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Helping children again



Above: Hannah Johnson, left, poses with Nayeli, one of the children she met during her work at the Casa de Paz (House of Peace) orphanage in Mexico. Submitted photo *Below:* Hannah relaxes at home in the days before her departure for her Peace Corps assignment. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Homedale, C of I grad enlists in Peace Corps

Hannah Johnson will spend 27 months in Morocco as a volunteer

Ever since she was a little girl, Hannah Johnson had a wish. She used to tell everyone, "I'm going to Africa to help the kids."

Little did she know that her wish would come true.

She boarded a flight Sunday for Morocco and plans to serve 27 months in the Peace Corps.

Johnson grew up in Homedale and both her parents are teachers in the school district. Toby Johnson teaches third grade

at Homedale Elementary, and coaches high school wrestling and Shannon Johnson teaches art at the middle school.

A 2009 graduate of HHS, Johnson graduated last May from The College of Idaho and has been anxiously waiting for confirmation of her Peace Corps assignment, which was a year-long process.

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"I feel so lucky because I get to learn a new culture, new language, travel to a faraway place and meet cool people."

Hannah Johnson

Official: Federal interpretation key to sage-grouse plan

Public comment deadline looms Jan. 29

How the Bureau of Land Management's proposed sage-grouse land use amendment affects grazing in Owyhee County will come down to how federal bureaucrats view the governor's plan, a county official and rancher says.

The Idaho and Southwestern Montana Sub-regional Greater Sage-grouse Draft Environmental Im-

pact Statement was the subject of a public meeting in Murphy on Jan. 6. The public comment period ends Jan. 29.

"I was pretty pleased that quite a few of our local ranchers were there," District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said. "I'm glad they're taking an interest in it because this will turn into something that's really serious."



Jerry Hoagland

Hoagland served on a panel that developed Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's state plan for sage-grouse conservation. That plan was adopted

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BIA inmates head to Murphy jail

Grant: Temporary holds will be few, though

The Owyhee County Jail will serve as a temporary holding center for inmates of a federal agency after county commissioners passed a resolution last week.

Sheriff Perry Grant said the agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs will allow room to remodel an Owyhee, Nev., detention center.

"We'll hold some here and there, but I'm sure it won't be a lot," Grant told the Board of County Commissioners during a

Jan. 6 meeting.

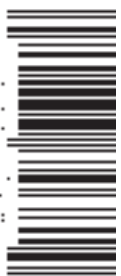
According to Resolution 14-01, the BIA will pay Owyhee County \$40 per day per inmate. Most of the incarcerations will be 48- to 72-hour holds, Grant said.

The compensation is similar to what the county receives for state Department of Correction holds.

Grant doesn't expect much revenue from the BIA agreement, which is expected to last through September, but he said it was just part of the mutual aid the agencies supply one another.

"The cooperation is great," he said. "They help us a lot on accidents on (Idaho highway 51). They're invaluable for us."

— JPB



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The new Homedale City Council, from left, Kim Murray, Aaron Tines, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, Steve Atkins and Vonnie Harkins. Photo by Jon P. Brown

New Homedale council members get glimpse of what could be in store

Engineers say more planning, infrastructure work could be coming

Gheen Christoffersen stressed cooperation and cohesiveness at the end of his first Homedale City Council meeting.

The town’s new mayor and two new councilpersons were sworn in by city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram last Wednesday as city officials said goodbye to a pair of multi-term councilmen.

“I appreciate being voted in as mayor,” Christoffersen said in what turned out to be closing remarks for the meeting attended by family members and well-wishers. “There are some things I sold my campaign on, and I want to move ahead with them.”

Christoffersen campaigned on eliminating illicit drugs from Homedale, cleaning up the city and improving the local economy.

“We need to be on the same page and work together,” Christoffersen said. “We need to improve Homedale and invite businesses and people to come to our town.”

Christoffersen said attracting

more commerce would broaden the town’s tax base.

Kim Murray and Vonnie Harkins also took the oath of office to begin four-year terms on the council.

The board elected holdover Aaron Tines to succeed Dave Downum as council president. No other appointments were made.

The new elected officials met city engineering officials for the first time. Riedesel Engineering hasn’t been officially retained as Homedale’s engineering contractor, but company principal Marty Gergen has been guiding different projects, including the airport master plan, recently.

Gergen and Riedesel employee Andrew Kimmel outlined some plans that should be on the council’s radar. Kimmel has been working with the City of Homedale for more than five years, having served as project lead for the town’s water and sewer improvements as well as playing

a part in the Local Improvement District construction as an employee of Project Engineering Consultants Ltd.

Among the potential projects mentioned:

- A large-scale sewer project to replace 60-year-old pipes that remain
- Work to keep the wastewater system in compliance with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regulations
- The creation of a water facility plan similar to the plan recently approved for the town’s sewer system

Gergen urged councilmembers to read the plans already in place, including the airport master plan, wastewater facility plan and transportation plan.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said becoming familiar with the plans could help the council avert multi-million-dollar infrastructure projects and higher utility bills for citizens.

“Not following through and not planning ahead could cripple a town,” Fitzer said.

— JPB



Homedale city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram administers the oath of office to new council members Kim Murray, left, and Vonnie Harkins, center, and incoming mayor Gheen Christoffersen during last Wednesday’s city council meeting. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Above: Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, right, presents outgoing city councilmen Dave Downum, center, and Tim Downing with U.S. flags that have been flown at Homedale City Hall during their tenure. Downing served two terms, and Downum had been involved in city issues, first as a Planning and Zoning commissioner then as a city councilman, for 12 years. **Below:** Christoffersen presents plaques of appreciation to Downum and Downing. Photos by Jon P. Brown.



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Familiar face keynotes Nazarene men’s game feed

IDFG officer Charlie Justus headlines Saturday dinner outside Homedale

With nearly a quarter-century on the job as an Idaho Fish and Game conservation officer, Charlie Justus is no stranger to what Owyhee County has to offer.

On Saturday, he returns to the area he knows so well to serve as guest speaker for the annual Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Men’s Game Feed.

The dinner starts at 6 p.m. at the church, 26515 Ustick Road outside Wilder. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the church, by calling the church at 337-3151 to reserve seats or at the door the night of the dinner.

Justus points out he will speak as an individual, not as a Fish and Game officer. But his presentation probably will draw on things that he has seen in the field both as outdoorsman and a law enforcement man.

“I’m going to talk about outdoor experiences and hunting and fishing and some of the common

mistakes people make,” Justus said.

“I’ll talk about how people violate regulations and a little bit on ethics and how you being out there recreating with you and our friends and what you do in the field makes a difference to the people around you.”

The Caldwell resident hasn’t given a talk like this in a few years. He began cultivating a presentation based on his belief that sportsmen can serve as ambassadors for Christ in the way they recreate.

“This will be the third time I’ve given this particular program,” he said. Justus has spoken at Bethel Church of the Nazarene in Nampa on the topic, and he also gave the talk at a Nampa First Church of the Nazarene Men’s Group breakfast. He currently worships at Nampa First Church of the Nazarene and leads youth Bible studies and serves as a counselor at Genesis



Caldwell resident Charlie Justus, no stranger to the Owyhee County backcountry, shot this deer in Unit 39 during the last hunting season. Submitted photo

Camp at Trinity Pines.

Although it’s been a few years since Justus has given this particular presentation, the father of two boys said he will try to tailor it to his audience and update it with a few stories from his time

Justus attended Mountain View Church of the Nazarene for a short period about eight years ago, and says that Pastor Chuck Ryan “threw my name out” as guest speaker this year.

Justus, who turns 50 in April, has been married for 24 years.

He began his career with IDFG in 1991, two years after graduating from Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., with a Bachelor’s in Wildlife Management.

After working with several agencies in California, Justus moved to Idaho. He served as district conservation officer for 10 years — first in the Boise District then the Payette District — until his promotion to lieutenant and to the post of regional conservation officer for the Southwest Region in 2012.

Justus grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area town of Pinole and spent time with his family recreating in the northern reaches of the San Joaquin Valley near Sacramento as well as near Lake Tahoe.

— JPB

OCSO deputy recovering at home after heart attack

Three-year veteran drove himself to hospital hours after making DUI arrest

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy is home recuperating after suffering a heart attack on the job.

Karl Kingston, who has been an Owyhee deputy since October 2010, drove himself to the hospital Jan. 3 after he felt ill while processing a driving under the influence arrest at headquarters in Marsing.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said

Kingston spent the weekend in the hospital and was sent home Jan. 6.

Sheriff Perry Grant told the Board of County Commissioners about Kingston’s health problem during a Jan. 6 meeting in Murphy.

“He should be back to work soon,” Grant told the commissioners.

In the meantime, Kingston’s OCSO

colleagues are covering his shifts, Bowman said.

Bowman said Kingston was doing paperwork sometime before 9:20 p.m. when he told supervisor Sgt. Gary Olsen that he wasn’t feeling well. Olsen told Kingston to go home, and that’s when he left and went to the hospital to get checked out.

About three hours earlier, Kingston had arrested 52-year-old Marsing resident Kevin Parker for suspicion of driving under the influence.

Kingston made the stop after OCSO dispatch received a call from Gem Stop employees reporting that Parker appeared intoxicated when he left the store.

Kingston stopped Parker’s 1999 Chevrolet Blazer on Buntrock Road just after 6 p.m. and arrested the driver for misdemeanor excessive DUI as well as carrying an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

Bowman said the arrest was routine.

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Marsing council swears in Percifield, retains Streibel

Council plans to write ordinance banning roosters from city

The Marsing City Council started the new year with a swearing-in ceremony for new member Cory Percifield and returning member Aron Streibel, who begins his second four-year term. Percifield takes over the seat formerly held by James Ferdinand.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a presentation of the city audit report by Jared Zwygart.

“Financially the city looks good, and I see no issues that need to be addressed,” Zwygart said.

The general fund is operating at approximately \$346,000, with \$58,000 designated for roads and streets, and \$5,800 set aside for parks, he said.

Following the oaths, the council appointed Stella Bush to continue as president.

On other topics, Mayor Keith Green reported that the proposed contract with the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office has been sent back to the county commissioners for review. The Board of County Commissioners were scheduled to address the contract during their weekly meeting Monday after deadline.

The proposed \$15,000 contract would authorize deputies to enforce city ordinances.

In the city engineer’s report, made by Kirby Cook on behalf of Amy Woodruff, it was learned that the Family Dollar Store

has not taken steps to alleviate some drainage issues at the new building site on Main Street. The city communicated to the retailer last month that steps needed to be taken before an Occupancy Permit would be issued. The necessary steps would mean the installation of a storm grate at the front corner of the lot, to allow water drainage at the site.

City employee John Larsen gave a report on the ongoing project to siphon naturally occurring methane gas from city water and use it for power. Larsen said the city is awaiting final approval by the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) before moving ahead. The council pre-approved approximately \$12,000 in funding to be set aside of the project in lieu of DEQ approval.

