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The light snow in the fields and on the hills is a grim indicator of how paltry the winter has been for building the snowpack needed to fuel the 2014 growing season. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

“Double-whammy” water shortage has managers nervous

Reservoir at its
lowest at this point
in year since 1993

Some drastic measures could be in order for area producers if the dry winter continues.

Owyhee Irrigation District manager Jay Chamberlin said some producers

are looking at taking acreage out of production and installing drip-irrigation where applicable as a way to stretch the 2014 water year.

This year is shaping up to be the worst water year in terms of storage and run-off since 1993 when the Owyhee Reservoir began February with only 64,968 acre-feet of water.

During their Jan. 14 meeting, South Board of Control directors learned

that the reservoir held 68,300 acre-feet of water.

Another low water year was 2004 when there was 84,142 acre-feet in February.

The watershed eventually bounced back in both 1993 and 2004 with irrigators getting full 4 acre-feet allotments after making due with

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Bruneau-GV patrons face another levy

After mulling options, the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees has decided to seek another two-year supplemental levy.

Superintendent Dennis Wilson confirmed Thursday that the school district will place a levy seeking \$600,000 for each of the next two years on the March 11 ballot.

“A preliminary community meeting was held to get a feel for what the community wanted to do,” Wilson said. “The community members who were

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Man who killed wife gets 50-year prison sentence

Bibbey could be paroled
after serving 10 years

The man who pled guilty to killing his wife in a Marsing-area home will serve as many as 50 years in state prison for second-degree murder.

Rodney Wayne Bibbey Jr., could be eligible for parole in 10 years. He was sentenced before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey on Friday in Murphy.

Bibbey originally faced a first-degree murder charge in the April 2012 death of his wife, Trina Bibbey.

The wife’s death originally was ruled accidental after Rodney Bibbey told authorities that a car slipped off the jack and fell on his wife while she was changing the oil in the garage of their home.

Rodney Bibbey was indicted nearly a year ago after an Idaho State Police investigation turned up evidence that his wife’s death wasn’t an accident.

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Rodney Bibbey

Gateway NCA route seems viable again

Fish and Wildlife may permit
work during nesting season

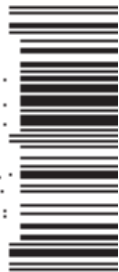
Owyhee County residents got more good news last week as the roller-coaster Gateway West power line siting process continued.

The Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource

Advisory Committee subcommittee tasked with recommending a route for Segments 8-9 of the 500-kilovolt electric transmission line met on Jan. 14 and Thursday.

“I’m optimistic again ... until the next meeting,” District 1 county commissioner Jerry Hoagland said. “I thought there were a lot of positive things.”

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District goes paperless for trustee meetings

Board members test drive new software that officials say creates transparency, cost and time savings

Homedale School Board members apparently gave full-throated support to a new plan to go paperless that also could lend transparency to meetings.

Last week's trustees meeting marked the first time that the district utilized new software that made the agenda and all departmental and administrator reports available online.

The Board Book website allows varying levels of access for trustees, building administrators and the public. Only trustees will be able to view executive-session level material, for example.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said the move creates efficiency and will provide more information for patrons. For the Jan. 13 meeting, the agenda was posted at www.boardbook.org and included hyperlinks to reports from all three building administrators, athletic directors and the district's federal programs coordinator.

Other information posted for the first meeting included price quotes for projects such as a new scoreboard for the high school baseball field, work on the Deward Bell Stadium press box expansion and the winter sports admission gate revenue to date, Sauer's report to the board, results from the four-day school week survey sent to district staff and updates on the high school's SAT score data.

Ideally, the department heads will submit their written reports early enough to be posted to the site before each meeting.

Previously, trustees received thick binders with print-outs of the reports, and the information

in the reports was rarely expressly shared in the meetings.

It's too early to know if more patrons will attend school board meetings on the second Monday of each month now that more information is available beforehand.

"Time will tell if public participation will improve," Sauer said. "But we hope people become aware of (the website)."

As for the trustees, they're all in. For the January meeting, they were given a hard-copy binder as well as access to the digital version. District business manager Faith Olsen said that every trustee asked to go paperless for all subsequent meetings.

Olsen said the Idaho School Board Association-endorsed program will save about 700 pieces of paper each month as well as more than an hour of office staff time per month. Boardbook offers off-site storage of digitized meeting materials (agendas, reports and minutes) with enough space for a five-year archive, she said. The district will still have a hard copy version of all material at its office, though.

The district purchased computer tablets that will be used by board members to prepare for meetings as well as use during meetings to read material.

"Especially for those who travel for work, they'll be able to access information on the road instead of waiting to get back for the (meeting) binders," Sauer said.

No information on initial cost or projected cost savings was available.

—JPB

Majority of Homedale staff supports four-day school week

Stronger lessons, deeper student retention envisioned

The Homedale School District and its students would be better off with a four-day school week, according to data mined from a recent staff survey.

About 75 percent of the approximately 125 district employees responded to the survey, which was analyzed by the four-day week committee and a report of which was made at the Jan. 13 trustees meeting.

The survey results and volume of responses (there were 97) weren't much of surprise for district superintendent Rob Sauer.

"I had a pretty good idea maybe which group would be in support and which would oppose it," he said.

The four-day committee hashed out a parental survey during its Jan. 8 meeting. That survey, which Sauer said will look similar to the staff survey, will be available today. Parents will receive a link to the online survey through the district's Lumen email notification system, and one copy per family will be sent home with a student. Parents can also drop by one of the schools to participate in the survey. Results are due back next Wednesday, Sauer said.

A community meeting is also planned at a later date to help patrons digest the results.

In the staff survey, which was available online as well as in paper form, staff members were able to "strongly agree," "agree," "disagree," or "strongly disagree" to a series of statements.

There was also an option to provide individual comments, and a few staffers took advantage.

One staffer thought the four-

day work week would enable the district to retain more qualified and certified staff.

Sauer said staff retention eliminates the high turnover rate that eventually erodes the quality of an education the district can offer.

"There's a financial and time investment if you have to start over every year," Sauer said. "It's really difficult to achieve long-term success."

One employee was concerned about what impact one less day of instruction would have on English-Limited Learners and those who had left the program. Sauer said that Shoshone district superintendent Rob Waite told the committee that his schools have seen no decrease in performance from subgroups such as Hispanics and economically disadvantaged because of the shortened week.

Another HSD staffer was optimistic that longer classroom time and the Friday professional development days would facilitate more effective teaching and the opportunity for re-teaching and enrichment of lessons.

The same employee had a concern about how students would use their Fridays and the impact the off-day would have on families that rely on day care. In fact, 52 percent of respondents worried that students wouldn't do anything academically enriching on the fifth day.

Sauer said teachers would continue to encourage off-day academic activities as they do now if the four-day week materialized.

"We'll do the same as we do now as far as encouraging them

Parents to be included

Parents of Homedale School District students will get a chance to weigh in on the four-day idea with a survey being released today and an upcoming community meeting.

to be active on the off-days, but it's also up to the student and the parent," he said.

Sauer pointed out that the Friday off day would provide high-schoolers who have jobs the opportunity to take on more hours and make more money.

A look at some of the survey's highlights:

- More than three-quarters of respondents (76 percent) said their personal preference would be for the school board to consider a four-day week.
- 68 percent either strongly agreed or agreed that the four-day work week would be beneficial to themselves and their families.
- 80 percent said they would try to miss fewer days by scheduling appointments on the Friday off-day
- 69 percent agreed that financial savings could be seen in the reduction of salaries for classified employees such as bus drivers and lunchroom staff as well as a reduction in the use of substitute teachers and a drop in utility costs.

Sauer said no staff reductions are envisioned if the four-day week is adopted. The reduction in salaries would come from one fewer day of cafeteria and bus service.

—JPB

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Bowling outings planned for seniors, disabled

Something new is happening in Homedale, and it's designed especially for senior citizens and disabled persons.

Vern Tunnell, owner of Owyhee Lanes will be opening up two lanes for bowling every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. He is discounting the price, so seniors and disabled persons can bowl for just \$2.00 per line and shoes will be free. The alley is located at 18 N. 1st St. W.

People from the senior center and the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation were invited to a bowling party Wednesday at the Owyhee Lanes in Homedale.

Organizer Judy Mackenzie said she wants to help get people out to enjoy bowling as a winter activity, to break up some of the boredom of the cold winter months. She is also hoping to provide a source of exercise and fun for seniors and disabled persons. Mackenzie said she is a long-time bowling enthusiast. She bowls three times a week on regular leagues.

"We just want to get people out of the house," she said. "I think it will do them a world of good."

With enough participants signed up, Mackenzie hopes to be able to start a league at the bowling alley.

"We will keep going as long as people want, and I will be there to help anyone who needs instruction because they have never bowled," Mackenzie said.

Only three people showed up for the initial bowling party at the lanes, but the reaction was favorable.



Merrill Ebbers springs into action at Owyhee Lanes in Homedale last Wednesday. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

90-year-old Tom Ryan was very enthusiastic about getting out and bowling again. He said he used to bowl on a league at the same alley about 15 years ago, but hadn't bowled since that time. He really looked like he had been doing it all his life and had a big smile on his face during the event. Afterward, he told Mackenzie that the bowling gave him much better exercise than the senior exercise class he attends.

"It was a lot more fun, too," Ryan said.

Merrill Ebbers hadn't bowled in more than 10 years, but he was surprisingly agile as he took his turn. He and his wife Carol both attended the event. Carol was a bit more shy about picking up the

ball and needed a little coaching to get the job done, but she cheered when her ball knocked 'em down.

The Owyhee Lanes has equipment to help accommodate persons needing assistance in the activity by using a special walker designed for bowlers, but all of last week's bowlers said they were fine without any help.

Anyone interested in participating in the weekly bowling can call Owyhee Lanes at 337-3757, or contact Judy Mackenzie at 896-4441. For more information call the Homedale Senior Center at 337-3020 or Owyhee Health and Rehab at 337-3168.

— KB

Nampan gets prison for drug, theft charges

Man accused of stealing SBOC fuel in court Friday

A 31-year-old Nampa man could serve up to five years in prison for his conviction on two felony charges.

Clinton Lee Benson was sentenced to at least two years in the state penitentiary during a Jan. 10 hearing before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan in Murphy.

Benson entered a guilty plea to felony counts of possessing a controlled substance and theft by receiving, possessing or disposing of stolen property.

Owyhee County Sheriff's

Deputy Terry McGrew arrested Benson on Sept. 20. He was originally charged with two felonies and three misdemeanors.

As part of the plea deal, felony theft and drug possession charges and a misdemeanor count of unauthorized possession of a prescription drug were dropped.

Benson must also pay \$1,121 in fines and court fees.



Clinton Benson

Robison to be arraigned

The former South Board of Control employee accused of using a company financial transaction card to steal more than \$17,000 in fuel during a span of more than six years will be arraigned Friday.

Greenleaf resident Donald Wayne Robison, 53, is scheduled to appear before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan at 9 a.m. Friday in Courtroom 1 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Robison's preliminary hearing on one count of felony grand theft, scheduled for Jan. 13, was waived.

Man who drove car into pond sentenced for DUI

A 56-year-old Nampa man has been placed on a year of supervised probation after his driving under the influence conviction.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grover sentenced Jerry D. Spath on Jan. 13 in Murphy.

Spath received credit for two days he spent in the Owyhee County Jail after his Sept. 14 arrest. The balance of a six-month

jail term was suspended. Spath also paid \$700 in court costs and fees after entering a guilty plea to the misdemeanor charge.

Spath was arrested after an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy found his 2002 Ford submerged up to the floorboards with its engine running in a holding pond near Buntrock Road outside Marsing last summer. — JPB



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✓ Gateway: More meetings tentatively set

Hoagland attended both the work session and the public meeting two days later.

“They had looked at a lot of different routes and crossings. They’re doing their job,” Hoagland said of the subcommittee members, among whom are panel co-chair Karen Steenhof of Murphy and Grand View rancher Donna Bennett.

Steenhof said the subcommittee will make a report at Tuesday’s Boise District RAC meeting, which starts at 9 a.m. across the parking lot from the National Interagency Fire Center at the BLM’s district office in Boise. But the panel’s work is far from over.

“It will be an update and will not include any specific recommendations,” Steenhof said.

Steenhof, who co-chairs the subcommittee with University of Idaho professor Neil Rimbey,

said more meetings will be added. Originally, the plan was for the subcommittee to have its work wrapped up by February.

Although the meeting dates aren’t official until they are approved by the BLM and published in the Federal Register, Steenhof said other gatherings are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 26, March 10, March 18, March 27 and April 2.

During Thursday’s meeting, Hoagland said the committee found out that a route through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area may be more viable than was thought after a BLM official from Washington, D.C., quoted policies that threw water on the idea during a Jan. 7 subcommittee meeting.

At the earlier meeting, the national lead for the National Landscape Conservation System, Matt Preston, said there were policies

created after the 2009 omnibus public lands legislation that must be considered when trying to site Segment 9 of the power line in the NCA, even though the new line would be double-circuited with an existing power line that was in place before the NCA was established.

But, according to Hoagland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Matt Stuber told the subcommittee Thursday that if Idaho Power Co. was able to double-circuit its 500kV line with the existing 238kV line along Baja Road in the NCA, there are permits available that would allow emergency repair of the infrastructure even during crucial nesting times for birds of prey that may be affected.

Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power officials also offered updates and clarifications to the proposed resource enhancement package, Steenhof said.



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Gateway West panelists among RAC appointments

BLM advisory board meets Tuesday

Two men on the Gateway West power line siting subcommittee have been appointed to the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council.

The federal agency announced Dr. Neil Rimbey, an economist with the University of Idaho, and Rick Raymondi of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, will serve on the 15-member panel.

The RAC advises the BLM on a wide range issues with the goal of balanced, multiple use of the public land. The RACs are composed of members with diverse interests and backgrounds.

A Caldwell resident, Rimbey currently serves as co-chair of the RAC’s Gateway West subcommittee, which has been meeting in Boise to hammer out a pathway for segments 8-9 of the 500-kilovolt transmission line proposed by Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power. Rimbey is on the RAC as a member of Category Three, which encompasses elected officials,

Tribes and academia.

Raymondi, a Boise resident who is returning to the RAC, is a Gateway West subcommittee member, too. Raymondi originally served on the RAC in 2006.

Ted Howard of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes also has been reappointed to the RAC under Category Three. Howard is the Tribes’ cultural resources director.

