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Marsing Disaster Auction • 10:13 a.m., Saturday Town ready for biggest benefit

Neighbors helping neighbors is a term that means a lot to the people of Marsing. It's a call to action for many people to pitch in and help out with one of the biggest and liveliest fundraisers ever to take place in such a small town — the Marsing Disaster Auction.

The auction begins at 10:13 a.m. Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, at 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Once again, \$1 and \$10 raffle tickets are being sold and donations are being sought for the event.

Marsing may be small, but the results of the auction are big — \$80,000 was raised last year.

The goal is a good one — raising large amounts of money to assist families that have suffered from serious illness or other tragedies. Every year, funds are given to persons suffering losses because of fires,

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Middleton resident Larry Cooper is building a playhouse as a Marsing Disaster Auction item in memory of his father, Lyle. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

A labor of love donation honors former resident

Son builds
playhouse with
father in mind

"Neighbors helping neighbors" has become such a strong tradition in Marsing, that it is spreading to other places. The spirit of love and giving is so powerful that it just keeps growing and never ends.

Larry Cooper is someone who be-

lieves in the spirit of giving. Last year, while at the Marsing Disaster Auction, he got an idea, and that idea has grown into a full-scale project that will make some Marsing children very happy.

"I want to see some happy kids in Marsing," Cooper says. And to that end, he has devoted himself to building a custom playhouse that will last for generations. He saw a smaller house that was made last year and he was told

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Stature of speakers shows importance of OCA meeting

Owyhee 68, other grazing
issues on top in Oreana

This year's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting may be one of the most pivotal gatherings in years for the ranchers, but also for anyone who uses federal lands in Owyhee County.

Dustin Van Liew, the executive director of the Public Lands Council and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's director of federal lands, will visit from Washington, D.C., to deliver a keynote address.

Idaho Cattle Association president Wyatt Prescott also will speak at the winter meeting, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday with registration.



Dustin Van Liew

The meeting takes place inside the Oreana Community Hall on Oreana Loop Road off Idaho highway 78 southeast of Murphy.

"I think this will be a very interesting meeting," OCA president Kenny Kershner said. "We just don't get a chance to have somebody like Dustin come to these, and I think it will surprise people what the PLC has been doing."

Kershner said the PLC has been active in the issue of the Owyhee 68, a group of permittees who have endured a court-ordered re-examination of their grazing allotments during the past couple years.

Appeals are currently under way after the Bureau

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Homedale officials on lookout for dirty lots again

Council OKs Farmers Market's use
of City Park for second year

The City of Homedale plans to launch a new drive to make sure lots are cleaned up around town.

With a concerted effort between

city officials on the lookout, HPD Officer Andrew Arnold handling code enforcement and the possibility of legal action, it is

hoped that unabated properties can be cleaned up "either by completion or prosecution," Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said during Thursday's City Council meeting.

But the chief said the city getting involved in making sure lots are in compliance with city

nuisance ordinances isn't ideal.

"We want to encourage people to be proud of their own property without getting a letter," Eidemiller said.

Thursday's discussion aligned with new Mayor Gheen Christoffersen's campaign plank

about cleaning up the town.

Once Arnold issues a letter requesting compliance, the property owner has 10 days to comply. In the case of rental properties, the landlord ultimately is responsible

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OCA winter meeting comes as industry faces critical challenges

Riddle’s Pete and Nancy Jackson to be honored

Kenny Kershner stepped into the presidency of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association at one of the most crucial times in the organization’s 135-year existence.

On Saturday, he’ll preside over a winter meeting that could draw a huge crowd and also may be closed to the public at some point.

“It’s hard for me because it is an open meeting, and (a closed session) hasn’t been done,” Kershner said. “But if the membership requests that, we’ll honor what they want.”

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. with registration at the Oreana Community Hall. Kershner will call the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

“I’m thinking it’s probably going to be a fairly well-attended meeting,” Kershner said.

The county’s ranchers are in the middle of a fight for their way of life. The threat comes from the Bureau of Land Management’s recent resource management decision regarding grazing permits in the Owyhee Resource Area.

Possible restrictions from sage-grouse conservation measures concern the ranchers, too.

“The membership has actually probably strengthened because everybody is coming together,” Kershner said.

The Owyhee 68 permit renewal process is in the appeals phase, and court battles are all but certain. The OCA created a voluntary assessment during its summer meeting by which ranchers can help their fellow cattlemen by paying a per-AUM fee to seed a

Heifer’s sale to benefit ranchers, Page 9
Melba’s South Mountain Ranch will donate proceeds from the sale of a heifer at its Feb. 11 annual bull sale to help pay for Owyhee 68 grazing permit appeals.

legal defense fund overseen by the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Foundation board.

The assessment subcommittee will give a report on developments since its formation last summer.

Vern Kershner, Kenny’s father, will make another check presentation to the Heritage Foundation on behalf of the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association, which holds the Owyhee Rope and Ride late each summer to benefit the protection of multiple-use in Owyhee and Malheur counties.

Kenny Kershner has tried to stay abreast on all the issues facing the OCA’s membership. He attended a public meeting on a sage-grouse conservation plan last week in Oregon, and he still has a cattle operation of his own to run.

“It’s a full-time job just trying to make sure that the Cattlemen’s Association doesn’t miss a step,” he said. “That’s what I feel like I need to do.”

“I just do everything I can to keep the membership going, and hopefully we’ll be able to head some of this off.”

While trying to find ways to preserve the future of the industry, the OCA membership also will take time Saturday to honor those who have made an impact on the path ranchers have taken thus far in Owyhee County.

Pete and Nancy Jackson of Riddle will be presented with an Honorary Life Member award during the meeting. The Jacksons were supposed to get their plaque during the summer meeting but

were unable to attend.

Also scheduled are reports from the Owyhee Rural Fire Protection Association and the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board.

Public Lands Council executive director Dustin Van Liew and Idaho Cattle Association president Wyatt Prescott will be keynote speakers after the membership silver bit drawing and introduction of guests, around 2 p.m.

Once the meeting adjourns, there will be a social hour at 5 p.m. The social hour is sponsored by AniPro (Dana and Doug Rutan) and North Fork Angus (Seth and Logan Thomas).

A potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m., and a dance with music from Runnin’ for Cover will follow at 9 p.m. The dance has a \$5-per-person cover charge with proceeds benefitting the Oreana Community Hall.

Prior to the OCA winter meeting, the University of Idaho Extension will hold its winter beef school from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The beef school is sponsored by AgriLines, Select Sires and Hal Harris. Lunch for school participants is sponsored by Merial and Western Stockmen’s.

The beef school will include presentations on:

- Protein supplementation from U of I Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen
- Mineral supplementation
- Necropsy basics and preventing and treating calf scours from Dr. Jim England of the U of I Caine Veterinary Center
- A talk from Ben Guelker of Merial

— JPB

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✓ OCA: Idaho Cattle Assoc. chief to address ranchers

of Land Management issued a series of decisions that call for drastic reductions in animal units monthly (AUMs) on the allotments.

Van Liew will address the Owyhee 68 as well as sage-grouse conservation and the Grazing Improvement Act, which seeks to provide stability for ranching operations by extending the duration of public lands permits from 10 to 20 years. The act also would allow ranchers seeking permit renewals to continue grazing while the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) analysis process is undertaken.

He’ll also present general information on efforts in Washington, D.C., that the PLC and NCBA have carried out on behalf of their members.

“The ICA is big, too,” Kershner said. “(The PLC and ICA) do a lot of stuff hand-in-hand. That’s why it’ll be good for these guys to have a presentation together.”

“It will be enlightening for the membership.”

Kershner said Van Liew and Prescott will offer information that will be educational to more than just the cattlemen.

“It’s almost down to some multiple-use issues,” Kershner said. “I think it would be very beneficial to see the big picture from industry instead of hearing it at a local level where you tend to get tired of hearing the same ol’ thing.”

Kershner hopes to get one clear message out regarding the added pressure being placed on public lands ranchers because of reduced AUMs and proposed sage-grouse conservation measures.

“It should wake everybody up that this is going to be so hard on the cattle industry in Owyhee County and then (on) the economy,” Kershner said.

“It’s going to trickle down all around, and hopefully with (the ICA and PLC and the like) helping out, we will be able to head some of this off, we hope.”

Van Liew has been part of the PLC and NCBA for six years. Through leadership from Van Liew and a small group of industry leaders, the PLC wrapped up an agreement to create the Public Lands Endowment Trust, which is a \$15 million endowment to fund industry projects to protect, enhance and preserve the public lands grazing industry into the next century.

Van Liew is considered an expert on public lands grazing with knowledge of its legislative history, regulatory framework and the legal battles the industry has faced.

He grew up in Woodland, Calif., and is the seventh generation of his family involved in production agriculture. After earning a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Business with a policy concentration from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo in 2004, Van Liew received a Master’s in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M in 2007.

Getting Van Liew and Prescott to attend the OCA’s winter meeting is a coup of sorts for Kershner, but he says his wife, Teresa, probably had more to do with securing their attendance Saturday.

After all, she pushed her husband to ask them during the ICA convention in Sun Valley in November.

“It was kind of a wish list in Sun Valley to get these big guys,” Kenny Kershner said. “There wasn’t even any hesitation (when he asked them).”

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New trail guide book triggers trespassing concerns in county

Author willing to rectify property infringement

The author of a recently published guidebook says he's willing to make changes in future editions if private property owners feel the trails highlighted infringe upon their land.

Boise outdoors writer Steve Stuebner released "The Owyhee Canyonlands: An Outdoor Adventure Guide" in December. It contains hundreds of pages about trails that crisscross the Owyhee backcountry in Idaho and Oregon and is illustrated with photos from Boise photographer Mark Lisk.

But some of the directions Stuebner has furnished to help bicyclists and hikers find trails could send recreationists across private ground.

"We pretty much checked everything out to the best of our ability in terms of making sure the trails were open to the public," Stuebner said. "Almost all the trails in the book are on public land."

The full impact of the book probably won't materialize until spring when the weather improves and recreationists flood back.

Stuebner said he vetted trails featured in the book with the Bureau of Land Management and the Owyhee Initiative board of directors.

"Where I saw no trespassing signs or painted gates, I checked with landowners to see if there were any issues," he said. "There were a number of trails in the book that I wanted to include but didn't because property owners objected."

A disclaimer in the book implores recreationists to be safe and furnishes contact information for both counties' sheriff's offices in case of an emergency. The disclaimer does not address being mindful of private property boundaries, though. Another part of the book does address what to do if cattle are encountered on public land.

While Stuebner says he vetted the project through the Owyhee Initiative in two meetings during the four-year project, Initiative board chair Brenda Richards' recollection of Stuebner's contact is different. She said he talked about his project, but didn't vet the trails for possible property infringement. She also said the quote attributed to her and published on the back cover of the paperback shouldn't be construed as an endorsement of the book. The quote urges safe, responsible and respectful exploration.

"The ranchers at the Initiative meeting said to make sure that if anything is published to make sure it had been ground-truthed

with private property owners and close neighboring property owners of BLM ground that the trails were on," Richards said.

Stuebner contends he did that, but property owners and other concerned citizens say trespassing is still a possibility when trails involving Wilson Creek and Reynolds Creek, Squaw Creek, Harts Creek, Browns Creek and Indian Bath Tubs are utilized.

"It infuriates me with their lack of research," Oreana resident Bob Thomas said. "You can buy GPS programs that will tell you where the deeded ground, state ground and BLM ground is. There are even GPS programs that will tell you who owns the ground."

Thomas said the description of the Harts Creek-Little Harts Creek Loop trail will send people straight to a gate on his property. He has had incidents of trespassers damaging his property, including tearing down signs, leaving gates open and disrupting grazing cattle.

Thomas hasn't contacted Stuebner, but he hopes the author will take steps to ensure that those trails that could send recreationists onto private ground are pulled from the book.

"I would only hope (the authors) are that way and will say, 'Jeez, we've made a big mistake here and we need to rectify the situation,' " Thomas said. "I don't want an apology. I just don't want anybody entering this private ground without my permission."

If the trespassing possibility isn't mitigated, Thomas said he might consider litigation.

"I'm honest and have integrity," Thomas said. "One of my bad points is I'm pretty darn stubborn. There is a time to fight and a time not to."

Stuebner said he is willing to rectify the situation by posting corrections and clarifications on his website. He also is willing to remove any disputed trails from the second printing of the guidebook, which is expected this summer. He urges property owners to contact him with their concerns.

He can be contacted through his website, www.stevestuebner.com, by email at ssuebner@cablone.net and by phone at (208) 484-0295.

— JPB

Cows like cookies, children like stories

Dallin Parkins points as Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel shares the book "Cows Love Cookies" during last Wednesday's story time. Also listening were, from left, Levi Loucks, Heston McIntyre and Chad Bingham. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



Soil testing precursor to Succor Creek Bridge replacement

Idaho 19 traffic west of Homedale to be affected

Motorists on Idaho highway 19 west of Homedale must contend with lane restrictions and delays as the state begins a project to replace the Succor Creek Bridge.

Soil testing began Monday and will continue — weather permitting — from 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. weekdays until Feb. 7. The Idaho Transportation Department plans to replace the 50-year-old bridge in 2015 or 2016.

Crews from Meridian's Haztech Drilling and Boise-based Terracon Consultants will drill for soil samples on a mile-long stretch of the highway from River Road (milepost 3) to Johnstone Road (milepost 4).

Traffic will be reduced to one lane, alternating eastbound and westbound closures depending on

drilling locations. Flaggers will guide traffic and delays of up to 15 minutes may occur in the work zone. Traffic is limited to 12 feet in width.

When construction begins the bridge may be moved slightly to the west to better align the bridge opening with the creek. The ITD hasn't made a final decision on that possibility, though.

The existing bridge was built to replace a span lost in a February 1963 flood.

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County plays PILT waiting game

Senators trying to tie compensation to Farm Bill

County officials have one thing tied to the federal government to worry about now that the continuation of a compensation program for massive tracts of tax-exempt public lands remains in flux.

An extension of the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program was left out earlier this month when Congress approved funding of the federal government through September.

Now, a group of senators, including Idaho's delegation, is pushing to include PILT funding in the Farm Bill.