In his report, city maintenance supervisor Ed Lowder thanked the council for the recent \$14,100 appropriation to buy a Kubota ATV. Lowder said the diesel-powered vehicle will come in handy.

The council gave Lowder the go-ahead to build a table and bench to be donated to the Marsing Disaster Auction this year. Council also approved Green’s recommendation to make a \$500 donation to the auction again this year.

City Attorney Stephanie J. Bonney will draw up an



Aron Streibel, left, and Cory Percifield take their oaths during the Marsing City Council meeting last Wednesday. Streibel returns to the council for another four-year term, while Percifield is a newcomer who replaces James Ferdinand. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

amendment to the city’s nuisance ordinance banning roosters from the city limits. The council began discussing a rooster ban in December after Green’s recommendation. He said there have been too many roosters brought into town and he is tired of the noise. Green said he wants to prevent any cock-fight situations from happening.

Bonney’s amendment should be ready for council consideration in time for the Feb. 12 meeting.

In other recent action:

- The council also approved a new business license for Elite Systems Inc. The business owned

by Loren and Robin Bailey is located at 722 Main St. and has already opened its doors. It is a heating and cooling maintenance and commercial refrigeration business that has operated for 12 years out of Kuna. Marsing is a second location. The couple also has plans to continue the drive-up coffee service located in the same building. The name of the coffee enterprise is The Bailey Bean.

- Amy Woodruff reported that she is continuing to work on the

Waterways Improvement Fund Grant. She is preparing to submit a new application for the grant. The city has tried for several years to obtain funding to make improvements at Island Park.

- The appointment of Planning and Zoning Commission nominee Cliff Hahlbeck remains on hold. Green told the council that he has not had time to visit with Hahlbeck and recommended tabling the decision.

—KB

Franklin Hart begins mayoral tenure for City of Grand View

Mead will serve as city council president

Former city council president Franklin Hart was sworn in as Grand View’s new mayor last Wednesday.

Hart took the oath of office along with three city council members, including newcomer James Burnett and holdovers Marie Hipwell and Linda Araujo.

Bill Mead was elected council president during the reorganization portion of the meeting.

City clerk Tammy Payne said the only other business of note was the rescheduling of the Grand View Emergency Response Plan meeting.

The meeting, originally planned for next Wednesday, will be held sometime near the end of the February. Committee members will be contacted when a new date is selected, Payne said.

Hart is the third person to hold the position of Grand View mayor in the past three years.

Payne won an uncontested



Franklin Hart served 25 years as a Grand View city councilman. Last Wednesday, he took the oath office to serve four years as the town’s mayor. Submitted photo

election in November 2011 when Paul Spang decided not to seek another term. A year-and-a-half into her term, Payne resigned in July to take over as city clerk, at which point then-councilperson Opal Ward was appointed mayor and Araujo was appointed to complete the final months of

Ward’s council term.

Ward’s ascension to the chief executive spot prompted an out-of-cycle mayoral election in Grand View. Hart, a longtime councilman and water and sewer association board member, mounted a write-in campaign and defeated Ward in November.

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✓ Peace Corps: Johnson confident that African assignment is right for her

Her degree from C of I is in Kinesiology, which she describes as exercise science, or the study of how the body works. She plans to study speech pathology and wants to work as a speech therapist in a hospital setting.

But first, she is going to Africa.

The Peace Corps is a volunteer program run by the U.S. government. The mission of the Peace Corps includes three goals, to provide technical assistance, helping people outside the U.S. to understand American culture and helping Americans to understand the culture of other countries. Each program participant (volunteer) is an American citizen, typically with a college degree, who works abroad in areas of social and economic development for a period of 24 months, following a three month training period. Volunteers work with governments, schools, non-profit organizations, non-government organizations and are divided into six different areas of work. Those are education, hunger, business, information technology, agriculture and the environment. There are currently 215 PC volunteers in Morocco.

This past year has been a whirlwind for Johnson because of the lengthy application process for the Peace Corps. The initial application was done online, but required her to provide detailed answers to questions, prepare written essays, a n d c o m - p l e t e e x - t e n s i v e medical and legal forms.

S h e received a phone call from a Peace Corps representative last May.

“This woman called me and said she had bad news, so my heart just sank,” Johnson said. Then the Peace Corps rep told her they had selected someone else for the position she had been assigned to. But, after that, the woman asked her, “What is your passion?” And Johnson told her it was children.

The PC rep then informed Johnson that she was going to nominate her for a youth development position, but the departure date would be in 2014.

Johnson said the news was a “huge relief. I was so happy, I just started crying.”

The whole idea of joining the Peace Corps was introduced to Johnson last year by a friend,

just prior to a trip she made to Ensenada, Mexico with an on-campus church group ministry. During that trip, she spent six days at an orphanage and had what she called, “an amazing experience.”

“That trip just totally reassured me that I wanted to join the Peace Corps,” she said.

“I am sure this is what God wants me to do, even though I have never been away from my family and I went to college just 20 minutes away,” she said.

Johnson feels that it is the perfect time in her life to go, since she just graduated and hasn’t started her career yet.

Johnson said she has not had any doubts about making the commitment. “I have had a lot of emotions about this, including being excited and scared, but there is no question in my mind that this is something I need to be doing,” she said.

The final step came in June, shortly after her graduation from C of I. She received an email informing her that she has been invited to join the Peace Corps.

Johnson feels prepared for the experience, and is looking forward to what she will learn from it.

“I feel so lucky because I get to learn a new culture, new language, travel to a faraway place and meet cool people,” she said.

Johnson said she hopes to be an influence on the children, but



The Johnson family spends some time together in the days before Hannah, second from right, leaves for her Peace Corps assignment. From left: Brother Nash Johnson, mother Shannon Johnson, father Toby Johnson, Hannah Johnson and sister Lainey Johnson. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

are “extremely excited for me and very supportive. I think they are still in shock about the length of time I will be gone.”

Johnson said she has always joked with her mom about her disappointment in not getting any care packages at college in Caldwell.

“So now I told her, ‘Mom,

Morocco, she said. Johnson is the only one from Idaho.

As far as being able to communicate with her family and friends, Johnson said she plans to use whatever resources she has for that. The PC reps have told her that 90 percent of the sites will have WiFi access.

“I feel lucky to live in such a

ence,” he said.

“It’s a bit overwhelming for us,” he said.

“This is a huge commitment for her, and it’s going to really open her eyes. It’s going to be a leap of faith for all of us, but we are going to trust that it will be good for her,” he said.

“I’m so proud of Hannah for having the guts to follow through with this,” Shannon Johnson said. “I’m sure she will have an amazing experience and be a better person for it. She has always had a huge heart.”

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Shannon Johnson, Hannah’s mother

also gain “a whole new outlook and appreciation for the way that I live.”

One of the positive factors in her decision has been the support of the friends she has made through the GCD, a Boise based Christian church group she has been active in for the past couple of years.

“It’s an amazing group of people there. I have a whole new level of faith since I joined that group,” she said.

“God is my No. 1. He led me that way, and He has put me on this path,” she said.

When Johnson first told her parents about the Peace Corps opportunity, she said she didn’t think they really believed it would happen. But now, she says her parents

here’s your chance to send me care packages’,” she said.

“When I talk about this with my friends, I am super-excited to go,” said Johnson. “But, this past week with my family and siblings has been hard and a little sad, so we try not to talk about it,” she said.

“I don’t have doubts about going, but I know I will have homesickness that will come.”

Johnson plans to deal with the long distance and length of the assignment by using the support of family and friends.

Johnson said the Peace Corps has a “huge support system” for volunteers, and she has already begun to connect with some of her new friends. A Facebook site has been created for about 100 Peace Corps recruits who are headed for

high technology time, where I will be able to Facebook, Facetime, Skype, email and text,” she said.

Johnson plans to keep a journal of her experiences in Morocco. She has also created a blog, which she plans to post pictures and writing to. The name of her blog is: peacelovemorocco.wordpress.com.

As an added bonus, her grandfather Jim bought her a Nikon camera to take along and record her journey. Johnson has been taking pictures and learning photography this past year to prepare for the trip.

“This will be life-changing for her,” said her dad, Toby Johnson. “As a parent, I can’t help but to fear for her safety, but we want her to have the best possible experi-

always had a huge heart.”

Shannon said she was not surprised that her daughter chose the Peace Corps.

“She just loves life and wants to live it to the fullest.”

Shannon said she feels like Hannah is a great role model, “not just for our younger children, but for anyone to see that they can dream big dreams.”

Toby said that he and his wife are planning a trip to Morocco to meet up with their daughter in the summer of 2015. They have not decided whether the entire family will go.

Hannah has a younger brother, Nash, who is a sophomore at HHS, and a sister, Lainey, who is an eighth-grader at HMS.

—KB

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Hannah Johnson

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Jan. 15: Chili, baby carrots, broccoli, apple, cheese cracker
Jan. 16: Orange chicken, steamed rice, peas, cucumbers, mandarin oranges
Jan. 17: No school
Jan. 20: No school
Jan. 21: Spaghetti, green beans, side salad, pears, bread stick
Jan. 22: Chicken taco, corn, fresh grapes
Jan. 23: Fish sandwich, French fries, baby carrots, mixed fruit

Homedale Middle

Jan. 15: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, side salad, apple
Jan. 16: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed carrots, broccoli, mandarin oranges
Jan. 17: No school
Jan. 20: No school
Jan. 21: Hot dog or hamburger, baked beans, cucumbers, pears
Jan. 22: Grilled cheese or rib-b-que, corn, grape tomatoes, orange wedges
Jan. 23: Chicken or beef nuggets, string cheese, broccoli, cauliflower, mandarin oranges

Homedale High

Jan. 15: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 16: Malibu or grilled chicken sandwich or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 17: No school
Jan. 20: No school
Jan. 21: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, fortune cookie, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 22: Lasagna w/French bread or rib-b-que, mixed vegetables, salad bar, fruit choice
Jan. 23: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

Jan. 15: Orange chicken w/rice or ham/cheese w/chips, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12
Jan. 16: Spaghetti or beef nuggets, Italian breadstick, green beans, salad bar 6-12
Jan. 20: No school
Jan. 21: Cheesy noodle bake or fish sandwich, mixed vegetables, salad bar 6-12
Jan. 22: Spicy chicken & rice w/roll or burritos, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

Jan. 15: Lasagna, spinach salad, breadstick, fruit
Jan. 16: Caribbean pork wrap, baby carrots, fruit, jello
Jan. 17: Hamburger/bun, romaine & tomato, baked beans, fresh fruit
Jan. 21: Pizza, salad, baby carrots, fruit
Jan. 22: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, wheat roll



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Edna Goldie Richert



Edna Goldie Richert was called home by her Heavenly Father on Friday, January 3, 2014. She was born December 5, 1927, in Industry, West Virginia, to Robert Andrew Cruzen and Gertrude Lillian Hall Cruzen. She was a long-time resident of Homedale. Edna married Theodore “Ted” Richert on September 1, 1973. During her life, Edna enjoyed her nursing years, reading books and her Bible and mountains. She loved her Lord and family. Edna became known by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as “Candy Grandma” for her everlasting candy bowl. With each and every visit, she always

had a candy for them. Edna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Theodore, her brothers Robert A. Cruzen Jr. and Loren L. Cheney; sisters Blanche B. Sullivan and Gladys B. Comstock. She is survived by her baby sister Mary L. Aldrich and children Gilbert A. Binger (Sharon), Earl M. Binger (Martha), Roy L. Joiner (Shannon), Robert D. Joiner, John D. Joiner, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also adopted daughter Joy Hume, God granddaughter Stevie Maynard A memorial will be held at the Assembly of God Church in Homedale at a later date.