New appointments include Mountain Home rancher Steve Damele in the federal grazing (Category One: Industry) and equestrian Alayne Bickle of Nampa representing outdoor recreation (Category Two: Conservation, Environment, Dispersed Recreation or Archaeological/Historic Interests).


The new and reappointed members will start their tenures when the RAC convenes Tuesday at the BLM Boise District Office. The Gateway West power line siting subcommittee’s progress could be part of the public meeting.

Holdover RAC members with Owyhee County ties are ranchers Donna Bennett of Grand View and Brenda Richards of Reynolds Creek and Murphy biologist Karen Steenhof, who is president of the Raptor Research Foundation.

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✓ Water: Irrigation outlook will affect what’s planted

2 acre-feet in 1992 and 2.2 acre-feet in 2003.

But Chamberlin warns that 2014 is different because of the lack of snowpack as well as storage.

“The thing that makes this one different from those other years (is) this is the third consecutive year in a row we’ve had this,” Chamberlin said.

“If you look at the whole big picture, there are not many years that we’ve been dry in the watershed and the reservoir.”

According to SNOTEL data from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Owyhee watershed’s snow water equivalent is 53 percent of normal. The Bruneau watershed is 57 percent of normal.

“Those percentages are deceiving,” Chamberlin said. “If you look at total precipitation aside from snow water equivalent, it’s down at that same level.

“We’re not getting any rain or precipitation. The amount of water and snow is not there. We’re kind of getting a double-whammy.”

Chamberlin is trying his best to stay optimistic, though.

“It’s a little too early to panic,” he said before adding, “The (high) pressure ridge has been forcing everything to the north and south of us. With the big gap in the middle that we’re experiencing, we can’t even buy a storm.”

Although nothing has been finalized, and annual meetings with producers are still a month away, Chamberlin said the worst-case scenario is an extremely short

water year. Irrigators barely made it into September last year.

“If we stay in this trend and keep trending this way, those who rely totally on storage are looking at a very minimal amount of water,” Chamberlin said. “There may not even be enough to complete a crop at this point.”

With the forecast for another 60 to 90 days of dry weather, Chamberlin said producers already are planning for a shortened year.

Drip-irrigation providers are swamped with orders from onion growers to eliminate flood irrigation, he said. Chamberlin said onion growers who utilize land fed by reservoir water may be looking for other acreage with the flexibility provided by pumping from the Snake River.

Other producers may keep some acreage idle to concentrate their allotment on smaller fields.

Chamberlin anticipates acreage for onions and corn to shrink this year.

Some will install wells and pump out of drains and ditches as was the case in 2003, but Chamberlin said with that comes other complications.

“The growers will have to be careful and make some decisions, but it’s kind of wait, watch and see right now,” Chamberlin said. “We could tip either way.

“We could get enough severe storms that it won’t totally heal us, but it could give us a shot in the arm. The long-range forecast is not looking like that, but we’re hoping they’re wrong.”

— JPB

✓ Prison: Bibbey gets time served for misdemeanor

During Friday’s hearing, Bibbey also received sentencing for a misdemeanor charge of injury to a child. He entered a guilty plea to that charge in exchange for a reduction from felony solicitation of a minor to perform a sexual act.

Huskey imposed a 180-day sentence for the misdemeanor, but Bibbey received credit for the 306 days he has spent in jail since his arrest last spring.

Bibbey was ordered to reimburse his public defenders \$300. He must also pay \$152.50 in court costs.

Restitution to the victim for the misdemeanor offense will

be determined with 90 days, according to court documents.

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was less than 10 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 149 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 22 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 70,671 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 9 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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Basins that feed county extremely dry

Basin	Snow water equivalent (in inches)			Year-to-date precip (in inches)		
	Current	Median	Pct. of Median	Current	Avg.	Pct. of Avg.
Owyhee						
Big Bend	2.2	5	44	3.1	6.4	48
Fawn Creek	4.3	8	54	5.5	12.4	44
Upper Jack	5.2	8.1	64	6.5	11.2	58
Laurel Draw	3	6.2	48	4.9	10.5	47
Mud Flat	1.5	3.9	38	3.1	6.5	48
Reynolds Cr	1.9	2.7	70	5.1	7.7	66
South Mountain	3.1	9.1	34	5.2	13.4	39
Taylor Canyon	1.2	2.6	46	3.0	5.0	60
Basin index (pct.)			49			50
Basin	Snow water equivalent (in inches)			Year-to-date precip (in inches)		
	Current	Median	Pct. of Median	Current	Avg.	Pct. of Avg.
Bruneau						
Bear Creek	5.0	9.2	54	6.7	12.3	54
Big Bend	2.2	5.0	44	3.1	6.4	48
Pole Cr R.S.	6.7	11.1	60	3.8	6.6	58
76 Creek	2.1	5.3	40	3.5	8.5	41
Wilson Creek	4.4	7.1	62	6.8	9.6	71
Basin index (pct.)			54			55
Basin	Snow water equivalent (in inches)			Year-to-date precip (in inches)		
	Current	Median	Pct. of Median	Current	Avg.	Pct. of Avg.
Jarbridge						
Bear Creek	5.0	9.2	54	6.7	12.3	54
76 Creek	2.1	5.3	40	3.5	8.5	41
Pole Creek R.S.	6.7	11.1	60	3.8	6.6	58
Basin index (pct.)			54			51

Brackett honored as Ag All Star again

Only one District 23 legislator has earned Ag All Star status from the Food Producers of Idaho Inc.

The lobbying group again honored state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), but — unlike years past — he is the only legislator serving Owyhee and Elmore counties and the rural portion of west-ern Twin Falls County to make the list. District 23 Reps. Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) and Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home) didn’t.

Former District 23 legislators Reps. Jim Patrick and Steve Hartgen both appeared on the roll call again as did District 11 Rep. Gayle Batt from Wilder. Patrick is now a state senator from District 25, while Hartgen remains in the House as a District 24 rep.

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Birthday



Colleen Combs

Homedale resident Combs turns 80

Colleen Ruth Combs celebrated her 80th birthday on Jan. 1, 2014.

She was born to Harley and Emma Blessing on Jan. 1, 1934 in Watonga, Okla. Her family traveled to various jobs in many states in her younger years but eventually settled in Homedale where she attended high school.

Colleen’s children and grandchildren are planning a birthday celebration in her honor later on this summer. The date and time will be announced later.

Death notice

MAJ. GEN. NILES J. J. FULWYLER (U.S. Army, ret.), 85, a Homedale native, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at his Meridian home. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 at Holy Apostles Catholic Church in Meridian. Interment with full military honors will take place at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery at noon on Friday, Jan. 24, 2014.

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School menus

- Homedale Elementary**
- Jan. 22: Chicken taco, corn, fresh grapes
 - Jan. 23: Fish sandwich, French fries, baby carrots, mixed fruit
 - Jan. 24: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, cauliflower, pineapple
 - Jan. 27: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, broccoli, peaches, fireman’s cookie
 - Jan. 28: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, grape tomatoes, mixed fruit, roll
 - Jan. 29: Crispito, corn, side salad, orange wedges
 - Jan. 30: Grilled ham & cheese, baked beans, sweet peppers, raisins
 - Jan. 31: Pizza ripper, tossed salad, baby carrots, tropical fruit

- Homedale Middle**
- 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
 - Jan. 24: Pizza hot pocket or corn dog, tossed salad, baby carrots, applesauce
 - Jan. 27: Chicken & noodles or popcorn chicken, baby carrots, grape tomatoes, mandarin oranges, animal crackers
 - Jan. 28: Sloppy Joe or grilled chicken sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, pears
 - Jan. 29: Mini corn dogs or ham/cheese hot pocket, green beans, side salad, apple
 - Jan. 30: Crispito or PB&J, taco salad, celery sticks, peaches
 - Jan. 31: Pepperoni pizza or philly beef/cheese hot pocket, tossed salad, baby carrots, tropical fruit

- Homedale High**
- 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
 - Jan. 24: Crispito w/taco salad or hot pocket, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Jan. 27: Pepperoni pizza or ham/cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Jan. 28: Chicken tenders or pork chop, scalloped potatoes, roll, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Jan. 29: Enchilada or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Jan. 30: Hamburger, cheeseburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice
 - Jan. 31: Chicken or fish taco, corn, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice

- Marsing**
- Jan. 22: Spicy chicken & rice w/roll or burritos, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12
 - Jan. 23: Rib-b-que sandwich or mac & cheese w/breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar 6-12
 - Jan. 27: Chicken fajita or chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar 6-12
 - Jan. 28: French dip sandwich or beef taco w/chipotle rice, beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar 6-12
 - Jan. 29: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar 6-12
 - Jan. 30: Lasagna w/breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar 6-12

- Bruneau-Grand View**
- Jan. 22: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, wheat roll
 - Jan. 23: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato, corn, fruit
 - Jan. 24: Ham/cheese on bun, potato wedges, broccoli, fruit
 - Jan. 28: Stomboli, spinach salad, mixed veggies, fruit
 - Jan. 29: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit
 - Jan. 30: Taco soup, salad, fruit, cornbread
 - Jan. 31: BBQ pork on bun, sweet potato fries, seasoned black beans, fruit, brownie

Obituary

James C. Mitchell



James C. Mitchell, of Nampa, passed away at home on Jan. 16 with his wife and sister at his side.

After graduating from high school in California, he served in the U.S. Army in Japan, then became a Certified Master Locksmith owning his own business in Paso Robles, CA, for over 30 years.

Jim and his wife, Michele, moved to Owyhee County in 2003 where he established the first winery in the county, Miceli Vineyards & Winery near Givens Hot Springs. Grape growing was his passion. His winery produced several award-winning wines in the Northwest. He was a member of the Idaho Wine Commission, the NRA, and the Elks.

Jim is survived by his wife, Michele, sister, Judy (Chris) George of CA, and brother, Scott (Leticia) of Las Vegas, as well as nieces and nephews.

Services and a celebration of

life are pending. Arrangements are under the direction of The Cremation Society of Idaho. A memory page may be found at www.cremationsociety-idaho.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to The Wounded Warrior Project, St. Luke’s Hospice, or The Canyon County Animal Shelter would be appreciated.

Head Start has openings

Western Idaho Community Action Partnership Head Start preschool is accepting applications for the 2013-14 school years.

Head Start’s Marsing Center serves Owyhee County and the Sunnyslope area of Canyon County. Head Start in Wilder also serves Homedale and Parma.

Head Start offers nutrition and school readiness to ages 3-5 and accepts children with disabilities.

Applicants must provide income documents from the past 12 months and their child’s birth certificate and immunization record.

Enrollment priority is given to families that meet federal poverty guidelines.

Applicants can call the Marsing center at 896-6041 or the Wilder center at 482-7223 and set up an appointment with Carolyn Lindbloom to see if they qualify.

Senior menus

- Homedale Senior Center**
- Jan. 22: Beef stew, bread, milk
 - Jan. 23: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, bread, milk
 - Jan. 28: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, carrots, onions, bread, milk
 - Jan. 29: Chicken & noodles, California blend veggies, bread, milk

- Marsing Senior Center**
- Jan. 22: Spaghetti, Brussels sprouts & carrots, tossed salad, cobbler, French bread, milk
 - Jan. 23: Pork chops, Spanish rice, apple salad, roll, green beans, cookie, milk
 - Jan. 27: Breakfast: French toast, eggs, bacon or sausage, fruit, juice & milk
 - Jan. 28: Chicken with fruit, mixed vegetables, herb roasted tomatoes, multigrain bread, ambrosia salad, milk
 - Jan. 29: Soup & sandwich bar, assorted meats, vegetable soup, salad bar, fruit, cookies, milk

- Rimrock Senior Center**
- Jan. 23: Pork Roast
 - Jan. 28: Oven roasted chicken

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Local students land on EOU Dean’s List

Two Owyhee country citizens have earned spots on the Eastern Oregon University Dean’s List for the fall term. Rebecca Lampman of Bruneau and Tyrell Warn of Jordan Valley were among 531 students to receive academic honors from the university in La Grande, Ore. To qualify, students must achieve and maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework during the term.

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

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 29

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

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Thursday, Jan. 30

Jordan Valley CWMA winter weed seminar
10 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St.,

(541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.com

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

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

Friday, Jan. 31

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

Saturday, Feb. 1

U of I Extension winter beef school
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Marsing Disaster Auction
10:13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 794-7270

Owyhee Cattlemen’s Assoc. winter meeting
1:30 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana.

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

Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter dance
9 p.m., \$5 per person, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Sunday, Feb. 2

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, Feb. 3

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

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

Tuesday, Feb. 4

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


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

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

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

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Owyhee
Then & Now



Michael F. Hanley IV

Owyhee Graffiti. Vol. 1

Cows

Years ago, I had a Durham hereford-cross cow that raised good calves, and I always kept her heifers for replacements. She came down with cancer eye and, one by one, so did her offspring.

My father believed in more or less letting nature take her course. One time when he was taking out cattle in the spring, Don McKay commented that the calves had scours real bad. My dad replied, “Oh they’re just getting too much milk.”

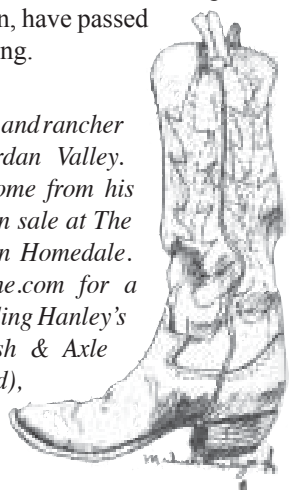
On another occasion, I saw a cow of Bill Maher’s calving and stopped and told him that she might be having trouble. Bill was just getting ready to eat lunch and as unconcerned as could be told me, “I don’t worry about them that much. You can always replace a cow but you can’t a man.” On the other hand, Bill has been known to haul a baby calf on a 180-mile round trip to get it treated for scours.

Somewhere between love and abuse lies the proper area for cattle management — but where? Personally, I think that we are over-managing our cattle and in doing so are causing a lot of problems.

One spring, we had to pull 35 heifers’ calves in a row. Most of it was because of the new, big bulls we bought but part was the heifers weren’t built right for calving.