If the PILT funding isn't part of the Farm Bill, though, Owyhee County will have to rely on cash reserves to make up the difference.

During last week's Board of County Commissioners meeting, County Clerk Angie Barkell said those reserves wouldn't last long.

"It's worrisome," county Treasurer Brenda Richards said during the discussion.

The cash reserve basically is the county building fund that was been

built up during rosier economic times with some proceeds from the annual PILT payment. Barkell said Monday that the county has about \$1.2 million socked away in that fund.

The federal government has paid an annual average of \$1.2 million to the county in recent years, and county commissioners have included every dime of that allotment in the annual budget to make ends meet. No contributions to the building fund have been made in a number of years.

The county typically receives a PILT payment in late June.

— JPB

Homedale grad joins Crapo's intern staff

A Homedale High School graduate is among the latest batch of interns to join the office of Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho).

Angel Salazar, a 2012 HHS graduate, has been accepted as a spring intern in Crapo's Boise office.

"Having served an internship on Capitol Hill, I know what a tremendous opportunity this can be for Idaho's students," Crapo said in a release.

"Gaining first-hand knowledge about our country's most deliberative body benefits young people no matter their chosen future career path or field."

Salazar is one of two new interns in the regional office. On Thursday, Crapo's staff announced a total of seven new interns total, including five in the Washington, D.C. office.

"Angel has only been here less than a week, and he's already impressed everybody," Crapo communications director Lindsay Nothern said. "He's a quick learner, and he's interested in the political aspect."

Salazar earned the spot after completing an application that included a rundown of community service as well as writing an essay,

carrying good grades and obtaining letters of recommendation.

Now, he'll be a conduit to the community of sorts for the third-term senator.

"It's a fairly substantial job because they have to get Crapo's take on things and then be able to talk to the constituents who call on the phone," Nothern said.

Salazar attends Boise State University where he is working on a Business Administration degree with an emphasis on accounting and finance.

He is a member of BSU's Blue Thunder Marching Band and continues to help out his former HHS band as a drum coach.

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Corrections

The cost for Safelink Internet service for the Owyhee County government complex in Murphy will be \$420 per month. Currently, the county pays \$300 per month with CenturyLink.

The proposed remodel of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office dispatch center includes ergonomic desks as well as a cable management system. Deputy Christine Ballard said that if the dispatch center ever needed more than three 911 stations that it would probably be time for a new building.

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✓ Donation: Man’s father lived where Island Park is after leaving home

such a project might bring in some high dollars at the auction.

Cooper has used only the best materials and designed the 4-foot-by-6-foot house to be of high quality. It is made of solid pine with masonry siding and includes a front porch with railing. He decided against installing a door and glass windows to make it safer and cooler for children to play in. The floor is constructed of 2x4s and half-inch plywood. Cost of materials alone was up to \$350 when it was only partially built. The design is original.

This is Cooper’s second attempt at building a playhouse. He built a fancy playhouse for his son Christopher about 20 years ago. The neighbors used to call it the “little condo” because it was so authentic.

Cooper understands the small-town way of life. Even though he grew up in Middleton, he knows what life is like for anyone living in a small community. He supports the Disaster Auction, but this is the first time he is contributing.

“People will just come together and help,” Cooper said. “It’s the way we are raised. We help people out to pay it forward because you never know when you might need help,” he said.

There is another special reason Cooper has built the playhouse, and it is a personal one. His dad, Lyle

Cooper, grew up in Marsing.

“I just thought I would like to donate something in my dad’s name,” he said. Cooper learned all his woodworking skills from his dad, and he wants to give back to the community where his dad lived as a boy.

Lyle Cooper’s story is a bit sad, but it is a good one. Lyle was born in 1924 and came to Marsing when he was only about three or four years old. Because of home strife, Lyle set out on his own at the young age of 12. He actually lived on what is now Island Park and raised rabbits and traded them for food in town, and survived by working in the fields. It was about 1936 and life was pretty simple out here.

When Lyle was 19, he was drafted into the Army during World War II. After being in for two years, an ammo truck he was guarding was attacked and he was nearly killed. He was shot in the side of his face during the battle, so he spent over two years in an Army hospital undergoing surgeries to rebuild his jaw and face.

After the war, he was disfigured and suffered greatly, as he was not accepted by people. However, he did meet a young girl in Iowa and they were married in 1947. Her name was Ethel and she was only 16, while he was 23. Shortly after they married, the couple returned to Idaho, settling in Boise and



Larry Cooper uses a circular saw to cut siding for the miniature house. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

later Middleton. They had three children.

“My dad was an amazing person,” Larry says. “He could do anything, like rebuild an engine or paint a car or build cabinets. He was very meticulous and good at what he did.”

The elder Cooper was a very caring person, although his kindness was unspoken, Larry said. He was very romantic with the children’s mother and gave her a rose for every year of their marriage on their anniversaries.

Lyle and Ethel operated the L&E

Floor Covering company in Boise and Middleton. They were married 44 years. She passed away in 1991, and he died in 1995. The children still miss them and celebrate their anniversaries today. This year would have been their 66th.

There are many times when Larry feels like he wishes he could call his dad and share with him some news, especially when his granddaughter was born. “But I know that he is still with me,” Larry said.

Larry built the playhouse because he feels “like this is what

God wants me to do.”

“I’m at a position in my life where I just want to help someone, so if this helps raise money and helps create some happy memories for some kids, that’s great,” he said.

Cooper is employed as a property manager.

Larry and his wife Susan are the parents of Kristie Olds, who is 14. His son Christopher is now 25. Christopher and his wife Tailere have a baby daughter named Kennedy.

— KB

✓ Benefit: Tickets still available for auction’s \$1 and \$10 raffles

floods, accidents, funerals and/or excessive medical and hospital expenses. The auction also provides money to support the Marsing Ambulance Service, the United Way and other organizations.

The Disaster Auction Committee has sent out a letter inviting businesses and organizations to participate by donating items or services to be sold the day of the auction.

Cash donations are also sought and can be used to purchase additional items for the sale.

“The auction relies on generous contributors every year to make it a success,” chairman James Ferdinand said. “We want to continue to have the reminder out there and make people understand what the auction is all about. We appreciate everyone’s support.”

Since the first year it was organized, in 1961, and with the help of businesses, organizations and individual volunteers, the auction has continued to grow and is now a 501(c)3 organization, Ferdinand said.

Two types of raffle tickets are sold for the auction, \$1 tickets available through a Marsing Middle School student or a Marsing fifth-grader and \$10 tickets available through auction committee members.

The \$10 tickets also are being sold at Logan’s Market,

Caba’s Restaurant, The Pourhouse Lounge, The Spot Pizza, In the Grind and Marsing Hardware and Pump.

Prizes for \$1 raffle include:

- a \$250 shopping spree donated by the Marsing American Legion Post 128
- half a beef cut and wrapped donated by Spring Valley Livestock
- a Boise Getaway donated by Mason and Stanfield Inc. Engineers and Surveyors
- a 28-inch flat-screen TV with DVD player donated by Bob and Sheila Carter.

\$10 raffle tickets are being sold

\$10 raffle prizes include:

- a front-load washer and dryer donated by Haken Insurance, Emerald Insurance and Parma Furniture
- a gun/security safe donated by Dasco of Idaho Inc. and Rhino Metals
- \$500 cash donated by White Automotive
- a Colt AR-15 .223 rifle donated by Owyhee County Farm Bureau Agents of Homedale, Wayne Huntgate and Dave Cereghino
- a 50-inch flat-screen TV donated by the Usabel family.

Concession food booths will also raise money for the auction and donated pies, cakes and cookies are welcome the day of the auction.

To donate items to the auction or to volunteer, contact chairman James Ferdinand at 794-7270 or co-chair Jess Ferdinand at 896-5229, Sheila Carter at 337-2100, or Bob Carter at 880-8770. Other committee members to contact include Jason and Kelly Ineck at 249-4476, Cindy Floyd at 830-5560, Tim Dines at 573-3321, or Stew and Paula Rhodes at 794-1678.

Some items that will be sold at the auction are men’s and women’s bicycles; homemade Basque bread; a Rossi Trifecta gun; two one-year Owyhee Avalanche subscriptions; rib-eye steak packs; a whole pig, cut and wrapped; a 24-gun Rhino safe; a modern art table; a Traegar barbeque; a tole-painted saw blade; a home security safe; a bouquet of flowers a month for a year; and crab feed tickets and prime rib feed tickets.

Other items for auction will include handmade quilts, Chicago Bears and Boise State football memorabilia, home-baked and canned goods, coats, jackets and other apparel, themed gift baskets, handcrafted art, tools, toys and gift certificates to local businesses.

For more information, visit www.marsingdisasterauction.org.

— KB



Marsing Disaster Auction 2014 chair James Ferdinand stands next to some of the \$10 raffle items on display at Logan’s Market. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Obituary

James C. Mitchell

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

Services will be held Thursday, January 30th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the new St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Nampa, located at 510 W. Roosevelt Ave., Nampa, ID 83686.

A luncheon will follow services at the family home.

Ted Nugent answers Melba student’s gun control questions

Legendary rocker fulfills school assignment request via Facebook

A Melba High School student’s research project has received an unlikely celebrity response.

Waycee West, whose mother Brook Russell works for Owyhee County in Murphy, reached out to rock guitarist and singer, hunter and gun rights advocate Ted Nugent for input on her Government class paper dealing with pro-gun and anti-gun views.

Nugent didn’t blow the request off. Instead, he posted in-depth responses to West’s five questions on his Facebook page.

“High Schoolers have always come to Uncle Ted for real education. I do this all the time,” Nugent began the lengthy post. “Here’s an xample (sic) of the oh so lovely Uncle Ted loving crowbar of truth.”

Before answering each question, Nugent identified West and her request for an interview to fulfill her Government class project.

West’s questions included Nugent’s thoughts on the gun control issue, whether or not everyone should be able to carry weapons, what prerequisites should exist to buy a gun, whether or not White House proposals could be effective, and what can be a substitute for gun control and how the government should change its proposals.

As to be expected, Nugent’s responses were straight-forward.

To the White House proposal question: “I haven’t heard anything from the White House in years that would be beneficially effective in any realm.”

On the philosophy to control guns in light of several high-profile shootings across the country, Nugent said “anti-gunners” dream of gun-free zones.

“My gun dream also exists in jurisdictions across America where the most citizens who wish to keep and bear arms carry loaded firearms on their person, and according to all crime studies, violent crime is at an all-time low,” Nugent wrote.

“That there is a debate is indicative of the abject dishonesty and cluelessness of those dangerous people who actually want more unarmed and helpless murder victims.”

Nugent makes clear he doesn’t want everyone to be able to carry weapons, though.

“Violent criminals should not only be forbidden to possess or access firearms, but in a society with a real ‘justice system,’ these monsters would be kept in their cages where good people would not be subject to their viciousness,” he wrote.

Nugent said that no prerequisites to own guns would be necessary if the justice system

worked and violent criminals were behind bars.

“Currently, those jurisdictions with the most stringent regulations have the most violent crime, whereas the states with the natural right to keep and bear arms with minimal regulations are the safest,” he wrote.

He also pointed out that in mass shootings such as the theater shooting in Aurora, Colo., and school shootings at Columbine and Sandy Hook Elementary family, friends and neighbors new the perpetrators were “ticking time bombs of violent, life-threatening behavior.” Nugent blamed political correctness for engineering a “pandemic of criminal recidivism” and unleashing “mentally deranged, dangerous people into our streets, schools, workplaces and lives.”

Nugent also has a simple solution to eliminate the gun control debate: “Real, honest-to-God crime prevention,” which includes keeping violent criminals behind bars and responding sensibly to “obvious danger signs of obviously dangerous people.”

West also asked Nugent for “extra comments,” and he obliged by contrasting the role government has taken in the gun control debate with the original intentions of the framers of the Constitution.

“Americans must study history and become educated how government gun control has guaranteed tyranny and slavery forever,” he said.

Lions bingo rescheduled

The Marsing Lions Club’s

monthly bingo night, normally held on the first Saturday of the month in the winter, will be moved back a week because of the Marsing Disaster Auction.

Bingo will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 with an early game at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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
Feb. 3: Wiener wrap, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, fruit rollup
Feb. 4: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, side salad, mixed fruit, roll
Feb. 5: Chicken burrito, corn, cucumber, grapes
Feb. 6: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, grape tomatoes, pears

Homedale Middle

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
Feb. 3: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad, mixed fruit, roll
Feb. 4: Ham/cheese sandwich or hot dog, baked beans, cucumbers, applesauce, fruit rollup
Feb. 5: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, steamed carrots, broccoli, banana
Feb. 6: Beef or chicken taco, corn, baby carrots, pears

Homedale High

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
Feb. 3: Pepperoni pizza or roast beef sandwich, salad bar/fruit choice
Feb. 4: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, green beans, salad bar/fruit choice, fortune cookie
Feb. 5: Spaghetti w/French bread or corn dog, salad bar/fruit choice
Feb. 6: Hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, salad bar/fruit choice, sherbet cup

Marsing

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
Feb. 3: PB&J w/chips, pizza, tossed salad, salad bar 6-12
Feb. 4: Pulled pork sandwich or enchilada w/rice, baked sweet potato pie, salad bar 6-12
Feb. 5: Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets w/roll, potato wedges, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

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
Feb. 4: Stromboli, steamed broccoli, fruit, pudding
Feb. 5: Roast turkey, mashed potato/gravy, steamed broccoli, roll, fruit

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

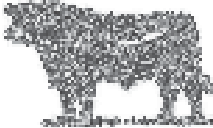
Jan. 29: Chicken & noodles, California blend veggies, bread, milk
Jan. 30: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, bread, milk
Feb. 4: Pasta primavera, bread
Feb. 5: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots & onions, bread

Marsing Senior Center

Jan. 29: Soup & sandwich bar, assorted meats, vegetable soup, salad bar, fruit, cookies, milk
Jan. 30: Teriyaki beef strips, brown rice, broccoli & green beans, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, milk
Feb. 3: Breakfast, French toast, bacon, eggs, juice
Feb. 4: Honey mustard chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, baby carrots, fruit, roll, cherry cheesecake
Feb. 5: Grilled ham/cheese sandwich, soup, tomato, basil salad, pasta primavera, mandarin oranges

Rimrock Senior Center

Jan. 30: Tacos
Feb. 4: Potato bar



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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

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

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

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 Association 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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
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

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, Feb 5, 2014

ORFPA fire training
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 586-3000 (day), (208) 583-2269 (night) or (208) 583-4444

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 6

ORFPA fire training
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 586-3000 (day), (208) 583-2269 (night) or (208) 583-4444

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

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

Marsing Chamber First Thursday
5:30 p.m., public invited, location TBA, Marsing. (208) 318-3982

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

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

Friday, Feb. 7

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

Saturday, Feb. 8

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

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

Rimrock Senior Center Valentine Dinner
6 p.m., \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 ages 6-12, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808


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

Sunday, Feb. 9

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

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

Owyhee
Then & Now



Michael Hanley

Sagebrush and Axle Grease

*Re-discovery and Dedication
of the Gravesite
of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau
Feb. 11, 1805 – May 16, 1866*

**Born to Sacajawea and Toussant Charbonneau,
Interpreters for the Lewis and Clark Expedition**

I first heard about it while in grade school, but the story had been around must longer. “A famous half-breed Indian is buried at the Ruby Ranch,” Frank Swisher said, “but nobody knows who it is.” Kirt and Johanna Skinner related it as well, but it wasn’t until a professor from New Mexico State stopped at the Skinner Ranch looking for a gravesite. He told Johanna and her daughter, Chris Moore, that he had been doing research on Silver City, New Mexico and acquired an interest in Silver City, Idaho.