Joan Marie Wass

Joan Marie Wass, 58, of Homedale, died on January 9, 2014 at a Caldwell hospital of natural causes. She was born on October 24, 1955 in San Diego, CA. A beloved wife, an amazing mother, a loving sister, a wonderful grandmother, and a great friend to everyone, Joan is survived by her husband of 22 years Lawrence Wass of Homedale, by her mother and father James and Jerene Cronin, her brother Rodney Harris, her step-brother

Thomas Cronin and her step-sister Ann Cronin, all from California; by her children James Sotka of Nampa, Timothy Wass of Ohio, Kristen Ford of Homedale and Larry Wass of California and 10 grandchildren. A Memorial Graveside Service will be held at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 11:00am. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Condolences may be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.



Homedale student makes George Fox Dean’s List

Melanie Schroeder of Homedale has been placed on the George Fox University Dean’s List. A freshman majoring in English, Schroeder earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher to qualify for the fall semester Dean’s List. Nearly 3,500 students attend classes on the university’s campus in Newberg, Ore., and at teaching centers in Portland, Salem, and Redmond, Ore.

Weather

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Jan. 7	27	8	.00	n/a
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Jan. 10	44	23	.00	n/a
Jan. 11	46	30	.00	n/a
Jan. 12	59	34	.00	n/a
Jan. 13	47	38	.00	n/a

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Death notices

JACKIE DARLENE MOBLEY, 67, a Nampa resident who attended Knowlton Heights and Marsing schools, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 at a Nampa hospital. Graveside services under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, were held Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

DR. DANIEL JESS YTURRASPE, 75, a veterinarian who grew up in Jordan Valley, Ore., and graduated from high school there in 1957, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 in San Francisco. Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Jordan Valley. A San Francisco-area memorial will be held at noon on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 at the Basque Cultural Center. Flahiff Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Jan. 15: Barbeque pork, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, bread, milk
Jan. 16: Baked fish, beets, potatoes, bread, milk
Jan. 21: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread, milk
Jan. 22: Beef stew, bread, milk

Marsing Senior Center

Jan. 15: Ham & beans, mixed veggies, green salad, corn bread, apple crisp, milk
Jan. 16: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, cole slaw, orange juice, beets, roll, prunes, oat crunch, milk
Jan. 20: Closed
Jan. 21: Swiss steak, peas, potatoes, spinach, pineapple, apple pie, milk
Jan. 22: Spaghetti, Brussels sprouts & carrots, tossed salad, cobbler, French bread, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

Jan. 16: Trout
Jan. 21: Meatloaf
Jan. 23: Pork Roast

Rangeland firefighting class planned in Marsing again

For the second year, the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association will offer fire training for property owners.

The fire training, which is led by Bureau of Land Management officials, is required for anyone who wants to fight fires in the ORFPA.

Trainees must attend all four sessions, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 5-6 and Feb. 12-13.

The training will take place at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Lunch will be provided each

day by the Owyhee County Farm Bureau insurance agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, who are based in Homedale.

For more information on the training, call Eric Morrison at (541) 586-3000 during the day and (208) 583-2269 at night, or Doug Rutan at (208) 583-4444


Calendar

Today Story Time 10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 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.	 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 Wednesday Story Time 10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 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
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 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	Thursday, Jan. 23 Senior center exercise class 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
Friday Story Time 10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday	Friday, Jan. 24 Story Time 10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
Saturday 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 Men's wild game feed 6 p.m., \$10, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151 Adult game night 7 p.m., \$1 cover, Rimrock Senior and Community Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808	Saturday, Jan. 25 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 Middle school youth group 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409	Sunday, Jan. 26 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 No events scheduled	Monday, Jan. 27 Board of County Commissioners meeting 9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Tuesday Board of County Commissioners meeting 9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421 Senior center exercise class 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center,	Tuesday, Jan. 28 Senior center exercise class 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271 After-school Story Time 4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

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

Owyhee
Then & Now



Michael F. Hanley IV

Owyhee Graffiti, Volume 1

Blood Lines

A saddle horse, from Jordan Valley, came into the sale ring at the OK Sales Yard in Caldwell, Idaho. A prospective buyer asked if the horse was papered. "Sure he is," retorted the auctioneer, "Out of Jurdan Valley by truck."

Don't Worry

Horse traders have always been known for their excess of gall or nerve, whichever you prefer. A trader, in Lakeview, Ore., had a horse escape from his establishment and his neighbor, a lady, called to tell him about it.

"Your horse is in my garden," she protested. "Well, madame," said the trader, "don't worry, he'll come home."

Horseshoes

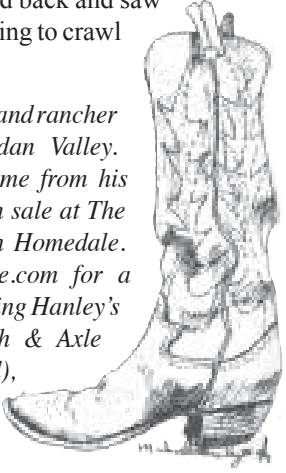
My grandfather went into a hardware store in Burns, Ore., and asked if they had a set of Size 3 horseshoes. The clerk came back with only two shoes and my granddad exclaimed, "I've seen a lot of horses but I've never seen a son of a gun with two feet."

Counting Sheep the Hard Way

Counting imaginary sheep, as they jump over a rail in one's mind, has long been accepted as a way to fight insomnia.

A hitchhiker was sleeping under a highway bridge near McDermitt, Nev., evidently assured that he had not a care in the world. The bridge also serves as an underpass through which local ranchers drive stock, so it wasn't an accident when Frankie Echave drove his *caviatta* through it. The horses jumped over the sleeper and when Frank cleared the bridge, he looked back and saw the hitchhiker frantically trying to crawl out of his sleeping bag.

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



HHS band to present benefit spaghetti feed

A spaghetti feed benefitting the Homedale High School band will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The spaghetti feed, which is sponsored by Paul's Market and Winco Foods, will take place at 6 p.m. inside the Homedale Middle School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$5 for a family of up to five people, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$2 for children younger than 4.

Proceeds will help purchase new uniforms for the marching band.

In addition the spaghetti feed, diners will enjoy entertainment from band and choir students.

Tickets are available from any band or choir student, at the door the night of the event, or by calling HHS music director Skyler Krall at 337-4613 or skrall@homedaleschools.org.

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County has received more than half of 2013 property assessments

Jail earns nearly \$20K for housing inmates in quarter

Owyhee County could collect nearly \$6 million in property taxes this year, and Treasurer Brenda Richards reported last week that 62 percent of the charge has been received.

Richards’ report during the Jan. 6 Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy came as county officials from across the nation — including Owyhee County elected officials — reiterated the need for Congress to fully fund the

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program to help those counties that have large tracts of tax-exempt public lands.

Richards told the commissioners that \$3,597,482.88 in property tax revenue was turned over to the state treasury last week. More than \$3.4 million of that amount came into her office from property owners during December when the first half of the 2013 assessments were due. The balance will be due June 20.

In other quarterly reports:

- The sheriff’s office collected \$19,920 for housing inmates, \$4,799 in concealed weapons permit fees and more than \$56,000

in civil fees during the final quarter of the calendar year.

The county receives payment from the Department of Correction for housing state inmates, and Sheriff Perry Grant announced last week that federal inmates from the Bureau of Indian Affairs also will start coming to the Murphy jail for temporary stays.

- The clerk and recorder’s office brought in more than \$14,000 in fees.

The assessor’s office quarterly report wasn’t turned in last week because Assessor Brett Endicott was out of town. He turned in the report Monday morning after deadline.

OCHS to hear from state historian

General meeting slated for Murphy on Friday

The celebration of Owyhee County’s sesquicentennial continues Friday at the Owyhee County Historical Society’s general meeting.

Tricia Canaday, the Idaho State Historical Society’s architectural historian, will serve as guest speaker at the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Base St., in Murphy.

Canaday’s presentation is titled “Building Toward Statehood: Idaho’s Territorial Architecture.” Her presentation was designed last year to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Idaho Territory. It includes what Canaday calls the “five Ms” of territorial period architecture — Missionaries, Migration, Mining, Mormons and Military.

“We’re looking at the early themes of Idaho history that brought people here and the early build environments,” Canaday said.

The presentation examines the examples of architecture that’s left from the territorial period, including Owyhee County structures such as Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Oreana and a few buildings from Silver City.

Silver City served as the second county seat of Owyhee County



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Oreana is a mission-style church, conjuring one of the five Ms in Tricia Canaday’s presentation set for Friday in Murphy. Submitted photo

during the territory days, taking over from Ruby City. Forty-four years into Idaho’s statehood, the county seat was moved to Murphy.

Raised and educated in Wisconsin, Canaday came to Idaho in 1995 and has worked for the Idaho State Historical Society since 2000.

Canaday manages the state’s National Register of Historic Places program and develops and presents programs about Idaho’s historic unique architectural heritage as part of her outreach role for the society.

There are numerous Owyhee County sites on the national

register, including:

- Bernard’s Ferry north of Murphy
- The Bruneau Episcopal Church
- Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Oreana
- The Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy
- Noble Horse Barn, which is also known as Bass Barn, in the Reynolds Creek area
- The Silver City Historic District
- The Wickahoney Post Office and Stage Station

In many cases, the sites are privately owned.

— JPB

Martin Luther King Jr. Day closures noted

Monday is considered a legal holiday, so government offices in Murphy, Grand View and Marsing are all closed, including all the Owyhee County DMV offices.

The Board of County Commissioners, which typically convenes on Mondays each week, has rescheduled its meeting to start at 9 a.m. Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The University of Idaho County Extension Office in Marsing will also be closed on Monday.

Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Murphy and Bruneau will all be closed on Monday.

US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will also be closed.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed Monday.

Homedale schools will be closed on Friday, as well as Monday.

Schools will also be closed in Marsing, Adrian, Jordan Valley, and Pleasant Valley will be closed on Monday.

The Bruneau-Grand View School District will be closed on Monday, as part of its regular four-day schedule.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will be closed on Monday. Its regular hours are

Tuesday through Saturday 10-4.