Years ago, good bulls were selected more on the quality of their feet and breeding aggressiveness than conformation. The cows and heifers they bred were wintered out. As a result, they were naturally selected and the survivors made a hardy breed. The mode of operation changed when the Taylor Grazing Act limited one’s operation and forced the rancher to keep his cattle on the ranch for a longer period of time. The cattle, as a result, received more attention and the ones with problems have been saved and, in turn, have passed the same on to their offspring.


— 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.



Rimrock starts cancer fund drive

A group of students at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School have begun an effort to help cancer patients. Proceeds from the Pennies for Patients fundraiser, which will continue through the middle of next month, will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for Children.

Collection boxes were placed at the school Jan. 14 for the Teen Living Class project.



Colleen Combs

Happy 80th Birthday Mom!

You are a wonderful Mother and an amazing role model for us all.

You have a loving, tender and giving heart that has touched so many lives over the years. We would not know what to do without you. We all love you and thank God you are in our lives.

Cowboy poet to saddle up for Nevada gathering



Angle working cattle on his favorite horse, Niner.

Life has dealt a lot of different cards to Tom Angle, but the Jordan Valley cowboy is left with a few tales to tell about his journey.

After many years of cowboying, Angle has produced his first music CD called “Tough Times”.

Some of the songs titles are “Sittin’ on the Wind,” “The Lady in My Mind,” “Evening Breezes,” “Leavin’ California Blues,” and “The Cook with the Bedroll Eyes.” Angle sings and plays guitar, but the album also includes fiddle, bass, piano, dobro, mandolin, drums, harmonica and accordion.

Angle’s background includes many different experiences such as rodeoing, breaking colts, running pack outfits, wrangling, riding for cow outfits, ranching, guiding hunters and performing original songs for wagon trains and dude ranches.

He has done a little bit of everything that many people dream about. He said most people have no idea what a cowboy’s life is really like. Angle has seen a lot of struggles, but along the way he has kept writing and has now decided to share his poetry and songs.

Angle thinks of himself as a storyteller and points out that every song he writes tells a story. He plans to take his music to the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering at Elko, Nev. from Jan. 27-Feb. 1. Angle will participate during the last three days of the event, in the open mike portion of the show.

Not only is Angle a horseman and musician, but he is also an artist and craftsman. He used to work as an illustrator and does western pen and ink drawings. He formerly ran two businesses in Jordan Valley. One was the Thos. Angle Saddlery and the other was Owyhee Design, where he built furniture and cabinets. Both businesses closed when the economy was tough back in 2008, but Angle plans to reopen the saddlery business again. He estimates that he has made about 350 custom saddles over the years. He designs and makes custom leather saddles, chinks, breast collars, bridles, reins, saddle bags, gun scabbards and holsters, in addition to leather belts and guitar straps. He



Looking over the finished product, a saddle with custom designs.

also specializes in making carved leather panels which are built onto cabinet faces.

Angle considers himself primarily a horseman. The happiest moments of his life have been spent riding. Enjoyment for him is “sitting on a good horse that I have trained.”

A good horseman is someone who understands how to get the most out of a horse, he said. A cowboy doesn’t just ride a horse, but creates a partnership with the animal, a kind of unity, Angle said. He describes it as something beyond the physical. Horses are all very different, with varying capabilities, so the cowboy has to be able to connect with

Jordan Valley’s Tom Angle is also an artist and saddlemaker



Tom puts the finishing touches on his latest saddle.

the animal to maximize its performance, he said.

“The horse is a tool, to allow us to get things done,” Angle said.

Everything in Angle’s life has revolved around horses since he was very young.

He was born an only child on a family farm in Indiana, but he was an avid western reader and always dreamed of traveling west. At a young age, he learned to carve leather so he could make extra money.

When he was 15, he picked up a guitar and learned to play, which led him to entertaining at square dances and horse clubs.

After high school, he hit the rodeo circuit, riding bulls and broncs all over the Midwest. Rodeoing back in the 1960’s was a tough life, he said, but it was great fun.

“We were tough kids back then. If we wanted to try something, we just did it,” he said.

After the rodeos, Angle built a reputation in Arizona for breaking colts. Then, he went to the Grand Canyon and ended up running pack trains for a couple of years.

Then he moved on to Wyoming, where he packed more mules, started colts, and worked on wagons and cow outfits and guided hunters. Back in Wyoming, he became interested in saddle making and started doing it as a trade.

By 1988 he was playing music at dude ranches near Cody, Wyo. And in 1990 he was working on a centennial wagon train where he cowboied in the daytime and played music and sang around the campfires in the evening.

For the next 20 years he spent a large amount of time performing his music everywhere he went, but didn’t publish anything.

During the 1990’s Tom and his wife Carlene operated two ranches in Eastern Oregon, and then later worked for the Yellowstone Outfitters. The couple worked at the Snake River Ranch near Teton Village, in



Tom Angle sings an original song about the West.

Jackson Hole, Wyo. During that time, Angle continued to entertain people at dude ranches with his music.

Two years ago, the couple divorced and Angle has returned to his permanent home in Jordan Valley. He has four grown children.

Last year, the CD “Tough Times” was completed and he recently made a sampler CD called “Tom Angle live”. He has sold about 50 copies since last spring, and has distributed his songs at radio stations in the western U.S. through the Western Music Association.

His CD is available at tomanglecowboyentertainer.com and also at CDBaby.com.

Angle says his music is full of songs about the modern West, not the Old West.

“I write about the cowboy ranchers of today,” Angle said. His songs are about the people who live in the towns and ranches of the high desert.

“I’m just a storyteller with a guitar,” he said.



Angle spends time cutting the leather for a new saddle.

Angle is currently working on rebuilding his leather business, remodeling his house, and has written five more songs for the next CD.

He believes the most important things in life are honesty and integrity.

His goal right now is “survival.”

“I’ve spent most of my life looking for what’s on the other side of the mountain, and I know what’s there; just another mountain.”

He plans to “look forward” instead of looking back at his life, and to “keep on learning.”



Tom shows a pen and ink drawing he made.

Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan



Brian Smith shows the custom-designed art table he has made.



Smith shows the underside of the metal table, which weights 53 pounds.

ART TABLE READY FOR THE DISASTER AUCTION

Brian Smith of Marsing builds custom table to be sold at Feb. 1 event

If you are one of those guys who is putting together a “man cave” at your house this year, you might want to check out what Brian Smith is bringing to the Marsing Disaster Auction.

The auction is coming up on Feb. 1, so everyone in the community is gearing up for the event, especially Smith. Donations are being sought and raffle tickets are on sale for the auction, which will take place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Smith usually donates several handcrafted items made from wood to the auction, but this year he has come up with an entirely new idea.

Smith has built a metal table incorporating miscellaneous tools and car parts into an original art design. Then he topped it off with a lamp shade made out of diamond plate. The result is a classy looking little table that measures 2 feet in diameter, and stands about 18 inches from the floor, but has a lamp extension of about 2 feet.

“I’ve never made anything like this before,” Smith said. “I’ll be curious to see how much it brings in.”

Brian’s wife Amber said she is really excited about how the table turned out.

“I think it’s awesome,” she said. “He’s a very talented guy.”

Amber has a lot of enthusiasm for everything her husband does. The couple has been married four years, but together for 10 years, and they have three children, Kaitlyn, 7, Caleb, 6, and Cody, 3.

Amber actually inspired Brian to make the table after she sent him pictures she found on Facebook of a coffee table someone had made.

Brian took the idea to the next level. He used a variety of nuts, bolts, sockets, gears, lug nuts, a piece of all-thread, and a wrench shape that he created from scratch.

The table project took him about eight hours to make, and he figures he has spent about \$226 on materials and labor. Amber has talked with some family members who think the table would retail from \$400 to \$500.

People don’t often realize the value of hand-crafted items, Brian said. “This was pretty expensive to make.”

Last year at the auction, he donated

a hanging wine rack, a “cowboy cooler,” which is a free-standing barn wood cooler stand, and a couple of wooden canes for the elderly. Brian was surprised last year when

one of his canes sold for \$200. “Anything and everything you can make out of wood, he does,” Amber explained. The family’s home is full of examples of

his work. There is a large, wooden bench, frames and mirrors made from barn wood, and a large, custom, wooden headboard on the bed. He also makes cabinetry and coat racks.

“Our family is the lucky ones,” Amber said, “because he has given them a lot over the years.” Most of the wood products he has made have been given to family and friends, she said.

Brian and Amber have a dream of someday owning a shop of their own in town.

“He’s so good at what he does, I feel like eventually it’s going to go somewhere,” she said.

Smith’s parents and grandparents have lived in Marsing for over 30 years.

Brian also serves the community as a volunteer firefighter. The auction raises funds to support emergency services.

Brian had to put in time on the weekends because he started a new job several weeks ago in Boise. He is a welder for Multi Quips, a company that makes generators, trailers, power tools for concrete work and light pole devices for night construction.

Before that job, the family moved to Arizona, where Brian worked for nine months at a gold mine, doing repair work and welding.

But now they have moved back to Marsing and are planning to stay.

Prior to the Arizona job, Brian worked since high school for Russ Linderman at Valley Construction.

During high school, Brian played all the sports, but didn’t tap into his creative talents. That he has discovered since he got out of school. He learned to weld on the job, working for Isom’s Industries in Caldwell.

The projects he builds usually turn out to be very unique.

Brian hasn’t decided if he will make more tables like the one he just made. It could be difficult for him to take it out of the living room because Amber says she is getting really attached to it. He also has a cousin and nephew who stood by and watched him make it, so they want one, too.

Each project seems to lead to another idea, and Brian has plenty of friends and neighbors interested in buying his work.



Detail of table top, which is covered by protective glass.

The Marsing Disaster Auction begins at 10:13 a.m. on Feb. 1, at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall at 126 W. 2nd St. N. For more information call 896-5229 or 337-2100.

Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan



The Smith family from left, Amber Smith, Caleb, 6, Kaitlyn, 7, Brian Smith and Cody, 3.

Ag community backs more funding for school programs

FFA advisor:
More state money
would take
pressure off

Several elements of the Owyhee County agricultural community have gotten behind an effort to increase funding for agricultural education in the state. The Idaho Agriculture Education Initiative seeks more funding for several aspects of the state's agriculture education system, including an increase in state funding for costs associated with professional technical programs by 46 percent to \$15,000 per full-time instructor. According to www.idahoageedinitiative.com, the state hasn't increased the allocations in

16 years. The total cost of this element would be more than \$600,000 annually. FFA funding can't be mixed in with general class funding. "The majority of that money is spent by our districts to fund our extended contracts that allow us to run our programs year-round," Homedale FFA advisor Lori Idsinga said. "As we increase our education and years of service, this is soon dried up before any supplies can be purchased." Idsinga testified Monday afternoon before the Idaho House of Representatives Agriculture Committee. The Senate Ag Committee will hold a briefing at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30. Initiative supporters urge people in the ag community to attend. District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) sits on that committee.

Idsinga pointed out that the county FFA programs have struggled to keep long-term teachers in place, in part, because of the pressure to come up with supplemental funding. "A ridiculous amount of our time as teachers is wasted trying to come up with funding and supplies to run our classrooms on," Idsinga said. Mike Martin in Marsing is that program's third teacher in the past decade, and Jake Silvers in Melba is that school's third in the past 10 years. Idsinga said that Silvers and Homedale's Clara-Leigh Evans, who joined the program this year, aren't certified teachers in the traditional sense and have gone through alternative routes to get certified so they could participate in the programs. "Right now, the teacher

turnover rate is insane," Idsinga said. "Most quit before five years of service. Additional support for these teachers could be huge." Initiative proponents, which include people like Idsinga and Guffey resident and Kuna FFA advisor Shawn Dygert, point out that enrollment in agricultural science and technology classes has increased 20 percent in the past five years. Idsinga said the Initiative could supply grants to buy start-up supplies and machinery for new FFA chapters. "This would mean schools like Wilder could potentially add a program easier than before," she said. Sara Braasch Schmidt, another person heavily involved in the Initiative, said that Idsinga has been instrumental in drumming up support from several businesses

and organizations. Some businesses with local ties standing behind the effort include Helena Chemical Co., Champion Produce, Almagamated Sugar Co., the Idaho FFA Alumni Association and Idaho FFA Association, the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, SMX Trucking, Tamura Produce Co., the Idaho Farm Bureau Association and county Farm Bureau groups in Owyhee, Canyon, Ada, Bonner, Payette and Valley/Adams counties. "It's a big issue with our county Farm Bureau, and we are in support of it 110 percent," Owyhee County Farm Bureau chair John Richard said. Braasch Schmidt said that District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) "has been very supportive and involved" in the Initiative as well. — JPB

Public Lands Council chief to address OCA

As could be expected, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association membership will hear about public lands issues during its winter meeting in Oreana. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 with registration inside Oreana Community Hall. Public Lands Council Executive Director Dustin Van Liew, whose family has ranched and farmed in California for seven generations, will come from his Washington, D.C., office to serve as the meeting's keynote speaker. In addition PLC executive director, Van Liew is director

of federal lands for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Prior to the OCA meeting, the University of Idaho Extension will present a winter beef school from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics include protein supplementation, mineral supplementation, necropsy basics, and preventing and treating calf scours. A 5 p.m. social hour and 6 p.m. potluck follows the OCA meeting. At 9 p.m., Runnin' for Cover will play live music for a dance. There is a \$5-per-person cover charge, and proceeds will benefit the Oreana Community Hall.

Farm Bureau contests promote ag among youth



Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard, left, and Owyhee County Farm Bureau women's chair Mary Blackstock, right, present prize checks to the placers of the county's first Farm Bureau speech contest. The recipients were, from second from left: Michael Lejardi, Jennifer Bautista and Madison Fisher. Submitted photo

Homedale High School student Michael Lejardi won the inaugural Owyhee County Farm Bureau speech contest. Lejardi won \$50 as the champion and Homedale FFA members swept the top three spots. Entrants had five to eight minutes to present a speech incorporating the theme "Looking at Idaho through the Window of Agriculture." Madison Fisher was runner-up and was awarded \$30, and Jennifer Bautista finished third and received \$15. "This was a close competition, and these students did an exceptional job," Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richards said. "We want to get young people involved, feeling Owyhee County could be top contenders at district."

Lejardi and Fisher have qualified for the district competition. Top district performers qualify for the state contest and more cash prizes. The county Farm Bureau also announced two other contests opened to schoolchildren. The entry deadline for both is March 1. Sixth- through eighth-graders are eligible to enter an art contest themed "How Agriculture Affects Me."