While poring over microfilm of Silver City’s Owyhee Avalanche newspaper at the State Historical Museum in Boise, he discovered the obituary of I.B. Charbonneau. As a student of the West, his attention was immediately focused on the obituary and concluded that I.B. Charbonneau was none other than J.B. Charbonneau, the baby Jean Baptiste born on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The obituary told of his experiences, including serving as guide for the Mormon Battalion under Kit Carson during the Mexican War. This was of particular interest to myself because my great-great-grandfather John S. Burnett came west with Kit Carson’s force to California at the same time.

Shortly after the professor’s visit, Kirt Skinner, who also served as the area’s County Road Board Chairman, was driving by the Ruby Ranch when he saw the county road crew widening the roadway with heavy equipment. Had he not stopped them, the graves, located roadside at the ranch headquarters, would have been destroyed. Kirt called me; I was secretary of the road board. I immediately went to the Ruby Ranch and placed rocks around the graves then filled the centers with dirt, raising them so they could be seen. I then constructed a sign and, with the help of Judy Raburn and Sharon Terry and my wife Judi, erected it at the site. I contacted the Oregon Historical Society and wrote articles but the Society informed me the Wind River Shoshone Reservation in Wyoming claimed that both Charbonneau and his mother were buried there. Not surprisingly, I received an indignant letter from a Wyoming resident concerned that we up-starts were challenging their claim.

The Bureau of Land Management took up the controversy and charged historian Irving Anderson with researching J.B. Charbonneau. His findings placed Charbonneau, beyond doubt, at the Ruby Ranch on May 16, 1866. As a side note, I remembered reading that Sacajawea had died in 1812. My Uncle Walter McEwen, a collector of Fur Trade Journals, etc., had a journal by John Luttig, a Missouri Fur Company trader at Fort Manuel Lisa in the Dakotas. In it he recorded:

December 20, 1812
“This evening the wife of Charbonneau, a Snake Squaw, died of putrid fever. She was a good wife and the best woman in the fort, age about 25 years”

When the BLM made its findings public, the Oregon Historical Society took interest and replaced my sign with the one that is presently there. In 1971, the site was officially dedicated. Then in 2000, the Lewis and Clark Society under the leadership of Roger Wendlick organized a rededication.

— 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.

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

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

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Rangeland firefighting training starts Tuesday in Marsing

Bureau of Land Management officials will lead rangeland fire training for the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association beginning Tuesday.

The four-day training takes place Tuesday, next Wednesday, Feb. 12 and Feb. 13 at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

The sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Trainees must attend all four sessions in order to receive certification to be able to help BLM battle wildland fires in Owyhee County. This training is mandatory in order to fight fire in the Owyhee RFPA.

The BLM offered training last year when a group of landowners and ranchers moved to form the RFPA as a tool to help prevent the spread of wildland fires.

RFPA members serve as first-responders of sorts with the certification and training to fight a fire when it starts rather than waiting until a BLM crew can get on the scene.

During the four-day training next month, lunch will be provided by Owyhee County Farm Bureau insurance agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, who are based in Homedale.

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

BLM’s Gateway West siting subcommittee adds meetings

As anticipated, the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee evaluating Gateway West siting options has added five public meetings.

The BLM announced the new meetings Monday afternoon.

Meetings are scheduled Feb. 26, March 10, March 18, March 27 and April 2. They’ll take place at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., in Boise.

Each meeting will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and are open to the public. Members of the public may present written or oral comments to the subcommittee during a public comment segment of each meeting.

It’s possible the subcommittee won’t need all five meetings to complete its task.

The subcommittee has held five meetings to analyze possible routes for segments 8-9 for the 500-kilovolt power line’s path through Owyhee County.

The full RAC heard a report from the subcommittee during a meeting Tuesday after deadline.

Neither the subcommittee nor the full RAC will make any decisions on siting segments 8 and 9. Rather, the subcommittee is evaluating possible routes on public lands and providing options for the BLM to consider prior to beginning required additional environmental review of the remaining portions of the project.

For more information about meeting arrangements and details, contact Marsha Buchanan, Boise District RAC coordinator, at (208) 384-3364.

Irrigation directors to meet Tuesday

The three groups of directors who oversee the South Board of Control’s irrigation system will meet Tuesday.

Possible agenda items could be an update on the water outlook for the 2014 growing season as well as setting up a meeting with producers to discuss the situation. An official agenda wasn’t available by press time.

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

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

The South Board of Control opens its meeting at 1:30 p.m.

All three meetings will be held in the basement boardroom at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

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

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S. Mtn. heifer sale to benefit Owyhee 68

As many of the county’s cattlemen gather for a crucial meeting, an Owyhee County ranch has announced the sale of a heifer at an upcoming event will help build a legal defense fund.

South Mountain Ranch plans to donate a registered heifer that will be sold at its Angus and Hereford Production Bull Sale scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the ranch, 13584 State Hwy 78, Melba.

Half of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Fund and half to the Idaho Cattle Association Action Legal Fund. Both funds could be used in the legal process to appeal the Bureau of Land Management’s decision to reduce animal units monthly (AUMs) in the Owyhee 68 renewal process.

“We not only want to support those ranchers who are faced with BLM’s decision of cutting Owyhee grazing permits in half, but we also want to do our part in protecting our industry (against) the precedent that could be set in these cases for every permit renewal to come,” South Mountain Ranch co-owner Matt Duckett said.

The heifer will be sold at the beginning of the sale. For more information, call Duckett at (208) 230-5650 or the ICA office at (208) 343-1615.

South Mountain Ranch officials point out the grazing rights of western ranchers have been significantly impacted by laws and regulations put in place in the wake of litigious actions from anti-grazing activists. They say ranchers’ ability to raise livestock in the West erodes seemingly with each action the government takes on grazing permits.

The Owyhee 68 decisions are the culmination of a 16-year process that began when U.S. District Court Judge B. Lynn Winmill ordered the BLM to complete the permit renewal process. A deadline of December 2013 was set, and the decisions have been issued and now are in the appeals process.

The decisions, however, could affect producers immensely. The BLM has moved to alter seasons of use and drastically reduce grazing to what ranchers call unsustainable levels. The renewals affect 120 of the 150 federal grazing allotments in Owyhee County.

South Mountain ranch officials say this issue could have an impact beyond Owyhee County as permit renewals are undertaken across the West.

The reason for the donation heifer is simple, Duckett explains.

“We are all in this as an industry,” he said. “Our hope is that we will all join in this fight and we can sell this heifer several times to help the cattle industry make a stand here.”

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Homedale Library’s Teens and Tweens ready to celebrate Valentines

Homedale Public Library’s Teens and Tweens program will celebrate Valentines Month in February.

The weekly program open to boys and girls ages 10 to 17 meets from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

For more information, call Teens and Tweens coordinator Teasha Harris at the library at 337-4228. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday,

Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

February’s Teens and Tweens events include:

- Saturday — Make personalized valentines for friends and loved ones.
- Feb. 8 — Design and distribute “Happy Valentine’s Day” door hangers to residents across the street at Owyhee Health and

Rehabilitation.

• Feb. 15 — Focus on “Chicken Soup” book series for teens and preteens. Participants will be making journals so they can write their own “Chicken Soup” stories in the future.

• Feb. 22 — Romeo and Juliet Day. Via YouTube, the youth will watch a humorous Romeo and Juliet skit performed by the Reduced Shakespeare Co., and then play a Jeopardy! game with clues from the classic

love story.

Librarian is guest reader

Librarian Margaret Fujishin will sit in as guest reader for Friday’s Story Time.

At 10:15 a.m., Fujishin will read the classic “Tiki Tiki Tembo” by Arlen Mosel in observance of Chinese New Year.

There will be snacks, crafts and songs as usual.

For more information, call the library.

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First semester

Seniors

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— Albor, Leslie C.; Aman, Lydia M.; Chavez, Lizett; Escutia, Magdalena; Eubanks, Britt A.; Flaming, Luke J.; Hill, Mykal V.; Hollenstein, Lia A.; Hyer, Tell R.; Jones, Jedidiah; Lane, Trey B.; Lee, Shelby A.; Lejardi, Esteban J.; Sanchez, Eric C.; Thatcher, Kathryn C.; Vega, Edmy; and Zegger, Jasmin

3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Rice, Abigail M., 3.857; Steinmetz, Cheyenne, 3.857; Vega, Brenda V., 3.857; Kilby, Brenlyn E., 3.833; Long, Destiny N., 3.833; Rupp, Kaylee N., 3.833; Turner, Jace R., 3.833; Cardenas, Benjamin J., 3.8; Castro, Maria D., 3.714; Hurtado, Stephanie, 3.714; Maurer, Gabriel A., 3.714; Carson, Kayla N., 3.667; Martin, Alissa D., 3.667; Maxwell, Madelon R., 3.667; Brandhagen, Cameron, 3.6; Aguilera, Stephanie C., 3.571; Jenkins, Kylee O., 3.571; Hurtado, Jakelin, 3.5; Johnson, Bryan M., 3.5; and Noblit, Emileen I., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 GPA —

Cardenas, Angel E., 3.4; Cardenas, Eduardo, 3.333; Leslie, Nathan H., 3.333; Sale, Lane A., 3.333; Craft, Lauren C., 3.286; Oviedo, Caleb I., 3.286; Padilla, Cristian, 3.286; Vega, Brenda S., 3.286; Kushlan,

Haley E., 3.2; Dycus, Kody A., 3.167; Hall, Quincy D., 3.167; Julian, Draydon W., 3.167; Whitney, Kyra M., 3.167; Deal, Katie A., 3.143; Furlott, Tyson L., 3.143; Gonzalez Martinez, Oswaldo, 3.143; Sharp, Dylan R., 3.143; Sharp, Dylan R., 3.143; Barroso, Genoveva, 3.0; Cornejo, Jovan A., 3.0; Frelove, Talon C., 3.0; and Martinez Hernandez, Erik, 3.0

Juniors

4.0 GPA —

Aguilera, Amos R.; Bowman, Sierra K.; Dickinson, Rishelle A.; Egurrola, Alec J.; Mertz, Harriet K.; Nash, Morgan E.; Nash, Victoria B.; Phariss, Delaney M.; Salazar, Miguel A.; and Shenk, Elise A.

3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Armenta, Brooke A., 3.857; Mendez, Fabiola L., 3.857; Pickett, Bowman H., 3.857; Purdom, Carlie M., 3.857; Castro, Michelle M., 3.833; Hernandez, Jennifer M., 3.833; Morris, Kerigan J., 3.833; Alcantara Perez, Vianey, 3.714; Cornwall, Justine N., 3.714; Goodrich, Jaden H., 3.714; Martinez, Andrew, 3.714; Vincent, Kimberly S., 3.714; Adams, Bailey R., 3.571; Almaraz, Fabian, 3.571; Gardner, Orrin C., 3.571; Neri, Edgar A., 3.571; Calzacorta, McKenna E., 3.5; Landa, Kyler J.,

3.5; Portwood, Riley P., 3.5; and Zenor, Vanessa N., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 GPA —

Marshall, Andrea N., 3.429; McLay, Brianna T., 3.429; Ojeda, Rosio V., 3.429; Randall, Andrew C., 3.429; Woods, Samantha L., 3.429; Christensen, Alyx R., 3.333; Fisher, Devin M., 3.333; Fogg, Isabelle C., 3.333; Jacobs, Dayne P., 3.333; Gonzales, Brett D., 3.286; Kincheloe, Kincade A., 3.286; Patton, Blake J., 3.286; Trotter, Cody J., 3.286; Albor, Jazmin, 3.167; Montejano, Miguel V., 3.167; Camargo, Jesus, 3.143; Cortes Vega, Maria Y., 3.143; Hungate, Colton D., 3.143; Sauer, Abby J., 3.143; Stansell, Daniel W., 3.143; Anderson, Makenzie M., 3.0; Brown, Brady J., 3.0; Contreras, Rosa G., 3.0; Davis, Monique R., 3.0; Fry, Quinton L., 3.0; Jenkins, Robert G., 3.0; Nelson, Jada L., 3.0; and Vega Martinez, Luis F., 3.0

Sophomores

4.0 GPA —

Bautista, Jennifer; Burks, Dylan R.; Correa, Maya F.; Fisher, Madison L.; Geertson, Brandon; Johnson, Nash J.; Lejardi, Michael J.; Matteson, Lawsen J.; Pfof, Derek E.; Symms, Richard A.; and Thatcher, Matthew P.

