of his cousins. Cegnar is a road building contractor who now lives in Moses Lake, Wash. His company ships rocks all over the West. He said the stones are made of columnar basalt and are dark gray in color and very strong.

Cegnar is donating the stones and the engraving for the erection of the monument. He estimates the value of the monument, in time and materials to be approximately \$5,000. When asked why he wanted to



This is the engraved stone which will be placed at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale as part of the monument prior to the Austrian Settlement Centennial celebration scheduled for Feb. 14-15.



The original Cegnar family at the wedding of Mary and Frank Cegnar.

donate to the project, he said, “Well, I’m a part of the family, and everybody is proud of their name.” Cegnar took it upon himself to prepare the stones and have them

engraved. Demshar has been involved in a fundraising effort for the project, which will pay the approximately \$700 in shipping

*Committee continues
planning centennial
celebration slated
for Feb. 14-15*

costs for the stones to be brought in. His Austrian Settlement committee has also raised about \$2,000 which will be used to fund the two day event in February.

The monument will read: “The Austrian Settlement,” followed by the names of the eight original families, which are Bahem, Cegnar, Demshar, Dolence, Jesenko, Kushlan, Marchek and Miklovich.

The engraving on the main stone will read: “Dedicated to those Slovenick families and German family who in 1914 pioneered the Austrian Settlement in the Owyhee Desert, and whose descendants live today. They made the desert bloom.”

There was a great deal of strife in Eastern Europe in the early 1900s, Cegnar said. The family group of settlers included eight Austrian families and one German family, he said. The families were originally what he called “orchard people” who changed their history by coming to America.

Cegnar’s dad, Frank Cegnar, originally went to Rock Springs, Wyo., where he mined coal for the railroad before moving to Homedale. After a few years, his dad then left the farms of Homedale and moved to Boise in the 1930s to attend Boise Junior College and become an accountant. He joined other businessmen in forming the Boise Implement Co., which was an International Harvester dealership.

Bob Cegnar grew up in Boise and graduated from the first class of Boise High School in 1940. He attended Boise Junior College and went to work for the First National Bank in Coeur d’Alene. Then, in 1974, he quit the banking industry to go into road construction, rock crushing and paving. He has remained in the business for more than 40 years. His son and grandson now operate the business, which is called Cegnar Company, and Grandpa Cegnar oversees the work and does the books.

Cegnar still has relatives living in Homedale, including several aunts and their families. His aunt Mary is 95, and still lives on the original homestead. His aunt Ethel is 87. His cousin, Bill Cegnar, is a former owner of the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic.

Because of those family ties and his desire to pay tribute to the early settlers, Cegnar has put in his time and effort to complete the monument.

“I just want to make sure that this is not about me,” Cegnar said. “It’s about all the families.”



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Middle school librarian proud to be ‘piece of the puzzle’

Homedale Middle School librarian Becky DeMark was in for a big surprise. Her principal, Amy Winters, walked in and asked, “What are you doing tonight?” After that, Winters told her she should go to the school board meeting, and Becky, thinking she was in trouble, responded with, “What did I do?”

Becky thought something was up because she doesn’t normally attend school board meetings.

Instead of doing something wrong, as she suspected, Becky found out she had been selected for the district’s Award of Excellence.

Becky said the situation was “hilarious” because “it was a complete surprise.”

At the meeting, she heard two student testimonials read aloud, and received a plaque from board members. The plaque reads, “Educating students daily for successful citizens tomorrow.”

“It was so gracious the way they took time out of their meeting to thank me,” she said. Each board member shook her hand. “It made me feel appreciated.”

“I’m really humbled by this award,” Becky said. “I’m just one piece of the puzzle. I couldn’t do what I do, without the support of my colleagues. It’s just as they say. ‘It doesn’t just take one person. It takes a village to raise a child.’”

Her goal is to bring the love of reading and literature back into the lives of children. “I want the library to be like a second home



Homedale Middle school librarian and math tutor Becky DeMark holds her award, Photo by Karen Bresnahan

to these kids,” she said.

“Reading impacts everything,” Becky said. She emphasized that reading makes a difference in every subject from English, to social studies, to math.

“If kids aren’t reading, they aren’t building their vocabulary and gaining the background knowledge they need in school,” she said.

Becky was born in Wyoming, but has lived in Caldwell since she was five years old. She graduated from Caldwell High School in 1993. She and her husband, Craig DeMark, have been married for 20

years and have two boys: Miller, 14 and Warren, 12. Her husband manages DeMark Auto in Caldwell.

Becky has been employed at HMS for 2½ years. In addition to being the school librarian, she also contributes her time as a math tutor for seventh- and eighth-graders, and for fifth- and sixth-graders in the after-school program twice a week.

“Math is my thing, and I am able to help kids,” she said.

Becky is qualified as a paraprofessional. “It’s just a fancy word that means I’m a tutor,” she said with a laugh.

Before coming to Homedale, Becky owned “Aunt Becky’s Daycare,” for 10 years. She feels teaching preschool in the daycare environment helped prepare her for the job she has now.

“Definitely having patience has really helped,” she said.

Becky says she loves Homedale and brought her children over here to attend school after a situation arose at the Caldwell district. She explained that a fifth-grader there brought a knife to school and threatened her son and other kids, and “nothing was done about it.”

“We needed safe, so we came here,” she said.

Becky feels that Homedale is “an incredible area, and the opportunities it has brought my family have been a blessing.”

Her kids now attend Greenleaf Friends Academy, where her husband has a new job as varsity basketball coach. Her children are there to be near their dad.

She believes the Homedale schools are good because of the level of care each child receives.

“Just the fact that they care is important,” she said.

The Homedale schools care about kids on a personal level, as well as a discipline level, she says: “Everyone is equal here and treated the same.”

She applauds the support given to the staff at her school. “We are like one big family.”

At the school board meeting,

members listened to two testimonials from students on how Becky has influenced them.

Eighth-grader Megan Houser wrote, “What I love about you is that you are always willing to give someone help, even when you don’t see eye to eye. I love having you as a teacher.”

Another eighth-grader, Elaine Buenrostro, wrote, “Mrs. DeMark is an amazing person and she has encouraged me in so many ways. I used to not like to read, and now I love to read. She is probably one of the most positive people you will ever know. Her attitude is always happy and supportive. Even when I’m in trouble, she is always positive about what I can accomplish. She always has time for students, even when she has a lot to do. Mrs. DeMark has made me realize that school is very important in life.”

Elaine has known Becky for four years, and says she will miss her when she has to go to the high school next year. “She has helped me with all my struggles. She has been there when I needed someone to talk to, when there was no one else.”

At the meeting, Becky was presented with a scarf handmade by Houser and a flower bouquet.

Winters said Becky makes the school “a fantastic place to work, and she makes each student feel important.” Winters gives her credit for making the library a “kid-friendly place.” —KB

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John Larsen and Gary Eller entertain the crowds at the Owyhee County sesquicentennial celebration Saturday inside McKeeth Hall in Murphy.



John Larsen adds feeling and vigor to old-time melodies.

OWYHEE COUNTY CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Owyhee County’s 150th anniversary was celebrated Saturday much the same way any event is celebrated, with a gathering of families, friends, relatives, good food and entertainment.

As a steady stream of visitors descended on the Owyhee County Historical Museum on Saturday, history was brought to life through presentations and music.

The celebration day at Murphy was marked by banquet tables full of salad, rolls, baked beans and pulled pork, all of which was donated for the event by Blue Canoe Catering in Guffey. Visitors also enjoyed homemade pies and cakes. People of all ages enjoyed the meal and the music, while absorbing bits and pieces of history from the

variety of free handouts that were available.

Highlighting the day were several performances by the unique duo, Nampa’s Gary Eller and Givens musician John Larsen. The two brought out a combination of guitars, banjos and mandolins to transport their audience back to the late 19th and early 20th century in Owyhee County. They played a unique mixture of both original and authentic tunes full of flavor and humor. The experienced entertainers captured the audience with songs taken from the gold rush days, where promises of fortune where high and rarely materialized.

As their words and music echoed easily through the crowd, time seemed to reverse itself to days long gone, and the audience was captivated as the duo combined

brief stories with songs.

“Songs don’t mean anything without context,” Eller said. He obviously values the history as much as the lyrics. Out of the more than 200 early songs of Idaho that he has discovered and brought back to life, most are completely unheard of, he said.