An essay contest related to Idaho agriculture is open to fifth-graders. There are cash prizes available in both contests, and information is available at schools throughout the county or at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

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Honor rolls

Marsing High School

First semester Seniors Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average) — Hall, Morgan Lynn; Hay-Smith, Josiah; and Muller, Noelle Allyn High honors (3.99 to 3.5 GPA) — Isert, Benjamin Brian, 3.95; Fisher, Tanner Joe, 3.86; Sauer, Hudson Warr, 3.86; Shanahan, Myra Ann, 3.86; Zerapio-Vasquez, Yoela Viviriana, 3.86; Herrera, Ofelia, 3.81; Bowers, Lily Aleene, 3.8; Shore, Skye T., 3.8; Acuna Montes, Jose Eduardo, 3.71; Buckley, Kieya Rose, 3.71; Kinney, Mariah May, 3.67; Sevy, Rebecca Rae, 3.67; Corrales, Isaiah, 3.57; Jacobi, Tristan Antonio, 3.57; Parquer, Troy A, 3.57; and Anderson, Bailey Michelle, 3.52 Honors (3.49 to 3.0 GPA) — Hardy, Marissa Lynn, 3.43; Jerome, Courtney Darlene, 3.43; Mendez, Jose Luis, 3.43; Shippy, Asia Dawn, 3.43; Rhodes, Courtney Leeann, 3.4;	Meade, Hannah Lorraine, 3.38; Aevertmann, Kelsey Michelle, 3.29; Barker, Danielle Jordan, 3.29; Crandall, Jazzmen Anna, 3.29; Bettleyon, Megan Michael, 3.25; Bond, Carley Alice, 3.25; Case, Robert Anthony, 3.2; Call, Dallas Melvin, 3.14; Even, Peter Joseph, 3.14; Grim, Wesley H, 3.14; Morris, Deanna, 3.14; Sullivan, Joshua Franklin, 3.14; Young, Jacob Don, 3.14; Zerapio, Yovani Alberto, 3.14; Brown, Taylor Rae, 3.0; Drake, Alexa, 3.0; Garcia, Raul A, 3.0; and Williams, Austin Robert, 3.0 Juniors Highest honors (4.0 GPA) — Bryant, Courtney Paige; Clover, Shannon Ray; Kendall, Audra Lorraine-Anne; Reynolds, Destiny D; Sevy, Jolene Rose; and Welch, Kourtney Renee High honors (3.99 to 3.5 GPA) — Barker, Wyatt Dimmon, 3.86; Hill, Aurora Dawn, 3.86; Mitchell, Crystal Dawn, 3.86; Cuevas,	Melissa, 3.71; Gibson, Hunter Daniel, 3.71; Newman, Tristian L, 3.71; Tank, Ashley Elizabeth, 3.71; Crandall, Jacob Arthur, 3.57; Morris, Seth William, 3.57; and Tank, Emily Nicole, 3.57 Honors (3.49 to 3.0 GPA) — Aponte, Ethan Stewart, 3.43; Briggs, Garret Robert, 3.43; Dines, Carey Michelle, 3.43; Jarvis, Tristan Eileen, 3.33; Dines, Hayden Lee, 3.29; Quiroz, Ann Elizabeth, 3.29; Campbell, Jack Roaman, 3.17; Barroso, Brittney, 3.14; Grossman, Noah Gregory, 3.14; Lankow, Lorenzo Paul, 3.14; Barker, Miranda Diane, 3.0; Herman, Allie Marie, 3.0; Melendrez, Alberto Molina, 3.0; Morgan, Tinsley Rae, 3.0; and Yiengst, Casey Ryan, 3.0 Sophomores Highest honors (4.0 GPA) — Bowers, Brady Jordan; Dines, Shelby Elizabeth; Goins, Jordan; Hall, McKenna Marie; Heidt, Alexandre Fialho; and Meade,	Kylie Joe High honors (3.99 to 3.5 GPA) — Hall, Lisa Danielle, 3.86; Hobbs, Holly Beth, 3.86; Line, Caitlyn Marie, 3.86; Sevy, Nancy Jane, 3.86; Kent, Rianna Francis, 3.83; Barker, Sydney Morgan, 3.71; and Merida-Morales, Jessica, 3.57 Honors (3.49 to 3.0 GPA) — Anderson, Archie Wayne, 3.43; Barkell, Alicia A, 3.43; Richards, Stephanie Jean, 3.43; Ackerman, Paddison Joy Ann, 3.29; Jerome, Jacob Keith, 3.29; Montes, Beatriz, 3.29; Barrett, Cody L, 3.14; Garcia, Alberto, 3.14; Helfrich, Alyssa Nichole, 3.14; Reisch, Jacob Alan, 3.14; Huffman, Jennifer Nicole, 3.0; and Moyle, Colton Alan, 3.0 Freshmen Highest honors (4.0 GPA) — Beagley, Tiffany Mae; Draper, Angela Michelle; Galligan, Samuel Jacob; Kish, Zoe Lynne; and Quebrado, Diana Maria	High honors (3.99 to 3.5 GPA) — Garcia, LeAnn G, 3.86; Alvarez, Adelfo Angel, 3.71; Alvarez, Lorena Bree, 3.71; Beaver, Kaitlyn Mary, 3.71; Bryant, Riley Michael, 3.71; Freelove, Kendall Sage, 3.71; Robles, Esmeralda, 3.71; Smit, Katrina LeeAnn, 3.57; and Petersen, Sierra Marie, 3.5 Honors (3.49 to 3.0 GPA) — Villa, Avery, 3.43; Allen, Tanner Henry, 3.29; Alvarez-Moreno, Misael, 3.29; Gerthung, Benjamin David, 3.29; Hill, Tristan Lee, 3.29; Isert, Karl J, 3.29; Ponce, Jose Emilio, 3.29; Aguilar, Cecilia, 3.14; McNair, MariaLynn, 3.14; Scheffer, Tiauna Annmarie, 3.14; Grim, Wyatt Chase, 3.0; Gutierrez Jacobo, Arturo Isaac, 3.0; Hardy, Dakota Clyde, 3.0; Jacobo, Rosalba, 3.0; Jerome, Martina Rae, 3.0; Jerome, Taylor Wayne, 3.0; Larsen, Jacob R, 3.0; Meade, Heidi Kay, 3.0; Miller, Tristin Nicholas, 3.0; and Tuttle, Stephanie Rashelle, 3.0
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Jordan Valley High School

First semester Seniors Honors (3.74 to 3.25 grade-point average) — Ben Telleria and Wyatt Trautman Juniors High honors (4.0 to 3.75	GPA) — Nick Eiguren, Sharayah Sausser and Stephanie Youren Honors (3.74 to 3.25 GPA) — Braden Fillmore, Breanna Keller and Andi Warn Sophomores High honors (4.0 to 3.75 GPA)	— Sage Raine Honors (3.74 to 3.25 GPA) — Chantel Brundage, Jaci Larsen, Wyatt Stanford and Jett Warn Freshmen High honors (4.0 to 3.75 GPA) — JJ Echave and Garrett Youren	Honors (3.74 to 3.25 GPA) — Joey Martin and Zoey Warn Eighth-graders Honors (3.74 to 3.25 GPA) — Cheyenne Davis, TJ Davis, Katelyn Deen and Garrett Easterday	Seventh-graders High honors (4.0 to 3.75 GPA) — Emilee Burch, Sam Green and Zeke Quintero Honors (3.74 to 3.25 GPA) — Skyler Forsythe, Wade Raine, Brandon Roe, Regann Skinner and Taylor Warn
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Market seeks return to Bette Uda park

The return of a farmers market to Bette Uda City Park is the only non-routine item on the Homedale City Council agenda so far this week.

Organizers for the Homedale Farmers Market will appear before the council and could receive approval for a second year at the park. The Homedale High School Band Boosters started the market as a fundraiser for the band last spring, and other school clubs joined in to raise money throughout the season, which ran to the end of October.

Booster Club president Denise Dixon said recently that organizers hope to hold this year's farmers market each Saturday from June to Oct. 1.

The city council meeting begins at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Also on the agenda Thursday is various reports, including Police, Public Works and City Attorney.

Owyhee Gardeners gear up for 2014

The Owyhee Gardeners gathered Friday to get a jump on planning for the Owyhee County Fair and other 2014 projects.

The club met at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing to help select seeds for the year's projects.

Ellen Dines has a large box of donated seeds for members' use. The seeds to be selected will be used to start plants for the club's annual plant sale, for landscaping at the county fairgrounds in Homedale and for other beautification projects planned in Marsing and Homedale.

Members are encouraged to bring seed for an exchange, too.

Recently, club members Gay Young, Chris Harris and Barbara Swails judged posters in the annual Smokey the Bear contest for Marsing fourth- and fifth-graders. Winning entries will advance to the state competition slated for later this summer. Dines represented the club as project coordinator.

Dines also will help Marsing students plant baskets and containers next month at the FFA greenhouse.

As par of its educational efforts, the club will take part in a new conservation program sponsored by the National Garden Club and the Garden Clubs of Idaho. "Making a World of Difference — Choices Matter" is a program through which the Owyhee Gardeners will have labels available to remind the public how their daily choices affect air and water quality as well as the forests, land and wildlife.

During last week's monthly meeting inside the Community Room at the Lizard Butte Library, the Owyhee Gardeners heard from former Garden Clubs of Idaho president Louisa Cone on parliamentary procedure.

Committee assignments for the year were also doled out during last week's meeting, including an officer nomination committee chaired by Wanda Ferguson and Wanda Parker.

Members were also reminded of the need for continued maintenance at the butterfly and native plant gardens on the Marsing High School campus near the FFA ag shop.

Members were urged to keep food accessible for the wild birds that frequent the area.

At the next meeting, slated for 1 p.m. on Feb. 13, members will elect officers for 2014. The new officers will be installed during the March meeting.

The Owyhee Gardeners meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W.

Prospective members are always welcome. For more information, call club vice-president Wanda Parker at 896-4801.

Merrick remains BOCC chairman

Statham continues role on Historic Preservation Commission

There were few changes last week when the Board of County Commissioners reorganized for 2014.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick will continue as the board chair for a third term.

There was talk during the Jan. 13 meeting of putting District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi at the head of the board, but he declined citing other BOCC-related responsibilities.

Abersaturi represents Owyhee County with the Western Alliance of Economic Development, Southwest District Health and the Treasure Valley Partnership.

All other commissioner assignments remained unchanged from 2013 except Aberasturi will now assume the role of weed superintendent.

The commissioners also established the polling places for the primary and general elections to be held later this year. Those 12 precincts include North Homedale, South Homedale, North Marsing, South Marsing, Pleasant Valley, Wilson, Murphy, Oreana, Grand View, Bruneau, Riddle and Three Creek.

Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek continue as mail ballot precincts.

The primary election will be held on May 20, while the general election is scheduled for Nov. 4.

Bill Statham retained as HPC chairman

Commissioners approved Bill Statham's request for another three years on the Historic Preservation Commission. His term had expired on Dec. 31.

Statham was appointed to a three-year term in December 2010. He had served as a non-voting member before that, but commissioners reorganized the commission and shrunk it from seven to five members.

Two years later, the commission returned to a seven-member format.

Among other things, the HPC reviews for historic appropriateness applications from Silver City property owners to make repairs on their properties.

Other members include John Liable, whose term technically expired on Dec. 31 when his tenure as Silver City Homeowners Association president ended. During their meeting last week, though, county commissioners agreed Liable should continue as an HPC member. One reason the BOCC wants to retain Liable is the conflict of interest that would arise if Chad Nettleton, the new association president who is also a member of the county Planning and Zoning Commission, were elevated to a voting member of the HPC.

The commissioners are still waiting to hear from Liable on his desire to continue.

Other HPC members include Dave VanWassenhove, Mary Burke and Tom Carr, all of whom serve until the end of the year. Dave Glancey and Kelly Barnes just completed their first years on the commission and will serve until December 2015.



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Sign shop has new name, owner

Kimberly Jo Murray, who grew up in Homedale, is the new owner of the Fed Ex shop and KJM Artistic Design — formerly Allied Sign — at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 4th Street East. Her business is open 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 337-6215 for more information.



Family marks Sonja Stephens' 100th birthday

Sonja Stephens celebrated her 100th birthday last Wednesday surrounded by her family. Clockwise from bottom left: Daughter-in-law Julia Stephens, son Wayne Stephens, daughter Kathy Gannuscio, son-in-law Joe Gannuscio, her niece Elsa Phelps and Sonja Stephens. The party was held at the Marsing Senior Center. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

County's new Internet provider could service Murphy residents, too

Sheriff's dispatch center remodel on horizon

Murphy residents may soon be able to get wireless Internet thanks to a contract approved by the Board of County Commissioners last week.

After a presentation by Christine Ballard from the sheriff's office, the commissioners voted to enter into a contract with Safelink as the county government's new Internet service provider.

According to Ballard, Safelink

will provided five megabytes of bandwidth each to the courthouse and the sheriff's office for \$570 per month.

Safelink has placed an antenna at the sheriff's office, but hopes to move the antenna to the water tower. Any residence with a clear view of the antenna is eligible for residential service, Ballard said.

Currently, the county pays CenturyLink \$350 monthly for a total of 3.5MB that is split evenly between the courthouse and the sheriff's office.

The larger bandwidth Safelink offers would make uploading and downloading information more

efficient, Ballard said. That's important because of updates and other large files that must be transferred for county dispatch and mapping systems.

Ballard suggested the county hang on to CenturyLink as a backup until the Safelink's reliability can be gauged.

Bids to be sought for dispatch center remodel

Ballard also shared three estimates she collected in researching how much it would cost to remodel the county's 911 dispatch stations. The projected cost is about \$31,000, she said.

Because the prices she brought before the BOCC during its Jan. 13 meeting were more than \$25,000, state law requires the work must be put out to bid, the commissioners told Ballard.

The project would include refurbishing both the dispatch pod in the county jail as well as the dispatch center that was established outside the jail in the sheriff's office.

The commissioners appropriated money from the 911 fund for the work when they set the Fiscal Year 2014 budget in September.

Ballard said the project will

include new ergonomic desks as well as wiring.

"This may be the last remodel of this building," Ballard said. "If the time comes when we need three 911 stations, we'll need a new building."

Sheriff Perry Grant said the dispatch center hadn't been remodeled since 2002.

Ballard said that when the time comes to do the work, the dispatch center will have to be taken off-line for 24 to 48 hours. The dispatchers would work out of the Canyon County facility during that time, she said.

