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Survey: Homedale parents like 4-day week

School panel sets
Tuesday meeting

It appears that parents also support the idea of a four-day school week in Homedale.

The Homedale School District's four-day week committee will digest parental survey results during at 5 p.m. meeting on Tuesday at the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

— See *Survey*, page 5A

Community meetings planned for B-GV levy

The Bruneau-Grand View School District has scheduled a series of community meetings to discuss the proposed supplemental levy set for a March 11 vote.

Levy committee members urge the public's participation.

The two-year, \$1.2 million levy would replace a two-year, \$1.4 million levy that will expire this year.

The \$600,000 per year for the next two years would allow the school district to support its three schools and enable district management — trustees, administrators and the budget committee — to make strategic budget cuts for the 2014-15 school year.

There have been no details on what budget cuts would entail,

— See *Levy*, page 11A



The Slovenians and Germans who would make up the Austrian Settlement arrive in Homedale on Feb. 14, 1914. (Centennial artwork by Jim Paxton)

Austrian Settlement descendants prepared to party for centennial

Descendants of the eight Austrian Settlement families will gather on Friday and Saturday in Homedale to celebrate the centennial of the group's arrival in Homedale on Feb. 14, 1914.

The seven Slovenian families and one German family were strong individuals who worked together, turning despair into

triumph, and brought culture, music and many traditions to the early development of Homedale.

The eight original families are the Bahems, Cegnars, Demshars, Dolences, Kushlans, Jesenkos, Marcheks, and Mikloviches.

The Austrians lived in what was called the Southside of town,

and they are known as much for their ability to celebrate life with parties, dances and music, as for their ability to work hard. There are now hundreds of descendants living in this area who can trace their history to the small group.

— See *Centennial*, page 10A

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- Austrian Settlement families made the most of a fraudulent situation to make the desert bloom.
- World-renowned "King of Polka" helped celebrate 50th anniversary reunion in 1964.

County fires back at BLM

Coordination
protocol renewed;
board backs OCA

Owyhee County and the Bureau of Land Management's Boise District have formally updated their coordination agreement.

County officials said the protocol update was overdue, and was needed to try to reiterate the federal agency's responsibility to

— See *BLM*, page 5A

Man gets 25 to life for Homedale bar rape

Man ordered
to pay \$15K in
restitution, fines

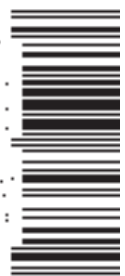
A Parma man could spend the rest of his life in prison for the rape of a Homedale bartender last summer.

In one of his first dispositions since joining the bench, Third District Judge Christopher Nye sentenced John Mathew Lonkey



John Lonkey

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Snow may mean turn in water fortunes

Week of storms follow latest SBOC meeting

Maybe something clicked with Mother Nature after the last South Board of Control meeting.

Less than 24 hours after the irrigation directors met in Homedale, SBOC manager Ron Kiester issued a humorous statement — “Forget everything I said yesterday.”

Even with the snow and given the conditions present before the latest storms, irrigation board members are watching the data and the mountains with a stoic outlook for the water year.

Kiester’s retraction came in the midst of the first of a series of snowstorms that blanketed the Owyhees in a weather system that apparently reached the area hours before irrigation managers met Feb. 4.

“I’m kinda tickled today,” Kiester said last Wednesday as he looked out a window and watched the snow falling on Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

By Monday morning, the South Mountain SNOTEL site reflected eight inches of new snow depth since the SBOC meeting, a total of 20 inches. The water content went from 3.5 inches on Feb. 4 to 5.2 inches on Monday, and year-to-date precipitation approached 8½ inches.

The Mud Flat station’s snow depth doubled to 14 inches since Feb. 4. There was a water-equivalent increase of 1.3 inches to 2.7 inches, and the year-to-date precipitation rose from 3.6 inches to 5 inches.



Much welcomed snow blanketed Homedale’s Idaho Avenue and other parts of Owyhee County last week. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

At the Reynolds Creek station, runoff from which barrels into the Snake River as well as into the system that feeds the Owyhee Reservoir, data shows water equivalent nearly tripled in a week to 3.5 inches. New protocols on the Natural Resource Conservation Service website didn’t show snow depth for the Reynolds Creek station, but the year-to-date precipitation increased nearly 1½ inches since Feb. 4 to 7.8 inches.

Even with the week of stormy weather, no one can blame a cautionary tale from the directors of the Ridgeview, Gem districts and the South Board of Control.

When directors convened their Feb. 4 series of meetings, producers in the watershed were facing the diametric opposite of a perfect storm: No water in Owyhee Reservoir, no snowpack in the mountains and no precipitation expected.

Ridgeview director Bret Nielson suggested the board members put the word out that the odds of a short water year were good and that producers should not proceed with crop plans on the assumption that a few wet weeks would come along to bail them out as has been the case in years past.

It’s too early to tell if a week of storms buried that pessimistic view.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources’ Feb. 3 snow analysis, which was shared at the SBOC meeting, showed that the Owyhee Basin’s water content was 39 percent of its 30-year average, the lowest of any basin in the state and one of only three at 50 percent or less.

The Bruneau basin was at 51 percent.

In February 2013, the Owyhee Basin was at 87 percent of aver-

age and the Bruneau Basin at 92 percent.

But with last week’s snow, South Board manager Ron Kiester was feeling hopeful less than 24 hours after telling irrigation directors the dire news that if conditions persisted growers could receive as little as .75 acre-feet in 2014 — enough for maybe two waterings, Ridgeview board chair Mark Aman pointed out.

He still echoed the directors’ admonishment that water-users be prudent with their plans, though.

The .75 acre-feet figure would represent an 80 percent drop from a full water-year allotment of 4 acre-feet, and a 75 percent decrease over the 3.5 allowed in 2013.

Kiester said the reservoir must have 450,000 acre-feet in storage to justify a 4 acre-feet allotment. The .75 acre-feet scenario would come about if there were only 75,000 acre-feet stored.

Another fly in the ointment is a revelation South Board and Gem director Chris Landa brought forward at last week’s meeting.

Apparently, the Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement District has priority water rights over both the SBOC and the Owyhee Irrigation District, which oversees the majority of the north end of the Owyhee Project. Landa said Old

Owyhee is entitled to 21,000 acre-feet from the reservoir, which amounts to about 3 acre-feet of water per user in the district, regardless of the amount of storage in the Owyhee Reservoir.

The reservoir held 85,910 acre-feet (12 percent of the lake’s two-year storage capacity) Monday morning. The reservoir is still far below its historical February level of 250,000 acre-feet.

South Board directors are looking for cooperation from producers in the event that the water year reality aligns with the pessimistic projection. They also want efficiency from the system and voted to leave the strategy of pumping out of the Snake River to supply the farthest reaches of the system to the discretion of Kiester and water master John Eells rather than turning the pumps on the first day that there is water in the ditches.

Prudent use of the pumps cuts down on spillage out of the ditches and also saves on electricity. Eells said it would cost \$200 per day to run the pumps and that running the ditches at 250 cubic feet per second would spill about 10 feet of water into the river.

“If you turn the pump on, you burn power and you lose the water,” he said.

Water user Rick Echevarria, who attended last week’s meeting, preached cooperation among water users to ensure that the precious resource stretches through the growing season.

“The guys on the ditch have to work with the riders more than ever this year,” Echevarria said.