Larsen, a former Owyhee County Historical Society president, wore a bowler hat, and he looked to be a relic of the past comes to life.

Many individuals in the audience were so entertained by the duo, they stayed in their seats rather than wander around in the museum. After all, history was being played out right before their eyes.



Givens musician John Larsen mimics the whoas of a discontented miner.



Gifted storyteller, as well as singer, Gary Eller entertains his Murphy audience.

Story and
photos
by
Karen
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Eller demonstrates the finality of the hangman’s noose.

Austrians had strong sense of community

Eight families were swindled, yet stayed to build their homes

A main feature of the 150th celebration at Murphy’s Owyhee County Historical Museum was a detailed account of the Austrian Settlement history, which was provided by museum director Joe Demshar, himself a descendant of the original families.

Demshar recounted the tale of how the seven Slovenic and one German family came to Homedale. They were the Cegnars, Demshars, Dolences, Jesenkos, Kushlans, Marcheks, Miklovichs and Bahems.

He showed photographs of the lovely and plush lands of Eastern Europe that comprised their homeland, prior to the immigration to America. It created a visual picture of the stark contrast between what they left behind and the land they came to.

The families originally landed at Ellis Island and made the difficult journey to Rock Springs, Wyo., as many immigrants did. They tried the dangerous work in the coal mines there and were looking for a way out.

In Rock Springs, the families met and were swindled by a man named Paul Savic of the Idaho Title and Trust Co., who took all their money (\$500 to \$1,000 each), and promised them houses, plus 10-acre parcels of already established crops, fenced land, and farm equipment.

What they found instead, when they got off the train, was devastating. “They had nothing,” Demshar said. The land around Homedale was undeveloped and entirely covered in sagebrush. The houses were open-air, poorly constructed shacks with no insulation, no sinks, no toilets, and no water, with a hole in the roof for venting.

The families realized they had been scammed, but they also had no choice but to stay here because they had no means to go anywhere else, Demshar said.

The Slovenics had great determination and survival instincts and they demonstrated “the power of community” by working as a team, Demshar said.

Faced with the impossible, they worked together to overcome incredible odds. They set out to build new homes, digging ditches, transporting water, and making it possible to raise crops.

One of the largest barriers the Austrians faced was the language barrier, Demshar said. None of them spoke a word of English.

But, as time went on, they overcame the obstacles, built their own schoolhouse and became established in the community, Demshar said. He said several people in Homedale provided help — such as extending credit — which allowed them to survive.

The legacy of working together to help your neighbor has continued to be a strong tradition in this area, which has contributed to the history of many farming families, as well as the Slovenic descendants.

Many of the artifacts in St. Hubert’s Catholic Church in Homedale were donated by the Austrian families, Demshar said.

Much of the land farmed by the Slovenic families



Austrian Settlement descendant Joe Demshar gestures during his presentation Saturday.

remains in the hands of descendants today. The eight parcels of land are located near the intersection of Johnstone and Graveyard Point Roads. The Demshars still farm the original plot of land established by their ancestors, as does the Chadez family. The Bahem family moved away in 1924, and the two younger children, who were 11 and 14 at the time, stayed and took over the farm, Demshar said. Later, the parents returned.

“They stuck it out and made it work,” Demshar said. Today, he estimates there are hundreds of living descendants of the early Austrian settlers in the Homedale area.

Throughout Saturday’s event, Demshar said he was surprised by the number of people who attended the talks. Nearly 10 people said they were related to someone in the photos, or a neighbor of theirs.

The Austrians came to Homedale in 1914 and now 100 years have passed. The Austrian Settlement Centennial will be celebrated on Feb. 14-15, and a stone monument will be placed at Bette Uda City Park sometime this month.



Above and right: People enjoy free food and presentations at the Owyhee County Historical Museum on Saturday in Murphy.



Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan



Above: Visitors wander through the Owyhee County Historical Museum. Right: Others relax and take in the music and presentations.



Jordan Valley boys
keep on rolling

Avalanche Sports

Homedale boys stifle
New Plymouth



Marsing's Noah Grossman, bottom, wrestlers Oscar Torres in his first match in the 220-pound D pod Friday in Nampa. Grossman picked up a pin 36 seconds into the second round. Submitted photo

Grossman wrestles to 6th at Lane

Junior, senior Williams both lose
to eventual champions

Two Marsing High School wrestlers went deep into the championship bracket at the Rollie Lane Invitational on Saturday.

Junior Noah Grossman rebounded to finish sixth at 220 pounds. Senior Austin Williams was unable to medal at 160.

A third Huskies wrestler, senior Brad Labit, lost both of his matches in Friday's 170J pod and didn't advance to Saturday's bracket competition at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Grossman rolled into Saturday's bracket with a pod championship

after going 3-0 with two pins Friday.

After an opening-round bye in the championship round, he pinned Brandon Shaffan of Nampa in 50 seconds. He put Curtis Crouch of Crook County, Ore., on his back at the 3-minute, 16-second mark of their quarterfinal match.

In the semifinals, Grossman battled Centennial senior Logan Blackwood, losing to the eventual Rollie Lane champion, 5-4.

Grossman lost both of his consolation bracket matches, including 5-3 to Kuna junior

Andres Rodriguez, and 13-7 to Palmer, Alaska, junior Ben Button in the fifth-place match.

Crook County went on to win the team championship, while Centennial finished second.

Grossman opened his Rollie Lane stay Friday with a second-round pin of Ontario, Ore.'s Oscar Torres. He dispatched Hermiston, Ore., entrant Corey Mason in 16 seconds before winning his third match in Pod D with a 8-1 decision against Manasse Mullner of Timberline.

Austin Williams — Williams was 2-1 Friday to finish second in Pod K of the 160-pound division.

— See *Lane*, page 15

HHS girls start fast in SRV opener

Trojans will play first half of conference schedule quickly

Kaylee Rupp scored 20 points to lead three players in double figures as Homedale High School opened 3A Snake River Valley conference girls' basketball play with a victory Friday.

The Trojans stormed to a 17-point halftime lead in a 56-47 win over host Parma.

The Panthers got to within six points in the fourth quarter as Makayla Stockett led all scorers with 24 points. Parma's Deborah Blancet added 14.

Destiny Long and Tory Lane had 12 points apiece as HHS won for the seventh time in eight games. Rupp collected a team-high nine rebounds, and Long had six. Elise Shenk led the team with five assists, while Lane had three steals and three blocked shots.

By the end of this week, HHS will complete the 3A SRV's first half. The Trojans played Fruitland on the road Tuesday after deadline. They play host to Weiser on Thursday and visit Payette on Saturday.



Tory Lane



Marsing High School's Morgan Hall puts up a shot against a McCall-Donnelly defender in the Huskies' 2A Western Idaho Conference win at home Friday. Photo by Dan Pease

Huskies limit WIC opponents' chances

Marsing High School used strong rebounding to limit its opponent in a 2A Western Idaho Conference girls' basketball victory Friday night.

Morgan Hall came off the bench to score seven points as the Huskies beat visiting McCall-Donnelly, 38-27.

"In the past three games, the girls have rebounded really well," first-year Huskies coach Jaime Wood said, recalling the team's sweep in the Husky Holiday Classic in the last weekend of 2013.

"We just want to hold (opponents) to one shot each time down the floor."

The Vandals' lack of chances helped the Huskies (6-6 overall, 3-2 in conference) keep the upper hand despite missing 19 of 34 free-throw attempts. McCall failed to score in the second quarter and trailed, 21-7, at halftime.

"It was a good team effort," Wood said. He acknowledged that Marsing must clean up its percentage at the charity stripe to ensure continued success.

Shelby Dines was the Huskies' leading scorer with 10 points, including a three-point shot, while Destiny Reynolds added nine. Shannon Clover hit a trey on the way to seven points. Emily Tank also hit a long-distance jumper.

Clover and Hall were a combined 9-for-17 from the free-throw line.

Marsing took a three-game winning streak into Tuesday's non-conference road game against Payette.

Sports

JV boys build on tournament title

Mustangs sweep first two games of the new year

The Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team couldn't sustain the momentum of a big win in a tournament championship game.

A week after winning the Rolly Lincoln Memorial in Wilder, the Mustangs (9-3 overall before Tuesday's non-league game against Notus) swept a pair of non-league games against 1A Western Idaho Conference opponents.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 44, Greenleaf Friends Academy 18 — The Mustangs shut out the Grizzlies to start the second half. Jordan Valley owned a four-point halftime lead before a 16-0 third-quarter run in Greenleaf.