3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Falls, Jacob

A., 3.857; Hernandez, Elizabeth M., 3.857; Eaton, Lance M., 3.833; Aman, Megan M., 3.714; Cole, Marrison J., 3.714; Conant, Madison N., 3.714; Jung, Jiseok, 3.714; Rose, Justine B., 3.714; Salutregui, Adrianna C., 3.714; Sanchez, Noe, 3.714; Tolmie, Josh M., 3.714; Corta, Tristan A., 3.667; Lane, Victoria B., 3.667; Schamber, Benjamin C., 3.667; Steinmetz, Makayla R., 3.667; Doss, Alexandria S., 3.571; Egurrola, Kirsten, 3.571; Gonzales, Carley M., 3.571; Hungate, Chad H., 3.571; Palacios, Raquel, 3.571; and Aberasturi, Makayla M., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 GPA —

Cardenas-Ritzert, Orion S., 3.429; Carter, Connor W., 3.429; Hibbard, Kyle J., 3.429; Macias, Manuel, 3.429; Nelson, James D., 3.429; Machuca, Gardenia G., 3.333; Martell, Chase D., 3.333; Hayward, Savanah K., 3.286; Stuart, Jordan L., 3.286; Phariss, Dylan M., 3.167; Barbosa, Jairo, 3.143; Buenrostro, Jason, 3.143; Ford, Coty A., 3.143; Kelly, Shyanne R., 3.143; Llamas, Liset, 3.143; Santiago-Martinez, Beatrice, 3.143; Carter, Garrett C., 3.0; Christensen, Jacob T., 3.0; Gibbens, Abigayle, 3.0; Gonzalez Martinez, Diana C., 3.0; Hurtado, Jairo A., 3.0; and Miller, Brandon L., 3.0

Freshmen

4.0 GPA —

Deal, Jacob W.; Emery, Alyssa B.; Haun, Riley E.; Jones, Sarah; McMichael, Emma L.; McRae, Lindsey; Randall, Ryan J.; and Vega, Annabel

3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Bedolla, Samantha J., 3.857; Chavez, Angel, 3.857; Downum, Hannah M., 3.857; Gierlich, Siri, 3.857; Kelly, Fletcher S., 3.857; Lentfer, Tanis L., 3.857; Riha, Jason E., 3.857; Tayler, Jessica M., 3.857; Cortez Andrade, Raquel, 3.714; Romriell, Craig K., 3.714; Tijerina, Aaliyah R., 3.714; Uriarte, Maria C., 3.714; Cortez Andrade, Alejandra, 3.571; Estes, Hanna R., 3.571; Thornton, Quentin G., 3.571; and Travis, Colianna-Kay S., 3.571

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Host HMS finishes third in Academic Bowl

Instead of “hunger games,” Homedale Middle School students are facing the challenge of academic games. Fortunately, it was a real competition, rather than a movie drama, and no one was injured.

Sixth-, seventh and eighth-graders were called into action last Wednesday, as the school hosted the latest round in the Academic Bowl.

HMS participants are sixth-graders Kaitlyn Butler, Juliette Larzelier, Gage Purdom, Rachel Tayler, Brady Trout, and Daniel Uranga, seventh-graders Lindy Phariss, Mauricia Villarreal, and Morgan Bowman, and eighth-graders Andrew Bowman, Bradley Butler, and Diana Cook.

Last year, HMS out-shined the other 3A Snake River Valley Conference schools by winning the top spot in three separate competitions.

Wednesday, it wasn’t so easy. The defending champions fell to third place with an overall score of 120, while Parma won the meet with a score of 160 and McCain of Payette, took second with 140. Weiser came in fourth place with 100, while Fruitland, Payette Lakes of McCall and Vale, Ore. all tied with scores of 80 each.

“I think our Academic Bowl meet at Homedale this year went well,” advisor Jan Silva said.

“I think our kids did well on the questions they answered. We are still not confident in the speed round with pushing the buzzer button. That last round is the best opportunity for scoring, and we need to take better advantage of that. Knowing that a wrong answer can lose points sometimes



HMS Academic Bowl teammates, from left, Gage Purdom, Bradley Butler, Andrew Bowman and Morgan Bowman feel the pressure to come up with the right answer. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

makes kids hesitate just a little and then another team has buzzed in,” she said.

“Our team has lots of different areas of expertise, and therein lies our strength. We will be working on going for it at the next meet Feb. 19 in Fruitland.”

The event is part of a nearly monthly series held during the school year.

Brain power and team work were the deciding factors in the competition, where students were subjected to questions on such hot topics as science, math, geography, history and sports. Some of the toughest questions fielded by students were about quotes spoken by past presidents.

Only six students are chosen to participate in each round of the Academic Bowl, so two students from each grade are selected for each round.

The competition is arranged into three separate rounds for students to demonstrate their knowledge.

Round one is the Team Written portion, where 10 questions are asked and each team submit

written answers.

Round two is the Team Oral part. Five questions are asked, and each team has 30 seconds to go into conference and come up with an answer.

Round three is the top challenge and is called the Speed Round. Forty questions are asked and teams must sound a buzzer and answer correctly to win 10 points. If they answer incorrectly, they will lose 10 points.

Parents and other visitors were invited to join in the testing, and were given pads of paper and pencils to jot down their own answers. Many of the parents participated and were often stumped along with students over the questions that were asked.

The students work with Jan Silva, who also teaches fourth grade at the elementary school. Regular practices are held in preparation for the event in Silva’s classroom. Any student who is interested in participating is welcome to join the team, and many of the same students return each year to compete in the academic bowls.

—KB

New parenting class begins tonight in Homedale

Help for parents having difficulties with children

A parent’s job is never easy and can sometimes be frustrating and overwhelming.

Well, there is help available, and it costs nothing.

A new parenting class is being offered at Homedale Elementary School and it starts today from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Parents of all ages of children are invited to attend.

The class is called “Parenting the love and logic way,” and it is a six-week course being facilitated by Randee Garrett, who is a counselor at the elementary and middle schools. Parents will hear expert advice and learn new skills to improve the family environment.

“Every next step of parenting is new, and this will help take the conflict out of homes,” Garrett said.

“It will be a fun course that will help give parents control,” she said.

The course is a video based program offering new and updated materials.

It will give parents an opportunity to brainstorm with other parents and discuss ways to deal with problems that come up in dealing with children of any age group.

The class will meet at the elementary school library every Wednesday, beginning tonight. Garrett wants parents of both HES and HMS schools to know they are welcome.

For more information call Randee Garrett at 337-4033 or 337-5780.

Band boosters hold spaghetti feed Thursday

A spaghetti feed benefitting the Homedale High School band will be held Thursday with proceeds going toward the purchase of new marching band uniforms.

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

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

In addition the spaghetti feed,

diners will enjoy entertainment from band and choir students.

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

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Rimrock plans Valentine Dinner

The Rimrock Senior Center’s annual Valentine Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Tickets are available at the center, 525 Main St., in Grand View on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or they can be purchased at the door the night of the event.


The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. at the center, and live music will

be provided by Maxine Rathbun.

The entrée is pit-barbecue roast beef.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children ages 6-12.

For more information about the dinner or other senior center activities, call (208) 834-2808 on Tuesday or Thursday each week.



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Winter weed seminar set Thursday

Producers and landowners will be updated on the invasive weed situation in the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area during a Thursday seminar.

The Jordan Valley CWMA's Winter Weed Seminar begins at 10 a.m. inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., in Jordan Valley.

After CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison delivers an update, Dr. Timothy Prather of the University of Idaho will make a presentation

on what new invasive weed species can be expected.

After lunch, Bonnie Rasmussen of the Oregon Department of Agriculture will give a talk on what new developments have taken place in the quest to control invasive weeds.

At 1:30 p.m., Mark Hansen, a representative of Crop Production Services Timberland Division, will discuss new range and pasture uses for Milestone herbicides as well as the practice of rotating

herbicides to prevent a weed species building up resistance.

Malheur County weed inspector Gary Page will give a talk titled "A Simpler Weed Control Strategy" at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting will conclude with partner and industry updates.

Idaho and Oregon pesticide recertification may be available.

For more information or to register, contact Morrison at jvcwma@qwestoffice.com or (541) 586-3000.

Grand View Lions auction nears

Raffle tickets are being sold and auction items are sought for the annual Grand View Lions Club Auction.

The auction takes place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Grand View Elementary School,

Two prizes are available in the raffle this year, including a Savage Axis .243 bolt-action rifle with a Bushnell scope and a Traeger BBQ pellet grill and smoker.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased from fourth- and fifth-graders attending Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools. Tickets also are available at Gus's Gas and Square Deal in Grand View.

Anyone interested in donating items to the auction can call Lions Club member Doug Thurman at (208) 834-2442.



Above: Oreana 9-year-old Layth Jenkins, the son of Dave and Karen Jenkins and nephew of club member Doug Thurman, holds the Savage Axis .243 bolt-action rifle and Bushnell scope. Submitted photo



Andres Waters practices his free throws inside the Homedale Elementary School gym. Read next week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche for more information on Homedale kids in the competition. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

HES third-grader competes in Elks Hoop Shoot district

Sometimes a basketball champion comes out of nowhere.

Andres Waters is a kid who has learned to shine recently, and a little bit of confidence seems to go a long way for him. He is 9 years old, but he may have just grown up a little.

Andres is motivated. The Homedale Elementary School third-grader tried something new for the first time and did very well.

Andres stepped out and competed in his school's Elks Hoop Shoot contest and surprised himself and his family when he placed first in his age group (8-9 year-olds).

Then he went to the second stage of the competition at Syringa Middle School in Caldwell on Jan. 18, and also took first place.

He completed 17 free throws out of a possible 24, to qualify for the district competition.

"I'm really excited for Andres," physical education teacher Dan Moore said. "This is the first time we've had anyone go on to the next level."

At Saturday's district competition in Nampa, Andres was unable to keep up his winning streak, and only scored 9 out of 24.

"He was really upset," Sacha Waters said.

Andres is the son of Wilder residents Brent and Sacha Waters. The Waters family has three other children, Natalia, 11, Alejandro, 7, and Antonio, four months.

"Andres was really proud when he got first place," his mom said. "He never got a trophy before."

His mom was a little shocked that he won.

"I didn't realize it was a competition," she said. "I thought it was just for fun."

Andres got special permission to spend a little extra time last week doing free throws in the HES gymnasium.

He kept practicing over and over, while his mom and other siblings watched. He seemed to be focused and determined, as he attempted time and again to hit the target.

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As with other Access Idaho paypoints in the county offices, the sheriff's office will not receive any part of the service fee or three percent.



Yocelyn Albor and Maria Sanchez tackle the challenges of animated Lego Robotics.



Zander Vanosdall and Angel Zaragoza study during the computer lab class.

HES after-school program coming to an end

Kids club grant no longer available

The Homedale Elementary School’s after school program, which is also called “The Kids Club” will be coming to a halt at the end of the school year.

School principal Terri Vasquez said this is the last year of the five-year grant program.

Currently 150 students participate in the program which operates Monday-Thursday from 3:05-5:15. The first hour and 15 minutes is spent on homework time, and then the second hour, from 4:15-5:15, is spent on enrichment classes. Some of the classes that have been offered are geography, cooking, recreation, Lego robotics, leathermaking, sewing, music, drama, community building, art, science, diarama building, computer lab and current events.

“I’m disappointed that we are losing this funding,” Vasquez said.

“The state provides funding for schools to provide additional opportunities for students to learn and improve their academic skills,” she said.

Ironically, the strides Homedale Elementary has made in academic achievement is a reason that the school won’t be eligible to re-apply for the grant.

“Homedale Elementary has made huge gains in academics, due in part to this funding which is no longer available. With budget cuts and no funding, we cannot sustain the additional academic and enrichment programs that were provided by the 21st Century Grant,” she said.

“This makes me really sad,” staff member Shelley Townsend said. “It’s been a good program and we’ve touched a lot of lives. It has been a safe place for kids to go after school.”

The grant guidelines do not allow the school to have a new grant to replace the old grant, according to Vasquez. The school would not be able to run the same kind of program on a new grant, she said.

“The intent of the five years is to give schools and communities the opportunity to make the program self-sustaining, but with our cuts, that isn’t feasible,” Vasquez said.

“We will not be able to replace the same after-school activities, but will be providing some type of extended academic opportunities,” Vasquez said, referring to next year.

She said the school will attempt to meet students needs “with a different type of structure” next year.

Before the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant was awarded in the spring of 2009, Homedale Elementary operated an after-school program two days per week with the help of volunteers from the Homedale Neighborhood INC organization.

The 21st Century CLC grants are supportive of schools with the greatest need, and one, two and three star schools take priority over four and five star schools, and first time grant applications take priority over previously funded schools, she said.

The school has been upgraded this year to a four-star school in the state Department of Education’s new standardized testing program. Previously, Homedale Elementary was a three-star school based on test scores and other performance evaluations.

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Ezziqiel Escalante assembles blocks during an art class.



Cooking class creates some excitement as children learn to bake cookies. From left, Carter Atwood, Joseph Padilla, Devin Kent, Daryl Ramirez, Diana Jimenez, Mariana Garcia, Marysol Mata, and Luis Juan. Instructor is Carol McMichael.



Brian Hurtado, Luci Rojas and Daniela Diaz concentrate on making artwork while listening to an audio story during the after-school drama class.



Kaden Morris works on assembling a Lego airplane, which will be computer animated, while Lizett Chavez supervises.

Marsing girls hoping for No. 2 seed

Austin Emry sets PR in 55 hurdles

Avalanche Sports

Trojans ready to host Rodger Nash Duals

Established wrestling meet flies under new flag this year

Thirteen high schools will send wrestlers to Saturday's Rodger Nash Duals at Homedale High School. The Trojans play host to the tournament, which will have 10 matches going at all times throughout the day. The action starts

in both gymnasiums at 9 a.m. This the first year that the tournament — formerly called the Homedale Duals — will be held in honor of the late community leader and father of former standout wrestlers Steve and Ryan Nash. Every 3A Snake River Valley conference school except Fruitland will send a team to the tournament. Joining Homedale, Parma, Payette and Weiser from Idaho are Wendell and Emmett. Currently in Class 4A, the Huskies

will join the 3A SRV next year. Adrian is among the Oregon schools that will send wrestlers to the tournament. Mac Hi, which is Trojans coach Toby Johnson's alma mater from Milton-Freewater, Ore., Baker, Vale, Crane, Union and Pine Eagle from Halfway, Ore., are among the out-of-state schools that will compete. There will be six rounds of competition. Each will last about 75 minutes, and two teams will be on a bye in each round. Each team will wrestle five dual meets

throughout the day, and tournament coordinator Mark Boothby, Homedale's assistant coach, said that some of the smaller teams may be combined to make one dual team. "If teams have extra wrestlers, some may fill in at an empty slot in another team's dual roster," Boothby said. At the end of the tournament, the wrestlers with best records in each weight class will earn Outstanding Wrestler medals. There also will be an Outstanding Team trophy on the line.