Irrigation directors hope to have a better idea of what the water year will look like in time for the annual water users meeting, which will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Still, Kiester said, directors are trying to book someone to come talk to producers about the importance of carrying drought insurance.

— JPB



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Presidents Day holiday closures affect county

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

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

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

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

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

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

Homedale Schools will have early dismissal on Friday at 1:30 and will be closed on Monday.

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

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

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will be closed on Monday. Its regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Homedale Senior Center will be closed on Monday.


The Marsing Senior Center will be closed on Monday. The center will be open from Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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

The Owyhee Avalanche will be open for regular business hours, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday.


—KB

Today




52°
34°
Mostly cloudy

Thu




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Fri




56° 34°

Sat




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Sun




51° 32°

Mon



50° 37°

Tue



56° 37°

Feb. 4-10

Precip	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	N/A
Snowfall	Trace	Trace	Trace	.17	reading	reading	.58
	0"	1"	0"	1"	taken	taken	6"

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
02/04	1.4	7	3.6	28	13	19
02/05	1.4	7	3.6	28	9	16
02/06	1.4	7	3.6	30	11	21
02/07	1.7	10	3.9	36	29	32
02/08	2.4	16	4.5	41	34	37
02/09	2.7	16	5.0	49	33	38
02/10	2.7	14	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/04	1.9	n/a	6.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/05	2.0	n/a	6.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/06	2.0	n/a	6.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/07	2.3	n/a	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/08	3.0	n/a	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/09	3.6	n/a	7.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/10	3.5	n/a	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/04	3.5	12	6.7	24	14	17
02/05	3.5	11	6.7	24	10	16
02/06	3.6	12	6.7	30	11	23
02/07	4.0	15	7.1	32	25	29
02/08	4.9	21	7.9	37	31	34
02/09	5.2	22	8.5	44	30	36
02/10	5.2	20	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note — A reconfiguration of the Natural Resource Conservation Service website made the majority of SNOTEL information from the Reynolds Creek station unattainable Monday morning. Helena Chemical also was experiencing technical difficulties.

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 12 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 183 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 21 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 85,910 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 10:30 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

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New store opens in Homedale

Customers visit outside the new Cowboy Store, located at 6 W. Owyhee Ave. in Homedale. The retail store sells handmade wood crafts, clothing, purses, belts, caps, jewelry, scarves, farm feed and veterinary supplies. The store is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Crapo, Labrador to attend Lincoln Day

The Republican primary ticket in Owyhee County will be packed with candidates for several offices at several levels, and many of the hopefuls will turn out for the Republican Central Committee's Lincoln Day banquet next week. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday at McKeeth Hall inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy. The price of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Call central committee chair Shawn Dygert at 250-9882 for more information. Idaho U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

and U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador both have confirmed they will attend the luncheon, Dygert said. Several state office-holders are expected to attend, including the District 23 legislative delegation. Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson and Reps. Rich Wills of Glenns Ferry and Pete Nielsen of Mountain Home are up for re-election in May, too. County officials up for re-election include District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, Treasurer Brenda Richards, Assessor Brett Endicott

and appointed officers Angie Barkell (county clerk) and Aaron Tines (county coroner). Each county office on the ballot this spring carries a four-year term except the District 2 commissioner post, which is a two-year position. Prospective candidates on both sides of the ticket can file nomination papers between March 3 and March 14. Dygert also reminds anyone who wants to serve on the county's GOP Central Committee that petitions must be submitted between March 3 and March 14.

Another Angel Walk in works in Homedale

The Homedale City Council will hear from car show organizers as plans for the annual Angel Walk get under way. The second annual Angel Walk car show is scheduled to coincide with the fourth annual Angel Walk 5-kilometer walk and run on Saturday, May 10 in downtown Homedale. Each year, the Angel Walk has raised money to help the family of a local child struggling with a serious medical condition. Next Wednesday's city council meeting begins at 6 p.m. inside the magistrate courtroom adjacent to Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. The usual department reports also will be heard during the meeting.

No prison for Caldwell man after third DUI

A Caldwell man will be able to serve a 165-day jail sentence through a work-release program after his sentencing on a driving under the influence felony charge. William Clare Ross Howard, 32, dodged a state penitentiary stay when Third District Judge Christopher S. Nye suspended a two- to five-year sentence during a Jan. 24 hearing in Murphy. Howard was charged with a felony after Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Kendrick arrested him on July 28 because the DUI was at least Howard's third such offense. Howard entered a guilty plea to the DUI charge, and county prosecutor Douglas D. Emery dropped misdemeanors for failing to purchase a driver's license and possession of an open container. Howard received credit for 15 days spent in county jail in Murphy. He will be able to serve his work-release sentence in either Owyhee or Canyon County, according to Nye's judgment. Court records indicate that Howard was fined \$131.50 on a separate failure to carry auto insurance infraction Kendrick wrote during the stop. According to court records, Howard has yet to pay the fine, which was issued in August.

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✓ Survey: School trustees will set community meeting before making final decision

Results shared by district superintendent Rob Sauer indicate that 73 percent of respondents either agree or strongly agree that the district should switch to a four-day week.

The district received 421 responses (comprising about 52 percent of the student population or parents of 621 students) to the survey. Polling was conducted between Jan. 22 and Feb. 3 both online and through hard-copy surveys sent home and available at parent-teacher conferences.

The results were to appear on the district's page on www.boardbook.org by Monday, Sauer said. Patrons can access the district's BoardBook page by clicking on the "Board Meeting Agendas" link on the Board of Trustees page at www.homedaleschools.org.

More than half of the parents who responded (54 percent) said that a four-day schedule would not affect their children's participation in tutoring, enrichment or extra-curricular activities.

Fifty-five percent said, including 135 who strongly agreed, said that a four-day week would be beneficial to their families.

A four-day week wouldn't conflict with work schedules, 57 percent (or 240 respondents) said.

Nearly half of survey participants (48 percent, 196) believed that a long school day would have neither a negative nor a positive effect on kindergarteners through fourth-graders. Forty-two percent had the same outlook for the effect on middle school students (Grades 5-8), and 46 percent said longer days would have a positive impact on high school students.

A large majority of parents (78 percent) said they would try to schedule appointments on a Friday in an attempt to make sure students miss fewer days of school. But 9 percent of

respondents who selected "other" said that scheduling doctor and dentist appointments on Fridays would be difficult because many such offices are closed on the final day of the workweek.

The survey also provided insight into the living arrangements of some students. Of the 420 respondents who answered the question, 62 percent (260) said their children lived with both parents. About a quarter of the surveys (24 percent, 102) said the children lived with their mothers only, while 11 percent (47) said fathers only.

Eleven respondents detailed students living with foster parents, guardians or in another type of situation.

Sauer said that during its public meeting next week the four-day committee will be between working on a recommendation for the board of trustees. A community forum to discuss the four-day week concept will be held before the school board convenes a special meeting in March to make a final decision.

The decision must be made soon, Sauer said, because the school board needs time to make 2014-15 schedule changes if the four-day week is adopted.

The school district is taking a far deeper look at the four-day question as compared to a board-commissioned study in 2011.

"I think we tried to drill down more deeply to the issue," Sauer said.

There are more districts around the state that are on the four-day schedule, and people are more familiar with the option, he said.