The Homedale Public Library is closed on Monday as usual. The library will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m., Wed. 1-8 p.m., Friday 11a.m. to 5p.m. and Saturday 1 to 4 p.m.

The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be open regular hours on Monday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Bruneau Valley Library will be closed on Monday. It is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed on Monday. It will reopen next Wednesday from 10-5.

Paul’s Market in Homedale will be open on Monday, regular hours from 7a.m. to 10 p.m.

Logan’s Market in Marsing will be open on Monday, regular hours from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Homedale Senior Center will be closed on Monday.

The Marsing Senior Center will be open for regular hours on Monday.

The Rimrock Senior and Community Center will be closed on Monday. It is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Owyhee Avalanche will be open for regular business hours on Monday.

— KB

Marsing resident heads to Netherlands for study abroad

Marsing resident Garbriella VanEs has been selected for an overseas studies program operated by Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa.

A Nampa Christian High School graduate, VanEs is a sophomore administrative assistant major. She will spend the upcoming semester in the Netherlands.

She is one of 30 Dordt students selected for study abroad programs in the Netherlands, Belize, Spain and Chicago.

The Studies Program in Contemporary Europe (SPICE) is a cooperative between Dordt College and the Gereformeerde Hogeschool in Zwolle, Netherlands.

She will live with a host family

while engaging in the language, culture and art of Europe.

Requirements for the program are that students have a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher and are in good standing academically and behaviorally.

Students who participate in the program will obtain 13 to 17 college credits in cross cultural explorations, Dutch art and architecture, Dutch culture and society, as well as an international business course and two other electives.

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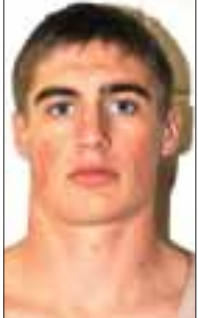
Boys' coach likens
Pilgrims to next
opponent: Fruitland

Three players did the bulk of Homedale High School's scoring in a non-conference win over New Plymouth on Saturday night. The Trojans, the No. 3 team in the

statewide media poll for Class 3A, shook off 12 second-half turnovers to hold off the visiting Pilgrims for a 52-40 boys' basketball triumph in Homedale. "Well, it was ugly, but I guess a win is a win," HHS coach Casey Grove said. Dillon Lowder connected on a pair of three-point goals as part of his team-high 14 points for Homedale

(9-2 overall). The Pilgrims converted each of the junior's seven turnovers into baskets. Overall, Homedale committed 22 turnovers, including 12 in the second half. "(The Pilgrims) played good pressure man defense, and we had certain kids that really struggled against it, which is why we had 22 turnovers," Grove said. Senior Caleb Oviedo notched a

double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. He also chipped in a team-high five steals for the Trojans. Lane Sale had 10 points and 14 rebounds. He dominated the defensive glass with nine boards to overcome a team-high seven turnovers. He also blocked four shots. The Trojans scored 22 points in



— See *Trojans*, page 11 Lane Sale



Marsing High School's Noah Grossman keeps an eye on the referee during his pin of Fruitland's Garrison Grant on Saturday in Nampa. Submitted photo

Local athletes excel at Skyview Duals

Rookie wrestler's win among
Marsing's highlights in Nampa

Marsing High School's wrestling team continued to build toward District III and 1A-2A state competition Saturday in the Skyview Duals in Nampa. First-year wrestler Lorenzo Lankow beat Emmett's Kody Carter, 8-6, in sudden-death overtime in a 170-pound match to highlight the Huskies' performance.

Marsing battled Emmett, Middleton, Payette, Skyview and Fruitland during the tournament, but did so without the services of Jaime DeLeon and Austin Williams, who were sidelined by injury. Junior Noah Grossman, a 220-pounder, won four of his five matches, including a pin of Garrison Grant from Fruitland.

Homedale's Cornejo launches
comeback with four victories

Jovan Cornejo's return to the lineup Saturday pumped up the Homedale High School wrestling team in Nampa. The senior 170-pounder had three pins and went 4-1 to highlight the Trojans' stay in the Skyview Duals. "We got Jovan Cornejo back into the lineup on Saturday, and he made an immediate impact," HHS coach Toby Johnson said.

Homedale went 1-3-1 in the tournament, winning a second-round dual, 54-21, against a "renegade" team made up of second-string wrestlers from all the schools at the event. "You never know what you're going to get with a string like that," Johnson said. "Some of them were state placers, some are varsity off and on, and some

Steele goes for 38 in Rimrock's 1st victory

Cody Steele scored a career-high 38 points Thursday as Rimrock High School picked up its first victory of the boys' basketball season. Steele scored 21 points in the first half of the Raiders' 60-39 victory over Gem State Adventist in Bruneau. The Raiders (1-7 overall) received seven rebounds from Ramon Salinas and six from Andreas Ruiz, both seniors. "This was a good game on our part," Rimrock coach John Hannah said. "The addition of Ramon Salinas and Andreas Ruiz has improved our rebounding and needed inside game." Salinas and Ruiz had three steals apiece, while Rigo Lino added three steals and four assists. Samuel Simper scored nine points. The victory snapped a season-opening seven-game losing streak that included a 56-28 loss to Ambrose on Jan. 27. Gaby Cenicerros scored 14 points to lead Gem State.

Coach hopes easy win over N. Star cures Marsing's woes

Girls find shooting touch in second half of 2A WIC game

Marsing High School girls' basketball got well Saturday night against struggling North Star Charter. After losing two road games earlier in the week because of cold shooting, Marsing found its range in the second half and walloped North Star at home, 53-13, for a 2A Western Idaho Conference victory. Marsing (7-8 overall, 4-3 in 2A WIC) led 21-10 at halftime, but was still struggling to find the bottom of the net. "We went in and talked about it," first-year coach Jaime Wood

said. "When we started the third quarter, the varsity went out and took quality shots and drained them all. "I'm hoping that that carries over. I think a bunch of confidence came out of that." By the fourth quarter, Marsing had doubled its scoring output. As he did in the first half, Wood emptied his bench as the varsity starters saw only four minutes of time in the third quarter. Marsing jumped out to a 12-2 first-quarter lead, but faltered in the second quarter. Shannon Clover scored 10

points, while Shelby Dines tossed in eight points. Three players scored seven points apiece, including freshman Sheyanne Gloorfield and varsity regulars Morgan Hall and Destiny Reynolds. Thursday: New Plymouth 51, Marsing 39 — Hustle and good play couldn't help the Huskies' shooting woes in a conference loss on the road. New Plymouth took advantage of third-quarter turnovers to expand its eight-point halftime lead. Kylee Garrick led all scorers with



Shelby Dines goes in for a shot Saturday in the Marsing High School girls' basketball team's 2A Western Idaho Conference win over visiting North Star Charter of Eagle. Photo by Dan Pease

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Sports

Mertz, Rupp score 16 each in HHS rout of Payette girls

Homedale completes first half of conference with one loss

Hattie Mertz scored a career-high 16 points Saturday as Homedale High School rebounded from its first 3A Snake River Valley conference girls' basketball loss with a lopsided win against Payette.

Kaylee Rupp lit up the stat sheet with 16 points and 13 rebounds in a 70-36 3A Snake River Valley conference shellacking of the Pirates on the road.

"The girls came out and played extremely well," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said.

A junior, Mertz also had seven

rebounds.

Homedale (11-3 overall, 3-1 in conference) also received a season-high nine points from Tristan Corta, who saw her 2012-13 season end with a ligament tear in her knee.

Corta also collected three rebounds.

Tory Lane chipped in with 10 points for the Trojans, while Destiny Long contributed six points and six rebounds. Elise Shenk scored nine points.

Amberlee Couch scored 15 for the Pirates, followed by 11 points from teammate Natalie Nelson.

Thursday: Weiser 42,



Kaylee Rupp

Homedale 32 — The Trojans played a home game for the first time in nearly a month, but couldn't overcome the turnover bug and suffered their first loss of the conference season.

"It was a very rough night," Betancourt said. "We turned it over a season-high 22 times and never looked comfortable in the game."

The 22 turnovers marked the second time in as many games that Homedale topped 20 turnovers. The loss snapped a two-game winning streak and also marked Homedale's first home loss in five



Hattie Mertz

games this season.

Weiser held Homedale to single digits in three of the four quarters, including a four-point stretch over the first eight minutes of the second half.

Tory Lane scored 11 points to lead the Trojans.

Emily Gluch scored 16 for Weiser, and teammate Sadie Shirts added 15.

For Homedale, Kaylee Rupp was held to three points and eight rebounds, while Destiny Long had six points and five boards. Elise Shenk scored five points, and Carlie Purdom chipped in four points.

Jan. 7: Homedale 50, Fruitland 37 — A 17-1 run in the fourth quarter allowed the Trojans to get some separation from their rivals in a 3A SRV contest on the Grizzlies' floor.

"It was a close game until the fourth quarter, and we slowly pulled away," Betancourt said.

Homedale held Fruitland to just three points over the final eight minutes.

Tory Lane scored 12 points and collected six rebounds as three Homedale players reached double-figure scoring.

Lane also had four assists and four steals.

Nash had five rebounds, while Destiny Long scored six points to go with six boards.

Morgan Nash and Elise Shenk chipped in 10 points each.

Kaylee Rupp scored eight points and dominated the glass with 13 rebounds. She also blocked three shots.

Fruitland received 12 points from Makenna Little and 10 from Brooke Teunissen.

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the first quarter then held on after New Plymouth cut the advantage to 37-31 after three quarters.

"In the end we got a win, but if we play like that Thursday against Fruitland, we will lose," Grove said. "It is simple. We just have to learn how to deal with extreme ball pressure and physical defense, and we have a few kids that really struggled against that type of play."

Homedale opens the 3A Snake River Valley conference season Thursday at home with a 7:30 p.m. tipoff against Fruitland.

✓Homedale: Five bring home three wins apiece

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are (junior varsity) guys.

"Altogether, they are as good as or better than some varsity teams I've seen."

Homedale opened the tournament with a 65-18 loss to what Johnson termed as a "very good" Centennial team.

"On the team side of things, we wrestled pretty well; however, some holes in the lineup really cost us critical points in the team scores," Johnson said.

The Trojans rallied with a victory in their second dual of the day and went on to tie Vallivue, 36-36, in their tournament finale.


In between, Homedale wrestlers won five matches in a 48-33 loss to Nyssa, Ore., and also won six matches in a 42-33 setback against Timberline.

Caleb Meligan (3-1 at 113 pounds), Jacob Furlott (3-2 at 120), Nash Johnson (3-2 at 126) and Jairo Hurtado (3-2 at 132) all notched three pinfalls apiece.


Devin Fisher went 3-1 at 138 pounds, and Colton Grimm (2-1 at 195) and Gavin Palumbo (2-1 at 220) recorded two pins each.


Hurtado typically wrestles at 126, and one of Palumbo's pins came against a heavyweight opponent (285 pounds).


"Palumbo and Hurtado really did a nice job stepping up into the varsity lineup this week," Johnson said.