"We played good defensively, but just couldn't get our shots to fall," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said.

Lee Stanford notched a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds. He also had five steals and two blocked shots. He scored half of his points in the first eight minutes.

Wyatt Stanford hit a trey as part of his seven points, while Wyatt Trautman knocked down five of six free throws for all of his points.

Friday: Jordan Valley 46, McDermitt, Nev., 33 — In another road game, Trautman scored 18 points and Stanford added 11 as the Mustangs opened up in the second half against the Bulldogs.

Stanford pulled down seven rebounds, while Trautman grabbed eight.

Jett Warn was unable to get into the scoring column, but finished with five assists and two rebounds.



Wyatt Stanford takes a jumper under pressure against Greenleaf Friends Academy. Photo by Tara Echave

McDermitt's Saul Lopez hit three three-pointers, while teammate Tanner Cable added eight points.

Dec. 28: Jordan Valley 52, Wilder 34 — Lee Stanford's 14 points led three

Mustangs in double figures as Jordan Valley ended the Wildcats' season-opening seven-game winning streak.

"Wilder give us a good game," Fillmore said. "We had to play good defense, and we did a good job of not letting them have open looks."

Trautman chipped in 13 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and two blocked shots. Jordan Valley senior Ben Telleria was 3-for-4 from the foul line en route to 11 points.

Wilder's AJ Castellanos led all scorers with 15 points. He was 5-for-6 from the line. Isaac Lopez added 10 points.

Jordan Valley took control with a 12-1 run through the second quarter.

"We played well both games," Clint Fillmore said.

Lee Stanford and Wyatt Trautman were named to the all-tournament team. Stanford averaged 13 points and 9.5 rebounds. Trautman scored 13.5 points a night and averaged eight rebounds per contest.

Dec. 27: Jordan Valley 61, Idaho City 28 — Jett Warn and Stanford paced an aggressive defense with five and four steals, respectively. Warn also had six assists and four points.

The Mustangs opened their tournament with a 16-2 spurt through the first quarter and owned a 35-9 edge at halftime.

Telleria hit two three-point goals on the way to a game-high 15 points. Stanford scored 12 points and snagged nine rebounds to go along with five assists, while Trautman had 14 points and six boards.

Wesley Pierce and Tyler Rainey scored five points each for Idaho City. Both players hit a three-pointer. The Wildcats were 1-for-7 from the foul line.

Adrian winless in Lane pods

Four Adrian High School wrestlers went winless and couldn't advance out of Friday's pod action at the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa.

According to trackwrestling.com:

Luke Campbell, a 138-pounder, lost all three of his matches by pinfall.

Shane Miller, one of two Antelopes entered at 152 pounds, was pinned twice after a first-round bye.

Bryson Shira, Adrian's other 152-pounder, lost all three matches by pinfall in the J Pod.

Ramon Dalla, a 160-pounder, exited after two first-round pins.

✓ Lane: Two of MHS three reach Day 2

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He wrestled into the quarterfinals Saturday before eventual champion Jon Jay Chavez of Centennial pinned his fellow senior, 18 seconds into the second round.

Williams exacted some revenge from his only pod loss on Friday when he pinned Centennial junior Amrakh Aliyev in 4:31 in his first consolation match Saturday. Aliyev pinned Williams 41 seconds into the second round in the final round of pod competition.

Caldwell senior Brooks Ney posted a narrow 10-9 victory to end Williams' tournament.

Williams started his championship bracket run with an 11-3 major decision of Kuna senior Carl Heinze then reached the quarterfinals by pinning Fruitland senior Bailey King in 4:44.

Williams collected wins in the first two rounds of Friday's pod action (a pin of Burns, Ore.'s Jaden Simpson in 4:57 and a 36-second pin of Timberline's Mike Porter).

Brad Labit — Samuel Seamons of Preston and Brayden Shell of Kuna defeated the senior by pinfall in Friday's pod action.

MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete of the Week Noah Grossman, jr., wrestling

The Play -- A day after winning his pod in the Rollie Lane Invitational, the 220-pounder finished sixth on Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Grossman had two pins in Saturday's championship round before losing to eventual champion Logan Blackwood of Centennial, 5-4. He wrestled back and lost the fifth-place match.



Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11, home vs. Payette, 6:15 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday, Jan. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Jan. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11, home vs. Payette, 3 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 9 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11, home vs. North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 9 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Husky Wrestling

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

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Sports

Trojans trample ice-cold Pilgrims

Dillon Lowder logs all-around game for boys

Friday was a night of spectacular achievements for the Homedale High School boys' basketball team.

The Trojans held host New Plymouth to a pair of first-half free throws to build an insurmountable lead.

Junior Dillon Lowder scored a career-high 18 points to fuel Homedale's 56-29 non-conference blowout.

"The game Friday went well for us, especially in the first half," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "We held New Plymouth to two total points in the half, and they were two free throws. Not sure if I have ever seen that in a varsity game. New Plymouth played the way I expected them to play in the second half."

Homedale (8-2 overall after winning six of its past seven games) held the Pilgrims scoreless from the floor in the first 16 minutes. New Plymouth was 0-for-21 on field-goal attempts and scored one free throw each in

the first and second quarters. The Trojans opened the game on a 17-1 run and owned a 29-2 advantage at the break. Homedale's stifling defense resulted in 23 steals, including seven by senior Lane Sale and another six from Lowder, who added two blocked shots, four deflections and six rebounds.

Connor Carter was a perfect 8-for-8 from the foul line en route to 12 points for the Trojans.

Homedale players sank 16 of 20 free throws (80 percent) in their most prolific showing of the season.

Seniors Sale and Caleb Oviedo snagged eight rebounds each to lead Homedale's 32-board effort. The Trojans had 19 rebounds on the Pilgrims' glass and held a 10-rebound edge.

Sale scored eight points, while fellow senior Talon Freelove added nine points.

The Pilgrims played the bulk of the game without top scorer Nate Woods, who was injured in the first quarter. Homedale plays host to New Plymouth on Saturday.

"I expect when we play them again on Saturday it will be a closer game," Grove said.



Casey Grove



Dillon Lowder



The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team poses after winning the Rolly Lincoln tournament championship in Wilder. Top row, from left: Assistant coach Gary Jones, head coach Bobby-Jean Colyer, Analeise Mills, Keni Meyers, Hailey Boman, Mickie Newman, Bonnie Standley, Sakota Hall, team manager Jackie Newman, and assistant coach Arron Hall. Bottom row, from left: Desi Meyers, Kyla Jewett, Sami Bachman and Angeles Lino. Submitted photo

Defense delivers easy opportunities

Rimrock girls have made easy transition to new coaches

The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team has embraced a new style from a familiar face from the program's past.

The Raiders ended 2013 with a 6-1 record after winning the Rolly Lincoln Memorial Tournament in Wilder with a 48-35 win over Jordan Valley on Dec. 28.

First-year coach Bobby-Jean Colyer has installed a philosophy similar to that which her father, Gary Jones, used to guide the Rimrock boys for decades.

Not surprisingly, Jones is helping as a volunteer assistant.

The team has emerged with a consistent nucleus of three scorers in double figures nearly every night. Jones said the offensive spark plays off the Raiders' new pressure defense scheme.

"A lot of the baskets are transition baskets," Jones said. "Bob-

by's saying is, 'We're home of the permanent press.'"

Dec. 28: Rimrock 48, Jordan Valley 35 — The Raiders held the Mustangs to two points in the first quarter of the Rolly Lincoln championship game then allowed just seven points in the fourth quarter to pull out the victory.

All-tournament player Kyla Jewett fired in three three-point goals and finished with 21 points, while teammate Angeles Lino chipped in 10 points.

Andi Warn led the Mustangs (4-6 overall) with 11 points and 15 rebounds. Morgan Caywood scored eight, and Alisha Rogers threw in seven.

Hailey Boman corralled 12 rebounds for the Raiders, while teammate Desi Meyers had six assists and seven steals.

Dec. 27: Rimrock 48, Wilder

30 — Sami Bachman, the Raiders' other all-tourney player, had 11 points and three assists in an opening-night victory over the tournament host.

Jewett led with 12 points, and Lino chipped in 10 points.

Rimrock opened on an 18-1 run through the first quarter and never looked back.