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Marsing school board OKs district plan

The Marsing School Board has voted to approve the newly drawn-up District Strategic Plan.

The plan adopted during a Jan. 14 meeting is an outline of the overall goals and policies for district-wide use. District superintendent Norm Stewart has been getting input for the plan’s development from teachers, parents and students for the past six months.

The mission statement of the plan is “to educate all students to lead productive, satisfying and responsible lives now and in the future.

The district vision statement is to “provide effective schools” with the following characteristics:

- Commitment to learning as the number one priority
- Strong community involvement
- Strong instructional leadership
- High expectations of students and staff
- Commitment to mastery of basic skills by all students
- Clear and focused school mission
- Positive school climate
- Consistency among staff in the treatment of students
- Frequent and careful monitoring of student progress.

The district plan spells out the goals of the schools from 2013 to 2018. For more information contact Marsing schools at 896-4111.

The board also accepted various donations last week.

Wilma Sams of the Ontario Bridal and Tuxedo donated men’s tuxedos and accessories to the Marsing Music Program. The items have an estimated value of \$20,000.

The Idaho Dairy Council donated a new milk cooler valued at and estimated \$2,619 for use in the cafeteria.

The list of people contributing to third-grade teacher John Barenberg’s Chromebook Fund are as follows: Jack and Faith Peterson, \$250; Nancy and Stephen Belknap, \$100; Ellen Dines, \$60; Owyhee Gardeners, \$40; JoAnne Thompson, \$50 and Maria Montes, \$25.

Also at the meeting, Marsing Chapter FFA Creed contestant Angie Draper read her speech to the board. The Creed is a five-paragraph “statement of belief” of the FFA.

Draper will compete in the Boise Valley District Creed Contest on Feb. 5.

The board also heard about a request for an FFA trip to Boise for 23 students to attend a leadership conference on Jan. 27-28.

— KB

Homedale library’s Teens and Tweens wrap up their Hungry Games Saturday

The Homedale Public Library’s Teens and Tweens program wraps up its monthlong “Hungry Games” activity Saturday.

The group will play charades or Pictionary from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Prizes available to the winners will be edible, hence the name of the January series.

The Teens and Tweens group is open to boys and girls ages 10-17, and it meets each Saturday at the library.

Call the library at 337-4228 for more information.

The Homedale Public Library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Story Time set

Rachel Watersone’s “Who’s Under Grandma’s Quilt?” will be

read for preschool Story Time this week at the Homedale library.

The activity begins at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

In Waterstone’s children’s story, farm animals try to figure out what’s under Grandma’s quilt as it rises and falls in the breeze while hanging on the clothesline.

There also will snacks, songs and crafts.

Call the library for more information.

Elko County wants \$714K to educate 65 Owyhee students

Schools chief: How contract is negotiated must be changed

The issue of expensive tuition for Idaho’s border-school students could find its way back to the Idaho Legislature this year.

The Elko County School District last week approved higher rates to educate about 65 students from the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

The vote during the Nevada school district’s board of trustees meeting on Jan. 14 is pending resolution of an agreement with the Owyhee County district.

Still, news of the proposed increase to nearly \$11,000 per student struck a chord with Bruneau-Grand View superintendent Dennis Wilson.

“The border contract really is just an agreement between the state and the Elko school district,” Wilson said. “The system needs to be changed in my mind.

“I understand (the Elko district) needs to be reimbursed for the education of the children, but for a local district to negotiate a contract for the state isn’t right.”

Although the school district negotiates the contract, the state Department of Education foots the bill, which would be \$714,747 for the current school year. In the same meeting last week, Elko trustees set the price tag to educate 13 fellow Nevadans from Carlin in Eureka County at \$11,599 total.

The contract is negotiated near the end of the year for reimbursement. A similar exercise will take place next winter if changes aren’t made.

Last year, Wilson said, Elko tried to load up other factors, including having the State of Idaho pay for special education needs, but Bruneau-Grand View negotiators stood firm against added expenses for responsibilities that are inherently that of the school district educating the children.

Wilson said the school board will begin formulating its answer to the Elko proposal as soon as it receives it.

The cost to Idaho’s Department of Education to have children bussed and taught in Nevada has climbed steadily since 2002 when Elko received \$7,700 per Bruneau-Grand View student.

Many of the Idaho students educated at the Elko district’s

Owyhee Combined Schools come from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, which further muddles the situation. None of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes citizens on that reservation is required to pay state taxes, but their children receive a state-based public education.

Two years ago, then-District 23 legislators Bert Brackett in the state Senate and Stephen Hartgen and Jim Patrick in the House of Representatives tried to rectify the border schools situation through legislation that would also affect Pleasant Valley School District in southwest Owyhee County (which sends children to Oregon) and two districts in southeast Idaho that has students bussed to Wyoming.

The bill passed the House and reached the Senate floor, but it was returned to the Senate’s Education Committee and never came up for a full vote because a contract with Elko was renewed.

Wilson said Bruneau-Grand View officials continue to talk with SDE officials in an attempt to get the situation changed.

“I think it can be taken care of with a policy change,” Wilson said.

— JPB

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✓ Levy: District could face tough choices

at that meeting said they wanted to go for the levy again.”

The district is operating under the final year of a levy that drew \$1.4 million in property taxes during the past two years.

Even with a new levy, there may be staff reduction and other cuts, according to the district’s Dec. 20 newsletter.

The school board set the levy election during a Dec. 17 special meeting. A Dec. 11 community meeting attended by 100 people preceded the school board meeting. An online survey also was sent out to gauge the community’s appetite for continuing the levy, Wilson said.

Last year, there was preliminary discussion about the possibility of shuttering Bruneau Elementary School because of budget concerns, but Wilson said that scenario didn’t gain much traction.

“We did talk in the (levy) committee about that it’s a possibility,” he said. “In the community meeting, we had talked about a scenario to consolidate Grand View and Rimrock (Jr.-Sr. High School).”

Previously, the sixth-graders from Grand View and Bruneau were enrolled at the high school between the two towns as a type of mini-consolidation, but Wilson said consolidating the district into one campus would be unfeasible

given the differences between secondary school and elementary school environments.

“The goal is to get the levy passed and keep the three schools open,” he said. “And if the levy doesn’t pass then we’ll have to find a way to handle the funding from the state.”

More consolidation could be considered, but just what that would look like isn’t known yet.

It’s also too early to determine how school trustees would utilize a new supplemental levy. Wilson said the specifics will be hammered out before the election. A handful of community meetings regarding the levy are planned, too.

— JPB

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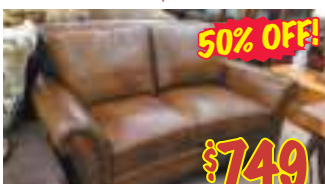
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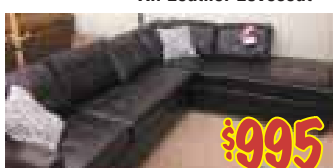


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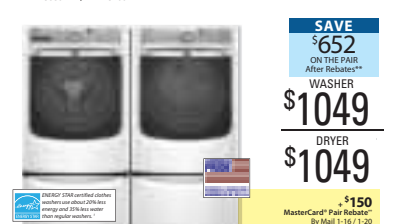
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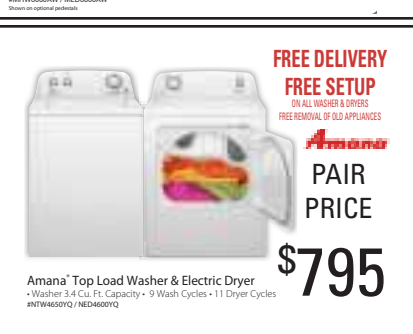
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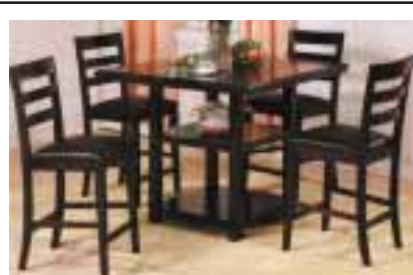


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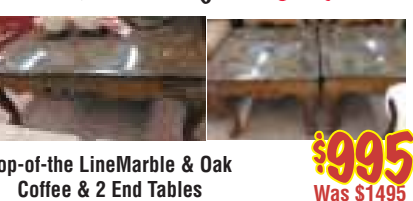


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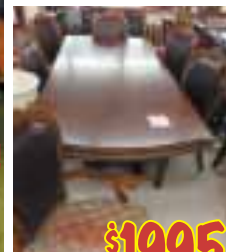
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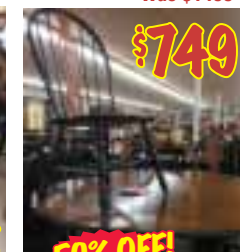
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Marsing boys pull down first WIC win

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MHS girls hit stride and tough stretch

Huskies' 2A WIC streak at 3 wins

A strong start sent Marsing High School to its third consecutive 2A Western Idaho Conference girls' basketball victory Friday.

Three Huskies scored in double figures in a tight 38-31 victory over host Nampa Christian after Marsing began the game with a 12-6 opening quarter.

Marsing (9-8 overall, 6-3 in conference) survived a lackluster middle of the game and then won a shootout with the Trojans over the final eight minutes.

Emily Tank scored 11 points to lead Marsing, while teammates Shelby Dines and Marissa Hardy scored 10 points each.

Nampa Christian's Kelsey Castledine led all scorers with 12 points.

Marsing takes its three-game winning streak into a tough pair of home conference games against Cole Valley Christian and Melba on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 31, respectively.

Jan. 14: Marsing 41, McCall-Donnelly 37 — The Huskies took control in the third quarter then held on for a conference victory over the host Vandals.

Dines scored 12 points for Marsing, which trailed by a point at halftime then went on a 17-10 run to start the second half.

Dines hit half of her team's four three-point goals. Teammates Shannon Clover (seven points) and Emily Tank (six points) had the other treys.

Destiny Reynolds scored 11 points for the Huskies, who were held to just five points over the final eight minutes.



Marsing High School freshman Edwin Gonzalez looks for a sign moments before pinning West Jefferson's Logan Ricks to end their 98-pound match at the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell. Photo by Sarah Grossman

Wrestlers medal at Magic

Huskies Williams, Grossman reach finals, finish second

Two Marsing High School wrestlers reached the championship round at the Magic Valley Classic.

Both senior Austin Williams at 160 pounds and 220-pound junior Noah Grossman had to settle for silver medals in Wendell on Saturday.

Unbeaten Firth senior Connor Montgomery (14-0) beat Williams, 6-1, in their final. Williams (24-7) sailed into the title match with a pin of Braiden Barzee of West Jefferson near the end of the second round of their semifinal match.

Grossman (30-8) squeezed into the 220-pound championship match with a 3-2 overtime victory over Gooding junior Josh Finley (16-2), who was the tournament's top seed. The match was tied, 1-1, after three rounds and 2-2 heading into sudden death. At the whistle to start the sudden death, Grossman quickly pulled off an escape for the point he needed.

In the final, Grossman fell, 6-2, to Declo senior Drexton Thrall (18-3).

Senior Brad Labit (17-14) reached the

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Trojans haul five medals from Wendell

Sophomore Andy Montes highlighted Homedale High School's five-medal performance at the Magic Valley Classic on Saturday with a runner-up showing.

Shelley freshman Cade Horn (18-4) pinned Montes (9-7) 16 seconds into the 98-pound championship match in Wendell, according to TrackWrestling.com.

Another 10th-grader, Nash Johnson (22-7) narrowly lost the 126 third-place match, 5-3, to Melba sophomore Cody Svedin (22-8). Johnson wrestled into the semifinals, where he lost to eventual tournament runner-up Case Burley, 10-7. Burley is a sophomore at Salmon.

Three Trojans earned sixth-place medals, including:

- Freshman Caleb Meligan (13-9), who lost the fifth-place by pin to Malad sophomore Dallin Ward (20-9). Meligan fell into the consolation bracket after Challis senior Kevin Mora (22-1) pinned him in the semifinals.

- Senior Michael Deleon (7-6) settled for a

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HHS boys roar out of SRV gates

Lowder's 30 buries Parma

Casey Grove may have implored Dillon Lowder to step up his defense earlier this season, but it was the first-year varsity player's offense that everyone was watching Saturday.

The fans — and Parma High School's boys' basketball players — had little choice as the Homedale junior went off for 30 points in a 62-45 destruction of the host Panthers in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game.

Lowder's career-high scoring featured three three-point goals and 68 percent shooting (13-for-19) from the floor.

Homedale (11-2 overall, 2-0 3A SRV and No. 3 in the latest Class 3A state poll) had little trouble with the Panthers after starting the game with a 20-13 shootout. The Trojans had the lead after the first quarter and led by as much as 24 points (53-29) at the end of the third quarter.

With Lane Sale and Caleb Oviedo spearheading the defense, the Trojans outscored Parma, 33-16, on both ends of halftime. Sale had 10 rebounds, three blocked shots, four steals and four deflections to go with eight points and five assists. Oviedo collected 10 boards, three steals, three deflections and eight points.

Trey Lane hit two three-pointers as part of his 10 points. He also dished six assists.

Thursday: Homedale 56, Fruitland 41 — Quick hands on defense and another fast start for the offense powered the Trojans

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Red-hot Homedale finds way past Grizzlies

Lane's 19 helps Trojans hold on to SRV's No. 2 spot

Tory Lane's three-point goal to end the first half was just the beginning for the Homedale High School girls' basketball team Friday.

Lane's trey with 5.4 seconds left put the host Trojans ahead of Fruitland to cap a roller-coaster ending to the first half.

It also set up Homedale's 50-45 3A Snake River Valley conference

victory that closed a season sweep of the Grizzlies.

Lane drained three three-pointers and scored 19 points as the Trojans won for the fourth time in six conference games.

The Trojans (13-2 overall, 4-1 in conference) survived another game that featured another rash of turnovers.

Fruitland took a 27-23 lead with a three-pointer with 85 seconds left in the first half, but Lane hit a driving layup and Kaylee Rupp had an offensive putback after a Grizzlies turnover to fuel a mini-comeback and tie the game

27-27.

Homedale, which is ranked No. 3 in the latest Class 3A state media poll, outscored Fruitland 20-12 at one point to maintain control.

Morgan Nash scored 10 points, and Elise Shenk added seven.