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Athlete of the Week

Caleb Oviedo, sr., boys' basketball

The Play — Oviedo scored 11 points and 11 rebounds on Saturday as the Trojans soared past non-conference foe New Plymouth for their ninth victory of the season. Oviedo also led Homedale with five steals in the team's only game of the week.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 17, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Jan. 17, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph

Friday, Jan. 17, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 16, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Jan. 16, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18 at Parma, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Weiser, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph

Thursday, Jan. 16, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.


Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.


Wrestling


Wed., Jan. 15 vs. Emmett and Skyview, Emmett, 5 p.m.


Friday, Jan. 17 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 18 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 9:30 a.m.

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Sports

Marsing boys mired in six-game losing streak

Conference season gathers steam this week for Huskies

Marsing High School’s boys’ basketball losing streak grew to six games Saturday against non-conference opponent Payette.

The visiting Pirates beat the Huskies, 43-35, behind 28 points from Zane Allen.

Jose Acuna scored 13 points for Marsing (2-9 overall, 0-3 2A Western Idaho Conference), while Emmanuel Lagunas chipped in 10 points.

Friday: Cole Valley Christian 52, Marsing 43 — The host Chargers used a 15-6 run through the third quarter to erase the Huskies’ one-point halftime lead and keep coach Tim Little’s squad winless after three 2A WIC games.

Jose Acuna scored 16 points, but the Huskies were 0-for-9 from beyond the three-point line.

Jan. 7: Nampa Christian 44, Marsing 40 — The Huskies battled back from a big first-half hole, but couldn’t sustain the momentum in a conference loss at home.

Playing for the first time in 10 days, Marsing came out slow and didn’t score until Dylan Breshears hit a free throw 6½ minutes into the game. Jose Acuna and Rodrigo Acuna hit shots later in the quarter, but the Huskies trailed 12-5 after eight minutes.

Acuna hit his team’s only three-pointer in 15 attempts and finished with a game-high 19 points. He also had five rebounds.

Breshears had six points and seven rebounds.

“We were prepared for this game. We had a week,” Little said. “We hadn’t had a game at all since the Classic, and we knew what to expect from Nampa Christian because we watched them in the Classic.

“We knew what we were prepared for and had some good looks at the beginning of the game.”

The cold shooting continued a troubling early-season trend for the Huskies. Little said the team is shooting 35 percent from the floor this season and has connected on only 45 percent of their foul shots.

The lack of successful shooting may have something to do with fatigue.

“We don’t have a lot of depth,

either,” Little said. “Kids are playing 29-30 minutes a game, and that factors into it.

“We are still kind of learning where the shots are coming from in our offense.”

The Trojans built a 25-14 halftime lead before Marsing rallied with a 15-9 run through the third quarter.

The Huskies parlayed that into a short-lived 38-37 lead when Les Loucks hit two of three free throws after being fouled while trying to take a three-point shot with four minutes left in the game.

Little said the comeback sparked when the team began making good defensive stops and converting in transition. Marsing had 16 steals and is now averaging 9.5 steals per game.

Loucks had four steals and four rebounds, while Rodrigo Acuna swiped four steals and collected three boards.

“We did a good job of blocking out and not giving them offensive opportunities,” Little said.

“Offensively, when we got the lead they started pressuring us harder, and I attribute (the Huskies’ reaction) to not being in that position before.”



Skye Shore takes a contest jump shot against Payette. Photo by Dan Pease

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✓ Marsing: Shots don’t fall during losses

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23 points, and the Pilgrims picked up a lot of second-effort baskets with offensive rebounding.

“We couldn’t make our shots and then we got our heads down and stopped doing the little things like blocking that we’ve been doing so well,” Wood said.

Reynolds scored 11 and Clover notched eight to lead Marsing.

Jan. 7: Payette 37, Marsing 27 — The Huskies lost a frustrating non-conference game on the road.

“We could make a basket,” Wood said. “We outplayed them, we out-hustled them. It was


just that everything we shot we missed. It was nothing against our effort.

“Our effort there, we just couldn’t make a shot.”

Dines scored 10 points, and Emily Tank chimed in with six.

Payette’s Amberlee Couch led all scorers with 11 points.

MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete of the Week

Lorenzo Lankow, jr., wrestling

The Play — Lankow beat Kody Carter of Emmett, 8-6, in a 170-pound sudden-death overtime match to highlight the Huskies’ Saturday at the Skyview Duals in Nampa.

Boys’ Basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 16, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Jan. 16, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Thursday, Jan. 16, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

Girls’ Basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 17 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Jan. 17 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.


Husky Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 17 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 3:30 p.m.


Saturday, Jan. 18 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 22, home vs. Vallivue, 4:30 p.m.


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Sports

Rimrock girls fall late to state-ranked Richfield

Raiders roll against locals, but can't tame Tigers

Two of the best Class 1A high school girls' basketball teams met Friday in Bruneau, and Richfield pulled out a narrow victory to snap Rimrock's four-game winning streak.

The Div. II Tigers (10-1 overall) outscored the Div. I Raiders (9-2) by four points in the fourth quarter to collect a 37-33 non-conference victory.

Richfield came into the game as the No.2-ranked 1A, Div. II team in the statewide media poll behind reigning state champion Dietrich.

Rimrock has yet to break into the top five although coach Bobby-Jean Colyer's squad began last week with better records than No. 2 Prairie and No. 4 Grace, which beat Rimrock in the state tournament last year.

Three scorers reached double figures for the Richfield, including Samantha Edwards with 11 points and Taylor King and April Wood with 10 each.

Sami Bachman and Kyla Jewett drained two three-point goals apiece for the Raiders and finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Thursday: Rimrock 54, Gem State Adventist 24 — The Raiders held the Jaguars from Caldwell to single digits in three quarters

in a blowout victory in Bruneau.

Kyla Jewett paced three Rimrock players in double figures with 14 points. Sakota Hall added 12, and Angeles Lino scored 10.

Jan. 7: Rimrock 53, Ambrose 30 — Sami Bachman nailed a three-pointer and was perfect from the foul line as part of her 11 points in the Raiders' 1A, Div. I victory in Meridian against the Archers. She also led the defense with six steals.



Kyla Jewett

Bachman scored five points during the Raiders' 14-3 spurt to take control in the second quarter.

Mickie Newman didn't score, but she contributed with eight rebounds, including six offensive boards as the Raiders held a 29-10 edge on their own glass. Hall had a team-high nine rebounds.

Jewett scored 14 points to lead all scorers as Rimrock pushed its win streak to four games.

Hailey Boman added nine points and seven rebounds, while Desi Meyers scored seven points, snagged five rebounds, dished five assists and notched five steals.

Jan. 3: Rimrock 60, Horseshoe Bend 31 — The Raiders dominated the backboards and

built a big first-half lead on the road against the Wildcats.

Jewett drained four three-point goals throughout the game and scored 13 of her season-high 29 points during the Raiders' 25-7 run through the fourth quarter.

Bachman erupted for eight of her 13 points over the final eight minutes.

Bonnie Standlee was held out of the scoring column, but grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Four of Lino's rebounds came on the offensive end, and Sakota Hall had all five of her boards on the Rimrock glass as the Raiders held a 23-6 advantage on their end of the floor.

Jessica Akers scored 12 points to lead Horseshoe Bend.

JV girls open HDL with road win

Andi Warn pours in 20 points vs. Loco-Nets

Jordan Valley High School's girls' basketball team ended the week on a three-game winning streak.

The Mustangs (7-7 overall) opened their 1A High Desert League season with a 46-34 road victory against Harper-Huntington on Saturday.

Andi Warn scored 20 points and Morgan Caywood added 14.

"The Jordan Valley girls played well and made their free throws went it mattered most," coach Kelsi Skinner said.

The Mustangs converted 16 of 25 free throws, with Alisha Rogers going 4-for-4 for all her points, Caywood knocking down five of eight and Andi Warn converting six of 11.

Raynee Jackson scored 10 points to lead the Loco-Nets.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 33, Pine Eagle 30 — The Mustangs held the host Spartans to six points in the fourth quarter to post a come-from-behind non-league victory.

Andi Warn led all scorers with 15 points, and Jordan Valley put together another efficient night from the free-throw line, going 5-for-7.

Jamie Butler scored 11 points for Pine Eagle, which held a 24-21 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Caywood chipped in nine points for Jordan Valley.

Jan. 4: Jordan Valley 62, Greenleaf Friends Academy 26 — Junior Andi Warn led four Mustangs in double figures with 22 points in a non-league blowout victory in Greenleaf.

Homedale resident Hannah Radford scored 15 points to lead the Grizzlies.

Mustangs sophomore Morgan



Jordan Valley's Andi Warn makes an acrobatic play during the Mustangs' 1A High Desert League opener against Harper-Huntington. Photo by Tara Echave

Caywood drained three of four free throws for 15 points, while Jordan Valley freshmen Zoey Warn (12) and Alisha Rogers (11) also reached double digits.

"The girls played really well," Mustangs coach Kelsi Skinner said. "They came out with a lot of intensity to get things going in our favor."

Jan. 3: McDermitt, Nev., 60, Jordan Valley 35 — Caywood's 20 points weren't enough to keep the Mustangs within striking distance against the Bulldogs in a non-league game played in Nevada.

Caywood knocked down eight

of 10 free throws, while Zoey Warn added six points — half on a three-pointer — and Andi Warn scored five.

Krissy Long paced McDermitt with 15 points.

Rolly Lincoln Tournament, Wilder — The Mustangs split their games in the Dec. 27-28 tournament and finished second after a 48-35 loss to Rimrock in the championship game.

Andi Warn scored 11 points in the title game to wrap up an all-tournament selection. She scored 24 points in the Mustangs' 52-45 opening-round win over Idaho City. Caywood added 10 points.

Emry slips to fourth in MSU heptathlon

A sore shoulder and disappointing showing in the 1,000 meters sapped Austin Emry of his chance to win the heptathlon at the Montana State Combined Events Dual last week.

The 2009 Homedale High School graduate is a redshirt senior at the University of Montana.

Emry finished the first day of the meet in Bozeman with a slim 44-point lead over Montana State's Jeff Mohl on Jan. 6.

He opened the Jan. 7 portion of the event with a 7.69-second 55-meter hurdles effort, the fastest

of any competitor.

Mohl caught Emry over the final two events, however, sending the HHS grad to fourth place overall in the heptathlon standings.

A sore shoulder limited Emry's participation in the pole vault and he didn't finish the 1,000 meters.

Emry scored 3,036 points in the opening-day events. He won the long jump (22 feet, 9¼ inches) and shot put (41-8) and finished second to Mohl in the 55-meter dash (6.71 seconds) and high jump (6-5½).

Few wins, plenty of medals for Adrian

Six Adrian High School wrestlers placed in the 1A state tournament Saturday in Crane.

The strong medal showing helped the Antelopes finish fifth in the eight-team event.