"It does help to understand the issue better with districts close by on a four-day schedule like Melba and Marsing and Notus in the COSSA (Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency) system."

— JPB

✓ Rape: Sentence includes 5-10 years for burglary

to 25 years to life on Jan. 24 in Murphy.

Lonkey was arrested on June 21 after he forced a woman into the bathroom of a bar and raped her a knifepoint.

Lonkey, 20, also received a sentence of five to 10 years for a felony burglary conviction related to his presence in the bar after closing.

Lonkey will serve at least 25 years in prison, but could see a maximum life sentence, according to court documents. He has been transferred to the state Department of Correction's custody.

He entered a guilty plea to the two felonies, and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped a use of a deadly weapon felony and a misdemeanor for destroying a phone.

In addition to the prison sentence, Nye also imposed \$5,540.50 in fines and court costs and ordered Lonkey to pay \$10,067.63 in restitution.

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✓ BLM: BOCC weighs in on drought letter

Owyhee County under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976).

That law requires federal agencies to coordinate with local governments who have requested coordination status and have the proper land use plans in place. Owyhee County did that years ago, and in subsequent years has had a place at the table to hear and weigh in on BLM policy plans before they are implemented.

In recent years, however, county officials have complained that BLM officials haven't followed the protocol.

This became exceedingly apparent late last year when the BLM Boise District Owyhee Field Office issued several decisions regarding grazing permit renewals connected to the so-called Owyhee 68. The decisions were released before the county had a chance to review the documents under the FLPMA coordination.

The protocol sets regular coordination meetings on the third Monday of each month in the afternoon session of the Board of County Commissioners.

In letters to Owyhee Field Office manager Loretta Chandler dated last Wednesday — two days after ratifying the protocol — commissioners blasted her for the letter sent to grazing permittees that requested an immediate and sharp reduction in usage because of drought conditions.

The commissioners also filed an eight-page protest regarding Chandler's proposed decision for the Fossil Creek and Pickett Creek

Allotments, which are part of the court-ordered Owyhee 68 grazing permit application renewal process.

The commissioners' drought letter supports the Owyhee Cattle-men's Association's correspondence on the issue.

The commissioners pointed out Chandler's proposal is inconsistent with current policy from BLM's Washington D.C. office.

The BOCC tells Chandler that having BLM range management staff conduct resource assessments without a permittee present violates grazing rules. This is a stance Chandler apparently took during a recent coordination meeting when, according to the BOCC letter, she said she instructed staff to stop and document bad conditions on different allotments when traveling to an allotment where assessment had been scheduled.

"We find it interesting and informative as to the real intent of your process, that you did not instruct your staff to stop and document good conditions when such are encountered en route to another allotment," the commissioners wrote.

In protesting the Fossil Creek-Pickett Creek proposed decision, the BOCC said the Owyhee Field Office refused to consider new range improvements in assessments because of the court-ordered deadline and made that decision when the settlement agreement with Western Watersheds Project was signed in 2008.

The county claims that Chandler

has violated the law with this.

"BLM was or should have been well aware of the workload necessary to fully process permits that include range improvements for the affected allotments," the letter states.

"Thus, by signing the settlement agreement, BLM summarily excluded any consideration of range improvements notwithstanding the (Environmental Assessment) claims to the contrary."

The commissioners claim refusal to consider range improvements in applications for the Toy Mountain Group of allotments violates the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).


The commissioners also allege BLM didn't provide production data to back up its claim that one animal unit monthly (AUM) is equal to 1,000 pounds of forage. The letter points out a discrepancy in the EA, too. BLM states it would take 780 pounds of hay for an AUM if producers moved cattle to a ranch.

The commissioners also say that BLM's view of forage is narrow because cattle graze on more than just grasses.

The letter also states that some assessment data is outdated because of a lack of follow-up, sometimes spanning a decade.

The BOCC reiterated its displeasure that the BLM relied on outdated data and didn't put more emphasis on the social and economic impact of Owyhee 68 grazing reductions on the county.

— JPB



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- **Where: Owyhee County Museum
17085 Basey St. Murphy, ID 83650**

Jim is currently serving his second term as an Idaho county commissioner and serves as the vice-chairman. He received the Republican administrator of the year award for 2013, for educating the public on the ownership of public lands in the west. His passion for seeing Idaho take back control of its land has been instrumental in getting the legislature to study the transfer of public lands back to the state. Jim resides in Cottonwood with his wife Colleen, they have 8 children and one grandchild.

Paid for by the committee to elect Jim Chmelik, Viki Purdy, Treasurer

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Feb. 12: Fish nuggets, green beans, salad, banana
Feb. 13: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, baby carrots, pears
Feb. 14: Beef nuggets, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, strawberries
Feb. 17: No school
Feb. 18: BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, peaches, roll
Feb. 19: Chili, baby carrots, broccoli, apple, cheese crackers
Feb. 20: Orange chicken, steamed rice, peas, cucumbers, mandarin oranges

Homedale Middle

Feb. 12: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, salad, apple
Feb. 13: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice/carrots, broccoli, mandarin oranges
Feb. 14: Idaho haystack or fish nuggets, salad, grape tomatoes, pears
Feb. 17: No school
Feb. 18: Hot dog or hamburger, baked beans, cucumber, pears
Feb. 19: Grilled cheese or rib-b-que, corn, grape tomatoes, orange wedges
Feb. 20: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli/cauliflower, mandarin oranges, cinnamon roll

Homedale High

Feb. 12: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar/fruit choice
Feb. 13: Malibu chicken, grilled chicken or hamburgers, potato wedges, salad bar/fruit choice
Feb. 14: Pulled pork BBQ or toasted cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar/fruit choice
Feb. 17: No school
Feb. 18: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, green beans, salad bar/fruit choice, fortune cookie
Feb. 19: Lasagna w/French bread or rib-b-que, mixed vegetables, salad bar/fruit choice

Marsing

Feb. 12: Orange chicken w/rice or ham/cheese w/chips, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12
Feb. 13: Spaghetti or beef nuggets, Italian breadstick, green beans, salad bar 6-12
Feb. 17: No school
Feb. 18: Cheesy noodle bake or fish sandwich, mixed vegetable, salad bar 6-12
Feb. 19: Spicy chicken w/rice & roll or burritos, steamed carrots, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

Feb. 12: Orange chicken, stir-fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit
Feb. 13: Nachos, tortilla chips/salsa, refried beans, fruit
Feb. 14: Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, fruit, brownie
Feb. 18: Chicken & noodles, salad, steamed carrots, fruit
Feb. 19: Chicken patty/bun, steamed broccoli, fruit, jello

Obituaries

Robert Henry Paasch

Robert Henry Paasch, 70, of Wilder, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2014.

He was born to the late Herman and Eleanor Paasch, March 17, 1943, in Everett, WA. Bob was a lifelong carpenter with an affinity for the craft. He married his bride Sandy in 1995, merging their two families.

Bob was a Marine first and foremost, serving as a radioman in Okinawa before the Vietnam War. He loved his family, and traveled up and down the West Coast for frequent visits in all weather conditions. His passions have been dirt bike racing,

motorcycles, skiing, fishing, golfing and camping. Can you say outdoorsman? He couldn't get enough 4-wheeling and where there wasn't a path he made his own. Much like how he lived his life.