Teunissen led the way with 13 points for Fruitland.

Saturday: Homedale 55, Cole Valley Christian 36 — The Trojans ended the week's two-game homestand with their fifth victory in their past six games against the Chargers from the 2A

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Homedale's Tory Lane tries to drive to the basket against Fruitland defenders, including Kendal Cox (42) during Friday's 3A Snake River Valley conference game on the Trojans' floor. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Sports

Trojans put together strong week in dual meets

Narrow loss to Vale prevents sweep

Technical mistakes and forfeits trumped aggressive wrestling and pivotal moves in Homedale High School's dual meet loss to Vale, Ore., but the Trojans came away with three dual meet victories in the week.

The Vikings of the 3A Eastern Oregon League used key results in later matches for a 42-33 non-league victory last Wednesday on the Trojans' mat.

"We looked pretty good against a very good team from Vale," HHS coach Toby Johnson said. "We wrestled well, only losing by nine. One match going the other way would have made the difference."

The matchup kicked off a non-league tri-meet that also featured New Plymouth of the 2A Western Idaho Conference. The Trojans crushed the Pilgrims, 72-6.

Homedale (12-5-1 in duals this year) took a 27-24 lead against Vale when senior Jovan Cornejo finished a struggle with Garrett DeVoss with a pin 91 seconds from the end of their 170-pound match. Neither wrestler gave much ground or left his feet until DeVoss picked up an escape point in the second round and Cornejo had his takedown early in the third round.

Vale regained control, however, when Vikings 182-pounder Michael Barton caught Curtis Stansell for a pinfall with 1:26 left in the second round. At one point, Stansell owned a 5-0 lead in the first round when he rolled into a

near pinfall. Barton took advantage of a similar situation to get the pin in the second round.

Jakobee Osborn picked up Homedale's final victory when he pinned Vale 220-pounder Caleb Van Amringe with 34 seconds into the third round.

Homedale took an early lead, 18-15, after Nash Johnson (132) and Devin Fisher (138) notched consecutive victories.

Johnson was quick and assertive as he scrambled to gain the upper hand against McKay Justus. Johnson got the pin with 1:32 left in the match.

Fisher had a fast outing to give Homedale a three-point lead in the 138-pound match. He pinned Matt Cox in 40 seconds.

Vale tied the match at 145 as Homedale's Shane Keller couldn't capitalize on a big reversal late in his 5-4 loss to Logan Maag.

John Collett beat Fernando Paz, 14-9, at 160 pounds.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 63, Skyview 18 and Homedale 53, Emmett 25 — The Trojans swept two dual meets in Emmett. Both opponents are 4A Southern Idaho Conference members, but Emmett is moving down to join Homedale in 3A Snake River Valley conference next year.

Fisher had two pins on the night, including a first-rounder against Emmett's Logan Crawshaw at 138. Colton Grimm (195) pinned Emmett's Andrew Poplin, while Johnson picked up his third pin of the week in the



Above: Vale's Michael Barton appears helpless as the referee nearly taps him out against Homedale's Curtis Stansell at 182 pounds. Below: There was a lot of hand-fighting between 170-pounders Garrett DeVoss, left, and the Trojans' Jovan Cornejo. Photos by Jon P. Brown



Skyview dual. Coty Ford, Collett and Stanswell also had pins in the Skyview dual.

Other wins: Andy Montes (98), Caleb Meligan (113), Cornejo (170) and Osborn (220) against Skyview, Michael Deleon (120) beat Emmett's James Lutes, 4-0.

Jan. 14: Homedale 72, New Plymouth 6 — Cornejo and Johnson picked up their second wins of the night to lead the rout.

Johnson had his second pin of the meet, while Cornejo posted a 7-3 decision.

Deleon cruised, 8-1, at 120 pounds and Ford (126), Stansell and Tyson Furlott (160) had pins.




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Athlete of the Week

Andy Montes, so., wrestling

The Play – Montes brought home a silver medal from the Magic Valley Classic on Saturday. The 98-pounder pinned Challis senior Jacob D'Orazio in the semifinals before losing by pinfall in the title match against Shelley freshman Cade Horn. Montes' performance raised his 2013-14 record to 9-7.

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Sports



Jordan Valley High School's Wyatt Trautman (33) couldn't miss Saturday night in a pivotal boys' basketball victory against visiting Adrian. Photo by Tara Echave

Trautman's touch takes JV to first

Wyatt Trautman was a perfect 7-for-7 from the floor Saturday night, scoring 14 points in the Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team's battle for first place with archrival Adrian. The visiting Mustangs also received 12 points from senior Ben Telleria in a 62-28 1A High Desert League. The victory was the eighth straight for Jordan Valley (13-3 overall, 3-0 1A HDL) and gave the Mustangs sole possession of first place with a half-game lead over Monument/Dayville. Jett McCoy and Emanuel Dominguez scored eight points apiece for the Antelopes (6-8, 2-1), who slipped into a three-way tie with Harper/Huntington and Mitchell/Spray for third place. **Girls: Adrian 51, Jordan Valley 31** — Carlee Morton hit three three-point goals and led

all scorers with 17 points as the Antelopes (8-6, 2-1) forged a tie for third in the 1A HDL with the Mustangs (8-8, 2-1). Quincy Pendergrass scored 12 for Adrian, while Morgan Caywood's nine led Jordan Valley. **Friday boys: Adrian 48, Crane 47** — Three players — Morgan White, Reagan Shira and Dominguez — scored nine points each as the Antelopes got its first win over visiting 1A HDL foe Crane in nearly a decade. Wyatt Starbuck scored 16 for the Mustangs (5-8, 1-2). **Friday girls: Crane 40, Adrian 31** — The Antelopes committed 25 turnovers in a loss to the league leaders. Bryanna Dunn scored 10 points for Crane, while Pendergrass had 10 points and eight rebounds for Adrian.

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<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm</p>
 <p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Dave Raines Sunday Services 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 4th Friday of month 2pm-4pm 3rd Friday of month 11am-1pm</p>	<p>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 649-5280 Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2014 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 11 - Feb. 8 - Mar. 22 - Apr. 26 - May 10 June 14 - July 12 - Aug. 23 - Sept. 27 Oct. 25 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>



Lips and Love Basket

Lips and Love Basket

- 1 to 2 long, oval-shaped seedless watermelons
- Cutting board
- Green dry erase marker
- Kitchen and paring knives
- Melon baller
- Assorted cookie cutters (X, O and heart shapes), if desired
- Wooden skewers
- Toothpicks
- Strawberries
- Fruits to make fruit salad filling
- Large bowl and spoon

Wash watermelon under cool running water and pat dry. On cutting board, place watermelon on its side and cut off 1/4 to 1/2 inch from stem end being careful not to cut too deep into white part of rind to provide sturdy base.

With marker, draw scalloped line around width of middle of watermelon. Use paring knife to cut along marker line, then separate the two halves. Use melon baller to scoop out watermelon for your base.

Cut top half of watermelon in half and use dry erase marker to draw large set of lips on one half. Use paring knife to cut out lips. Once you have general shape, carefully carve away rind. Use paring knife to shape lips into more finished look.

Cut remaining 1/4-inch-thick slices and cut hearts, X's, O's or other shapes, discarding rind.

Attach lips to top of base using wooden skewers and toothpicks.

Slice strawberries lengthwise into 1/4-inch slices, keeping strawberry tops on for decoration, if desired. Attach slice of strawberry with green top to center of each scallop using toothpick. Use rest of strawberry slices in fruit salad for fruit bowl.

Place fruit bowl on serving platter, fill with fruit salad and garnish with slices of fruit cut into hearts, X's and O's, if desired.



HEALTHIER SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

FAMILY FEATURES

It's easy to share in the fun of Valentine's Day by serving those you love sweet treats that are a healthier alternative to ordinary, heart-shaped confections.

Forget the expensive flowers, wines and chocolates. To really show you care, be a cupid and give your sweetie healthy, delicious treats that feature juicy watermelon. Naturally dressed in the holiday's hue of vibrant red, using this fabulous fruit in recipes adds color to the spread of any Valentine's Day party, whether large or intimate.

Mouthwatering watermelon treats

For an elegant, upscale treat, serve Watermelon Petit Fours, which feature sweet watermelon, candied almonds and is topped with your favorite decadent frosting. Get the kids in the kitchen with Watermelon Cupcakes for a new take on the beloved classic. Served with pineapple cream cheese frosting, kids will love helping you decorate these darling delights.

If you really want to make their hearts skip a beat, carve an adorable Lips and Love Basket. Fill it with all of your sweetie's favorite fruits for a fresh, flavorful display they'll devour in a heartbeat. Remember, nothing shows your love more than edible gifts crafted by hand. For more sweet ideas, visit www.watermelon.org.

Bonus benefits

- Your sweetie will love that they can indulge in the sweetness of the holiday without the guilt or inflated waistline caused by traditional Valentine's Day treats. A naturally low-calorie option, watermelon also boasts the following benefits:
- Vitamin A: Known to enhance eye health and boost immunity by enhancing the infection-fighting actions of white blood cells.
 - Vitamin B6: Helps the immune system produce antibodies which fight diseases.
 - Vitamin C: Boosts the immune system's defenses against infections and viruses. It also protects the body from harmful free radicals which accelerate aging.

Hearts love watermelon

Beyond adding color and variety to your family's diet, watermelon has other great benefits. Here are a couple of these heart-healthy reasons:

- Fresh watermelon is certified by the American Heart Association's Heart Checkmark program as being low in saturated fat and cholesterol.
- Watermelon is the primary source of an amino acid called citrulline found in fruits and vegetables. Citrulline can help maintain blood flow within the heart and cardiovascular function.

Watermelon Cupcakes

- Yield: 8 servings
- 8 cupcake liners
 - 8 cupcake shaped pieces of seedless watermelon
 - 2 cups pineapple cream cheese frosting
 - Sprinkles for garnish

Place liners in 8-cup cupcake tin. Cut 3-inch-thick slices of seedless watermelon. Cut round cupcake-sized pieces from slices. Put watermelon cupcake in each liner. Place dollop of frosting on each cupcake. Decorate as desired with sprinkles.

Watermelon Petit Fours

- Yield: 12 servings
- 12 (3-inch) cubes of seedless watermelon
 - 3/4 cup frosting
 - 12 candied almonds
 - Sugar in the Raw, for sprinkling
- Arrange watermelon cubes on serving platter. Place frosting in zipper bag and trim off bit of one bottom corner. Decoratively pipe frosting onto each watermelon cube. Place almond at top of frosting on each petit four. Sprinkle with raw sugar and serve immediately.



Watermelon Cupcakes

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Free Henny Penny!

As America continues to become tangled in the web of domesticated animal welfare, we continue to exacerbate the inhumane results of our efforts. The closing of horse slaughter plants has backfired. Our emphasis on spay and neuter clinics has made just a small dent in the number of feral cats and dogs. Millions of canines and felines are euthanized each year. Feral hogs have become as welcome as coyotes, rats, prairie dogs, wolves and white tail deer in many states. The biggest factor in each case can be traced back to decisions made by people with big hearts and a limited knowledge of nature’s way.

The latest example of compassionate, naïve and innocent ignorance backfiring is the unwanted backyard chicken movement. Urban folks, sincere and serious, want to know where their food comes from. In their mind, they have the image of free-range hens laying eggs and pecking around with smiles on their beaks. Roosters welcoming the day, cute little chicks you can hold in your hand.

So far, so good. But as the effort to feed, contain, clean-up after, dust for lice and hose chicken poop off the porch, the swing set, the window sills . . . the new nervous poultrymen must face reality. They begin to see why farmers using modern practices that prevent disease, increase sanitation, improve their diet, and reduce the muck that goes with raising chickens is important. Reality is not the idyllic farmer-in-the-dell fairy tale they had imagined.

Then the hens quit laying. The neuvo-farmer can’t even think about slaughtering such a faithful hen. So, just like dumping unwanted horses, puppies and kittens, they turn their old hens loose . . . sort of a “Free Henny Penny!”

Is this a serious problem? In Minneapolis, a “Chicken rescue facility” reports that they received calls to take 500 abandoned chickens. They are working with Animal Control to find homes to place the steady stream of unwanted chickens.

Those of us in rural America look on this problem dumbfounded. Nigerians in refuge camps, Filipino typhoon victims, North Korean mothers, Laotian immigrants plus 98 percent of the people on Earth who have some basic understanding of life’s cycle are incredulous.

In megacities, we have isolated a significant percentage of our population from reality. They exist in a cocoon that is controlled by electronic robots that keep them and their children separated from dirt, weather, farming, mining timber, drilling and changing their own flat tires. They might as well be living in a space station on the moon.

We, whose job is to feed, house and comfort these space station citizens make an effort to inform them “Where their food, clothing and shelter comes from.” But most will never become truly knowledgeable enough in the subjects to make an educated decision. So, it will continue to be up to us, the producers, to make the right decisions, for the right reasons.

So with a tip of the hat to you urban chicken-raisers, do your homework, be responsible and enjoy your eggs. And remember, that little chick will one day be at the Campbell’s soup stage of their life. Have a plan.

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

Letters to the editor

Sage-grouse just a weapon to cripple cattle industry

said he wanted “the ranchers to know that many of ‘non-ranchers’ are on their side.”

— Ed.

I attended the BLM sage-grouse meeting in Ontario on Jan. 8. All I heard all night was “habitat, habitat, habitat.”

I asked if there had been any studies to see if there was a recent increase in mortality rates due to new high-voltage power lines, wind farms and increased number of predators due to the protection of birds of prey. They said they hadn’t done any studies of these things because it was too difficult, but ranchers’ fences kill birds. Then they went right back to “habitat, habitat.”

This smacks of the spotted owl mess about 20 years ago. The only way to save the spotted owl was to stop cutting down trees. In the process, Oregon’s timber industry was destroyed. The latest reports I can find indicate the spotted owl numbers haven’t increased and in some cases have declined. The explanation now for that is increased predators and other factors. Tough luck the timber industry was destroyed. This was done by small groups that wanted to end logging and used the spotted owl to get it done.

I am reminded of a line from an old movie, “Round up the usual suspects.” It seems with the BLM, the “usual suspects” are the ranchers. I think balanced studies need to be done before any action is taken that would wipe out a hundred-year-old industry in Oregon. The BLM is under pressure from Jon Marvel and groups like him to get cattle off public lands, but don’t let them use the sage-grouse to do it.