Marcus Furtado lost his only match of the event when Pine Eagle's Blake Butler notched a 10-0 major decision, but Furtado was one of two Antelopes to win silver medals because his only match was the 106-pound final.

Shane Miller also finished second at 152 pounds when Lowell's Josh Cardwell pinned

him in the championship match. Miller reached the final with a pin of Lowell's Devin Long.

Drake Marquez, a 160-pounder, was winless in four matches but came away in fifth place.

Ramon Dalla (170) had two 30-second pins against Gentry Strong of North Lake for fifth place.

Luke Campbell was sixth at 138 despite going 0-3.

Bryson Shira finished sixth at 152 when he was forced to default because of injury in the fifth-place match against Trey Fisher of Pine Eagle.

Adrian boys nearing .500

Adrian High School's boys' basketball team edged Prairie City, 45-41, on Saturday for its fifth win of the season.

Friday: Notus 54, Adrian 37 — The Antelopes (5-7 overall, 1-0 1A High Desert League) roared back from a big halftime deficit to get within three points in the fourth quarter, but couldn't pull off the non-league road win.

Junior guard Emmanuel Dominguez led Adrian with 10 points. Morgan White added nine.

Devin Krasowski knocked down 11 of 13 shots and had 25 points for Notus.

Jan. 9: Adrian 52, Burnt River 33 — Dominguez drained three three-pointers as part of his 19 points as the Antelopes opened league play in Unity, Ore.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Shocking collars!

A steady growth in population continues worldwide. As we grow, urban development paves and permanently changes the ecosystem. Cities and towns, large and small, annex their surrounding natural woodlands, plains, farms and ranches. It results in city limits that extend miles from the edge of town and a beginning of the assessment imposing real estate housing development taxes and laws on rural inhabitants.

It happened to Mick. He had a 90-acre fenced pasture with a good well and easy access. A subdivision was progressing across the road. One afternoon he loaded his two cowedogs in the pickup to gather a bunch of his cows into the trap. Upon arrival, he crossed the cattleguard and sent the dogs out to gather the cows.

The dogs' collars bore shock devices to receive Mick's signals. He was concentrating on his dogs when a pickup with a camper banged over the cattle guard behind him. Mick looked back to see the town animal control officer. "Whattya need?" Mick asked.

"Sir," the officer said, "you are allowing your dogs to run loose. It is against the town leash law that prohibits canines to run unrestricted within the city limits. You, sir, are in violation."

Mick explained to the officer these were working dogs, that they bring the cows into the trap and are under his control at all times. They argued, but the officer wrote him a citation anyway.

Mick refused to pay the fine and was required to appear in court the next Monday. He pleaded innocent. The judge asked Mick how could he communicate with dogs a hundred yards away? With whistles? Semaphore flags? A bugle?

"No," Mick said. "These dogs are very smart and I've taught them the Morse Code."

"Can you show us how it works?" the judge asked.

"Certainly," Mick said. He handed both the judge and the animal control officer a shock collar.

"It is very sensitive," Mick said, "but if you hold it ... sure, on your neck is fine, I'll demonstrate. This means turn left: 'dot dash dot dot dot dot dash dot dash'. Before the judge had reached the first dot dot, he had fallen off the back of the bench, crash-landed his office chair, and was covered in robe. To Mick's credit, the judge had fallen to the left.

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Eyes on Owyhee Be sure to tip your council



A City Council meeting isn't exactly the place you'd expect to experience (intentional) comedy.

And yet, twice a month inside the Magistrate Courtroom in Homedale, you can catch Paul J. Fitzer's act.

Homedale's city attorney for all matters brings a sense of humor to the otherwise mundane world of city government sausage-making.

The veteran civil lawyer and criminal prosecutor is always quick with a quip — nearly as quick as he is with answers and advice regarding civil law, even when the council members may not know they need the input.

Fitzer's shareholder biography on the Moore Smith Buxton & Turcke Chtd. website may shed a little light on where his sharp wit comes from, but it also provides a litany of credentials and achievements that solidifies his reputation for knowing his legal stuff.

Fitzer was born in Queens, N.Y. (say no more).

The 43-year-old father of two daughters lightens the mood at City Council meetings.

He's quick to jab the local media representative about his choice of clothing, be it a dead-on reference to Charlie Sheen's now-dead TV character on a CBS sit-com or a misguided-yet-funny remark about Arthur Fonzarelli's missing motorcycle jacket.

He also spars with city officials — always when appropriate.

Fitzer's humor is edgy yet never harmful. One suspects that demeanor is the yin to his criminal prosecutor yang. Again, reference the Queens upbringing.

But when the lights go on, and the gavel drops at 6 p.m.

on the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday of most months, Fitzer brings his A game to navigate city issues.

He has instant recall on matters concerning municipal law, as well as a vast catalogue of personal experiences from previous city attorney gigs.

And it's not just the big stuff. Fitzer is seemingly encyclopedic when it comes to how Homedale city ordinances should be interpreted in certain situations.

Judging from his resume, Fitzer could probably stretch his legs and help if Owyhee County came knocking in its ongoing quarrels with the Bureau of Land Management. Land use is among Fitzer's areas of practice, and he is admitted to argue cases not only in state court but also in the U.S. District Court.

He always seems to find a humorous side to convince city officials that they must make sure to follow protocol lest they find themselves in a bind.

The most recent example was last Wednesday when he implored the council members to read planning documents from Riedesel Engineering just to be versed on infrastructure issues then lobbied for the new — and returning — elected officials to read his inch-thick manual on city government protocol.

"If you're looking for something to read late at night when you can't sleep, this will do the trick," he said, insisting his document was slightly more effective against insomnia than the engineering documents.

To be sure, many people use humor to hide their insecurities or mask their shortcomings. In Fitzer's case, it enhances the valid, succinct and salient points he makes.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Feds hear producers on burden new food rules could produce



Just before the end of the year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) took a welcome step in announcing it would revise provisions of its proposed fresh produce rules that have been of concern because of the potential placement of unnecessary, costly burdens on certain farming operations, probable impacts on conservation efforts and more. This provides an opportunity to go in a different direction and help ensure that new food safety measures fix problems without crippling production.

On Jan. 4, 2013, the FDA issued a proposed rule for growing, harvesting, packing and holding fresh produce. Among its requirements, the proposed rule would require weekly testing of all agricultural water at a cost of \$35 to \$40 per week. The FDA estimates that the cost of implementing this rule would cost a producer approximately \$5,000 to \$30,600 per farm, depending on size, with a total industry cost of \$460 million. The rule was created pursuant to the 2011 enactment of the Food Safety Modernization Act, which was driven by concerns with high-profile incidents of food contamination.

While I support ensuring the safety of our water and food supplies, we must also ensure that any needed changes reasonably address the problem without burdening producers with additional unnecessary paperwork and costs. Unfortunately, the proposed rule did not achieve that goal. Because of these concerns, I joined fellow Idaho Republican Sen. Jim Risch in introducing the Stopping Costly Regulations Against Produce (SCRAP) Act as an amendment to the Senate version of the 2013 Farm Bill. This amendment would have defunded the FDA's proposed rule. Unfortunately, the amendment was not allowed a vote during consideration of the bill. More recently, I wrote

the FDA, urging them to release a second set of proposed rules before finalizing the current one. Previously, the FDA extended the comment period on the proposed rules to Nov. 15, 2013.

Now, in its most recent announcement, the FDA indicates that significant changes will be needed in key provisions, including water quality standards and testing, of the two proposed rules affecting small and large farmers. FDA Deputy Commissioner for Foods and Veterinary Medicine Michael Taylor stated, "Based on our discussions with farmers, the research community and other input we have received, we have learned a great deal, and our thinking has evolved ... We have heard the concern that these provisions, as proposed, would not fully achieve our goal of implementing the law in a way that improves public health protections while minimizing undue burden on farmers and other food producers." The FDA indicates that it plans to publish revised proposed rule language by early summer, it will accept additional comment on the revised sections of the proposed rule, and there may be other revisions to the proposed rules.

This is an important and welcome step to correct the direction of the proposed rules, and we must remain engaged to ensure that any new regulations achieve food safety goals without hindering agricultural production. I encourage all those affected by the proposed rules to continue to share your input and voice any concerns throughout the process.

— 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

Learning to sacrifice to meet obligations pays off in long run

Dear Dave,

I have a lot of student loan debt, and I can't afford the payments right now. Should I send them what I can, even if it's not the minimum payment, or should I not send anything at all?

— Tina

Dear Tina,

They're not going to stop bothering you no matter which option you choose. The benefit of sending them \$5, even if the minimum payment is \$50, is that you're forcing yourself to start living on a budget and do all you can to honor your commitment. That's the moral, spiritual and legal thing to do in this situation.

Lots of times when people say they can't afford something, what they really mean is they don't want to give up other stuff in order to honor their obligations. If that's

the case, I'm not going to be on your team. You accepted this responsibility, and if that means you don't eat out or go on vacation until the debt is paid off, then that's the way it is. But if you're already living on a beans-and-rice, scorched-earth budget and \$5 is all you can squeeze out, then give them \$5 and let them know with a clear conscience it's all you can afford. All you can do is all you can do.

There's a bright spot in all this, though. If you're scrimping and saving and paying all the money that you have first toward running your household, then secondly toward your creditors, you'll start finding ways to stretch your dollars even further. Not only will that help you clean up your student loan mess, but it will enable you to have a little bit better life in the process!

— Dave



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are working the Baby Steps, and we have our budget in place. Sometimes the budget gets busted because of home improvements and various other things. I think we should

take money from our emergency fund when this happens, but she says it should come out of our restaurant and fun money. What do you think?

— Joshua

Dear Joshua,

I hate to break this to you, but overspending is not an emergency. So, I'm siding with your wife on this one. If you budget a set amount in one category and you go over that amount, you've got to have something you reduce or cut out completely to stay within your budget for the month.

You'd be surprised at what some people call an "emergency." But here's the deal: If something happens on a pretty regular basis, it's a predictable event. That means you need to budget a larger amount for home improvements or whatever the problem area

may be.

Overall, on a month-to-month basis, if you find you have \$200 budgeted for car repairs and the repair turns out to be \$250, I'd rather you cut back on eating out to make up the difference. That's the way my wife and I did it back in the day. We never touched the emergency fund for anything except big, unexpected, scary stuff.

— Dave

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

Americans for Limited Government

It's time to throw big business off the Republican stool

by Rick Manning

The Republican Party winning coalition has traditionally stood on a three-legged stool consisting of God, guns and economic freedom with the economic freedom part of the equation being the glue.

The God part of the equation tends to revolve around social issues. Many of those in this category hold a strong belief in a sovereign God who manifested Himself through Jesus Christ. This religious belief is not something held by every, or even, quite possibly, a majority of Republicans, but it is a fundamental part of the party's winning political equation.

The guns portion of the coalition is a combination of Second Amendment and strong national security voters. Many of these voters are veterans who can be identified by the American flags flying in front of the homes year-round. This middle class voter fervently believes in the idea of America and tends to be a constitutionalist.