Aleen Balian had 15 points and three steals for the Wildcats.

Dec. 19: Notus 52, Rimrock 45 — In the only regular-season meeting between the two 1A, Div. I conference opponents, the Pirates handed the visiting Raiders their only loss.


Lino led the way with 15 points, followed by 11 from Bachman and 10 from Jewett.


Dec. 12: Rimrock 60, Victory Charter 22 — Jewett scored a career-high 27 points all from the floor in the Raiders' rout of their visitors from Nampa.

Lino scored 14, and Bachman added 12.




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Athlete of the Week

Kaylee Rupp, sr., girls' basketball

The Play — Rupp scored a season-high 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds Friday as the Trojans held on to open 3A Snake River Valley conference play with a 56-47 victory over Parma.

Girls' Basketball


Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 9, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 9, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 9, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball


Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 11, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 11, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Saturday, Jan. 11, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling


Saturday, Jan. 11 at Skyview Duals, Nampa, 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14, home vs. New Plymouth and Vale, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15 vs. Emmett and Skyview, Emmett, 5 p.m.




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Sports



Jordan Valley girls return to win column
Jordan Valley High School's Morgan Caywood, right, drives into the lane against a Greenleaf Friends Academy defender during Saturday's non-conference girls' basketball game on the Grizzlies' home floor in Canyon County. The Mustangs rolled, 62-26, to snap a two-game losing streak. The team is 5-7 overall under first-year coach Kelsi Skinner. Photo by Tara Echave

Homedale Booster Club crab feed slated again

Inaugural event brought in \$20K for athletics

Homedale student-athletes begin selling tickets today for the second Homedale Booster Club steak and crab feed.

The major fundraiser for the club that supports high school and middle school athletic programs takes place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 inside the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$45 per person or \$50 per person in a party of eight (\$400) for a reserved table.

There are only 400 tickets available for the steak and crab feed, and student-athletes are scheduled to get those tickets and begin selling today.

The evening includes a meal of steak, crab, baked potato, roll, salad, dessert, lemonade and water. Beer and wine will be available for additional purchase.

There also will be live and silent auctions as well as a raffle. Each sports team will create a gift basket for auction, and raffle tickets will be available at upcoming basketball games.

For information or to get involved with the fundraiser, contact Casey Grove at cgrove@homedale-schools.org or 340-4611.

Last year's inaugural steak and crab feed raised more than

\$20,000. Among other things, the proceeds helped:





- Buy golf balls for the high school golf team
- Buy strength training equipment for several high school teams
- Pay camp fees for the high school girls' basketball and football teams
- Buy uniforms for the middle school football program and the high school boys' basketball team
- Pay for part of the high school baseball field fence project
- Buy a Trojan mascot for the HHS Pep Club
- Pay for meals for the high school softball team during its championship stay at the 3A state tournament

There are no specific plans yet for the proceeds from this year's fundraiser although booster club members are evaluating several numerous funding requests.

Booster club officers include president Keri Brown, vice-president Jane Pfof, treasurer Sheila Matteson, secretary Rhonda Pickett.

The booster club meets on the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. inside the Homedale High School Library, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

More information about the club is available by joining the Homedale Booster Club Facebook page. Those interested in the club are also invited to attend the monthly meeting.

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Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	 Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Dave Raines Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 649-5280 Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2014 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 11 - Feb. 8 - Mar. 22 - Apr. 26 - May 10 June 14 - July 12 - Aug. 23 - Sept. 27 Oct. 25 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
The ultimate in passenger discomfort

I fly a lot of miles on a lot of airlines. My best estimate is that I have boarded over 2,500 different flights over the years. That’s more than the average pilot! I recommend it. There are those who do not like to use airlines. They say it is crowded and uncomfortable. That is true, however, it is the safest, usually the cheapest, quickest way to get somewhere. You just can’t expect them to treat you like a customer at Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse!

However, as airlines merge with themselves to increase their destinations while decreasing their competition, you can watch their steady but stealthy progress to wring you out of your last buck. If you are fortunate enough to fly in big jet planes ... anything that starts with a “7,” you are ahead of the game. They have room in the overhead for your stuff. You could actually sit in the middle seat between two average humans and be semi-comfortable. On these bigger jets, people checked their baggage. Then King Midas, Scrooge and Cinderella’s ugly sister realized that some people actually enjoyed flying. “We can’t have that!” cried the Wicked Witch of the Turbulence. So they started charging to check a bag, \$25 to \$50 each way. I NEVER CHECK MY BAG!

This forced travelers to try and put all their baggage in the roomy overhead space (a design flaw the airlines realized too late). I predict soon they will start charging for all bags put anywhere. It will follow with a charge for your ID, the change in your pocket, your shoes and the book or newspaper you bring on board. There will then develop a surcharge on thick socks, hats, coats and laptops. I DON’T HAVE A LAPTOP!

Eventually seats will become optional. Most will ride in the baggage section. BUT, I DON’T CARE! I will take all the abuse they throw at me. And it will get worse. The more mergers, the tighter the seating, the less selection ... I can envision a flight attendant with rubber gloves and an eyedropper walking down the aisle feeding those passengers who sit up straight, tip their heads back like baby robins, and are given exactly three ounces of a choice of red, yellow or green flavored chemical. BUT YOU CAN’T STOP ME FROM FLYNG!

I have 350,000 flight miles on one of the big airlines, but since I didn’t make the cut this year I am assigned the seat across from the toilet with blue water and board in Zone 14. YOU CAN’T INTIMIDATE ME.

I have watched the boarding procedure change over the years with no obvious logic. They used to allow those who sat furthest back to board first. Now it appears that they select seats by drawing numbers like a bingo game. It makes you wince to watch the process. The dainty, the frightened, the linebacker coming down the aisle, the homeless person pushing a shopping cart, the person who is bringing her harp on board, the multitude trying to stuff turkey dinners, a cavalry saddle, and a 12-foot fly rod into the overhead.

They could take a lesson from any cattle hauler. He loads the ones getting off last in the front of the trailer next to the cab. Duh. Too complicated I guess. I’LL SIT ANYWHERE. GIVE ME THE MIDDLE SEAT BETWEEN TWO SUMO WRESTLERS!

I understand they are considering allowing cell phone service during the flight. I can predict multiple felonies, frenzied savaging, wall climbing and at least one WWE RAW RASSLING ATTACK every time a tinging, dinging ringtone chimes in. I say put the cell-phone users and smokers together in the baggage section. I DON’T CARE. JUST LET ME ON.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Change for the good in cities?
Here’s hoping



Several new elected officials take the stage tonight in municipalities throughout Owyhee County. Grand View and Homedale are getting new mayors. Grand View, Homedale and Marsing will get new city councilpersons. Turnover in government often magnifies the hope of a new year, but it sometimes can bring dread and uncertainty. I choose to stick with the hope of a new year when analyzing the new arrivals at the City Halls in Grand View, Homedale and Marsing. For starters, I don’t have a lot of reasons to be pessimistic about the newcomers because — save for Grand View Mayor Franklin Hart and Grand View councilman James Burnett — they haven’t held public office before. And, with respect to Burnett, this is his first go in city government after sitting on the Grand View Water and Sewer Association board of directors. The rest — Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and councilpersons Kim Murray and Vonnice Harkins in Homedale; and councilman Cory Percifield in Marsing — are rookies. The freshman label may not entitle anyone to a pass on many decisions, but the benefit of the doubt could be considered for a few months because of their

inexperience. Remember, I’m an optimist. Let’s not see the arrival of new blood as a train wreck waiting to happen but rather as a stern message from the voters that the previous rails on which city governments had chugged weren’t necessarily made of sound steel or decisions. Of course, it’s difficult to know why political change comes about in small towns. It could be legitimate displeasure with the course of business or it could be petty payback for getting a sideways glance from a city official at exactly the wrong time — whether the glance was really sideways or merely an oversight of a person’s presence, or even a glance at all. Whatever the reason, change has come and those now at the table of decision must embrace it and use it for the good of their respective towns. Here’s hoping that business is conducted in all three towns with the utmost regard given to what is in the best interest of the citizens as a whole and not to curry favor among a powerful few. That said, one of the first issues facing Christoffersen, Murray and Harkins in Homedale is what degree of

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Idaho producers near top of list of those who feed world