I have attended many meetings like this over the years and feel that when all is said and done, everyone goes home, throws everything in the trash and does what they were going to do in the first place.

Please prove me wrong about that.

James Barnes
Nyssa, Ore.

This letter was sent to the Bureau of Land Management as well. In a note to The Owyhee Avalanche, Mr. Barnes

Marsing library offers home for local artists’ talents

Dear readers of The Owyhee Avalanche. Are you missing out? Did you know? Owyhee and Canyon Counties’ got talent!

Each month, the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing features the original works of a local artist in a single-person, monthlong exhibition. Be it oil painting, photography, pen and ink drawings, water colors, or even serious and whimsical ceramic wall hangings, it’s all there for us to experience.

Each March, the Friends of Lizard Butte Library conducts what is called a juried art competition where local artists submit samples of their art to compete for the right to display their art in the library. April is always reserved for the art class students from Marsing High School. For the other months, selected artists are assigned a month and are provided assistance in preparing their library display. There is no cost to the artist and you do not need a library card to come enjoy the exhibitions. Many of our artists have earned long lists of awards and honors.

Really like what you see? With the exception of an occasional art piece from the artist’s private collection, all the art is also made available for sale. Sale of the art helps our local artists continue what they love doing and gives you the opportunity to acquire original and unique art, much of which depicts local scenes we are all familiar with.

Each month, The Owyhee Avalanche generously prints an exhibition announcement and artist biography. Plan a short drive to the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing to enjoy something special. Yes, we got talent in our little corner of paradise.

Rick Ashworth
Marsing

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Idaho solidifies its national reputation for volunteerism



With the generosity of Idahoans in our communities, it comes as no surprise that Idaho ranks among the top states in its rate of volunteerism. The boundless charitable spirit of Idahoans is worthy of recognition and praise.

In a study released in December, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the National Conference on Citizenship (NCoC) ranked Idaho third among the states for volunteerism and civic engagement. According to the study, 36.5 percent of Idaho residents volunteer, contributing 58.2 million hours and \$939 million worth of service. Additionally, more than 55 percent of Idaho residents donate to charities and other worthy causes. Tutoring and teaching, assisting with general labor, mentoring youth, collecting and distributing food and fundraising are noted in the study as among the top volunteer activities to which Idaho volunteers dedicate their time.

Idahoans are stepping forward to help meet the needs in our communities through a number of different avenues. For the past 12 years, I have been honored to recognize the contributions, patriotism and service of Idaho veterans and volunteers who assist veterans through presenting the Spirit of Freedom Award. The immeasurable service of these individuals who volunteer their time and resources can never be fully recognized by our communities. The CNCS and NCoC study also noted that, “more than 350

AmeriCorps members and 3,800 Senior Corps volunteers are meeting local needs, strengthening communities and increasing civic engagement through national service in Idaho.” Further, while all age groups of Idahoans were widely represented, the highest percentage of Idaho volunteers were among those aged 65 to 74 years old, followed by volunteers aged 35 to 44 years old.

Additionally, the Peace Corps recently reported that Idaho moved up three spots to now be ranked seventh among states with the highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per capita. The Peace Corps noted that 1,302 Peace Corps volunteers from Idaho have served since the program’s establishment. Seventy Idahoans served in the Peace Corps in 2013 alone, and Homedale resident Hannah Johnson will add her name to the list this year as she serves in Morocco.

In making the announcement about state citizens’ participation, Janet Allen, manager of the Peace Corps West Coast Region said, “We congratulate Idaho for a second year among the top 10 per capita producers of Peace Corps volunteers. Idaho continues to prove fertile ground for the skills, experience, and global-mindedness Peace Corps values in its volunteers.”

The rate of volunteerism in Idaho is above the national

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Commentary

Financial management

Seasonal workers should squirrel away money for slow times

Dear Dave,

My husband works construction, so we barely scrape by during the winter months. Should we build an emergency fund for the slow times?

— Cathy

Dear Cathy,

I think that's a great idea. Although, I'd probably call it something other than an emergency fund. How about a squirrel fund? Squirrels need to have nuts saved up for winter, and in your case you'd be setting money aside during the summer to get you through the slow winter months.

You may think I'm playing games with the name, but really I'm not. This sort of saving isn't for emergencies. It's a budget

issue, because you're planning and setting aside cash leading up to the down time you know is coming.

Keep your emergency fund of three to six months of expenses separate from this, and take a careful look at what he made this winter and how much that left you short each month.

Remember, we're not talking about some random amount of money here. It's an exact amount that you can budget for accordingly. Teachers can do the same thing if they're not paid 12 months a year.

It's a simple matter of planning ahead for the down time, and setting aside enough during the other nine months to see you through!

— Dave



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,

What do you think about the idea of putting your emergency fund into bonds?

— Ryan

Dear Ryan,

I think that's a really bad idea, and here's why. Bond values and prices go down as long-term interest rates rise. Right now, long-term interest rates — a good example would be mortgage rates — are ticking up. They've moved up a quarter of a percent recently. So, as this happens, the value of bonds goes down. If these interest rates spiked, you could lose half your emergency fund.

Never, ever put your emergency fund into things where risk and volatility are factors. An emergency fund isn't an investment. It's there to help protect things that are investments and your life. Keep it in something safe and simple, like a money market account where there's no penalty for early withdrawal.

We're not looking to make money with an emergency fund, Ryan. It's insurance. Just let it sit there, safe and sound, until it's needed.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey and his daughter, Rachel Cruze, have written a new book about money and children. "Smart Money Smart Kids" will be in stores April 22. 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

Incomes could flourish, if government got out of the way

by Robert Romano

So long as there is money, there will be an economy composed of relatively free individuals making individual decisions about how to spend their money. As a result of this freedom to choose how to spend money, some people will make more money than others. It's inevitable.

In short, there will always be income inequality. No matter what. There's no stopping it. So long as there is money changing hands, equality of outcomes will simply be impossible.

As you shortly consider the utility of having money in your pocket or a debit card in your wallet to purchase goods and services you need on a daily basis, next consider President Barack Obama and the left's latest screeds against income inequality.

In a Dec. 4 speech, Obama railed against what he called "a dangerous and growing inequality and lack of upward mobility that has jeopardized middle-class America's basic bargain."

First, let us take up his basic premise. Are the rich getting richer?

Yes, they are. According to data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, household mean income for the top 5 percent of income-earners has averaged 5.43 percent growth annually since 1976. That was above the 4.02 percent average annual growth of household median income, and also above the 3.94 percent yearly growth of the bottom 20 percent's income.

But is this "dangerous," as Obama suggests? And is it somehow jeopardizing the existence of the middle class?

The answer to both questions is decidedly no.

First off, the growth of income for top earners has always outpaced those lower on the scale since the U.S. Census Bureau has recorded the data. Therefore, the gap between the rich and poor is always "growing."

Secondly, the growth of income for top earners has not outpaced nominal economic growth over time. The

economy, before adjusting for inflation, has grown on average 6.34 percent every year since 1976. (Note: The reason to look at the non-inflation-adjusted numbers in this instance is because the income levels observed in the data set are not inflation-adjusted.)

What emerges is a flattening of income growth down the ladder that looks more like a natural law of economics than it does any sort of manipulation or theft. In order to look at all of the data and conclude otherwise, one would have to believe that the system was somehow inherently rigged or unfair.

Yet, that's exactly where Obama is. He believes income inequality is unfair and the government must somehow correct it.

Of course, his approach to the issue is not to, say, figure out perhaps what he might do to increase everyone's incomes. If so, he would be promoting policies that tend to boost economic growth over time, which by far shows the strongest correlation to incomes over any other indicator.

Instead, Obama is narrowly focused on increasing government spending — so-called fiscal "stimulus" — or on what he can do to somehow restrict the incomes of top-earners. Meanwhile, he likely knows full well such measures will do nothing to actually boost wages. By definition, his approach is punitive, and it won't work.

Moreover, there are many perfectly legitimate reasons why top income earners will tend to fare better economically than everyone else.

First and foremost, by definition, they are the producers that create demand and directly benefit from all economic activity. They are the innovators, those ahead of the curve.

Also, because they make more money, top earners have more money available to take on risk and invest, meaning they have a better chance of keeping up with the nominal growth of the economy.

For those who are born into poorer communities, on

the other hand, a deficient public education system, fewer entry-level jobs and, therefore, lack of upward mobility brought on by wage and labor regulations, and high-crime neighborhoods all play roles in perpetuating a cycle of poverty.

The lack of entry-level jobs cannot be overstated, particularly. Those jobs are being driven overseas by the high cost of doing business here in the U.S. This is driven by high taxes, regulations, labor costs and an unwieldy printing press at the Federal Reserve.

In that sense, if income inequality were a problem, government might deal with it by simply getting out of the way, and figuring out ways to grow the economy.

After all, greater economic growth does tend to show a direct causal link to higher incomes.

Government spending does not appear to drive wages at all. If anything, it's the other way around. Higher incomes, resulting in higher tax revenues, seem to have more of an impact on increasing government spending than the inverse.

But, perhaps the American people are not supposed to make any economic sense out of what the President is saying. It need not make sense from a policy perspective, not when it makes perfect sense for him to do so politically.

With the health care law rollout as flawed as it has been, with premiums and deductibles on health insurance increasing substantially, with joblessness still high and labor force participation sinking, and Obama's credibility on these issues lagging, the White House is desperate to change the subject and shore up its base headed into a tough midterm election cycle of 2014.

Something to keep in mind this year: Obama's class warfare approach will not help anyone. As far as our economic doldrums are concerned, growth is and always has been the answer.

— Robert Romano is the senior editor of *Americans for Limited Government*.

✓ Volunteerism: Young and old both do their part for community in state

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average. The CNCS and NCoC study indicated that one in three Idahoans volunteer, compared to one in four Americans who volunteer nationally. Other key national findings include that the volunteer rate of Generation Xers is trending upward, and Generation X has the highest volunteer rate nationally of any age group; volunteers age 65 and older spent the highest median of hours on volunteer

activities in 2012; volunteering has trended upward among teenagers (ages 16-19); and working mothers continue to volunteer at a significantly higher rate than the population as a whole and people who do not live with children under 18.

It is clear that many Idahoans and Americans across this nation contribute significant time to easing the burdens of others. Through this work, they are spreading kindness in

our communities and they are inspiring the good actions of others. I thank all of Idaho's volunteers, look forward to a future shaped by their considerate leadership and commend all of our volunteers for this achievement.

— 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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 25, 1989

Budget cuts to result in service cuts, sheriff says

Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton said Monday that, effective immediately, no overtime will be paid deputies, and that services from his department will be cut to 85 percent of what has been done in the past.

Nettleton said the policy went into effect Saturday, when he received his quarterly printout of expenses compared to budget.

County commissioners were unavailable for comment Monday.

“When I left the budget hearing, it was the understanding that the wages for fiscal ’89 was 5 percent over fiscal ’88, when in fact the budget is 6 percent less. This leaves me with a hard choice: cut base wage or cut hours. As base wage is what I consider to be minimum at this time, I must cut hours,” the sheriff stated in a letter directed to his employees with a copy sent to the county commissioners.

Salary budgets for all other county departments were 5 percent higher, while his is 6 percent lower, he said Monday.

Rimrock graduate wins 12th Air Force honor

BOISE – Idaho National Guard officials announced today that Airman 1st Class Rosamary Izaguirre, a member of the 124th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, has been selected by Headquarters, 12th Air Force as the “Outstanding Intelligence Operations Airman-Reserve Forces” for 1988.

Izaguirre was selected as the outstanding Airman in the 12th Air Force command area in late December, and has also been nominated for a similar award in the Air Force-wide Tactical Air Command competition.

Izaguirre was cited for exemplary improvements to Air Force war-fighting capabilities by researching and writing a significant portion of a new “How-to-do-it” book used in an Air Force training program called “Checkered Flag.”

She was also cited for training activities which effected better internal and external knowledge of Air Force intelligence activities, and for outstanding performance in accomplishing many exceptionally demanding tasks.

Izaguirre is a 1978 graduate of Rimrock High School in Bruneau. She holds an associate degree from Boise State University and is currently employed by Idaho Power Company as a Legal Department Specialist.

Buckaroos receive 4-H awards

The Little Buckaroos 4-H Riding Club started off the new year with an open house and awards night on Jan. 16. All of the Buckaroos received their seals from the county and 12 members received their gold, silver or bronze Owyhee County Horsemanship medals.

The Buckaroo Hall of Fame added six names for 1988. They were Derrick Lee, 10, winner of the Novice Division at the Owyhee County horse judging and 10th place at the District judging; Amanda McDaniel, 11, Reserve All-Around Novice and winner of the Milt Carother’s memorial trophy; Laura Hipwell, 9, winner of the Novice Division of the District Ag demonstrations; Shannon Jayo, 14, winner of the Intermediate Division of the Owyhee County Ag demonstrations; Trina Hipwell, 11, Outstanding Horse Record Book at Owyhee County Fair; Coty Jayo, 15, winner of the boys’ Sportsmanship buckle at Owyhee County Fair and the American Quarter Horse Association award.

Austrians to celebrate 75th anniversary of arrival

Members of the Austrian Settlement near Homedale are planning to celebrate the 75th anniversary of their arrival here with a dance and traditional party fare at the Homedale Armory on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 18.

The Richard Kaumo band from Rock Springs, Wyoming, is coming to Homedale to play polkas and other traditional Austrian (Slovenian) tunes at the dance.

Potica and garlic sausage made by families in the Austrian Settlement will be served at the event. Joe Jesenko and John Krzesnik are serving as co-chairmen of dance arrangements.

50 years ago

January 23, 1964

Homedale loses SRV-B contest with Pilgrims

New Plymouth dropped the Trojans 57-50 January 18 on the Trojans’ court.

The Pilgrims led during the entire game, but the Trojans made them work during the 4th quarter by cutting down the New Plymouth margin to 4 points.

Terry White made 24 points for the Pilgrims.

Art Solis gained high point honors for Homedale by flipping in 14 points.

The win gave the Pilgrims a 9-2 season mark. Homedale has won eight and lost four.

In the Snake River Valley B League’s Southern Division New Plymouth now has a 2-0 mark and Homedale stands 0-2.

The Trojans J.V. lost their game 75-36. Top scorer for the JV was Ronny Roland with 12 points.

Nearly 2,500 served Monday at Smorgasbord

Lewis Mills, president of the PTA, termed the 4th annual International Smorgasbord Monday night at Washington school “a huge success.”