Locals take down Padilla championships

Six medalists send Homedale wrestlers to fourth

Fueled by two individual championships, Homedale High School wrestlers finished fourth Saturday in the Padilla Invitational in Parma. With Andy Montes (98 pounds) and Curtis Stansell (182) collecting championships, the Trojans placed just nine points behind third-place Vale, Ore. "We looked pretty good," HHS coach Toby Johnson said. "Pulling six medals this weekend is a real confidence boost as we head toward district and state." Other Padilla medalists included Nash Johnson (third at 126), Colton Grimm (third at 195), Caleb Meligan (fourth at 113) and Jakobee Osborn (fifth at 220). Rounding out the limited participation for Homedale, Jesse Watson competed at 132, and Dylan Sharp was entered at 145. "We were missing some key guys with injuries. We hope to be twice as strong in those last two weekends," Toby Johnson said. "We have the talent. We just need to stay healthy."

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Marsing High School senior Austin Williams, right, manhandles his opponent during the Padilla Invitational in Parma on Saturday. Williams finished second at 160 pounds. Photo by Sarah Grossman

Three Huskies collect medals in Parma tourney

Three of four Marsing High School wrestlers who made the trip to Parma on Saturday returned with medals. For the second week in a row, junior Noah Grossman and senior Austin Williams reached the championship matches in their brackets. Grossman capped his Padilla Invitational stay with another title at 220 pounds, while Austin Williams earned a silver medal at 160. Another senior, Brad Labit, finished sixth at 170 pounds. Edwin Gonzalez didn't place, but the Huskies coaches say they continue to see great strides from the freshman. After the 220-pound bracket shrank because of the loss of some competitors, Grossman went to work as the No. 2 seed in a seven-athlete field. He pinned Jakobee Osborn in the second round then got some revenge in the title match. Facing Emmett senior Zach Hall, Grossman won the championship

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Oviedo overwhelms opponents in two HHS boys wins

Trojans boys end SRV first half unbeaten

Closing out an opponent on a tough court, such as Weiser High School, is always a challenge. But the Homedale boys' basketball team had the right mentality and the right man for the job in a 60-52 3A Snake River Valley conference win Jan. 21. "Weiser is always a tough place to play. I was happy to get a win," Trojans coach Casey Grove said.

With senior Caleb Oviedo en route to another double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds, Homedale took control with a 20-point second quarter. The Trojans (13-2 overall, 4-0 3A SRV) closed out the first half of conference play Friday night with an easy 56-20 victory at Payette as Oviedo delivered 17 points on 8-for-10 shooting and a successful three-point play. "Caleb has really developed over the off-season," Grove said. "Last year, he was a great player; he just needed to be in better shape if he wanted to make a big impact

this year. "Caleb ran cross country this year and lost 25 pounds. He came into basketball season a man on a mission. I said at the beginning of the year that Caleb was going to be the surprise player in the SRV. So far, that statement has held true." Homedale led by as many as 15 points in the fourth quarter.



Caleb Oviedo

"They hit a few three-pointers towards the end to make it close," Grove said. "We did a good job making good decisions at the end of the game." The Trojans committed a season-low nine turnovers. Junior Dillon Lowder had 16 points and three steals. Talon Frelove scored 10 points and chipped in with a rebound, a steal and two assists while not committing a foul. "Talon Frelove, in my opinion, had the best game of the year for him," Grove said. "His other stats didn't jump off the page, but he

did all of the little things to make our team successful." **Friday: Homedale 56, Payette 20** — The Trojans' opening 21-8 run snowballed to steamroll the Pirates. Leading 32-14 at half, Homedale held Payette to six second-half points, including just a free throw in the fourth quarter. Trey Lane fired in three three-point goals as part of co-team-high 17 points for the Trojans. Oviedo had eight rebounds, and Lane Sale seven rebounds and four blocked shots. Angel Cardenas also helped on defense with three steals and two deflections.

Sports

Weiser puts brakes on Homedale girls' momentum

Two nights after seemingly jumping the driver's seat in its quest for a top seed, the Homedale High School girls' basketball team stumbled on the road Saturday.

Weiser pulled off a 42-41 3A Snake River Valley conference upset against the visiting Trojans on Saturday night.

Homedale (14-5 overall, 5-2 in conference before Tuesday's game against Payette) was never able to break free from the Wolverines.

On Thursday, Homedale delivered a huge home victory with a 47-29 conference rout of Parma behind a season-high 18 points from Morgan Nash.

"That win lets us control our own destiny now in terms of securing the No. 1 seed in our tournament," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said at the time.

Thursday: Homedale 47, Parma 29 — The Trojans opened on an 11-5 run and closed with a 17-6 spurt in the fourth quarter.

"Our defense really came on strong in the second half and we held them to single-digit points in both the third and fourth quarters," Betancourt said.

Homedale outscored the Panthers, 26-11, after halftime.

Tory Lane filled the stat sheet with nine points, five rebounds, three assists, three steals and three blocks.

Destiny Long had a team-high nine rebounds, and Elise Shenk had five points and two boards.

Makayla Stockett led Parma with 15 points.

Jan. 21: Vale, Ore., 47, Homedale 45 — The top-ranked Class 3A team in Oregon rode a 16-0 second-half run to a come-from-behind victory on the Trojans' floor.

"For three quarters, we played some of the best basketball I've seen these girls play since I've been out there in Homedale," Betancourt said. "Then in the fourth quarter, we just turned the ball over way too much."

Homedale went eight minutes without a point after the Trojans broke the Vikings' press and Kaylee Rupp scored for a 41-30 lead with five seconds left in the third.

Homedale committed 11 of its 24 turnovers in the fourth quarter as unbeaten Vale continued to apply pressure.

"Against a team as good as Vale, you just can't have that many in a single quarter," Betancourt said. "Overall, though, I thought the girls played great and a game like that gets us ready to play in games like (Thursday vs. Parma)."

Homedale's offense was spread out among several players.

Lane had 10 points and four assists, while Long scored nine points and grabbed two rebounds.

Rupp had eight points, but was held to two rebounds. Junior forward Hannah Bates led all players with 15 points for Vale.

Danyelle Williams hit a three-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer to spark Vale's comeback.



Homedale High School's Morgan Nash, right, tries to dribble around Vale, Ore.'s Kami Hawkins during last week's non-conference game on the Trojans' floor. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Homedale student-athletes selling steak, crab feed tickets until Friday

Nearly half of the tickets available for the second annual Homedale Booster Club steak and crab feed are spoken for.

Student-athletes will continue to sell tickets for the fundraiser until Friday. After that, tickets will be available through the high school.

The event, which also features a raffle and a live and silent auction, takes place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Tickets are \$45 per person, and there are a total of 400 tickets available. Nineteen tables, which hold eight people each, have been sold as well, accounting for the majority of tickets sold. Reserved tables are \$50 per person for a party of eight.

Proceeds will be dispersed among Homedale high school and middle school athletic programs. The inaugural event raised about \$20,000 last year.

For more information, contact Casey Grove at cgrove@homedaleschools.org or 340-4611.

Each sports team is creating a different theme basket that will be available during the event, including:

- Baseball — Hair/Salon (hair products and gift card for salon services) and Sports (variety of sports balls and equipment)
- Volleyball — Chocolate (variety of chocolates)
- Cheerleading — Spa Day/Night (lotions, fragrances, spa items)
- Girls' basketball — Movie (movies, goodies to eat while watching movies)
- Track and field — "Hit the Road Jack" (small-sized shampoo, grooming products; everything you need to take on a vacation)
- Wrestling — Peace, Love & Coffee (coffee mugs, variety of coffees, gift cards to coffee shops)
- Tennis — Game Night (board games, etc.)
- Golf — Golfing (all things golf)
- Football — Sports, Games & Fun (combination of items for sports and games)
- Boys' basketball — Idaho Gifts (everything made in Idaho)
- Softball — Lottery Tickets (variety of Idaho Lottery scratch tickets)
- Cross Country — "The Grill Master" (items used for BBQ-ing)



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Athlete of the Week

Curtis Stansell, sr., wrestling

The Play -- Stansell captured the 182-pound championship at the Padilla Invitational on Saturday in Parma. He pinned Emmett's Jeremy Walker in the fourth minute of their final.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity

Saturday, Feb. 8 at 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., TBA

Junior varsity

Monday, Feb. 3, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 4, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA

Wednesday, Feb. 5, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA

Frosh-soph

Monday, Feb. 3, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 4, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA

Wednesday, Feb. 5, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA

Boys' Basketball

Varsity

Saturday, Feb. 1 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Saturday, Feb. 1 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph

Saturday, Feb. 1 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Thursday, Jan. 30, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1, home for Rodger Nash Duals, 8 a.m.

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Sports

Marsing girls cling to district tournament’s No. 2 seed

Huskies looking for help after loss to Melba

The Marsing High School girls’ basketball team doesn’t play until Friday, but the Huskies started the week hoping for a lot of breaks in games leading up to their 2A Western Idaho Conference showdown with visiting New Plymouth.

“We’re still second, but it’s going to take a lot of help to remain second,” first-year coach Jaime Wood said. “So right now, we’re looking anywhere from the

second to the fourth seed.”

Before the Huskies (10-9 overall, 7-4 in conference) split their two 2A WIC games last week, Wood said the team had a chance to play either at home or on a neutral court for the rest of the season with a good finish to the conference scheduled.

But, hampered in part by a lack of chances from the foul line, the Huskies stumbled Saturday, losing to visiting Melba, 37-31.

“The girls didn’t play that bad Saturday night,” Wood said. “There were just some other things that came into play.”

Those “other things” included a decided advantage for Melba from

the foul line. Even though the Mustangs connected on just 18 of 29 free throws, Marsing managed only four trips to the line all night, hitting three.

Marsing’s players continued their trend of good defense and strong rebounding, holding the Mustangs to just 13 points in the first half.

“They’ve been playing defense really well,” Wood said before Saturday’s setback. “It all starts with our zone defense, and the girls have picked up what we’re after.”

But Melba rallied in the second half and tied the game, 27-27, after three quarters. The Mustangs

dominated the fourth quarter to capture the win.

Shannon Clover canned three of the Huskies’ four three-point shots and finished with 15 points. Shelby Dines was held to five points.

Janey Reeves paced Melba with 10 points.

Thursday: Marsing 39, Cole Valley Christian 36 (OT) — After watching the Chargers tie the game on a buzzer-beater at the end of the fourth quarter, the Huskies made the free throws when it counted in the extra period.

“They’re going to go on runs,” Wood said of the Huskies’

opponents. “It’s just a matter of if you’re going to withstand it and go on a run, too.”

The Huskies connected on nine of 16 free throws, while Cole Valley was able to convert only four of 14.

Emily Tank continued to make an impact. Tank, who has been the starting point guard for more than a month, scored eight points.

Her emergence has given coach Jaime Wood’s squad another scoring element to go with Shelby Dines, who scored 12 against Cole Valley, and Shannon Clover, who added nine.

Marissa Hardy also contributed six points.

Marsing boys still trying to perfect winning formula

Defense stifles two tough foes, but team can’t cash in against North Star

It’s mental vs. physical for the Marsing High School boys’ basketball team these days.

Marsing rallied from a sluggish first half Friday, but couldn’t complete a comeback against what first-year coach Tim Little calls one of the two best teams in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

North Star Charter held a 17-point lead at the break and held on for a 43-33 triumph in Marsing.

Marsing (4-11 overall, 2-5 2A WIC) held North Star to 17 points in the second half after falling into a 15-3 hole in the first quarter and staring at a 26-9 halftime deficit.

“To battle back like we did; That’s the thing about this group. They’re physical effort is never in question,” Little said. “They’re working their tails off ’til the end every game.”

“They just have to learn the mental aspect of what’s a good shot, what’s a bad shot and put that into play.”

Little said his players may have gotten caught up in the importance of the game and were swept up in the energy of a good home crowd.

That recipe took Marsing out of its offensive game, Little said,

as his players took 12 three-point shots and hit just one.

“We’re just not a good outside-shooting team,” the coach said. “We just need to get a good look. We can’t take three-point shots from deep.”

Rodrigo Acuna scored 12 points and swiped five steals. Dylan Breshears had seven rebounds, and Les Loucks threw in seven points.

Connor Drollinger scored 17 for North Star.

Marsing is fighting to stay out of the 2A District III Tournament play-in game, which features the conference’s sixth- and seventh-place teams. The quest to get into the double-elimination bracket begins Saturday on the road

against Nampa Christian.

The defensive aspect seems to be right where Little would like to see it. Marsing held both of its opponents last week to fewer than 45 points.

“I think defensively things are coming around,” Little said. “Once we understand the discipline that offense takes, we’ll at least make other coaches nervous heading into district if not upset a few.”

Jan. 21: Marsing 50, New Plymouth 44 — Jose Acuna fired in four three-point goals and 23 points to fuel the Huskies big come-from-behind conference victory over the Pilgrims on the road.

“To go into New Plymouth to get a road win with the season

we’re having was a big win,” Little said.

Trailing by 11 points in the third quarter, Marsing trimmed the deficit to five points by the start of the fourth quarter. A 23-12 run over the final eight minutes cinched the comeback.

“We shot the ball well in the third quarter and the fourth quarter, which obviously helps,” Little said. “But that also gives them confidence and a spark on the defensive end.”

Rodrigo Acuna chipped in seven points, and Seth Hardy added six. Skye Shore chipped in four.

Tyler Powell scored 11 points, and Kyler Harris added 10 for New Plymouth.

MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete of the Week

Jose Acuna, sr., boys’ basketball

The Play -- Acuna connected on four three-point goals to highlight a season-high 23 points as the Huskies hit the road and beat New Plymouth, 50-44, in a tough setting.