The U.S. Trade Representative reported that, in 2012 alone, the U.S. sold \$235 million worth of potatoes, \$42 million worth of beans, \$1.1 billion worth of apples and \$53.3 billion worth of corn products to consumers around the world. These are just a few examples of how American farmers and ranchers are helping to meet the challenge of feeding a growing world population. According to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Idahoans produce more than 185 different agricultural commodities. Idahoans are selling these agricultural commodities here in the U.S. and are helping Idaho rank among leading states in providing agricultural goods to people around the world. For example, U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (ERS) data ranks Idaho fourth in the nation for the value of dairy products sold worldwide. Dairy exports have grown from just over \$36 million in 2000 to more than \$335 million in 2012. ERS also reports that Idaho ranks fourth among states in the value of fresh and processed vegetables sold in foreign markets and fifth for the value of wheat sales. Agricultural sales abroad support jobs and are an enormous benefit to Idaho’s economy. According to data from Global Trade Information Services, Inc. (GTI), in the first nine months of 2013 alone, more than \$736 million of Idaho agriculture products were sold internationally. This includes more than \$230 million worth of Idaho dairy, \$98 million worth of grain and seeds, \$96 million worth of vegetables and \$50 million worth of preserved food. International sales of these products increased in the first nine months of 2013 over sales in the first nine months of 2012. Overall, Idaho agriculture brings in more than \$7 billion in cash receipts that help support local employment and communities. The sales abroad are made possible because Idaho’s farms and ranches produce more high-quality agricultural

products than can be consumed by Idahoans. They are able to share this bounty with families around the world through entrepreneurship and hard work, especially considering the mounting pressures on farm and ranch land. These pressures include excess regulations and paperwork requirements, tax uncertainty, high input costs, limited water, and emerging pest and plant and animal diseases. Taking into account the expansive reach of Idaho agricultural products around the world, today’s producers and small businesses are meeting the challenges of navigating in varied and complex marketplaces. GTI reports that Canada, Mexico, China, South Korea and Japan are the top export markets for Idaho agriculture products. However, Idaho agricultural products reach far beyond these markets and are sold in nearly 100 countries. For example, the Idaho Department of Commerce reports that Peru bought \$6.4 million worth of vegetables from Idaho, and Indonesia bought more than \$34 million worth of dairy products from Idaho in 2012. As we ponder the economic future of our state and nation, we should applaud the immense advancements of Idaho agricultural products into world markets, resulting from the hard work of Idaho farmers and ranchers and serving as an example of Idaho agriculture’s important and growing role. To ensure that more of Idaho’s high-quality food is able to reach those who need it, we must create a supporting environment for growth and eliminate unnecessary obstacles. I will continue to press for needed policy changes to best enable American farmers and ranchers to continue to meet local and world food needs. — Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. Crapo is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Commentary

Financial management

Make sure children don't count on your generosity to get by

Dear Dave,
Do you have any advice for teaching responsibility and generosity to adult children and grandkids when it comes to money?

— Justin

Dear Justin,
I think there are three key factors when it comes to teaching children of any age about these concepts — humility, gratitude and contentment. In my mind, humility is where gratitude comes from, and gratitude leads to contentment.
I'm generous to my adult children, but they have no sense of entitlement. That's because of their personal humility. They don't feel that I owe them anything, and they already know that anyone who cops an entitlement attitude gets cut off. You're no longer qualified for my generosity when you lose your gratitude.
You've got to spend time

talking to kids about these things. Otherwise, you run the risk of them counting on the income. Here's an example. We coach some family businesses at my company, and the best family businesses are the ones that teach non-employee family members who receive money from the business — dividends from the profits — never to live on those dividends. I've seen lots of cases where someone will start living on the business they don't work in, and they immediately start feeling entitled to the money.
The same principle applies in your situation. If someone starts saying, "Well, since Mom and Dad are paying for our daycare, we can use that money we would have spent to buy a car." That means they've started counting on Mom and Dad's generosity to live, and that's a form of entitlement mentality.
None of our kids receive any kind of financial help from us at



doesn't fly in our family.
You have to teach them character and giving in order for them to be valid recipients. Plus, it's all about the kids' attitude. But you've got to talk about it often and communicate the value system out loud. The gifting and generosity are contingent upon the humility that leads to gratitude that leads to contentment.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My wife and I just bought a business with cash. We had been living with my brother and sister-in-law while we saved up, and things are starting to get a bit cramped. My brother has offered to co-sign on a house for us, but rent is pretty cheap in this area. What do you think we should do?

— Peter

Dear Peter,
You need to forget about a house and plan on renting for a

while. You just bought a business, and at this point you don't even know if it's going to be successful. Plus, if you need a co-signer to buy a house, car or anything else, it means you're not financially ready for that purchase.
Take some time, maybe two or three years, to get your business up and running. Go find a decent, inexpensive place to rent then pay off any debt you have while saving up as much money as possible. I want you to have a nice house one day, Peter. But you're just not ready now. A house should be a blessing, not a burden.

— Dave

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

Americans for Limited Government ALG's Person of the Year Cruz a threat to establishment GOP

by Rick Manning
No politician had a greater impact on the past year than freshman U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas). Cruz came from the Lone Star State not owing the D.C. political establishment anything, after he beat the chosen replacement for Kay Bailey Hutchison in an underfunded, grassroots-driven Republican primary election.
Using his historic first speech on the Senate floor to support Sen. Rand Paul's (R-Ky.) quest to force the Obama administration to agree not to use drones to kill Americans on American soil, Cruz showed he would sacrifice personal glory for the cause of liberty. By helping shine a constitutional light on the Justice Department's unwillingness to unequivocally declare that the federal government cannot just send a missile through the windshield of American citizens' vehicles driving down I-95, Cruz chose to take his first stand on a seemingly esoteric, but important, constitutional issue.
Of course, Cruz made his biggest mark when he and fellow freshman Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) led a last-ditch national grassroots effort to defund Obamacare before the law went

into effect fully. Imagine how many Senate Democrats wish right now that they had heeded Cruz's entreaties and agreed to delaying or defunding it for one year. Now, they are stuck with the law and all its consequences.
Since the short federal government shutdown, Americans are coming to the conclusion that Obamacare was sold through a series of lies, and they are not happy. Fear of losing coverage, fear of significantly increased healthcare costs and fear of losing the doctor/patient relationship have become the table topic in households.
These households know that Republicans, because of Cruz and Lee, did everything possible to protect America from the impact of Obamacare.
Incredibly, the handwringers in the Republican Party will be the beneficiaries of Cruz's determination, intelligence and guts. Yet those same elected and unelected D.C. operatives will never forgive the Texas senator for showing their half-hearted opposition to the law for what it was and forcing the issue.
It is this willingness to use whatever power he is entrusted with to protect Americans from the ravages of

big government that has made Cruz a hero among thinking-outside-the-Beltway Republicans.
It is this exact same quality that has made him an anathema to inside-the-Beltway Republicans, who are intimidated by his unique combination of intelligence, education and fierce determination to do what is right, regardless of which power broker's cage gets rattled.
And it is this quality that the establishment Republican class is mounting a campaign to defeat in 2014 primary elections. Fearing a wave class of new Republicans emboldened by Cruz's enthusiasm and integrity in fighting for personal liberty, their limited-government veneer has been cast away.
Cruz created a new plum line for those who claim to carry the limited government mantle, and in one short year he has done more to change the landscape of American politics than most of the careerists do in a lifetime. That is why he is 2013 Person of the Year.
— Rick Manning (@rmanning957) is vice president of public policy and communications for Americans for Limited Government.



✓ Change: New mayoral administrations take flight in Homedale and Grand View tonight

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accommodation they're willing to consider for the incoming King's Department Store.
Those business leaders who showed up for last month's public hearing made it clear that a radical reconfiguration of the intersection of Idaho Avenue and U.S. Highway 95 isn't welcome.
To be sure, the arrival of King's and at least one other store in Homedale will provide more competition, but two more employers in town could help stimulate the economy, too.
In Marsing, Percifield walks onto a council that appears to be in the final stages of developing a contract with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office. The price tag is still \$15,000 for nuisance code enforcement, but no one has

put pen to paper to make the deal final.
Hart implied voters wanted change when he threw his hat in the ring in Grand View. His victory perhaps bore that out, but what change, exactly, will come still remains to be seen.
The Grand View City Council remains stocked with holdovers from the Tammy Payne and Opal Ward administrations as Linda Araujo and Marie Hipwell earning new terms in November.
That aspect perhaps casts doubt on whether a lot of change, if it is needed, will occur.
Invariably, there will be some degree of change in all three cities with the new decision-makers on board.
Here's hoping that change comes with minimal turmoil and maximum effort to do what's right.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 11, 1988

Prospects for '89 look very promising; Homedale merchants buoyed by snow, task force

Snow banks may be piled high around Homedale this winter, but the outlook of Homedale businessmen about the economic prospects for the area in the year ahead is positively warm and sunny. The Owyhee Avalanche sought out the opinions of a number of local business folks about what they foresee for this rural area during the upcoming year, from an economic viewpoint.