This fund-raising function now has landslided into an avalanche, like a snowball rolling down the mountain, growing larger and larger. The total number of persons served was estimated between 2,200 and 2,500.

“The \$1,800 in-take indicated that more of the larger families are turning out and taking advantage of the \$5 family ticket,” Mills said.

Tom Arima, Jack Walker win step down prizes

Tom Arima and Jack Walker won the step down prizes during the Tuesday night rifle shoot by the Homedale Rod and Gun Club. Howard Kiester had the high score in the pistol event.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “Ain’t had no integration problem — till I tried mixin’ all them gastronomic goodies at the Smorgasgorge.”

Homedale men billed for bouts at Boise arena

A quartet of Homedale prize fighters is billed to fight preliminary bouts at Boise Fairgrounds arena Thursday, Feb. 6. Main event will feature John “Tiger” Collins of Boise and Charlie Powell of San Francisco.

The Homedale men include Henry Hincks, who won a 4-round preliminary at Boise last fall, and Pat Kelly, husky youngster, both recent Homedale high school grads. The others are Jr. McMillen and Ramiro Rodriquez.

The boys have been working out under the tutelage of Johnny Shanley, local boxing impresario, in preparation for the bout, which was originally scheduled for Jan. 16, but postponed because of Powell’s illness with flu.

Homedale locals

The young people of the Seventh-day Adventist church were entertained Saturday evening at the church with moving pictures by Charles Taylor.

William Reimer attended the X-ray Symposium in Seattle, Wash., over the weekend. He also visited he wife’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Wright, while in Seattle Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Berwyn Slawson and children of Boise spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Slawson.

Mrs. Irene Nanney, Mrs. Emma Blessing and Mrs. Wm. Reimer attended the 3rd district convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary in Melba Saturday, Jan. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bergeson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hill and family of Nampa, spent the weekend with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Bergeson and family of Blackfoot.

Monte and Stacee Shields of Caldwell stayed at the homes of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pegram and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Echevarria and family while their mother was in the hospital.

140 years ago

January 24, 1874

THE DIFFERENCE. We are indebted to Frank Kuder, of Fairview, for a copy of the Press, published at Newton, Illinois, in which we find the following:

We are under obligation to Frank Kuder, formerly of this place but now a resident of Silver City, Owyhee County, Idaho Territory, for a copy of The Owyhee Avalanche, a neat six-column weekly paper published by W. J. Hill. By the advertised dates we observe that the subscription price of the “Avalanche” is \$10 a year. How is that compared with the subscription price of the “Press,” viz: \$1.50 a year.

The Press is about the size of the Avalanche, and has a “patent-out-side.” Eight of the twelve columns are filled with advertisements, the greater portion of which are of a deadhead character, such as would not lie inserted in the Avalanche. The entire original matter in the local and editorial column of the number before us would out fill one column of the Avalanche. We may here remark that the local papers of the Pacific Coast are superior in every respect to those of the Atlantic States. Here, as a general thing, they are spicy, bright and lively, fully up to the spirit of the age; there, they are of the Rip Van Winkle stamp, sadly behind the times. The Press expresses astonishment at the price of the Avalanche — \$10 per year — while its own price is only \$1.50 per year. From the trenching, it will be seen that the Avalanche is better worth \$10 than the Press \$1.50. Besides the cost of living, wages, etc., here is more than quadruple what it is there. Board and lodging here is \$15 per week in gold; that sum, in greenbacks, would buy enough provisions to last the editor of the Press a couple of months. Here, wood sells at \$10 per cord, there, \$10 would suffice for fuel all winter. Here, whisky costs 25 cents a glass, there, 25 cents would supply the boots of an editor with shots for a whole week. Here, cigars cost 25 cents a piece; there, 25 cents will buy enough cigars to last a month. And so on to the end of the chapter.

VALUABLE APPLIANCE FOR MINES. A new indicator, invented by Mr. Youse, machinist of the Amador mine, at Sutter Creek, California, has been attached to the hoisting works of that mine, and seems to work to perfection upon the engine which runs the cages. We have seen a description of the contrivance, from which we learn that it is in the form of a round dial plate, upon which an index hand, attached by an ingenious application of machinery to one of the wheels of the engine, indicates the level which the cage has reached, or its arrival at the mouth of the shaft. The indicator attached to the engine which runs the bucket is different in form, but works upon the same principle. Connected with the end of the shaft of the fly-wheel is a perpendicular double-threaded screw, which revolves with the shaft, and upon which an index hand runs up and down, accordingly as the bucket is ascending or descending. The proper marks upon an upright board immediately behind the index of course indicate the exact point to which the bucket has arrived and enables the engine at the proper moment. The custom of relying upon tags affixed to the rope has led to many accidents in mines, which the adoption of indicators of this kind would in most cases prevent.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. They had a genuine old-fashioned “hoe-down” dance at Brunzell’s Hotel in Boonville a week ago. Quite a number of Silver City folks were in attendance, and express themselves highly pleased with the affair. Ole Jackson’s sleigh capsized on the way home, spilling out himself and girl, and causing them to foot it into town. The team arrived all right at the stable, without breaking anything, or doing any serious damage.

The many friends of Geo. L. Greathouse Esq., will regret to know that, on last Tuesday, he was suddenly attacked with flossitis, or inflammation of the tongue, which was so badly swollen as to materially interfere with respiration, threatening the most serious consequences. Yesterday, however, he was considerably better.

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

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 ISPMC.

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

To Whom It May Concern:

The Bruneau Water and Sewer District is in the process of reviewing its Facility Plan, which includes an approved Technical portion of a Master Plan. This planning process is directed towards options for improving the Districts sewer lagoons. The Master Plan is available for public review at the Bruneau library on Tuesdays from 10 to 6, Wednesdays 10 to 4 and Thursdays 10 to 6. There will be a public meeting concerning this process on February 11th at 7 pm at the library. Questions regarding this matter can be directed to Stacey Buckingham at 208-845-2288.

1/22/14

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Cowboy’s Pastime in Bruneau on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola, Secretary

1/22/14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2013-03148 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE Magistrate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of 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 OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of KENNETH L. HIGGINS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented or delivered to BRYAN CULBERTSON, Personal Representative of the estate, at 1303 12th Avenue Road, P.O. Box 65, Nampa, Idaho 83653-0065, and filed with the Court pursuant to Idaho Code Section 15-3-804.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2013.

/s/BRYAN CULBERTSON, Personal Representative

AARON L. SEABLE, HAMILTON, MICHAELSON & HILTY, LLP, Attorneys for Personal Representative. 1303 12th Avenue Road, P.O. Box 65, Nampa, Idaho 83653-0065. (208) 467-4479 Fax (208) 467-3058

1/8,15,22/14

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. CV-2013-0003139

Notice is hereby given under Idaho Code Section 15-3-801 that, in connection with the foregoing case number in Elmore County District Court, that CLARE LILLIAN LIVINGSTON has been appointed Personal Representative of the Probate estate of LUTHER H. LIVINGSTON, deceased. 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 be presented to the undersigned attorney at 154 N. 2nd East, Mountain Home, Idaho (tel.:(208) 587-0799), and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2014

/s/ Michael J. Crawford, Attorney at Law.

1/22,29;2/5/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. ID-MWB-14002677

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **May 19, 2014**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

A portion of Government Lots 2 and 3 of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 2, a found 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence North 89°56’24” East

along the North boundary of said Government Lot 2 a distance of 425.14 feet 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence South 12°24’21” East a distance of 1293.25 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Government Lot 2, a 5/8 x 30 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 89°59’00” West along said South boundary a distance of 510.73 feet to a point on the East boundary of the parcel shown on the Record of Survey filed as Instrument No. 222656, a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar; thence traversing said East boundary as follows:

North 17°01’48” West a distance of 587.38 feet to a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar;

North 88°03’15” West a distance of 87.24 feet to a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar;

North 00°34’44” East along said East boundary a distance of 697.92 feet to a point on the North boundary of said Government Lot 3, a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar; thence leaving said East boundary South 89°59’04” East along said North boundary a distance of 59.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 3695 CEMETERY ROAD, MARSING, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JAMES H. KING AND JACKY A. KING, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MOUNTAIN WEST BANK, as Beneficiary, dated 6/3/2008, recorded 6/5/2008, under Instrument No. 265250, modified under Instrument No. 277442, further modified under Instrument No. 277612, Mortgage records

of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MOUNTAIN WEST BANK.

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

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 6/3/2008, FAILURE TO PAY THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 11/1/2013, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. IN ADDITION, THE BENEFICIARY WILL REQUIRE AS A CONDITION TO REINSTATEMENT THAT YOU PROVIDE RELIABLE WRITTEN EVIDENCE THAT ALL PROPERTY TAXES AND HAZARD INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE PAID CURRENT AS PROVIDED IN THE DEED OF TRUST.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$370,440.16, together with interest thereon at 5.000% per annum from 10/1/2013, until paid.

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

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

DATED: 1/10/2014

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

Trustee By Ronald W. Jantzen c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No.: 2176280 T.S. No.: 11-04269-6A On May 2, 2014 11:00 AM, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank NA, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF BLOCK 59 OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF THE TOWNSITE OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 219 N. MAIN STREET , HOMEDALE, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ELIDIA P. NONATO, A SINGLE PERSON AND LUZ N. RAMIREZ AND DANIEL A. RAMIREZ, WIFE AND HUSBAND, as original grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of NORWEST MORTGAGE INC, as original beneficiary, dated as of August 23, 1996, and recorded August 26, 1996, as Instrument No. 219700 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: Wells Fargo Bank NA , (the “Beneficiary”). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit

union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated August 23, 1996 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$721.06 due from July 1, 2011, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$54,526.47, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.50000% per annum from June 1, 2011. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: December 19, 2013 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 11000 Olson Drive Ste 101, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-636-0114 Megan Curtis, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 A-4435210 1/22,29;2/5,12/14

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 Sale, will transfer the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in and to the property at the time of the execution or attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.

Following issuance of the Sheriff’s Certificate of Sale there is a statutory six month redemption period, during which time the Judgment Debtor or any redemptioner may redeem the above property. If no redemption is made within that six month period, the sheriff, upon expiration of the redemption period, shall issue its Deed conveying title to the above property.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 30th day of January 2014, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, front entrance, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient fund to pay and satisfy the Judgment of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale by Sheriff to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money.

DATED THIS 27 day of December 2013.

SHERIFF Owyhee County, Idaho

By: Luisa Jaca, Deputy 1/8,15,22/14

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Sports



Ag company gives \$1,000 to HHS golf

Homedale High School golf coach Casey Grove accepts a \$1,000 donation from Sam Maggard of agricultural company Wilbur-Ellis last Wednesday near the trophy cabinet in the HHS gymnasium. This is the second time in three years that the San Francisco-based company has donated funds to the golf program. Grove said this year's donation will be used to cover transportation costs, tournament entry fees and equipment costs. Maggard is the uncle of former Trojans golfer Reed Maggard, who won the 3A District III championship and finished second in the state tournament as a senior last spring. Photo by Jon P. Brown

HHS QUEENS OF DIAMOND GET RINGS



Homedale High School's 2013 softball players show off their 3A state championship rings after receiving them from coaches Larry Corta and Steve Nash in a ceremony Thursday at halftime of the boys' basketball game against Fruitland. Photos by Jon P. Brown

HHS grad shines for Montana indoors

Austin Emry picked up the University of Montana's lone wins Friday in the men's portion of the Montana State Open in Bozeman, Mont.

The 2009 Homedale High School graduate is a redshirt senior for the Grizzlies' indoor track and field team.

Emry just missed a personal-best time when he won the 55-meter hurdles in an altitude-adjusted 7.57 seconds. He has been clocked at 7.55 in the event.

Emry also won the high jump Friday, clearing 6 feet, 9¾ inches.

Rimrock girls grind up two more opponents

Rimrock High School's girls' basketball team held Greenleaf Friends Academy to a single point in the first eight minutes of a 1A Western Idaho Conference victory Friday.

The Raiders rolled, 54-14, behind a balanced scoring attack.

The Grizzlies trailed, 35-8, at halftime.

Kyla Jewett and Sami Bachman scored 11 points each for Rimrock (12-2 overall), while Angeles Lino and Hailey Boman added nine points apiece. Boman and Bachman had a co-team-high seven rebounds.

Last Wednesday: Rimrock 40, Richfield 32 — The Raiders became the first team to beat the state's top-ranked 1A, Div. II team this season in a game played on the Tigers' floor.

Kyla Jewett led a balanced attack with 11 points, while Sami Bachman and Hailey Boman added eight points each for Rimrock, which had lost to Richfield a week earlier.

April Wood poured in a game-high 18 for the Tigers, who saw their season-opening 12-game winning streak end.

✓ HHS boys: Trojans spread scoring around in two wins

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past their visiting rivals.

Lane and Connor Carter reached double figures in both teams' conference opener.

In a possession that epitomized the game, Homedale's athletes kept the ball in their end of the court despite sloppy ball-handling by scrapping whenever the basketball bounded away.

Lane capped the frenetic turn with a three-point goal with 4 minutes, 50 seconds left in the first half.

Lane's layup off the fastbreak on the next possession gave Homedale a commanding 22-11 edge, but the Trojans weren't finished.

Sale fed Carter in the low post on the next trip down the floor for one of his team-high five assists, and Homedale had a 24-11 edge.

The Trojans stormed into the locker room on an 11-2 run over the final 7½ minutes of the half.

Oviedo's quick hands on defense and his post defense against Fruitland's big man helped.

Oviedo had a team-high six steals and dominated the boards with 16 rebounds.

Lane finished with 14 points, including a three-pointer, and had four steals. Carter had 10 points and a three-pointer, while Talon Freelove hit a trey as part of his seven points and also corralled eight rebounds.

Sale put in eight points, and Oviedo added seven.



Homedale senior Caleb Oviedo takes a shot over a Fruitland defender. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Fruitland (4-8, 0-1) was led by 10 points from DalMetri Weatherall.

✓ Homedale: Corta, Nash notch double-figure scoring

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Western Idaho Conference.

The Trojans used a 17-4 run through the third quarter to break open a game that was tied 13-13 at the end of the first eight minutes.

Tristan Corta scored a season-high 13 points, and Nash added 11. Destiny Long grabbed 10 rebounds.

Sierra Rice's game-high 14 points paced the Chargers.