Boys’ Basketball

Varsity
Saturday, Feb. 1 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5 home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Saturday, Feb. 1 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5 home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Saturday, Feb. 1 at Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5 home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Girls’ Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 31, home vs. New Plymouth, Senior Night, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 2A District III Tournament play-in game, if nec., TBA
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 31, home vs. New Plymouth, Senior Night, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1 at 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament, TBA
Monday, Feb. 3 at 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament, TBA

Husky Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 31 at 1A-2A Western Idaho Conference pod tournament, New Plymouth, TBA

Go Huskies!



Sports

Antelopes medal at Padilla

Two Adrian High School wrestlers earned medals Saturday at the Padilla Invitational in Parma.

Shane Miller wrestled his way through the consolation bracket after a first-round loss to finish fifth at 145 pounds.

He received his medal after a forfeit victory over Parma's Logan Case in the fifth-place match.

Marcus Furtado brought home

a sixth-place medal at 98 pounds after Weiser's Alex Raby pinned him in 37 seconds of their fifth-place match.

Furtado pinned Marsing's Edwin Gonzalez in the quarterfinals then lost a semifinal match to Skyview's Trystin Dehority to fall into the consolation bracket.

Luke Campbell (138), Ramon Dalla (160) and Drake Marquez (160) were 0-2 for the Antelopes.

✓ Huskies: Frosh Gonzalez continues impressive growth

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with a pin 19 seconds before the final buzzer. Hall had defeated Grossman, 18-12, earlier this month for the championship at the Skyview Duals.

Williams lost a dramatic 160-pound championship match, 9-8, to Weiser senior Dustin Kistenmacher, 9-8, for a dramatic championship victory at 160

pounds.

Williams' road to the final began with a 17-2 technical fall victory over Randon Gyer of Middleton. He pinned Parma's Kyle Nelson in 1:37 and then beat Paden Bailey of Emmett, 17-6, in the semifinals.

Parma's Cody Negri pinned Labit at the 2:20 mark of their fifth-place match at 170 pounds.



Homedale's Nash Johnson is upended by La Grande's Jonathan Gonzalez during their semifinal match. Gonzalez went on to a 6-2 decision. Photo by John L. Braese/The Malheur Enterprise

✓ Homedale: Injuries send Trojans to SRV dual defeat

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A sophomore, Montes beat Skyview freshman Trystin Dehority, 9-2, for the 98-pound title. It was the second tournament championship in as many weeks for Montes.

A senior, Stansell pinned Emmett junior Jeremy Walker 65 seconds into the second round of their 182-pound final.

Nash Johnson edged fellow sophomore Shane Loughran of Weiser, 6-4, for third place at 126.

Grimm also defeated a Weiser wrestler for his medal. The junior pinned senior Anthony Baker 20 seconds before the end of the first round in the 195-pound third-place match.

Parma senior Dakota Whittaker wrangled the 113-pound third-place medal with a 7-2 win over Meligan, who is a ninth-grader.

Jakobee Osborn bounced back from a loss to eventual bracket champion Noah Grossman of Marsing in a preliminary match to pin Nyssa, Ore.'s Alexander Garcia for fifth place. The sophomore ended the medal match at the 3:40 mark.

Thursday: Payette 39, Homedale 36 — Nash Johnson and Jovan Cornejo pinned their opponents Thursday, but Homedale's injury-depleted lineup led to too many forfeits in a 3A Snake River Valley conference loss on the Pirates' mat.

Johnson pinned Elias Hernandez at 126 pounds, and Cornejo pinned Walker Lambert at 170.

The Trojans' other four wins came by forfeit, and Payette was able to pile up points by getting five of their six on-mat victories by pinfall.



Rimrock's Kyla Jewett, right, drives against Liberty Charter's Hannah Teraberry during last week's big win. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Raiders rapidly decide issue of WIC leaders

Rimrock High School devastated the conference's reigning girls' basketball championship with a fast start.

The Raiders led by 19 points at halftime in Nampa and cruised to a 47-24 1A Western Idaho Conference victory over Liberty Charter in a battle of unbeaten co-conference leaders.

Rimrock came out of the locker room for the second half with a 27-8 lead when Sami Bachman went to work.

She hit both of her three-point goals in the first 3½ minutes of the third quarter and Rimrock widened its lead to 39-10. Her first trey gave the Raiders a 28-point lead, 36-8. She finished with 10 points.

Kyla Jewett scored 14 of her game-high 21 points in the first

half. She hit two three-pointers as part of 10 points in the second quarter as the Raiders went on a 17-4 run.

Desi Meyers scored eight points.

The result of Rimrock's conference game against Wilder in Bruneau on Friday night was not reported.

Thursday: Rimrock 37, Glenns Ferry 26 — Bonnie Standlee came down with a season-high 10 rebounds to help the Raiders stifle the Pilots in a non-conference game in Bruneau.

Jewett drained three three-point goals and scored each of her game-high 15 points from the floor. Bachman had eight points.

Melissa Garza scored 12 for Glenns Ferry.

Rimrock boys' offense sputters

Cody Steele cooled off and the Rimrock High School boys' basketball team had a rough week.

A week after scoring back-to-back 30-point nights, Steele was limited to 11 points in a 63-23 1A Western Idaho Conference loss to Liberty Charter in Nampa on Jan. 21.

Glenns Ferry routed the Raiders, 61-15, in a non-conference road game Thursday.

The result of Friday's 1A WIC game against Wilder was not reported.

Jan. 21: Liberty Charter 63, Rimrock 23 — The fourth-ranked Patriots book-ended the game with devastating quarters.

Liberty Charter opened on a 24-5 tear and shut out Rimrock, 13-0, over the final eight minutes.

Rigo Lino and Samuel Simper scored four each for Rimrock.

Liam Cley scored 13 to lead Liberty Charter.

Jan. 17: Rimrock 51, Greenleaf Friends Academy 38 — Ramon Salinas scored 11 points and collected 10 rebounds in a 1A WIC game in Bruneau.

"This was only our second win of the season, but the players are starting to come together as a team," Rimrock coach John Hannah said.

Steele led all scorers with 23.

Jan. 14: Idaho City 63, Rimrock 47 — Steele notched his second consecutive 30-point night, but only three other Raiders scored in a 1A WIC road loss.

The Wildcats scored 22 second-quarter points to blow open the game and take a 35-18 lead into the locker room.

Held to 10 points in the first half, Steele did his best to bring Rimrock back and finished with 32 points.

Emry notches career-best in 55 hurdles

HHS grad, Montana teammates compete in Pocatello this week

Austin Emry set a personal record while getting two wins for the University of Montana indoor track and field team Friday.

The redshirt senior, a 2009 Homedale High School graduate, ran a 7.53-second race to win the

55-meter hurdles at the Montana State Double Dual in Bozeman, Mont.

He also turned in a season-best effort with a 23-foot winning effort in the long jump.

Emry gets closer to home

Friday and Saturday when the Grizzlies take part in the Mountain State Games on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

Idaho State University also is the site of the Feb. 27-March 1 Big Sky Conference indoor championships, for which Emry has qualified in the heptathlon, 55 hurdles, long jump and high jump.

Four Trojans medal in JV tournament

Homedale High School junior varsity wrestlers pulled four medals in Ontario, Ore., on Saturday, including Coty Ford's

third-place finish at 126 pounds.

Fourth-place medals went to Luis Garza (113), Pedro Vasquez (120) and Shane Keller (145).

Others competing included Quentin Thornton and Drew Taylor (138) and 195-pounder Gavin Palumbo.



Rodger and Ardis Nash of Homedale.

Rodger Nash honored with wrestling tournament name



The children of Rodger and Ardis Nash, from left, Ryan, Valerie, Steve and Shannon.

Family continues athletic legacy

A man who started life out in a two room farmhouse near Homedale and raised a family of top athletes and wrestling champions will be honored posthumously on Saturday.

The annual Homedale Duals wrestling tournament has been renamed as The Rodger Nash Duals as a tribute to the late Rodger S. Nash, who passed away in 2010.

Nash was a Homedale High School athlete who, by his high standards and family values, built a legacy of Trojan pride that lives on through his four adult children and 10 grandchildren.

On Saturday, a banner honoring Nash will be raised at the tournament by Nash's sister, Mil Shanley, and Mark Boothby, tournament director.

Incidentally, the tournament happens to fall on Nash's birthday, Feb. 1.

Rodger Nash's four children, Valerie, Steve, Shannon and Ryan are all HHS graduates and were involved in athletics.

Both Steve and Ryan were top wrestlers and football players. The two brothers were also assistant coaches for the wrestling team at one time.

Steve Nash was four-time district champion and two-time state wrestling champion, and he was on the baseball team. He continues as assistant coach on the Trojans' varsity softball team.

Ryan Nash was state runner-up as a freshman, and a three-time state wrestling champion. Ryan was also a state medalist in track and obtained a black-belt in Judo. He is the assistant coach for the middle school wrestling team and he also teaches at the Owyhee County Judo club in town.

Valerie Nash served as a top statistician for the wrestling club, and she was active in track and volleyball.

Shannon Nash was active on a district championship volleyball team. She also qualified for the state track meet in the hurdles.

The Nash siblings recently talked about their father's generosity, sense of humor, loyalty and his love for his family. They agreed that both their parents—Rodger and Ardis -- taught them the value of hard work and determination.

"Dad's integrity and morals were second to none," Steve Nash said. "I try to make decisions today based on if Dad would approve. He was also one of those friends you only get once in a lifetime, always there ready to listen or help."

"Dad was the most generous person I knew, and he lived every day with a deep sense of responsibility to love and take care of his family," Shannon said.

"Dad was a man of integrity. If he made a deal with somebody, he stuck by his word," Ryan said.

It is impossible to remember Rodger Nash, without also

remembering his wife, Ardis. She taught English at the high school for many years and started the Wrestling Rallies Club, which she supervised.

Education continues to be a tradition in the family, as Shannon currently teaches art at Homedale Middle School.

"Our parents didn't expect perfection, but they did expect us to always do our best," Shannon said.

"Mom made us finish what we started and in the process we were required to give it everything we had. That was how she lived her life," Steve Nash said.

"Mom told me that the interaction you have with a kid, whether coaching or teaching, will either have a positive or negative impact on every child you come in contact

"Mom and Dad taught us to persevere. If we started something, we finished it." —Ryan Nash

with, and it's extremely important that you take that role very seriously because you're molding young lives. I think about her advice often," Ryan said.

"Our parents supported us in every way and sacrificed much to make sure all of us were able to go to college and receive our degrees. They provided us with a foundation of love and taught us that family is everything," Valerie Stacey said.

"Mom and Dad taught us to persevere. If we started something, we finished it. There were times when things got tough in sports or college and I felt like giving up, but they were always there to support and encourage me to see things through," Ryan said.

"Thanks to my parents, I never thought there was anything I couldn't try, even if it wasn't a traditional path," Valerie said.

The Nash siblings agreed upon the values they learned from both parents. They listed the important ones as treating

other people the way you'd want to be treated, being good role models for your children, having a competitive spirit that is tempered by humility, and remembering that education is the key to the future.

All four Nash children have college degrees.

All the siblings agreed that the idea of "pay it forward" describes their parents' philosophy, so they believe it is important to be able to teach their children to be good students, hard workers and responsible citizens, so they in turn will "pay it forward" to their children.

Rodger Nash was born in 1934, the son of Hoyt and Opal Nash. He was the second of five children who were raised in a tiny two-room home on a 40-acre homestead, where five generations of Nashes lived.

In high school, Rodger was active in basketball, track, baseball and football, and he was named "all-state" guard. He was involved in drama club, the newspaper, FHA, Boys Home Economics, and was "H" club (the letterman's club) president. Rodger was also involved in student council and was voted student body president in his senior year.

Rodger Nash farmed for more than 20 years near Homedale, growing potatoes, sugar beets and corn. He worked for Amalgamated Sugar, W-D Seed, and the Idaho Potato Growers Association (later Carnation), before retiring in 1999.

The Nashes were married 48 years, when Ardis passed away in March 2009. Rodger passed away in January 2010.

Together, Rodger and Ardis left behind a legacy of Trojan pride.

There are 10 grandchildren, and all of them are Homedale Trojans, honor students and in athletics.

The Nashes' siblings and their spouses all live in Homedale. They are Valerie and Steve Stacey, Steve and Leslie Nash, Shannon and Toby Johnson, and Ryan

and Heidi Nash. Shannon's husband Toby Johnson teaches third grade at HES and he has been HHS wrestling coach for the past 15 years.

"In the history of Homedale, Rodger Nash was behind everything that put the wrestling team on the map," Toby Johnson said.

The Homedale Police Department's Community Fund is named the Rodger Nash Memorial Activities Fund. Chief Jeff Eidemiller uses the proceeds for Shop with a Cop and other community activities each year.

"Dad genuinely loved the town of Homedale. He did all of his shopping here. He hated when the city was in turmoil and was not afraid to back those in the city government that felt like he did," Steve said.

**Story and photos
by Karen Bresnahan**



This is the banner that will be displayed at the Rodger Nash Duals tournament Saturday.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 1, 1989

BOCC, sheriff to talk; no immediate solution seen

Owyhee’s three county commissioners have indicated strong willingness to sit down with Sheriff Tim Nettleton to discuss his budget problems, but they may not be able to provide relief, a preliminary check indicates.

Nettleton announced last week that, due to cuts made in his department’s budget for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, and only recently discovered, he was stopping virtually all further overtime service by personnel and reducing services “to 85 percent of what has been done in the past.” Nettleton said salary budgets for all other county departments were 5 percent higher, while his is 6 percent lower.

County Commissioners Board Chairman Richard Bass of Reynolds Creek responded Friday that “they’re not getting a reduction in pay — they’re being limited in overtime. Overtime is very hard to budget for, but deputies wages are not being cut.”

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Nettleton had explained, he must by law pay time and a half for all overtime work beyond the normal workweek. Apparently, it is the budget amount allowed for overtime that is the chief bone of contention between the Sheriff and the Owyhee County Commissioners.

Bass maintained, “If it’s an emergency, they’ll be able to work overtime.” He added that deputies work “a lot on their own, under very lax supervision,” and “you can’t give them unlimited overtime.”