Below is a sampling of their opinions about how the local economy is shaping up.

Roger Hinton, owner of Owyhee Ranch and Casual Wear: "I'm rather optimistic about the coming year. Most of our farmers have had a good year, from what we have heard. I'm especially optimistic because we are getting moisture to fill our reservoirs for the coming year, to give us the water we desperately need. Our success in retailing will be directly parallel to the success of the agriculture industry in our area."

Paul Zatica, owner of Paul's Market chain: "I think if we have a lot of moisture and our reservoirs fill up, our economy should be pretty good because our farmers should have a good year. We've got our (Homedale Economic) Task Force formulated and are working on projects that we hope will stimulate growth in Homedale."

Dennis Combs, owner of Combs Car Corral: "We are a farm community, and I think our farmers will fare pretty well, due to the amount of precipitation that has occurred this winter. They've been in a slump the last couple of years, so they are pretty aggressive now. I think it will be a good year with good stable weather and we'll all fare well."

Marsing merchants: '89 will be better than '88

The outlook in Marsing for 1989 is good, according to the Marsing businesspeople contacted last week by The Owyhee Avalanche.

"1988 was a good one. We hope '89 will be also." Roy Herman of Marsing Hardware said. "I feel people are pretty optimistic now."

"If the snow stays like it is now, we'll have a great year! With our going into a new business, I sure hope so," Harvey Grimme, owner of Marsing Auto Body & Towing said.

Bud Holland, owner of Marsing Auto Parts, said he expects "everything to be about the same as 1988.

"I'm entirely optimistic. We had a good year overall last year. The EPA's insurance requirement on our gasoline storage tanks will about kill our gas business. We will push mufflers and exhaust systems."

"With the moisture we've received now, I feel we'll have a good year. If we hadn't had a little water it'd been the pits," Rob Townsend, owner of Townsends Tire and Muffler, said.

Writers' contest

First-place winners in the Homedale writers' contest included David Uberuaga, poetry, gr. 9-12; Barry Malmberg, fiction, gr. 9-12; Helen Kettle, nonfiction, adult; Dave Phelps, fiction, adult; Tony Uranga, poetry (tie) gr. 7-8; Sara Hopkins, poetry (tie), gr. 7-8; Barry Bean, poetry, gr. 4-6; Heidi Young, nonfiction, gr. 4-6; Justin Cegnar, nonfiction, gr. 7-8; Connie Chadez, fiction, gr. 7-8; Martin Fujishin, fiction, gr. 4-6; and Mary Evelyn Metcalf, poetry, adult.

Linda Griffith, chairman of the Homedale Library Board assisted Librarian Margaret Fujishin in the presentation of awards.

Homedale High's academic decathlon squad named

Twelve members of Homedale's newly tapped academic decathlon team are gearing up for their first competition and hoping to repeat the team's feat last year in winning the state A-3 academic decathlon championship.

Their first hurdles come up on Saturday, Jan. 14, when they head into action at Centennial High in Meridian against competitors from over 14 other schools.

50 years ago

January 9, 1964

Trojans top undefeated Middleton quintet 59-58

Homedale beat Middleton, Treasure Valley's only undefeated team left prior to their meeting here Tuesday night, by a score of 59-58.

Middleton jumped off to an early lead, which wasn't threatened until the closing minutes of the ball game.

With 6:20 left in the game, the Trojans trailed by 21 points but went on a scoring spree and recorded their win with only two seconds left with a jump shot by Glenn Kushlan.

Coach Dean Vance praised his boys for a real team effort after shooting a very poor percentage in the first half, to come back the last half and score 42 points in gaining their 8th win against a lone defeat this season.

Homedale's Jr. Varsity lost to the Middleton Jr. Varsity by a score of 44-26. Ken Kushlan was Homedale's top scorer with 13 points.

President names chairmen for '64

Victor Uria presided as new president of the Homedale Kiwanis Club at its regular Wednesday noon luncheon meeting at El Gavilan, and appointed committee chairmen for the year.

He named Russ Sayers, Ed. Manning and Homer Anderson to a committee to arrange the installation banquet to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 30 at The Tango. Division 6 Lt. Gov. Cliff Barker of New Plymouth will be present.

Mayor repeats oath of office for third time

Mayor Orville Soper was sworn into his third consecutive term of office Monday night during the Homedale City Council's first regular meeting of 1964.

Three councilmen also were sworn in — Vern E. Davis for four years, George Murray for four years, and Harold Johnson for two years. One holdover councilman, Paul Zatica, has two years of his current term remaining.

Re-appointed city clerk, treasurer and police judge was Kenneth Downing.

Others reappointed were Warren Stimmel, watermaster; Paul Simon, assistant watermaster; Richard B. Eismann, city attorney, and Charles E. Taylor, building inspector.

Speaks at Farm Bureau meeting

Sen. Arlie Parkins spoke to the Homedale Farm Bureau concerning water, water rights, finances and the necessity of the state being able to meet its present obligations at the regular monthly meeting Monday night at the IOOF hall.

"California's need is a threat," he said.

"We have many beautiful northern streams where there isn't much demand for irrigation waters and possibly we can share some of this water, but not the Snake!"

He said that we've tried to be reasonable and sensible, so haven't developed all of the land along the Snake on account of huge surpluses; but we must be preparing projects for the future, and we need to be on guard!

Chairman Rolf Geertson has been appointed to the Farm Bureau Tax Study group, and he reported on the first meeting of the group held Dec. 27.

Brenda and DyAnne Carson played a piano duet, "The Last Date," for entertainment.

Homedale locals

A surprise birthday party was given Monday evening for Mrs. Paul Zatica at her home. Callers were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matteson.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Eachus had a New Year's Eve party at their home Tuesday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murray of Fargo, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marston and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moulton.

Mildretta Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Downing and family were visitors Sunday of Walt Adams at the Veteran's hospital in Boise.

140 years ago

January 10, 1874

RE-APPORTIONMENT. Hon. John Hailey has introduced in Congress the following bill authorizing the Governor of Idaho to re-apportion the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory, and for other purposes:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Apportionment.

That the act of the legislative Assembly of the Territory of Idaho, passed at the sixth session thereof, entitle "An act to re-apportion the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Idaho," be, and the same is hereby disapproved and repeated.

Sec. 2. That the next Legislature of the Territory of Idaho shall consist of nine members of the Council and eighteen members of the House of Representatives, which may be increased by the Governor of said Territory, from time to time, in proposition to the increase of qualified voters, to thirteen members of the Council and twenty-six members of the House of Representatives; and the Governor of said Territory, at the time of giving notice of the next general election, and of each general election, thereafter, shall apportion and declare in said notice the number of members of the Council and the House of Representatives to which each of the counties or districts shall be entitled under this act. The Governor shall divide said Territory into council and representative districts, and shall give to each section the Territory representation in the ratio of its qualified voters, as near as may be, to be ascertained from the returns of the general election held next preceding each appointment: Provided, That in said appointment each county shall have at least one member in the House of Representatives: Provided further, that nothing in this act shall be construed as abridging the term of the members of the council heretofore elected and holding over, but only so many members shall be elected at the next general election as, together with those holding over, will make the full number of nine members of the Council.

Sec. 3: That the regular sessions of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory may thereafter continue sixty days.

Sec. 4: That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

THE CENTENNIAL. The Director General to Governor Bennett — Each State and Territory must have an Official Body of men to look after and manage its interests and articles on exhibition. *United States Centennial Commission, No. 904 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Nov. 12, 1873*

To His Excellency, T. W. Bennett, governor of Idaho — SIR: I have the honor to solicit your concurrence with the United Centennial Commission in the work of Procuring such representations of the natural resources and industrial progress of your Territory as will insure its successful participation in the international exhibition of 1876. After careful deliberation, the Commission has concluded that this end may best be attained through the mentality and such composed of men thoroughly familiar with the capabilities of the State or Territory they represent and upon whom will be devolved the responsibility for the exhibition made under their direction. The scheme upon which it has seemed best to organize these boards is embodied in section five of the "Regulations for Exhibitors in the Untied States," a copy of which is herewith enclosed, to which I beg to direct your attention.