Bob is survived by his wife Sandy, three children: Dionne, Rob and Keith and three bonus children: Sabrina, Donna and Christina along with their spouses Stan, Jen, Ketty, Jorge, Abel and Travis. He is also survived by two siblings, ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.



Althea “Olita” Pope

Althea “Olita” Pope, 70, of Homedale, passed away February 7, 2014 in Boise, Idaho.

A service will be held in celebration of her life at Parma Revival Center, 102 E. Wendle Ave. in Parma, ID, on February 14, 2014 with Reverend Floyd Cooper of Parma Revival Center. Viewing will be held from 9:30 to 10:00am, service begins at 10:00am.

Olita was born in Oceano, CA to Reverend Nathan and Susie Nelson on July 29, 1943. She was a loving wife and mother. Throughout her life, she worked as a caregiver to the elderly,

chef, and administrator. She also enjoyed laughing, reading, crafting, games and spending time with her family. From an early age, her passion was singing and God used her gift to bless many.

Olita was preceded in death by her parents, Nathan and Susie; her brother Jim; and sisters Dorcas and Janie.

Olita is survived by her husband Art Pope; her sons Jim, Tim and Kimble Pope; her daughters Sonia Daugherty, and Heidi Ferreiro; innumerable grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Condolences can be made at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com



Death notices

MSGT. JOSEPH J. DEXTER, 77, a former Homedale resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 in Winnemucca, Nev. His last order was no services. Burial with military honors will take place at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery at a later date. “Over and out.”

CARL WILLIAM HOLMES, 99, of Homedale, died Sunday,

Feb. 2, 2014 at a Nampa care facility. A viewing and funeral service were held Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014 at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene. Graveside services followed at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell. Arrangements were under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapels.

PHEBE “EILEEN” SHELLEY, 87, a Boise resident who was born and attended grade school in Wilson, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014. A viewing and visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014 at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. A celebration of life was held Monday, Feb. 10 at the same location. Interment took place afterward at Wilson Cemetery.

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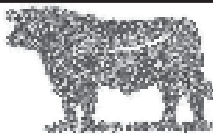
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Calendar

Today

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parenting class
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., free, Homedale Elementary School library, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033 or (208) 337-5780

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

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

Thursday

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

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting
1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

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

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

Homedale FFA Alumni meeting
7 p.m., Homedale High School ag shop, East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East, Homedale. (208) 337-4226

Friday

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

Austrian Settlement Centennial
6 p.m., descendants’ potluck reunion, Homedale Armory, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale

Saturday

Austrian Settlement Centennial
4 p.m., open celebration, \$5 for ages 14 and older, Homedale Armory, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale

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

Homedale Booster Club Steak and Crab Feed
6 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$45 per person, reserved table for eight, \$400, Txoko Ona Basque Club, 333 S. Main St., Homedale

Adult game night
7 p.m., \$1 cover, Rimrock Senior and Community Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

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

Bruneau-Grand View school levy meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St., Grand View

Tuesday

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

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

Bruneau-Grand View school levy meeting
Noon, Simplot feedlot office, 1301 Hwy. 67, Grand View

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

Candidate meet and greet
7 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy

Bruneau-Grand View school levy meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Ave., Bruneau

Wednesday

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

Owyhee County GOP Lincoln Day banquet
11:30 a.m., \$20, McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 250-9882

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

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

Parenting class
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., free, Homedale Elementary School library, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033 or (208) 337-5780

Thursday, Feb. 20


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

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

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

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley IV



Tales of the I.O.N. Country

Mac Briant

Of all the men who have worked for us down through the years, none could compare to Mac Briant. Mac was always saving money to buy a portable dredge, which he dreamed of putting pontoons on so that he could work the gravel on Jordan Creek. Every time he would get the money saved up, he would get in a poker game and lose all of it and have to start over.

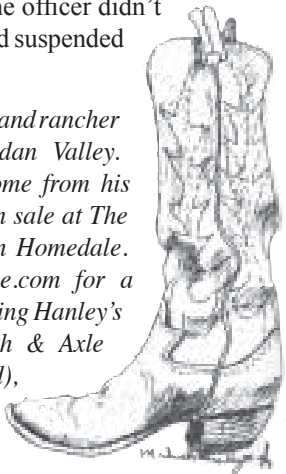
Finally, he saved and bought the dredge, and when he got back from the mountains I asked him how it worked. He said he set it up on the bank of an old dredge pond near Wagontown, attached the pontoons and shoved it off and it sank. He looked so pathetic that I couldn’t help but laugh, which made him mad. He was right. It wasn’t funny, from his side of it at least.

Mac wasn’t much of a mechanic, and the tools he used on everything were a hammer and an old broken-handled monkey wrench, which he called a Stilson. Besides being nearly useless, someone was there to help him. My sisters, mother and I got awfully tired of his yelling out for help. “Mrs. Hanley, Alice, Suzanne, Mike could somebody help me?” He always wanted you to hold the object of his attention with the Stilson so he could get a good clean lick at it with the hammer.

Mac was raised in Utah and absolutely hated Mormons. He said his family members were the only non-Mormons in the community and he blamed all his problems on the Saints. I wish a couple of missionaries had shown up while Mac was with us, for it would have been quite a show.

He couldn’t have gotten himself into nearly as much trouble with them as he did with the Oregon State Policeman who stopped him for driving down the middle of the road. The officer gave him a ticket for reckless driving, and Mac told him, “That’s fine for you to drive out there in the gravel because the taxpayers buy your tires. I buy my own, and that’s why I drive down the middle of the highway.” The officer didn’t think much of the lecture and suspended his driver’s license.

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



HES pantry open to all district families

Distribution dates set through April

The Homedale Elementary Li'l Pantry (HELP) is now serving families with children in all three schools in the Homedale School District.

There are five distribution dates scheduled through April for families requiring help with nutrition needs.

Distributions take place between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the pantry

inside Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave. Participants are asked to enter the school from the door by the west playground near the cafeteria.

Distribution dates are:

- Thursday, Feb. 20
- Thursday, March 6
- Wednesday, March 19
- Thursday, April 10
- Thursday, April 24

May distribution dates have not yet been determined.

For more information, call Aundra De Witt at 337-4033.

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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The Austrian story: Turning bad luck into personal triumph

Slovenian families struggled, worked together and brought strong character, rich culture, values to early Homedale

One hundred years ago life was very different in the Homedale area. Miles of sagebrush and dry desert claimed most of the land. Only a small number of people lived here, as the town was young. This was a very quiet and remote area of the state. Then one day a small group of families arrived at the train station, and from that moment on, everything changed.



The Homedale Train station, 1914

It was Feb. 14, 1914. They were immigrants from Western Europe; seven Slovenian families and one German family, the Bahems. The Slovenian families were the Cegnars, Demshars, Dolences, Jesenkos, Kushlans, Marcheks, and Mikloviches. They barely spoke any English and had spent all their savings to travel to what was promised to be a “paradise.” They stepped off the train and found nothing that was part of their dreams.

The Austrian Settlement families had first come to New York’s Ellis Island around 1902, like so many other immigrants. They had left hard economic times in Europe in search of a better life, but it was not an easy road. Large numbers of immigrants flowed into New York at the time, and the people were treated like cattle, quarantined, checked for disease, tagged (often with new name spellings) and placed on trains to the west.