The guns wing of the Republican Party is in danger of being fractured as very real concerns about abuses of national surveillance systems overwhelm the very real concerns about attacks by Islamists as well as the continuing rise of China and the re-emergence of a strong Russia led by Vladimir Putin.

However, while this patriotic wing of the party is somewhat ignored, it is susceptible to breaking away over concerns about immigration, and free trade policies, which seem to result in smaller paychecks, fewer jobs and a weaker America.

It is then the third, economic freedom leg of the stool that should be a great unifier as the current administration attacks private property, individual initiative and prosperity on every front.

Over the past 50 years, Americans' aspirations for better lives through hard work, personal initiative and the unique opportunities to pursue their dreams offered by the free enterprise system have been eroded by the growth of the dependency society.

However, with nearly 50 percent of Americans receiving a government check in some form, and the economy in a

slow, steady decline with fewer and fewer people even participating in the labor force, the underpinnings of the economic freedom stool are being shaken to their core.

This leg of the stool has also been effectively used by Democrats to define Republicans as the party of the rich among voters comprising the other two legs of the stool. Ironically, this deliberate miscasting of those who believe in limiting the size and scope of government as being tools of the corporate elite is now being used by some within the Republican Party to foment a civil war.

In the early 2000s, Washington, D.C. Republicans seemingly lost sight of their purpose to limit the size and scope of government. With regular increases in government programs and spending, along with scandals involving congressional Republicans playing the D.C. game and getting tax breaks and special favors for Wall Street and multi-national corporations, Republicans lost their right to govern, and in 2006 Democrats took control of Congress.

And it is clear as day now they do not favor getting government under control. They opposed taking any meaningful steps to stop Obamacare before it goes into effect. They oppose getting spending under control. They like quantitative easing that over time will destroy the dollar. They want corporate welfare subsidies and anti-competitive regulations that help them stay on top.

With this recent history, we now are learning that Wal-Mart, Google and a multitude of other major corporations have been funding the far-left Center for American Progress' campaign to destroy the free market system.

This should forever end the myth that corporations are a legitimate part of the economic freedom leg of the stool. They are nothing more or less than funders who pursue their own interests outside of ideology, and there is nothing wrong with that.

When contrasted with labor unions that are "all in" supporting the Democrat agenda, even when it hurts their own members' interests (see the left's war on coal and the impact on mine workers and the United Mine Workers union as an example), one wonders why Republicans bother defending big business interests at all.

Yet it is this professional big business class that seeks through hired guns like Karl Rove and his Crossroads project to declare war on the legitimate economic freedom, God and guns legs of the Republican stool.

The corporate "Republican" class has come out of the closet, no longer content with attending all the parties and dominating the back rooms of D.C. They are now determined to permanently shatter the economic freedom leg of the stool by silencing those who actually believe in limited government and a free, competitive marketplace.

They somehow believe that with enough money they can trick voters in the other two legs of the stool to continue supporting them, while getting economic freedom voters because there is no other available choice.

They do not fear political backlash if they fail, reasoning that those who don't believe in using government as a tool to punish your enemies and help your friends will still vote their limited government principles.

But they forget that a Republican winning coalition depends upon getting the other two legs of the stool on board as well, and those voters really don't like the corporate crony Republican and their funders who spend money attacking their core concerns.

It is somewhat ironic that the "funding" corporations and their lackeys are inciting and funding a civil war against the base of the party that they depend upon to provide the votes to hold power.

The real question is: Should a group that funds the opposition and only really spends a little more than half of their contributions on the Republican side of the aisle should even have a seat at the Republican Party table?

In the end, Republicans just might discover that they are better off shedding the party of the rich label by throwing these corporate welfare, government leeches to the curb altogether, leaving them to commune with those on the left who hate them.

Perhaps then, everyone would be happy.

— Rick Manning (@rmanning957) is the vice president of public policy and communications for Americans for Limited government.

**We welcome letters to the editor.
Submission deadline is noon each Friday.**

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 18, 1989

Vance: Briar Hills tank leak has gone on long enough
One-and-a-half years and two engineering firms later, the city of Homedale is still no closer to solving the leak in the Briar Hills Subdivision’s water tank.

Kelly Vance, son of the subdivision’s developer and a resident of the tract, said the subdivision was completed in 1980. And a year-and-a-half ago a leak was noticed in the city’s water tank.

The leak, which sends water down Chaparral Circle and out across the highway, creates a hazardous situation in the winter. “I would like to thank the city for sanding the hazardous situation at the stop sign,” he told the council last week.

Larry Bauer, city maintenance supervisor, said that it had been the county that had sanded the intersection.

“The water flowing down the streets can’t be good for the streets, and the county doesn’t have the money to replace them if they’re ruined by the water,” Vance said.

Vance said that last summer the water had backed up on his slab on his driveway and between the water on it in the summertime and now in the wintertime he was faced with the prospect of having to replace it in the future.

Homedale Chamber of Commerce elections held

Officers who will lead the Homedale Chamber of Commerce during 1989 are Mike Matteson, president; Brenda Sutterfield, secretary-treasurer; and Ed Marshall, vice-president. The Chamber’s board members for the year ahead include Matteson, Marshall, Mike Parker, Duane Emry, Larry Bauer, Roger Hinton, Joe Aman, Carole Murphy and Joe Favinger.

Son of Homedale man to play in Super Bowl

Homedale and Adrian area residents will have added incentive to watch the 23rd Super Bowl at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, on television as Jason Buck will be playing in it for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Buck, the son of Sid Buck of Homedale, is now the starting defensive right end with the Bengals.

“He had a pretty good game in the AFC Championship against Buffalo last Sunday,” Carl Lovitt, owner of C&J Market in Adrian and its high school varsity football coach, told the Owyhee Avalanche last week.

Lovitt remembers Buck as a tall, gangly kid who was a good athlete. “He has grown quite a bit since he left here and has developed into a super athlete,” he said.

Today, he is 6 feet, 5 inches and weighs 264 pounds. Buck, who is in his second year with the Bengals, was a first-round draft choice in 1987.

Buck, who calls St. Anthony home, was a high school All-American at South Fremont in St. Anthony. He tried out at Ricks College as a quarterback, but left school to return home to work. When he returned, the stat book says, he was 45 pounds heavier and shifted to the defensive line.

He was a Junior College All-American at Ricks, where he set many defensive records. In 1985, he transferred to BYU and was chosen as a Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 1985 and 1986.

5 from Homedale to attend GEM workshop

At least five representatives from Homedale are expected to attend a workshop sponsored by the Idaho Department of Commerce at Nampa’s City Hall on Feb. 8, as part of the ongoing civic effort to qualify Homedale as a certified Idaho GEM Community.

Homedale Economic Task Force President Ed Marshall said that Mayor Paul Fink, Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Mike Matteson and Task Force member Joe Favinger have already volunteered to attend the workshop covering “Business Retention, Expansion, and Development.” Marshall said: “We’ll try to have at least five people” in attendance.

The workshop will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

50 years ago

January 16, 1964

Lawrence Kent named ‘Outstanding Farmer’

Lawrence Kent was named Saturday night as “Outstanding Young Farmer of 1963” at the 3rd annual Community Development banquet sponsored by Homedale farm organizations and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, held at the Washington grade school.

Phil Moulton was 1st runner-up and Tony Larrocea, 2nd runner-up. Nine finalists were chosen from a list of 25 names submitted on the basis of farm improvement, production increase and community service. The others were Glenn Lillie, Paul Jesenko, Jim Miklancic, Fred Demshar, Charles DeGeus and Paul Akichika.

Kent, who specializes in seed at his farm southwest of Homedale, joins Mack Tolmie, the 1961 winner, and Jack Walker, 1962 winner, as the 3rd Outstanding Young Farmer chosen by representatives of nine local farm organizations and the chamber of commerce.

Bell rehired at Homedale

Deward Bell was given a contract as superintendent of Homedale schools for the 1964-65 year at the regular school board meeting Monday evening, Jan. 13, at the Washington school. Bills amounting to \$2,348.77 were paid.

Owyhee Outstanding 4-H’er thrives on hard work

Craig Malmberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Malmberg, and also Owyhee County’s outstanding 4-H member for 1963, thrives on hard work and activity.

In the last two years Craig has carried 21 projects in 4-H work. This would seem to be enough for most teen-agers of today, but Craig puts in a full day’s work on his father’s farm before and after school. Craig and his older brother, Bruce, are totally responsible for 15 head of milk cows. They also help feed and care for 50 head of beef cattle which belong to their dad.

Besides all of this, Craig takes part in school activities and athletics. He was co-captain of the Marsing grade school football team last fall and is presently a member of the basketball team. His grades are remarkable — the last six-week period he received all “A’s”, except one, which was a “B.”

During the summer, Craig works on the 605-acre farm his dad and uncle farm together. He operates farm machinery that is considered difficult by adult standards. Last summer, he operated a windrower part of the year and during harvest he operated a combine over much of the 360 acres of alfalfa seed belonging to the Malmberg brothers.

School notes

The Homedale High School wrestling team will meet the Boise High School team Saturday afternoon, Jan. 18 at 3 o’clock at the high school gym. Everyone is invited to attend — no admission will be charged.

The Homedale wrestling teams consists of 17 boys: Lee Duke, Jerry Holbrook, Steve Inouye, Alfred Koenig, Steve Larzelier, Bob Lincoln, Steve Linder, Lloyd Metcalf, Jack Matteson, Ernie Metzger, Dennis Robinson, Jerry Smith, Tom Smith, Jimmie Steward, Ray Thompson, Jim Young and Allen White.

Homedale locals

Alan Johnstone returned to Moscow Sunday morning where he attends the University of Idaho, after being delayed a week by injuries sustained in a car accident Jan. 5.

Walt Adams, who remains in the Veterans’ hospital in Boise, is reported as doing better. He is allowed to sit up a few minutes every day according to Mrs. Adams.

W. W. Stephens of Pocatello arrived Wednesday to spend a few days at the home of Celia and Luther Cowan and left Friday morning for Grants Pass, Ore.

Mike Walker, Mac Simpson and Dale Smith visited Kenny Brown at the Caldwell Memorial hospital Saturday afternoon.

140 years ago

January 17, 1874

ORIGIN OF “GRANGES”. It is generally supported that Granges are institutions of very recent origin. This is very far from being the case. The institutions are of at least two thousand years’ standing. Shakespeare mention them in Othello. When Desdemona ran away with Moor, a number of the young lady’s disgusted lovers, discovering the elopement, rushed frantically in the middle of the night, to the old man’s house to apprise him of the naughty conduct of his daughter; and by loud cries of Thieves, Robbers, Fire, etc., succeeded to arouse the fond papa from his slumbers, who, mistaken the object of their mission, got his dander up at their noisy demonstrations, and as he stood at his open window, clothed in his ice cream suit, and muddled by an overdose of lager, exclaimed:

“Be gone, then, black guards, check guerrillas and boundaries?”