The magnitude of the labor of preparing and classifying the exhibits for each state, and the limited time remaining convince the Centennial Commission that the organization of the state boards cannot safely be declared beyond the 1st of April, 1874, without imperiling the interests of the exhibitors they are to represent.

In order that you may have further information of the object, scope and requirements of the work entrusted to the Centennial Commission, the commissioners for Idaho have been requested to confer with you, and they will be pleased to render you any of the resources of your Territory in the international exhibition. I am with great respect, your obedient servant.

A.T. Goshobs, Director-General,
U.S. Centennial Commission.

Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 9, 16 AND 23, 2013**

December 2
Approved payment of all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$32,044, Road & Bridge \$100,026, District Court \$ 10,783, Probation \$9,257, Historical Society \$1,037, Indigent & Charity \$500, Jr. College Tuition \$450, Revaluation \$733, Solid Waste \$4,974, 911 \$20, Waterways \$207, Economic Development \$1,834
Approved Centurylink E911 2013-2014 Maintenance Agreement. Approved current jail dispatch position to lead jail dispatch position.
Approved nomination of Rick Ysaguirre to the 2013 Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program Board of Members.
Approved Resolution 2013-45, 'Move Taxing District Elections from Current Expense and to create a new fund.
Approved signed contract with Dave Curl for part time Building Inspector. Placed liens on Indigent & Charity cases 13-64, 13-65 and 13-66. Approved Indigent & Charity case 13-62. Denied Indigent & Charity cases 13-58 and 13-65.
Approved a task order from Paragon Consulting in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the Bruneau Grand View Landfill Closure.
Approved the hiring of a new jail dispatcher in the amount of \$13.67.
December 9
Approved a letter to ICRMP regarding the Building Inspector contract and Owyhee County. Approved a Certificate of Residency for Jacob Black to the College of Southern Idaho. Approved Resolution 2013-46, Destruction of records for Planning & Zoning. Approved Resolution 2013-47, Destruction of records for the Sheriff's Office.
Approved Resolution 2013-48, Destruction of Sheriff's damaged night vision goggles.
Approved Resolution 2013-49, Destruction of records for the Clerk's Office.
Approved the Community Development Block Grant Program progress report for the renovation of the Bruneau American Legion Hall.
Approved the early closure of 12:00 pm on Christmas Eve for the Courthouse. Approved a homeowners hardship tax exemption.
Approved a tax deed excess
Approved a tax cancellation the amount of \$731.07.
Approved a tax deed excess
Approved a tax cancellation in the amount of \$584.58.
Approved a tax cancellation in the amount of \$605.55.
Approved a tax cancellation in the amount of \$693.73.
Approved a tax cancellation in the amount of \$1,204.22.
Approved a tax cancellation in the amount of \$584.58.
fund claim in the amount of \$2,147.73. for an Ag Exemption correction for parcel RPA00000041200A in
Approved a tax cancellation MHAM002009038AA in the amount of \$30.27.
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Approved a tax cancellation to reflect a homeowners exemption for parcel in the amount of \$148.70.
Approved a tax cancellation to reflect a homeowners exemption for parcel in the amount of \$459.80.
Approved a tax cancellation to reflect a homeowners exemption for parcel in the amount of \$127.44.
Approved a road name of Hampton Lane for a previously un-named, private lane. Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 13-67.
Denied Indigent & Charity case 13-63.
December 16
Approved payment of all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$34,622, Road & Bridge \$37,413, District Court \$4,474, Fair \$23, Probation \$1,871, Health District \$4,485, Historical Society & Museum \$178, Indigent & Charity \$11,130, Revaluation \$255, Solid Waste \$9,344, County Vessel \$105, Waterways \$9, Economic Development \$1,973.
Approved Certificates of Residency for the following: Jesus Denas to College of Southern Idaho Perla Atbor to College of Western Idaho Tanis Partee to College of Western Idaho
Andrea Vega to College of Western Idaho Camilla Carver to College of Western Idaho
Approved Resolution 13-50, destruction of Treasurers records.
Approved Sheriffs ECC 2014 Grant money in the amount of \$20,955 to be spent on dispatch software.
Approved Resolution 13-51, closure of Silver City Road, Bachman Grade Road and Mud Flat Road due to weather.
Approved a tax cancellation, due to a correction for parcel RPD00000155540A in the amount of \$434.70.
Approved a tax cancellation due to a correction for parcel PP5901218A in the amount of \$3,371.33.
Approved a tax cancellation due to a correction for parcel MH06S08E093000A in the amount of \$45.94.
Approved Resolution 13-52, Planning & Zoning Gas & Oil Exploration language for zoning.
Approved Sheriffs ECC 2014 Grant money in the amount of \$3,715.00 to be spent on dispatch software training.
Approved letters to the following first responders for revision of the Owyhee County Emergency Operations Plan:
President Douglas Rutan – Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Ass. Director Michael A. Guerri – Three Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Ass. Sheriff Perry Grant – Owyhee County Chief Jim Hyslop – Silver City Fire & Rescue
Chief Wes Anderson – Murphy/ Reynolds/Wilson Fire Mayor Keith Green - City of Marsing Chief Brian Showalter – Marsing Rural Fire Administrator Betty Ackerman – Marsing Ambulance Chief Jeff Eidemiller – Homedale

Police
Chief Scott Salutregui - Homedale Fire Administrator Lisa Rittenhouse – Homedale Ambulance Mayor Opal Ward – City of Grand View Chief Charles Enze – Grand View Fire Chief Stacy Buckingham – Bruneau Fire Administrator Mary Tindall – Bruneau QRU Dist. Manager Mel Meier – Twin Fall Dist. Jim Fincher – Manger BLM Boise Dist. City Clerk Alice Pegram – City of Homedale
Approved a letter to Loretta Chandler, OFO Manager regarding 'stocking rate information'. Approved a letter to Gary Spackman Director of Idaho Water Center, regarding permit matters.
December 23
Approved Resolution 2013-53 to increase mining claim recording fees. Approved the 10/1/12 – 9/30/13 Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report.
Approved the reversal of tax cancellations for parcel RP02S01E303152A in the amount of \$148.70, parcel RP02N04W145311A in the amount of \$693.76 and parcel RP01N03W073801A in the amount of \$605.55.
Approved the 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$26,617.55.
Approved the 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$13,136.81.
Approved the request for a new hire for the Assessors property appraiser position.
Approved the request for a new hire for a detention deputy in the Sheriff's office.
Approved Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Jordan Paoletti, Nateasha Harris, Brenda Vega and Nola Boone.
Placed liens on Indigent & Charity cases 2013-68 and 2013-69. Withdrew Indigent & Charity case 2013-59. Denied Indigent & Charity case 2013-64.
Approved Indigent & Charity cases 2013-58 sand 2013-68
Approved a request for the Sheriff's office to spend Bureau of Homeland Security funds for deputy vehicle computer hardware in the amount of \$15,053.35.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.
1/8/14

**OWYHEE COUNTY
BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW
LANDFILL CLOSURE
PROJECT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS**
Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County-Bruneau-Grand View Landfill Closure Project will be received by PARAGON Consulting, Inc., located at 157 W 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on January 23, 2014, and then, publicly opened and read aloud.
The project involves approximately 22,000 CY of excavation and placement of material, on-site, to provide the required four foot of minimum cover to close the Bruneau-Grand View Landfill. It is the intent of these documents to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:
1) Owyhee County - P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650
2) PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. - 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634
3) Associated General Contractors - 1649 West Shoreline Drive, Boise, Idaho 83702
4) The Project Documents and Drawings may be obtained from PARAGON Consulting, Inc. at 157 West 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634, ph. (208) 922-9138. Copies of these documents may be purchased for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 for each set. A \$10.00 shipping charge, non-refundable, will be assessed on all mailed plans. Electronic copies of these documents are available, by email, free of charge.
In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.
Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.
All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.
Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashiers check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to the Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.
Owyhee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.
January 6, 2014
Joe Merrick, Chairman
1/8,15/14