Three men honored

Seventy-six years of service to the Owyhee Soil Conservation District by three men were honored at its annual dinner last week. John Malmberg of Marsing was presented with a hat for his service to the OSCD over the past 18 years as its chairman. He also received a certificate of appreciation for his 25 years as an associate and supervisor. Alvin Benson of Melba and George Earl of Melba both received watches for their 35 and 26 years of service on the board. Earl also received a certificate of appreciation as an outgoing supervisor.

Homedale 8th graders are WIC champs

The eighth-grade boys in Homedale capped an undefeated basketball season Jan. 24 in Parma with a 32-24 win over the Melba Mustangs. It gave the Junior Trojans the Junior High WIC Division I championship over six other area teams — and a perfect 14-0 season record. Nyssa won the consolation slot with a win over Vale.

Nolan Taggart, HHS-JHS principal, said he could not recall another local eighth-grade basketball team in about the last 15 years that wound up undefeated through the entire season.

“They looked really sharp, and played really well together,” he said.

Coach Dennis Ankeny said his players “probably played their best game of the year” in winning the championship, which was a close matchup into the third quarter. Homedale led 4-3 at the end of the first quarter, 12-11 at halftime, and 22-17 at the end of the third quarter.

Ryan Landa scored the most points in the game, 14, followed by Tony Uranga with 8, and Andy Ankeny with 4. Shane Dines, Travis Trout and Trinity Huskey provided a bucket apiece toward the final tally.

Rimrock Lady Raiders win Dist. A-4 South title

The Rimrock Lady Raiders and their coach, Karen Kohring, took home the District A-4 South title Saturday night at Melba with a victory over Nampa Christian in a double overtime.

The Raiders were led in scoring by Mary Janis with 40 points. In the second overtime, Nampa Christian found itself in serious foul trouble. The Raiders moved in for the kill and defeated them soundly with a 72-54 win. This victory guarantees them a berth in the state tournament Feb. 9-11.

50 years ago

January 30, 1964

Chamber of Commerce lists committees for 1964

Finances of the Chamber of Commerce, and receipts and expenditures in connection with the annual community development banquet were discussed at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Homedale group held Tuesday noon.

A discussion was also held concerning purchasing of supplies and services in the county by county officers. Uniform assessing of business property was also discussed and it was agreed to obtain the county assessor to discuss this subject.

Three guests were present, Ralph Haken and Allen Gowey of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce and Leonard Wilson, Boise.

A. E. “Spud” Murphy and Everett Colley were appointed to a committee to supply information for a Chamber of Commerce ad in the Rock Hounds magazine published by the Pow-Wows.

Chamber of Commerce committees for 1964 announced by President Herman Koenig are:

Public affairs, Orville Soper, Richard B. Eismann, Kenneth Downing.

Agriculture, Norman Tolmie, A. E. Murphy, Bob Slatter.

Publicity, Everett Colley.

Special activities, Vic Uria, Russell Sayers, Merill Baigrie, Ed Manning, Dick Logan, Bill Bredy, Jim Duncan.

Bridge and highways, Frank Matteson, Paul Zatica, Richard Eismann, Homer Anderson.

Homedale tops Marsing, 67-47

Homedale won its initial Snake River Valley B league game by dropping Marsing, 67-47, here Friday night.

Marsing made the game close in the first half as it fought to a 31-31 halftime score after leading during the first quarter of play.

Homedale opened up in the second half to dominate the game.

Bill Cegnar of Homedale hit 21 points to lead the field for the night. Marsing’s Dan Gibbons hit 18 to lead the Huskies.

School board plans discussion of crowding

How well do you know your public schools? Are you aware that overcrowding of classrooms, especially in the high school, is now a major problem? Do you know that projected enrollment by 1968 in the high school is 315 pupils, with present enrollment already above 230 in a building designed for a maximum of 200?

The Homedale school board plans to discuss these problems, and some possible solutions, at its next regular meeting, Monday Feb. 10 at Washington school and invites school patrons and interested citizens to attend, according to Allen George, board chairman.

A citizens committee, to explore the possibilities of coping with increased enrollment both in the high school and secondary school, is being considered by the board.

The trustees also plan to write informative articles on the school requirements, which will be published in the Chronicle to better acquaint school patrons and the public with the needs of the school system in the next few years, according to Supt. Deward Bell.

Homedale Rod and Gun Club announces essay winners

President Louis Breshears of the Homedale Rod and Gun Club has announced the local winners in the junior division of the Wildlife Essay Contest.

First place plaque was won by Vickie Howell; 2nd by Cathy Phelps, and 3rd by Diana George.

Framed honorable mention certificates were also given to Debra Murray, Douglas Larzelier, and Sara Brandon.

The top three essays on “My Stake in Wildlife Conservation” were entered in the state contest sponsored by the Idaho Wildlife Federation to be judged by members of the Fish and Game Department.

140 years ago

January 31, 1874

LOCAL MINING RECORD.

GOLDEN CHARIOT. Contractors are sinking the main shaft of the Golden Chariot 50 feet deeper. The 7th level of the Minnesota is looking splendid — ore from 3 to 5 feet wide and very rich. The total bullion shipment for December was \$63,435. Superintendent Clark is one of the most thorough and practical miners on the Pacific Coast, and keeps things in tip-top shape both in and about his mine.

MAHOGANY. The 8th level is being timbered and preparations made to sink the shaft for the 9th level. The ore in the 8th looks first-rate so far as it has been delivered. Superintendent Wilson will chiefly direct his attention to putting the mine in good shape for extensive operations in the spring.

WAR EAGLE. The main shaft is now down 140 feet below the 5th level, and the 6th level has been started at a depth of 135 feet, drifting both north and south in fine-looking ore. The main shaft will be put down 100 feet deeper between now and spring, at which time the mine will be in splendid shape for taking out ore.

We close with a couple of extracts from late San Francisco papers — the first from the Post, and second from the Chronicle:

Idaho stocks have been as steady as a line boat on the Erie Canal in a storm, varying but a trifle up or down, while other stocks were knocked hither and yon by heavy seas, created by scared operators and lame ducks. The news from the leading mines, Golden Chariot and South Chariot, has been of a character to give the different managements the greatest confidence in future development and promises to pay.

The Idaho stocks are as strong generally as a six-bull team. The Comstocks may be offish, the Ely droopy. Belmont make their double-back action somersaults, but anyone who wants to buy the Idaho’s must pay for them. General Coll Dean is the big Idaho bull, and he holds them all up with a boldness that vies with the best efforts of his fellow bulls. Golden Chariot, South Chariot and Empire are the Idaho favorites, while War Eagle is quietly surging upwards.

THE SILVER CITY GRANGERS. At an adjourned meeting of the Grangers, held at the Court House in Silver City, on Saturday, 24th day of January, 1874, the following Resolutions were read and adopted:

WHEREAS, It is one of our great American privileges to form combinations for self-protection against the oppressions of corporations, rings, cliques and dishonest legislation, whether by Congress, State, or Territory; and whereas, we too, in common with a million at least of our fellow citizens scattered through all the States and Territories, are of opinion that the organization known as the “Patrons of Husbandry,” are destined to bring about the desired and coveted reform; therefore:

Resolved. That we do and will aid to the extent of whatsoever ability we have, the great reformatory movement now sweeping the country from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from Maine to Louisiana, and whose influence is already bringing the needful relief in Congressional legislation, to-wit: By the re-enactment of the five thousand Congressional salary bill; by legislating on and reducing freights and travel transportation on the Long Line Railroads; by reducing the salaries of all Custom House officers; and by deterring the Senate of the United States of America, interests are allied with corporations and corruptionists.

Resolved, Therefore, that this Lodge of Grangers returns thanks to W. J. Hill for the truthful! Able! Disinterested! And gentlemanly! Manner in which he refers to our Order and its principal officers.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be furnished to W. J. Hill for publication in the next issue of the Avalanche.

Gilmore Hays, R. E. Begus, Sec’s Chairman

Whew! What an undertaking for nine bogus Grangers, though led by that indefatigable old chief, the Honorable Gilmore Hays, and how monopolists everywhere will tremble when they read the above declaration of war!

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Lookin’ for cowboys

So there I was, changing planes in the DFW Texas airport. A 20-something lady looked up and said, “Well, it’s good to see a cowboy again.” “Where have you been?” I asked. “Arizona,” she said. I said, “There’s cowboys in Arizona.” “Not that I saw,” she said. “I was in Tucson.”

*They call ‘em a vanishing breed,
Take pictures like they’re all dyin’ out.
Like dinosaurs goin’ to seed,
But that’s my friends they’re talkin’ about.*

“Yer right,” I said, “Tucson isn’t the best place to look for cowboys.” “I thought you were a Texan,” she said. “Well, there’s plenty of cowboys in Texas,” I said, “But dang few in Dallas, unless you count Tony Romo and the football team.” “That’s right, I guess,” she said. “But,” I offered, “There’s plenty of cowboys most places you go. When you’re flyin’ over the country you see square miles of open space between airports, look down. Some of it’s green, or brown or yellow. In the Appalachians, Great Plains, Rockies, the Bread Basket, the Bible Belt and the Wild West. “The open space you see between metroplexes is probably being used for cattle grazing. In that vast expanse are waterholes, windmills, corrals, isolated ranch houses, cabins in the woods. In the palmetto or forest, there are cowboys who know every water tank, draw, canyon, bluff, fence, gate, and arroyo as well as you know your way to the refrigerator in the middle of the night. “Granted, they are often spread thin but from 30,000 feet in the air you will see long dirt roads goin’ somewhere. And if you watch long enough you’ll see a pickup and stock trailer kickin’ up dust. “So, if you’re lookin’ for cowboys in Tucson or Dallas, the odds are against you. If you want to a see a cowboy in real life, you’re gonna have to get outta town.”

*Some say they’re endangered species,
Destined to fade into footnotes like ropes that never get thrown.
To that I reply “bull feces,”
They’re just hard to see from the road!*

— 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.

Dave Shenk, Homedale



Reader’s Opinion What the Farm Bill really is

It is high time the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture tell our story. As farmers, ranchers and forest-related producers we need to present our side of the story. Idaho’s ability to survive the recent economic woes was greatly hedged by the very people who have become political targets. Here is a snapshot of what happened in 2010: Agriculture’s contributions in sales and subsequent ripple effect was \$19 billion (18 percent) of total sales, \$6.4 billion (12 percent) of Idaho’s Gross Sales Product (GSP). This created over 100,000 (12 percent) jobs in our state. (Source: University of Idaho Contribution of Agri-Business to Idaho’s Economy 2010). The slurs coming from those in the biased mainstream media state that we in Agri-Business are heavily subsidized via the “Farm Bill.” They continually throw out unallocated numbers that ignore facts. The largest portion of the bill (80 percent) goes to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as Food Stamps and school Free Lunch programs. (Source: US News & World Report). While taxpayers generally recognize that there is a need for this assistance, to what extent and how it should be administrated is justifiably debatable. The record shows it has been used as political currency for re-election purposes. It has and is currently being debated in Congress. An oversimplified reason and history for Farm Bills

(requiring reauthorization every five years or so) is to help agricultural producers while providing a stable and relative affordable food and fiber supply to the American consumer. Some of this help may be channeled through the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and it’s a small fraction of the overall Farm Bill’s budget for individual states. This is monetary as well as technical assistance and is administered for environmentally worthwhile projects. These projects may even be mandated by law. The Farm Bill was created in 1933 as a part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “New Deal” legislation. President Lincoln is credited with creating the USDA when he signed legislation in law on May 15, 1862. It is worth noting that folks in agriculture pay taxes that support all types of infrastructure in faraway places that may not have anything whatsoever to do with their prospective industry — it’s what Americans do. I wonder how agriculture affected the economic numbers for 2011 to 2103? Having a healthy, vibrant agricultural industry will always have a profound impact on our nation’s security. Last but not least farmers, ranchers and forest-related producers are not trolls who have never been enlightened enough to appreciate and revere their environment. Most are highly educated and love the very land they have been entrusted with. We touch it, breathe it and thank the Almighty for it. — Dave Shenk owns Shenk Livestock in Homedale.

Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch



From Washington Senate bill seeks efficiency in wildland firefighting

The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) reports that as of Nov. 7, there were 1,456 wildland fires in Idaho that burned 714,057 acres last year. As more resources go toward fire suppression, resources that could be used to implement projects that improve forest health, benefit forest communities and enhance public safety are squeezed. To improve the health of our federal lands, decrease the threat of catastrophic fires and ensure that firefighters have the resources needed to protect our communities, we joined Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) in co-sponsoring legislation that would give our firefighters and land managers more tools for efficient and effective fire management and strengthen fire prevention efforts. Last summer, we had the opportunity to join Sen. Wyden in visiting NIFC in Boise to thank firefighters for their work in fighting wildfires and discuss opportunities to improve the prevention of catastrophic fires by using collaborative land management efforts and stronger proactive management of the nation’s public lands. We must be as prepared as possible to address the ongoing threat of wildfires. This includes the smart allocation of limited resources in a way that does not deplete the ability to implement forward-thinking work that better enables fire prevention and improvement of the conditions that contribute to catastrophic fire. In eight of the past 10 years, federal agencies’ fire suppression efforts have been under-budgeted, which has led to resources being taken from important projects to cover the federal government’s response to wildland fires. For example, for Fiscal Year 2013, federal agencies borrowed more than \$600 million from other accounts to cover the costs of fire suppression. Additionally, according to statistics from the NIFC, federal fire suppression costs have risen from nearly \$240 million in 1985 to nearly \$1.9 billion in 2012.