The second stop for the Slovenian families was Rock Springs Wyo., where they went to work in the coal mines, a job that did not require any English. It was hard dangerous work, under poor conditions, and they were exposed to many hazards, like gases and explosions. Many men there died from black lung disease.

These were families who had worked in the orchards and woods in their homeland, so it was not the kind of work they were looking for in America.

Then one day, they met a man named Paul Savic, who said he was an agent for a land company. He offered them a deal they could not resist. The chance to own and work their own land was the dream of a lifetime, so they quickly packed up their families and headed for Idaho.

But on Feb. 14, 1914, the families knew something was wrong.

In shock and dismay they soon realized they all had been swindled out of their money and promised something that did not exist. Each family had spent from \$500 to \$1000

for what was supposed to be 40 acres for each family, complete with a house and 10 acres already seeded and ready for harvest.

What they found was dry land full of sagebrush, and poorly constructed three-room shacks with holes in the walls and a single wood stove. There was no water and no electricity.

It was a desperate situation, but the Slovenians talked it over as a group and decided they would stay and make it work, since they had no money to do anything else.

This was not just a couple of people. This was a group of families, about 40 individuals, including 13 children all of whom had very few supplies. What they had to begin their new life was not much more than the clothing on their backs.

To make matters more difficult, the families also learned that the land they supposedly purchased, was actually owned by the state. Eventually they were forced to purchase the land a second time to make it legally theirs. They each had to make annual payments over a 40-year period for the land and to pay taxes on it.

Determination and the will to succeed drove them forward. And the love of their families and deep abiding faith kept them going, as they slowly carved their homesteads out of the sagebrush. They worked together and supported each other against nearly insurmountable obstacles.

It is hard for anyone living today to imagine the hardships

Everything the families accomplished, was done through teamwork, in order to meet the daily needs of the people.

They scraped the sagebrush off the land and used it

for firewood to fuel the wood stoves. Whole families worked side-by-side carving irrigation ditches and digging wells to get the water to the land.

Gradually they rebuilt the houses, making them sturdier, and then built barns and cellars and outhouses and eventually a school.

Once they had access to Gem Irrigation District water, they began growing crops, using mostly hand labor and very little machinery.

They had only a few animals to begin with, and it took time for them to acquire more. They had horses, cows, chickens, sheep and pigs, and they made use of each resource, increasing the numbers as the years went by.

In just a few short years, they planted fruit trees on the properties and had large gardens of vegetables and flowers. They also grew grapes for winemaking and brewed their own beer.

Times were extremely hard, because running water and electricity were not gained for several years.

Water had to be heated on the stove for bathing and once poured into the tub, whole families had to share the water. Children went to bed carrying their shoes, which had been heated on the stove and wrapped in cloths to keep them warm. Women worked as hard as the men in the fields and in the homes. Food was mostly home grown. Clothing was home sewn. Babies were birthed at home with midwives because there were no doctors.

Members of each family had individual talents that helped support the group. Frank Kushlan was a cobbler, Joe Dolence was a carpenter, Frank Cegnar was an orchardist (tree and plant grafting), John Jesenko and James Marchek had musical talents. The Jesenko and Dolence women were midwives. All the women knew how to crochet and sew, and they made clothing, quilts and rugs.

When harvest time came, the families worked in small groups on each parcel of land and then moved on to the next parcel. All the farm work was shared and distributed throughout the group. Slowly they worked the land and obtained a few pieces of machinery, which were shared between them.

Gradually the Slovenians formed friendships with the people in Homedale, who were impressed by their honesty and hard work. Children attended school in town and went home and taught their parents English.

The families traded homegrown food and handcrafted



The Wood Hotel, Homedale, 1920



John P. Chadez and Mary Marchek Chadez with two of their children. Circa 1919

the early families went through. They did not have many of the conveniences that we take for granted.

First, there was no water on the land, and the nearest water was hauled from a mile away at Jump Creek.

Fortunately, the German family (Bahems) had brought with them a wagon, so they loaded up the wagon full of containers and made daily trips to gather water for everyone in the group.

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DOLENCE



JESENKO



KUSHLAN



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items for supplies in town. They bartered services with the talents they had. Some community members extended them credit, so they could better survive. The people of Homedale were empathetic to the struggling families.

Today, 100 years later, there are several third- and fourth-generation families still living in Homedale. There are hundreds of people in this area who are descendants of the original group. All the values the Slovenians brought with them, from that first day, have been carried on through their descendants.

The Slovenian families were known as the Austrians because they came from a region known at Austria-Hungary. They created a legacy of working together to build the life they wanted. They also made a legacy of singing, dancing and celebrating the joys of life. They played as hard as they worked.

They were a strong, tough people who did what they had to do to raise their families.

Without the ability to work together to solve problems,

the Slovenian families could not have survived.

They took a desperate situation and turned it into an opportunity to flourish by their hard work and devotion to each other.

Their history will continue to be celebrated. It is a wonderful story of triumph about the early people who greatly influenced the development of Homedale.

Each Slovenian family continues to cherish their family traditions, which include remembering individuals, stories, music, dancing, homemade recipes, and handmade crafts.

The story of the Austrian Settlement is an inspiration for all of us who now live on the same ground.

The Austrians built their lives on a barren landscape, but they transformed that landscape by building beautiful homes, growing abundant crops, and raising good families.

Their story shows us the importance of some of the deepest values we hold today—the love of family, the importance of faith, a strong work ethic and the value of teamwork, which makes any goal possible.

MARCHEK



STORY BY KAREN BRESNAHAN



The Homedale train depot, 1920.



A group of men work on a hay threshing crew on the Austrian Settlement land.

Interesting facts about each Austrian Settlement family

Bahem—The Carl Bahem family was of German descent, and they met up with the seven Slovenian families while on route to Homedale. Carl was an extrovert and spoke the best English of the group, so he helped them communicate with the townspeople. He also brought a wagon and horse and was an important contributor by his ability to transport water from Jump Creek. Carl also helped transport the children to school with his wagon. A few years after the settlement was started, the family moved back to the Kemmerer, Wyo., mines, except for two of the young sons, George and Arthur, who took over the farm. Three of the Bahem sons, Paul, Carl and Ernest, were killed in a mine explosion. The couple came back, but Carl left again, and Clara stayed on the homestead with the boys.

Cegnar—The Frank Cegnar family was originally from Skofja Loka. Frank had a special skill that helped contribute to the success of the settlement. He was what they called an ‘orchardist’ and was experienced in growing trees and grafting different types of trees and plants together. He also knew winemaking, so he grew grapes and made wine for all the parties. The Cegnar name is of German origin, so their ancestors were immigrants to Slovenia before being immigrants to America. The Cegnars had a round table, where the men often gathered to play cards.

Demshar—John E. Demshar was from Ljubljana,

near the town of Martin, Vork. His wife Theresa was from Gorenja Vas, Polijane, Slovenia. John Demshar was known by the group as a ‘jack of all trades’ because he could do most anything. He had started working as a very young boy in Slovenia. John’s wife, Theresa is remembered for being a very social woman and good at gathering the other women together for events. John was also a winemaker, so he grew the grapes and provided the drink for celebrations.

Dolence—Joe Dolence and his wife Francis were the youngest couple of the group. He was 34 and she was 24. Francis Dolence and Theresa Demshar were sisters who lived near each other their whole lives and were inseparable. Joe Dolence was a craftsman and carpenter. He made furniture for the families. Francis Dolence was a midwife, a vocation that was essential to all the families.