**NOTICE OF SALE
CASE NO CV-2013-2969
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY
OF OWYHEE**
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. BARRY D. KENDALL and HEIDI A. KENDALL, Husband and Wife; DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; WHISPERING HEIGHTS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION; and JOHN DOES 1-10; Defendant(s).
DATE OF SALE: January 30, 2014
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Owyhee County Courthouse, front entrance, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650
Under and by virtue of an Writ of Execution by Sheriff issued on the 4th day of November 2013, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 24th

day of September 2013, in favor of the above-named plaintiff and against the Defendants, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Order of Sale and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment of Foreclosure with interest thereon, and attorney fees and costs for sale, and my fees and costs. **The minimum bid is \$209,701.53, plus accrued interest and costs.** A credit bid may be entered by the judgment holder in any amount less than or up to the minimum bid plus accrued interest and costs. A third party cash bid may be entered in any amount equal to, or above, the minimum bid plus accrued interest and costs.
The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to wit:
Lot 22, Block 1, Whispering Heights Subdivision No. 2, Owyhee County, Idaho, filed for record November 8, 2000 as Instrument No. 234317 and Affidavit to correct recorded November 22, 2000 as Instrument No. 234425, Owyhee County records.
This property is commonly known as: 5964 Whispering Hills Drive, Marsing, Idaho.
The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in and to the property at the time of the execution or attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.
Following issuance of the Sheriff's Certificate of Sale there is a statutory six month redemption period, during which time the Judgment Debtor or any redemptioner may redeem the above property. If no redemption is made within that six month period, the sheriff, upon expiration of the redemption period, shall issue its Deed conveying title to the above property.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 30th day of January 2014, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, front entrance, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient fund to pay and satisfy the Judgment of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale by Sheriff to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money.
DATED THIS 27 day of December 2013.
SHERIFF Owyhee County, Idaho
By: Luisa Jaca, Deputy
1/8,15,22/14

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV 2013-03147 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of KENNETH L. HIGGINS, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented or delivered to BRYAN CULBERTSON, Personal Representative of the estate, at 1303 12th Avenue Road, P.O. Box 65, Nampa, Idaho 83653-0065, and filed with the Court pursuant to Idaho Code Section 15-3-804.
Dated this 17th day of December, 2013.
/s/BRYAN CULBERTSON, Personal Representative
AARON L. SEABLE, HAMILTON, MICHAELSON & HILTY, LLP, Attorneys for

Personal Representative. 1303 12th Avenue Road, P.O. Box 65, Nampa, Idaho 83653-0065. (208) 467-4479 Fax (208) 467-3058
1/8,15,22/14

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 Yehezkel 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



HELP WANTED

Mechanic/Repair person wanted. Must be able to weld and have mechanical skills. Please call Owyhee Dairy 337-4226

Service Worker/Social Worker Job Posting. Hope House provides a home for children from failing or failed US and International adoptions. All of our youth have experienced early childhood trauma and struggle with attachment. Many are dually diagnosed with other emotional problems. This opening is for a ministry minded male in the dual position of Direct Care Staff and Service Worker with boys ranging in ages from 5-21. This position requires either a Idaho social work license or a Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science, including social work, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, counseling, or a related field. In addition applicants must have at least 1 year experience working/volunteering with youth. This including youth ministries, mission work, summer camp, Sunday school, VBS, etc. Service work includes assessment, service planning, goal setting and 90 days reviews. Direct care involves caring for, mentoring, training, and supervising boys during all aspect of their daily life. The right person for this position loves the Lord and has a servant's heart. He must show that he can be a compassionate authoritarian towards hurting and non-trusting children but is also nonreactive to hostility. He will be a team player who can follow administrative direction but can also act proactively and take initiative. He must enjoy being active and willing to hike, fish and camp. A sports minded individual is desired but not required. We provide extensive training that includes behavior management that mainly involves verbal de-escalation. All direct care staff are trained in CPR /First Aid as well as medication assistance. Private on campus housing, separate from the boy's dorm, is provided along with basic utilities (home phone, electricity, water, & trash), a monthly stipend and a health care alternative. A spouse and/or children are welcome. We have an accredited school on sight where all staff children are invited to attend, tuition free. Spouses will be considered for other positions within our campus. Pets are welcome, including horses. All applicants must be able to pass a criminal background check, have a clean driving record and, if needed, obtain an Idaho driver's license within 30 days of hire, and be in reasonable good physical health. Ages 21 and above may apply. Over 50 are encouraged to apply! Please contact: Donnalee Velvick-Lowry, onefaithmom@frontier.com 208-890-5000 cell 208-896-4673 office P.O. Box 550 Marsing, Idaho 83639



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We want to thank everyone for the love, prayers, and support we received after the loss of our son, Michael Sterkenburg. Thank you for all the cards, food, and flowers. We appreciate all that everyone has done for us. Mickey and Edith Sterkenburg



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✓ Mayors: Percifield joins Marsing council

four years in Homedale. Kim Murray and Vonnice Harkins were the top two vote-getters in November's election. The two women succeed Tim Downing and Downum.

Downing decided not to seek a third council term, while Downum passed up his chance for re-election to the council to run for the city's chief executive position.

Newcomer Cory Percifield and incumbent Aron Streibel will be sworn in during today's 7 p.m. Marsing City Council meeting at City Hall, 425 Main St.

There will be three people taking the city council oath of office in Grand View tonight, but only one has never done it before.

James Burnett is the newcomer to the board, and he'll serve a four-year term.

Linda Araujo and Marie Hipwell both retained their council seats for two more years. Araujo was appointed earlier in 2013 to succeed Ward when she was tabbed to replace Tammy Payne as mayor.

Council presidents also will be appointed during the meetings in Homedale and Grand View. No reorganization is scheduled on the Marsing agenda.

✓ Marsing: Slew of raffle prizes available

auction through food concessions such as pies, chorizos, doughnuts, coffee, tacos, turkey noodles, popcorn and drinks.

The \$10 raffle prizes include:

- A front-load washer and dryer donated by Haken Insurance, Emerald Insurance and Parma Furniture
- A gun/security safe donated by Nampa-based Das-Co of Idaho

Inc. utility contractors and Rhino Metals

- \$500 cash donated by White Automotive
- A Colt AR-15 .223 rifle donated by Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino
- A 55-inch flat-screen television donated by the Usabel family

Prizes in the \$1 raffle include:

- A \$250 Marsing shopping spree donated by Marsing American Legion Post 128
- Half a beef cut and wrapped donated by Spring Valley Livestock
- A Boise getaway donated by Mason & Stanfield Inc.
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James Ferdinand is the chair for this year's auction with his wife, Jess, serving as co-chair.

Tickets for the \$10 raffle are available through the Ferdinands (794-7270 or 896-5229) or other committee members, including Sheila Carter (337-2100), Bob Carter (880-8770), Tim Dines (573-3321) and Stew and Paula Rhodes (794-1678).

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Parma resident Candy Collins is the Lizard Butte Library artist of the month for January. Submitted photo

Parma woman hangs impressionism art at Marsing library

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library draws its latest artist of the month for the Marsing library from Canyon County.

Candy Collins, a Parma resident who has lived in Idaho for 18 years, is the January artist, and her paintings are on display at the library located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W.

Collins is a lifelong artist who has used several media over the years. She currently uses an oil wash with pastels.

She describes her art as impressionism, referring to the way colors are put onto the page to form the impression of the subject, such as a tree or a flock of geese in flight.

Collins and her husband moved from the Seattle area to rural southwest Idaho after he retired. She now concentrates on her craft as well as teaching and gallery shows.

Collins taught kindergarten through sixth-grade art classes for eight years at the same school her children attended. Her sons are both artistic: One is a photographer and the other does hand-drawing. Her husband also cre-

ated hand-carved dollhouses.

Collins became excited about art at a young age. She credits the Spokane School District for recognizing her talents early on with her teachers helping to develop and encourage her. Describing herself as a rather quiet child, she felt her teachers used her talent to help bring her out. Her teachers would have her "show off" her artwork by taking it to other classrooms and talk about her art. Continuing through middle school and high school, Candy had the support and encouragement of her art teachers.

She secured a scholarship to a commercial art school in Spokane and finished her schooling in Seattle.

Collins belongs to the Purple Sage Art Guild in Caldwell as well as art guilds in Nampa and Weiser. She has shown her work in several local galleries and the Art House in Ontario, Ore.

The Lizard Butte Library is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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