“What tell’st thou me of robbing? This is Venice. My house is not a grange.”

It is evident from the above, that the old fellow wanted the boys to understand that he was no Granger, but a city gentleman — a citizen of Venice.

OUR RAILROAD. Some three years ago, Col. W. W. Chapman, President of the Portland, Dallas and Salt Lake Railroad Company, secured from Congress the right-of-way, with land for stations and for lumber, etc., on the public domain along the route. Since that time, Col. Chapman has diverted his entire energies to the enterprise, and is now in a fair way of bringing it to a successful termination. He has secured the right-of-way at the Cascades, the principal key on the Columbia River. Therefore, it only now remains to raise funds and build the road.

Col. Chapman has prepared a bill for presentation to Congress, for which the principal practices are these:

First – The railroad owned telegraph lines are to be military and postal, subject to the regulation of Government.

Second – It is to perform all Government service, such as transporting mails, troops, supplies, etc., for which Government is asked to guarantee the payment of 5 per cent interest on \$10,000 per mile of 500 miles, a the same shall be constructed and accepted.

Third – The Road shall be completed from Corinne, Utah on the Central Pacific, to the Columbia within three years.

Fourth – Charges for freight and passengers are not to exceed 70 per cent of the usual charges of the Union and Central Pacific Rods, and to be *pro rata*.

Fifth – The Company annually to report to the Government the cost of construction and repairs; salaries of officers and employees; all receipts and expenditures, and any other matters required by the Government; at the same time pay into the United States Treasury twenty-five per cent of the net earnings of such road to be invested in United States bonds as a sinking fund with which to redeem their first mortgage bonds at maturity.

Sixth – Congress to have power to legislate to remedy and prevent excessive charges, and abuse of power.

Of course we are unable to state definitely the exact line of the Road, but it will, in all probability, run from Corinne in a northwesterly direction across the Goose Creek Mountains, crossing Snake River a short distance east of Salmon Falls, and thence, by almost an air line, pass through Boise City, across the Payette and Weiser to Old’s Ferry on Snake River, down which it would run some distance, and then crossing over, pass through Baker City, La Grande, and over the Blue Mountains to the Columbia.

The people of Owyhee would as a matter of course prefer that it should pass down on the south side of Snake River, which would bring Silver City within 50 miles of the road; but we must cast local prejudices aside and look to the general good of the Territory. By having it pass through Boise City, it would build up the Capital, better accommodate Alturas and Boise counties, while Silver City would be brought within 60 miles of a through line of transportation from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The interests of Owyhee would demand, and undoubtedly would soon secure, the building of a narrow gauge branch from Silver to Boise City.

Public notices

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR WEED SPRAYING SERVICES IN OWYHEE COUNTY IDAHO

Owyhee County will accept sealed bids addressed to: Clerk of the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners, Weed Spraying Proposal, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, 208-495-2421, no later than close of business at 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time, henceforth “MST”) January 24, 2014.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RFB Issue Date January 6, 2014. Written Questions Received no later than close of business (5 pm, MST) January 22, 2014. Written Questions may be submitted by US Mail to Owyhee County Clerk, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, or by Fax to Owyhee County Clerk, 208 495-1173. Questions submitted will be addressed via teleconference on January 23, 2014. Sealed Bids to be submitted no later than close of business (5 pm, MST) January 24, 2014. Opening of bids at 10:00 am (MST), January 27, 2014. Contract award date will be no later than February 3, 2014 for the balance of FY 2014 (ending 30 September 2014). Services to commence not later than February 18, 2014 and work to be completed not later than 30 September 2014 for the 2014 Fiscal Year.

Complete RFB may be obtained from the Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID 83650 or on-line at Owyheecounty.net.

Owyhee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
1/15,22/14

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

The City of Marsing is soliciting sealed bids for the East Bruneau Trunk Line Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Sealed bids for the City of Marsing East Bruneau Trunk Line Sewer Rehabilitation Project will be received at the City of Marsing, City Hall, 425 Main Street, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639, until 4:00 pm MST on February 3, 2014. Sealed bids will be publicly opened at 4:05 pm MST that same day. Bids received after the time specified above will not accepted or opened.

This project will consist of furnishing all labor, materials and supplies to rehabilitate one 24-inch diameter concrete sewer main, rehabilitate five 15-inch diameter concrete sewer mains, rehabilitate three 8-inch diameter concrete sewer mains, replace approximately 20 feet of broken 15” concrete sewer pipe, remove existing sewer manhole, install new sewer manhole, bypass pumping, stormwater pollution prevention plan, traffic control and testing of all work in accordance with the project plans, specifications and ISPCW.

Plans and Specifications are available for \$50 from: Civil Dynamics, PC, Att. Kirby Cook, 422 S 9th Avenue, Caldwell ID 83605

If you need more information, contact Kirby Cook, EIT, Civil Dynamics, PC, (208) 453-2028.
1/15,22/14

CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2015 54-passenger wheelchair lift equipped school bus (complete - body and chassis).

Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until day of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2014 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager
1/15,22/14

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 a 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

CITY OF MARSING OWYHEE COUNTY GEM HIGHWAY ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013	
Beginning balance as of October 1, 2012	50,478
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges)	31,153
Interest income	229
All other Local receipts or transfers in	51
Total Local Funding	31,433
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	35,929
Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	9,557
Other State Funds (LHTAC ITD Plan/Grant)	50,000
Total State Funding	95,486
Total Receipts	126,919
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	32,970
Patching	12,931
Snow removal	5,989
Grading/blading	4,399
Other (winter patch mix)	10,850
Total Routine Maintenance	67,139
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment lease – Equipment purchase (Street Sweeper)	3,202
Equipment maintenance (Repair crosswalk light @ 55 & 78 Blinking)	6,431
Other/ Stop signs, PedXing Yield replaced	5,850
Total Equipment	15,483
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	6,891
OTHER	
Street lighting	19,078
Professional services – audit, clerical & legal	2,166
Professional services – LHTAC-ITD Grant	29,316
All other local expenditures-Insurance	9,956
Total Other	60,516
Total Disbursements	150,029
Receipts Over Disbursement	23,110
Closing balance	27,368
Funds obligated for specific future projects	27,368
ENDING BALANCE	-0-
Dated this 22 nd day of November 2013.	
/s/Keith D. Green, Mayor	
/s/Attest: Janice C. Bicandi	
1/15/14	

CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report FY 2014 - Quarter Ending 12/31/2013 As required by Idaho Code 50-1011					
	2014 Budget	Actual Expenses	% of Budget Expenses	Actual Revenue	% of Budget Revenue
1st Qtr - FY 2014					
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SHERIFF Owyhee County, Idaho
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
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FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
Magistrate Division**

In the Matter of the Estate of KRISTEN E. ECHAVE, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TARA ECHAVE was appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate 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 both be presented to the Personal Representative in care of the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: 1/7/2014
William F. Nichols, ISB #3496, White Peterson Law Office, Attorney for Personal Representative, 5700 E. Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687. Tel: (208) 466-9272 Fax:(208) 466-4405
1/15,22,29/14

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV 2013-03147
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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DISTRICT OF THE
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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
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Canyon GOP groups to hear of Lowry’s fight vs. feds

Owyhee rancher will speak at Tuesday luncheon

An Owyhee County rancher versed in the battles against the federal government will address a joint meeting of Canyon County Republicans on Tuesday.

Pleasant Valley’s Tim Lowry will be guest speaker at the Republican Women-Tuesday Club and Republican Women Club luncheon at noon at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 703 Main St.,

in Caldwell.

The public is encouraged to attend. People should arrive early to order no-host lunch. For more information, call CCRW Tuesday Club president Joan Mason at 249-1199 or CCRW director Ronalee Linsenmann at 467-1458.

Lowry will give a history of his family’s ranch, which he runs in southwest Owyhee County with his wife Rosa and parents Bill and Nita Lowry.

He also will speak on his family’s battles with the federal government over water rights, which led to a landmark court victory for

Lowry and fellow Owyhee County rancher Paul Nettleton, but left both men with burdensome legal fees to pay.

Mason said Lowry will bring his family’s personal experiences with the federal government into focus against a present-day backdrop when he speaks about the Bureau of Land Management’s ongoing Owyhee Resource Area permit renewal action. The BLM has released a series of environmental impact statements and decisions slashing animal unit monthly (AUM) numbers on dozens of grazing allotments

throughout the resource area.

In late October, Lowry testified about how federal government actions have affected his family’s ranching operations during a U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation hearing titled “Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies.”

“The future of this rural, family ranching community is in jeopardy due to federal government actions, policies and direction,” Lowry said in written testimony to the subcommittee.

Lowry recounted the fight to preserve stockwater rights.

He also spoke about an earlier situation in which he said the BLM drastically reduced AUMs by dismantling a fence that two families and neighbors scrambled to build prior to the 1992 grazing season in order to comply with regulations pertinent to the new North Fork Wilderness Study Area.

The BLM removed the fence after the 1992 grazing season, effectively cutting AUMs in the area by nearly 66 percent. The removal also affected two other ranching families.

Registration open for winter weed seminar

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area’s winter weed seminar will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Discussions on new invasive weed species as well as established invasive species will be held during the seminar inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall.

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The seminar begins at 10 a.m. with presentations scheduled throughout the day.

For more information or to register for the seminar, contact Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison at jvcwma@qwest-office.com or (541) 586-3000.

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✓ Sage-grouse: Local Working Group will recommend comment for BOCC

as part of the DEIS. A final EIS is expected after BLM officials analyze public comment.

Hoagland said the impact of the land use plan on grazing permittees will depend on how BLM rangeland conservationists view how harmful impacts to sage-grouse habitat are and how the range cons apply their studies to the guidelines set forth in the

governor’s plans.

“I’m really concerned how they’re going to monitor fairly in their findings,” Hoagland said. “There is a lot of ambiguity like we’re seeing in the (Owyhee Resource Area) grazing permit renewals.

“I think they’re trying to satisfy the environmentalists and the conflict people.”

The Reynolds Creek-area rancher said the DEIS has “a lot of references” to improper grazing and over-grazing.

“I don’t think that’s fair to this point where they don’t have a basis for it,” he said.

Hoagland added that the stalled science review portion of the Owyhee Initiative agreement would be a tool to ensure that the resource analysis is balanced, but a collaborative approach in lieu of the science review would be

helpful, too.

“There’s still some bias out there on the way the government collects its information, and I think that’s one of the big problems,” Hoagland said.

“We can do all the monitoring and analysis fairly. If we involve permittees and private experts, I think that would go a long way toward having some reason out there.”

The Board of County Commissioners will provide their comment on the DEIS after the Owyhee County Local Working Group for sage-grouse conservation supplies recommendations.

An LWG subcommittee will draft comments for review during the next LWG meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23. The LWG will send its recommended comments to the BOCC for consideration at the Jan. 27 meeting.

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