Jesenko—John Jesenko farmed, but he often returned to the Rock Springs, Wyo., mines to help provide for the family the first few years. He was a talented musician and played several instruments. His wife, Agnes was also a midwife. The Jesenkos daughter, Jennie, was the first to marry someone outside of the original group. She married John Fisher. Three of the Jesenko daughters were musically gifted. Betty played the piano, while Elsie and Rosemary sang.

Kushlan—The Kushlans were originally from

Cerknica, Slovenia. Frank Kushlan was a cobbler, so he made and repaired shoes. He used this skill to help all the families and also bartered his services with the people in town. He was also known to make board games and play them with the children in the winter. His wife Francis’s maiden name was Cegnar. Back in Rock Springs, before marrying, she ran a boarding house for about 14 miners and took care of all the cooking, cleaning, and washing for two shifts of men working. Delivery of food and water came only once a week at the house. Francis almost died from blood poisoning, while in Rock Springs, but recovered.

Marchek—The Marcheks were from Leobin, Slovenia. James Marchek was another person who brought a horse and buggy to the settlement. He also had a milk cow, which helped provide for the families. The milk was traded in town for other items and services. James was a talented musician who played the saxophone and wrote and published songs.

Miklovich—Jerry Miklovich and his family arrived with the original group, but left the Homedale area in 1919 and moved to Delaware.

Unfortunately, there are no photos and little information about them. Jerry’s brother Tom, however, came here and took up farming one section of the farm. Tom was a bachelor for many years, then returned to Slovenia and brought back a wife.



From the Homedale Empire Press, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1914

Forty Immigrants will arrive Sunday

Word has just been received that forty Austrians will arrive in Homedale on Sunday. They have purchased from the Idaho Title and Trust Company several 20 acre tracts of land located about 3 miles southwest of town. 9 houses have already been erected by this company on the 400 acres of land which they purchased from the state last fall and 11 more will be built this spring.



Frankie Yankovic, left, with Florence and Bob Paxton during the 50th anniversary Austrian Settlement reunion at the Homedale Armory in 1964.



Potluck Reunion
Friday Feb. 14th
6pm to close
Free entry for Descendants

Open Celebration
Saturday, Feb. 15th
4 pm to Close
\$5 entry fee 14 and up

Location:
Homedale Armory near the Fairgrounds.
423 N Nevada Homedale, ID 83628

The Yankovic surprise

Families invited famous musician in '64

All of the Austrian (Slovenian) families spent years wooing over the music of Frankie Yankovic. They were in for a big surprise at the Austrian Settlement 50th anniversary party. While planning the event, Bob and Florence Paxton had talked with the families about bringing their favorite accordion star, known as the “King of Polka” to Homedale. No one thought it would happen. After all, why would a national star want to come all the way out to Homedale, Idaho just for a party? But, through sheer luck and undeterred determination it was pulled off by the planning committee.

The story goes, it just so happened that Mr. Yankovic was in a car accident in 1964. The news media reported that he was laid up in the hospital with a serious back injury. Florence (Chadez) Paxton decided to write to him. She sent him a home-crafted get-well card and a box of apples from the Austrian Settlement families. Then, the most amazing thing happened. Mr. Yankovic, who is himself of Slovenian descent, responded.



Frankie Yankovic was a popular musician among the Austrian Settlement descendants.

He wrote to the Paxtons and began a long correspondence, which ultimately brought about his arrival in little ol’ Homedale, Idaho. Mr. Yankovic made a special trip to make it to the 50th anniversary celebration and meet the people who so graciously invited him, the Chadezes and the Paxtons. It was a dream come true for all the Austrian folks in the area, as nearly 500 danced the night away to his famous polkas. Yankovic’s “Blue Skirt Waltz” sold millions. Some of his other songs were,

“Blue Eyes Cryin’ in the Rain”, “Polka Town”, “Skylark Polka”, “Old Family Album”, “Polka Pal”, “Eine Kleine Cha Cha Cha”, and “Ya Ya Wonder”. Yankovic was the son of Yugoslavian immigrants and he learned Slovenian folk songs at his parents boarding house. He learned to play a three-row-button accordion at the age of 1. He was born in West Virginia, but lived in Cleveland, Ohio. He formed his first three-piece orchestra when he was just 16 years old. He traveled the country with his band, “The Yanks”, and drew large crowds at his polka and waltz performances. He is known as being the most traveled polka musician, because he brought polka music to all parts of the country. After enlisting in the Army in 1942, Yankovic was wounded in action, and after recovering, he performed at numerous military installations during the war. During his lifetime, he recorded 11 albums and more than 200 singles. He said, “The therapy of music alleviates people’s ills and problems.” In 1962, he traveled back to Slovenia and made recordings with the Joseph Keibel Orchestra, where he sang many songs in the Slovenian language. —KB

✓ Centennial: Cultural celebration planned

A large crowd is expected at the event on Saturday and people will be arriving from throughout the Northwest. The event will take place at the Homedale Armory at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave. Here’s how the event will line up:

FRIDAY
6 p.m. — a potluck reunion will be held for all descendants of the original 40 family members. Some of the old-country baking specialties will be served, including bub (a type of donut without a hole), faucita (a fried quick bread using no yeast), and strukia (a dough with a walnut filling). Authentic Slovenian food,

such as kalbasi (garlic sausages) and potica (a thin dough rolled in honey and walnuts), will be for sale. A bar area will be set up for the sale of a variety of Austrian beer and wine, served by Chuck Fisher. There will also be a silent auction. Phil Kushlan will bring items from Slovenia, including a large wall banner of the Skofja Loka flag, some embroidery and framed photos. The dinner will be a chance for descendants and friends to meet and share personal stories.

SATURDAY
4 p.m. — The public is invited to attend the three-speaker event. Admission is \$5 for persons age 14 and older. Phil Kushlan will

speak on the topic of Slovenia. Ron Cegnar will speak about his experiences on a trip to Slovenia. Joe Demshar, and director of the Owyhee County Historical Museum, will give a presentation on the information he has gathered for the book he is writing on the Austrian Settlement. The book is titled, “The Homedale Empire.” Authentic Austrian (Slovenian) food will be available for sale, including garlic sausage, bratwurst, sauerkraut, and potica. Slovenian and Austrian beer and wine will also be sold. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. — The Edelweiss Band will begin performing and dancing is encouraged. (Edelweiss is the name of a Swiss flower). —KB

Homedale library plans Valentine’s Story Time

A special Valentine story about Mama Puppy and Baby Puppy will be read Friday during the Homedale Public Library Story Time for preschoolers.

“Snuggle Puppy” by Sandra Boyton is the centerpiece for the activity at 10:15 a.m.

There will be songs, snacks and crafts.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information, call 337-4228.

The Homedale Public Library will be closed Monday for Presidents Day, but it is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 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.

Teens and Tweens

“Chicken Soup” books written for teens and preteens will be the focus on this week’s Teens and Tweens program at 4 p.m. Saturday at the library.

The group is open to boys and girls ages 10-17.

The youth will be making journals to write their own “Chicken Soup” stories in the future.