We know that wildfires are going to continue to be a threat, and we can better prepare for the increasing costs of wildland fire management by making needed changes that will support the preparation of firefighters and land managers. That is why we partnered with Sen. Wyden in sponsoring bipartisan legislation, S. 1875, to provide for more efficient and effective fire management and decrease the threat to fire prevention. The legislation would better limit the reallocation of resources away from fire prevention and hazardous fuels reduction projects, which reduce the cycle of costly fires, and help cover the under-budgeted and growing cost of fire suppression. Importantly, the legislation would improve the way wildfire suppression is funded without increasing federal funding. The legislation accomplishes this by enabling emergency fire events to be treated like other major natural disasters by supporting these emergency wildfires through existing disaster programs. Emergency fire events would be funded under disaster programs, and the routine wildland firefighting costs would be funded through the regular budgeting process. By allocating funding for wildfire suppression from within existing disaster funding limits, the legislation does not increase federal funding. As we prepare for another fire season, it is better to take steps now that will put us on improved footing and ensure that those protecting our communities have the resources necessary to decrease the threat of fires and respond to wildland fires. Firefighters, land managers and forested communities deserve assurance that steps will be taken to continually improve the federal response to wildfires. This legislation would assist with that effort. — Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. Crapo is in his third six-year term. Republican Jim Risch was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2008 and is up for re-election this year.

Commentary

Financial management Tax obligation is No. 1 priority in any debt snowball

Dear Dave,
My husband has his own business installing windows. As a result, we now have IRS and state tax debt. We're managing the payments, but where should these debts be placed in the debt snowball plan?

— Olivia

Dear Olivia,
I don't usually cheat on the smallest-to-largest progression of the debt snowball, but I'd recommend moving these debts to the top of the list.
Both state and federal taxes come with ridiculous penalties and interest rates, and the authorities at either level have virtually unlimited power at their disposal to screw with your life if something bad happens. The IRS can actually take your money without suing

you. So, you don't want to become a blip on their radar screen by being late with payments.
Get it cleaned up as quickly as possible, Olivia. You don't want to mess around with these guys!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband died eight years ago, and I never closed his bank accounts that were opened when we lived in another state. We lived in Florida before moving to Oregon. I didn't probate the estate, and he did not have a will. I'm trying to work with the banks to get this settled, but they're giving me the runaround. Do you have any advice?

— Melinda

Dear Melinda,
The first thing you need to do is



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contact an attorney who handles estate planning. If the accounts were opened in Florida, but you both lived in Oregon at the time of his death, technically the estate would be probated in Oregon.

That may be what has to happen. If so, a judge would appoint you as executor. As executor, you can close the accounts and disperse any money to the rightful heir — which is you.

Be prepared, though. It may take somewhere between \$250 and \$500 in attorney fees and court costs to make this happen. If you're lucky, you might get a simple motion from the court that would cost you next to nothing. But find a good estate-planning attorney who knows Oregon law inside and out. Estate laws and probate laws differ from state to state, and Florida and Oregon both have some weird laws in these areas.

This probably seems like a lot of trouble, but you have to remember the banks are simply trying to protect themselves and follow the law. Anyone could

walk in with a death certificate (they're public record) and claim to be an heir. So, they have to have a court document in order to avoid any potential liability.

I'm sorry for your loss, Melinda. I know it still hurts after all this time, but you need to address this as soon as possible. I'm sure it's what your husband would have wanted.

— Dave

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

Letter to the editor Reporter captures the best in talented Owyheecans

I am enjoying the articles written by Karen Bresnahan. The first article that I read by her was about a young man proposing to his girlfriend in a very inventive way. I really enjoyed the article and then one day Karen called and made an appointment to interview my mother (Sonja Stephens) about her upcoming 100th birthday. Of course, we agreed and set an appointment.
Karen was so intuitive with my mother and gained my mother's interest and attention very fast. Mom talked very freely, and Karen appeared to ask all of the right questions. It went very well. We (all of our family, extended families and friends) really enjoyed the resulting article and agreed that it captured mom's personality, her interests and her basic life. It really was amazing and there were a lot of tears from many of us as we read the article. I wanted to thank all of you then, but held back a bit because I thought maybe I was just being a bit prideful about my mom. Actually I am so very proud of her (not for the 100 years thing), but because she has been such a wonderful mother and has such a good standard of life and keeps a good attitude. Not many people can express these characters and feelings in their old age, and so many of us younger generation seem to turn off what they do say. Thank all of you for having a paper that talks about the normal person.

I have read all of the articles Karen does now and really enjoy learning about the talent that is around us right here in Owyhee County. As soon as my husband brings the paper in, I open it up and read what she has to say about our community. I really enjoyed the stories today (Jan. 22) about Brian Smith and Tom Angle. And the girl last week that was going across the ocean for two years with the Peace Corps to help the children. I know that we have talented people, good people, and many different types of people in Owyhee County and I sure want you to know that I enjoy this new portion of the Avalanche very much.
Please keep those articles coming.
Kathy (and Joe) Gannuscio
Marsing

Americans for Limited Govt. America's freedom continues to slip

by Rick Manning

Our nation continues to lose its economic freedom. That is the conclusion of the just-released Heritage Foundation 2014 Index of Economic Freedom. Since President Obama took office, the United States of America has slipped six spots in the Index with this year's drop out of the world's top 10 freest economies serving as a cold slap in the face to those who equate Uncle Sam with freedom.
The Heritage report attributes the drop, "primarily due to deteriorations in property rights, fiscal freedom, and business freedom."

The report continues to describe the decline of economic freedom in the United States since 2006 (the middle of George W. Bush's second presidential term), saying there have been "particularly large losses in property rights, freedom from corruption, and control of government spending."

The United States has earned the dubious distinction of being the only country in the world, "to have recorded a loss of economic freedom each of the past seven years."
It should be no surprise to those who have followed the politics and government over the past seven years that the United States has experienced a dramatic expansion in the size and scope of government, even with recent attempts to rein in spending.

In 2006, the total outlays of the federal government were \$2.65 trillion compared with outlays in the past fiscal year of \$3.45 trillion. The good news is that over the past three years, spending has dropped by approximately \$200 billion; the bad news is that the cost of government has still increased by more than 30 percent in just seven years.

However, even more chilling is that the scope of government has expanded much more rapidly than even the dramatic increase in the budget shows.

The Environmental Protection Agency and other environmental regulators have been the primary culprits in this attack on economic freedom. These agencies under Obama have engaged in a regulatory war against domestically produced energy with a primary focus on destroying markets for coal, both at home and abroad.

However, the Obama Administration's efforts have not just been limited to attacks on coal. The Department of the Interior has made domestic energy development on public lands extremely difficult through impossible to meet licensing requirements, and taking large swaths of natural resources-rich land out of development.

Interior has also continued its attack on timber and other renewable resource industries under the false guise of species protection. This is exemplified by the federal government's attempts to dramatically increase the habitats of the northern spotted owl, in spite of the fact that the species thrives on timbered land, and its main biological problem is the Horned Owl, not any activity by man. This effort to expand habitats across the nation is a primary example of the overall loss of private property rights that has contributed to the precipitous decline in America's standing as one of the freest nation's in the world.

The report also measures whether a government is free from corruption, and has an honest electoral system. In this area, it notes that in the U.S., "The growth of government has been accompanied by increasing cronyism that has undermined the rule of law and perceptions of fairness."

While the 2014 Economic Freedom Index is a stark warning about the erosion of freedom in our nation, it is not all bad news as America ranks top in the world in labor freedom and the progress made in lowering the deficit from more than \$1.4 trillion to just under \$700 billion in a few short years.

America is still the greatest country in the world. It is the responsibility of its citizens to keep it that way, and reports like the Heritage 2014 Economic Freedom Index are a useful warning light to areas where the freedoms that make our nation great are most in jeopardy.

As Benjamin Franklin famously is quoted as saying, "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

The only question is what the people are going to do to stop this erosion of freedom?

— Rick Manning is the vice president of public policy and communications for Americans for Limited Government.

Public notices

REQUEST FOR BID
Owyhee County is currently seeking competitive bids to replace 2 (two) 9-1-1 dispatch work stations and add a third located at the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.
The bids are to include all materials and installation. A workers compensation certificate, public works license and proof of liability insurance must be provided prior to the start of work. The bids are to be sealed and mailed or physically delivered to the Owyhee County Clerk no later than close of business on Thursday, February 6th, 2014.
Opening of bids will commence at 10:00 am, February 11th, 2014 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2. Owyhee County reserves the right to accept the most appropriate bid or reject any and all bids submitted.
Mailing address: Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650. Physical address 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy ID 83650
Additional information and specifications may be obtained by contacting Christine Ballard 9-1-1- Coordinator at 208-495-1154 ext. 101 or cballard@co.owyhee.id.us
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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
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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.

CITY OF HOMEDALE Quarterly Revenue/Expenditure Report 1st QTR. FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2014					
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 672,317.00	\$ 28,635.00	4.3%	\$78,034.00	11.6%
03 Parks	\$ 95,295.00	\$ 11,887.00	12.5%	\$2,662.00	2.6%
04 Library	\$ 66,986.00	\$ 13,121.00	19.6%	\$2,880.00	4.3%
05 L I D	\$ 42,757.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$3,695.00	8.6%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 400,195.00	\$ 88,746.00	22.2%	\$5,287.00	1.3%
30 Airport	\$ 161,025.00	\$ 17.00	0.0%	\$635.00	0.4%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,438,575.00	\$ 142,406.00	9.9%	\$93,193.00	6.5%
02 Streets & Highways	\$ 324,180.00	\$ 34,450.00	10.6%	\$21,350.00	6.6%
60 Irrigation	\$ 139,750.00	\$ 59,606.00	42.7%	\$86,248.00	61.7%
25 Water	\$ 818,031.00	\$ 45,290.00	5.5%	\$88,046.00	10.6%
26 Sewer	\$ 625,530.00	\$ 45,863.00	7.3%	\$80,627.00	12.9%
27 Sanitation	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 25,493.00	25.5%	\$29,003.00	29.0%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 3,446,066.00	\$ 353,108.00	10.2%	\$398,467.00	11.6%
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			Signed:	Alice E. Pagram City Clerk/Treasurer	
Publish: January 29, 2014					

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 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 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.
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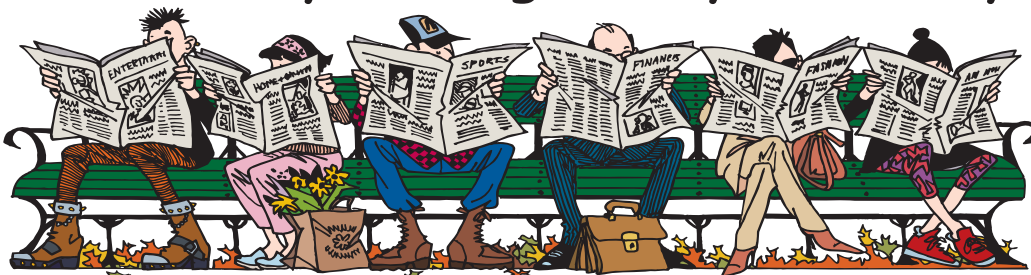
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Conference illuminates county’s need for mass fatality strategy

Coroner envisions plan to handle large-scale incident

Work is a long way off, but Aaron Tines wants Owyhee County to have a plan to deal with a mass fatality accident. The first-term coroner participated in a multi-county and multi-agency tabletop exercise Thursday to evaluate where weaknesses may be in dealing with a widespread event resulting in numerous deaths. It was the first step in a long-term project to create the county’s mass fatality plan in the event of a large-scale traffic accident, such as a tour bus traveling to a Nevada casino, or an industrial accident, among other possibilities. “A simple house fire with a large family could turn into a mass fatality situation within our

county,” Tines said. Tines said the plan would help the county meet needs before emergency federal funding arrives. “Even in a mass fatality situation, there is some assistance — some federal assistance, some state assistance — but by the time you go through the process, it could be a couple days,” he said. “You want to be able to handle it through your county (resources) during that lag time.” Tines said the last week’s exercise, which simulated a large earthquake affecting the Treasure Valley, helped determine how much personnel and what type of resources must be on hand to get through the initial situation. “The exercise taxed every county so there really was no outside assistance,” he said. Tines, deputy coroner Teresa Ryska and Louis Monson from the Murphy-Reynolds Wilson Fire District and Quick Response Unit attended the training in Caldwell. Also on hand were officials from

Southwest District Health, Central District Health, regional emergency services agencies and hospitals. There are grants available to fund elements of the plan, which could include a mobile morgue to store bodies. Tines said Ada County recently acquired a refrigerated semi-trailer for that purpose. The trailer would include all the equipment necessary for storage. Developing a plan would include examining how much personnel would be needed to handle a crisis and analyzing the county’s geography to see where incident command stations and resource caches must be placed. Tines will begin gathering information and sample plans to start the process of setting up a county strategy. He wants to include law enforcement and emergency responders from throughout the county, and the project could include a mock drill at some point. “It’ll be several months out before we start working on it,” he said. — JPB

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✓ Homedale: City has many options to enforce ordinance

for cleanup. Councilman Aaron Tines pointed out that many cases have involved vacant foreclosed or bank-owned property. Eidemiller said about 80 percent of those contacted comply before a citation is issued. But all officials involved agree that prosecution is the least desirable path to abatement. “By the time it gets to (Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober), we want to make sure we’ve exhausted all avenues and don’t want to make him the housekeeper for the city,” City Prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer said. Another option is civil abatement in which the city pays to clean up a lot and then places a lien on the property to recoup expenses. Homedale’s general fund has a line item to pay for such projects, but reimbursement comes only when the property is sold unless the city attaches a tax lien to an affected property. Officials said that the ordinance violation penalty doesn’t generate enough money to pay for the cost of a court case, but Fitzer pointed out that any court ruling could include fines to cover the costs as well as a probationary aspect to force a property owner to keep the lot clean going forward.

the return of the Homedale High School fundraiser. Band Boosters president Denise Dixon told the council that this year’s season at Bette Uda City Park will run each Saturday from June 14 to Oct. 4. Ten vendors are “solid” participants for the second season, Dixon said. She said 25 others have expressed interest in selling. “We’re hoping to get 50 percent of those on board for this year, and we’ll be on our way for a good farmers market,” she said. The annual vendor fee is \$60, which is payable over the course of the season. Call Dixon at 840-0440 for more information. Proceeds benefit the high school band program, but other school-related extra-curricular organizations also set up booths last year to raise money. The focus for the band proceeds this year is raising about \$800 to buy computer software that will allow music director Skyler Krall to create marching drills rather than having to shell out licensing fees. Dixon said a monthly children’s craft table will return this year. The market has a Facebook page, and there is a plan to launch a website, she said. — JPB

Farmers market OK’d

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