For more information, contact program coordinator Teasha Harris at the library.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Feb. 12: Hot dog/bun, beets, macaroni & cheese
Feb. 13: Chicken chow mein, stir fry veggies, fried rice
Feb. 18: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, string beans, bread
Feb. 19: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread

Marsing Senior Center

Feb. 12: Baked fish or chef’s choice, rice pilaf, California vegetables, coleslaw, citrus sections, brownie
Feb. 13: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes, gravy, beet salad, juice, brown bread, combo delight
Feb. 17: Closed
Feb. 18: Lasagna, Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, peach & pears, chocolate pudding
Feb. 19: BBQ pork/bun, coleslaw, potato wedges, green salad, fruit, peanut butter cookies

Rimrock Senior Center

Feb. 13: Ham & cheese casserole
Feb. 18: Turkey



The latest COSSA inductees for the National Technical Honor Society received their certificates Jan. 30. They stand behind COSSA staff, from left, Matt Rehl, Cindy Joslin and Harold Nevill. Submitted photo

Homedale, Marsing COSSA students join Nat’l Technical Honor Society

Marsing and Homedale students enrolled with the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency have earned certificates for the National Technical Honor Society.

Students chosen for the society must go through a rigorous application and selection process that includes meeting high academic criteria, maintaining a 3.5 grade-point average in their professional technical program of study, participation in the student organization, an excellent attendance record and no discipline issues, as well as submitting two letters of recommendation.

“I am very proud of the achieve-

ments of these inductees, not only in academics, but also in the professional technical career they have chosen to pursue,” Cindy Joslin, COSSA advisor, said.

“These students strive to become leaders in their school and community and it is a privilege to work with each of these students.”

Homedale High School inductees are Stephanie Aguilera, Leslie Albor, Vianey Alcantara, Maria Castro, Michelle Castro, Lizette Chavez, Magdalena Escutia, Mykal Hill, Stephanie Hurtado, Haley Kushlan, Hattie Mertz, Kerigan Morris, Abigail Rice, Cheyenne Steinmetz and Brenda Vega.

Skye Shore is a Marsing High School student, Felicia Jones attends school in Parma, and Doug Klein is a home-schooled student living in Wilder.

—KB

Jordan Valley student makes Franciscan U. Dean’s List

Jordan Valley’s Caleb Cunningham has earned a spot on the Dean’s List at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

The sophomore is the son of Ron and Nancy Cunningham.

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✓ Levy: Election outcome will inform budget alterations

but according to a press release announcing the community meetings the cuts are dependent on the outcome of the levy election.

The levy committee is comprised of Strategic Planning Committee members and Budget Committee members and includes parents, school staff, community members, administrators and school trustees.

Budget committee chair Sid Erwin will moderate the meetings.

There will be six informational meetings in the coming weeks:

- 7 p.m., Monday at Grand View Elementary School, 205 First St.

- Noon, Tuesday at the Simplot feedlot office, 1301 Hwy 67, Grand View
 - 7 p.m., Tuesday at Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Ave.
 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd.
 - 12:15 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27 at Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 Hwy 78, Bruneau
- District superintendent Dennis Wilson will make a presentation during the meetings.

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Homedale FFA’s district speaking competitors
When Homedale FFA held its speaking contest Jan. 13, Madison Fisher (left) and Riley Haun (second from left) qualified to compete in the Boise Valley District meet on Feb. 5 in the Prepared Speaking Career Development Experience and Creed speaking, respectively. Fisher won the district title. Others pictured include CDE runner-up Michael Lejardi and Creed runner-up Ryan Randall as well as Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard, who served as a judge along with Corby Garrett and Gavin Parker. Not pictured: Jenny Bautista, third place in the Prepared Speaking CDE. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA member moves on to state speaking competition

Madi Fisher of the Homedale FFA chapter won the Boise Valley District Prepared Speaking Career Development Experience last Wednesday.
The victory qualified Fisher for the state competition in April.
Michael Lejardi finished third in the district extemporaneous speaking CDE, while Morgan

Nash, Carlie Purdom, Edmy Vega, Elise Shenk, Hattie Mertz and Devin Fisher earned their State FFA Degrees.
The Homedale FFA chapter also is raising chickens behind the Homedale High School ag shop. Eggs from the chickens are being donated to the Homedale Elementary Li'l Pantry (HELP)

food bank.
The FFA will partner with Zamzows for a tomato starting class, which will be conducted in the HHS old gymnasium during parent-teacher conferences on Feb. 24. The public is invited.
Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ag Initiative topic of Homedale meeting

The Idaho Ag Initiative will be the focus Thursday when the Homedale FFA Alumni Association welcomes the state group’s regional representative.
Region 2 representative Sid Freeman, a Caldwell farmer, will give information on the legislation now being considered at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise.
Freeman also will answer questions about the Idaho FFA Alumni Association.
Anyone interested in the legislation, the FFA Alumni Association or Homedale’s agriculture education program is invited to the meeting, which takes place at 7 p.m. inside the ag classroom at Homedale High School. The ag shop is located at the corner of East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East at the rear of the high school campus.

Applications to join the Homedale FFA Alumni Association will be available. For more information, call Sue Williams at 337-4226.
Owner of Sunny View Farms, Freeman is president of the Canyon County Idaho Farm Bureau and announced last month that he will seek a seat on the Canyon County Board of Commissioners.
Last month, Kuna FFA advisor Shawn Dygert, a Guffey resident, and FFA state president Brett Wilder testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee in support of the bill.
Last week, District 25 state Sen. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls), who formerly represented District 23 in the House of Representatives, introduced Senate Bill 1275, which would authorize two components of the Ag Initiative, including Quality Program Standard Incentive Grants and New Program Start Up Grants.
The bill has been referred to the Senate Education Committee and a hearing will be scheduled.
District 23 Sen. Bert Brackett, a member of the Ag Committee, sang the praises of the FFA program and ag education in Owyhee County and statewide during the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting in Oreana on Feb. 1.
He said that funding for the Ag Ed Initiative would be up to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. Some components of the Initiative already have partial funding, but proponents would like to see more money provided. Those components include added allocations for ag and natural resource education classrooms and increased funding for full-time FFA positions.
Brackett pointed out that three teams — one each from Homedale, Marsing and Rimrock FFA chapters — qualified for the national convention last year.
“The chapters are real active and doing well in Owyhee County, and I’m very proud of that,” Brackett said.
Regarding ag education’s impact on post-secondary education opportunities, Brackett said that 60 percent of the state’s ag education students go on to some sort of post-secondary training. By contrast, the overall rate of Idaho high school students moving on to college, Brackett said, is 40 percent.

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Bruneau Booster Auction has history of helping out

The annual Bruneau Booster Club Auction, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, will help continue a tradition of fulfilling community projects and needs.

The club began its mission of benefitting and enhancing the community at large in 1988.

Some of the past major projects include:

- Construction of the community park’s picnic shelter and continuing development and upkeep of the park
- Preservation of all Bruneau High School graduation pictures by class by framing them and electronically archiving them. The class photos are on permanent display in the dining room at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau.
- Construction of a quarter-mile asphalt walking path at Bruneau Elementary School to benefit both students and the community. Four metal benches also were installed around the oval path.
- Each year, the Boosters have scholarships available to graduating Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School seniors, and one Idaho Drug Free Youth camp scholarship is given.
- Proceeds from the 2012 auction were split between the American Legion Post 83 building fund and the building fund for the Bruneau Quick Response Unit’s proposed Bruneau Emergency Operation Center. Each organization received \$11,000.
- Also in 2012, the club was also involved with publishing and then selling the book “Bruneau and Beyond,” which outlined the history of the first 100 years of Bruneau.
- After last year’s auction, \$7,500 was dispersed to support Rimrock’s Vo-Ag Department for needed additional equipment for use in the classroom. Instructor Alan Shoen purchased a metal lathe, tooling for the lathe, and a new scanning tool for trouble-

Boosters auction information

When — Saturday, Feb. 22

Where — American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau

Times — 5:30 p.m., free meal and silent auction begins; 7 p.m., live auction; 8:30 p.m., silent auction closes

Meal details — Basque soup, bread, punch and coffee. Homemade pie available, \$1 per slice

Other concessions — Bottled water and pop available throughout event, \$1 each

Raffle — Portable Traeger grill. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10 and are available at Bruneau businesses or at the door the night of the auction.

Donations — To donate items for the auction, call (208) 845-2282 or drop them by the Legion Hall before 5 p.m. on Feb. 22.

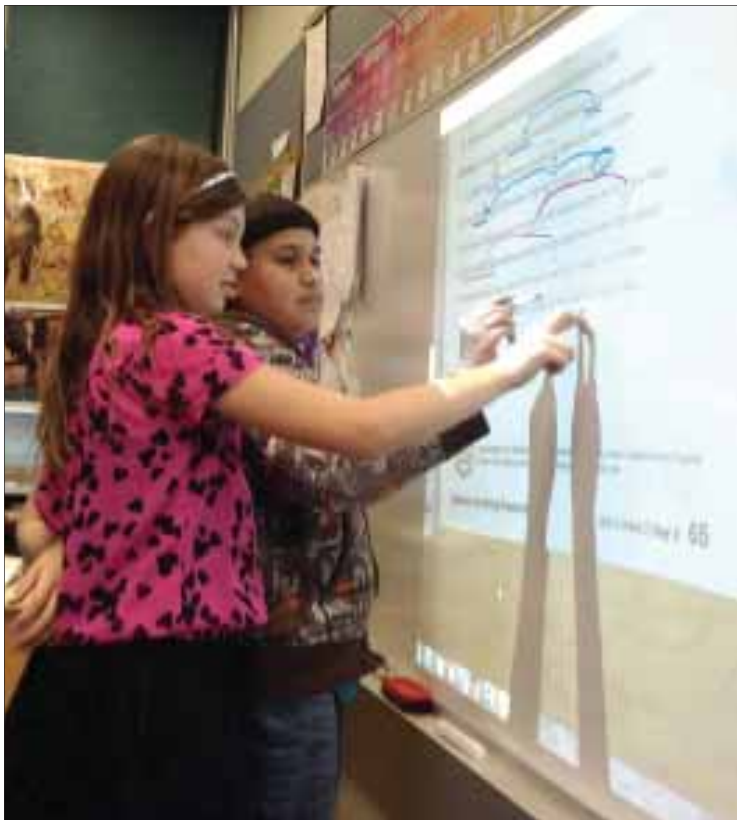
shooting automobiles.

The Vo-Ag program includes classes in plant and animal sciences, welding, large and small engine repair, metal fabrication as well as leadership skills. Approximately 35 to 40 students are enrolled each year in the programs. Shoen has taught 24 years at Rimrock and also serves as advisor for the school’s FFA chapter.

• The Bruneau Boosters donated \$5,900 to Bruneau Elementary to update technology and pay half the cost of a new laminator. Funds were used to purchase document cameras, mini iPads and iPod sets for each classroom at the elementary. Students use this technology



Above: Zai Lowe troubleshoots a vehicle with the help of a Matco Tools Determinator Scan tool. **Below:** Bruneau Elementary School students Madie Macmillan and Esteban Juarez use a document camera for a grammar exercise. Submitted photos



in a variety of ways, from tracking fluency to research. From creating educational videos to interactive math exercises, the technology has been greatly beneficial in getting students more exposed to the

benefits of technology.

• The Bruneau Boosters also donated \$1,600 for the Bruneau Wilderness Garden at the school. This garden area includes a vegetable and pumpkin garden, as

well as a watered “nature” garden area with native rock, flower, bush and tree species.

The garden is in process, with students and community members involved in its planning and the labor of creating the garden. Inside the garden are items such as a juniper shade station and rock amphitheater. Future plans include a tri-corner shade sail, picnic benches and pine-edged walkways.

Students will participate in educational activities across all curriculum areas in the garden, as well as grow vegetables to be utilized in the afternoon snack program or sent home when there is an excess.

• Desert View Christian School received \$3,000 last year and purchased new desks and chairs for their upper grades.

• The Bruneau QRU received another \$2,500 for its building fund.

• Rimrock High School’s football players painted the fence in the community park in exchange for a \$1,500 donation to purchase new helmets.

Bruneau library talk to cover Celebration Park

Celebration Park is the next topic for the Bruneau and Beyond speaker series, which takes place next Wednesday.

Canyon County Parks, Recreation and Waterways deputy director Kathy Kershner will lead the presentation after a free light luncheon at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St. The event begins at noon.

There is no charge for the lunch or the presentation, but organizers request anyone who plans to attend to RSVP by Monday to ensure enough food is prepared. Make reservations by calling (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282.

Kershner’s program on “Cultural Tourism” includes information about the Canyon County Parks system, but focusing primarily on Celebration Park, which is located outside Melba across the Snake

River from Owyhee County.

Kershner will explain the educational programming and recreational opportunities available at the park and also share the latest news about the Canyon Crossroads Transportation Museum/Education Center that is near completion at Celebration Park. Programs manager Chrystal Hayes and park employee Deb Ellis are scheduled to accompany Kershner.

Kershner began her career with Canyon County in 2000 in the county commissioners’ office and joined the Parks Department in 2007.

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Snow can't diminish enthusiasm for Lions' Grand View auction

The weather may have kept bidders away Saturday, but the Grand View Lions Club reports that its annual fundraising auction was a success.

The auction inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium brought in \$15,219, which is down from last year.

"This is about \$3,200 less than last year, but we had a quarter less buyers (than 2013)," Lions Club spokesman Doug Thurman said. "The buyers that could make it did a great job making up the difference."

"We had anywhere from six to 15 inches of snow in the valley Saturday morning. This kept some people from coming."

Sam Baker and his crew from Ontario, Ore.-based Baker Auc-

tion Co. made the trip despite the weather.

"They are great guys to support us every year," Thurman said. "We could not do it without their help."

Thurman also thanked everyone who helped organize the items and also those folks that donated items for the auction. He reserved a special thank you for "the people who braved the roads to come to the auction."

The auction itself brought in \$14,274. The raffle garnered \$588 in ticket sales, and \$357 was raised in concessions.

Grand View residents who bought tickets at Gus's Gas won the drawings. Dianne Beck took home the Traeger smoker/BBQ, and Kimberly Meek won the rifle.



Managers for the Marsing Agri-Service location are, from left: Trina Flores, store parts, Brant Schorr, store, and Kevin Mundlin, service. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Farm machinery business opens outside Marsing

Company headquartered in Twin Falls

Agri-Service, a farm machinery business, has opened its doors near Marsing at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 55, which is near the ION Gem Stop.

Brant Schorr manages the store located at 5644 Buntrock Road.

Trina Flores is the store parts manager.

Tyler Veenendaal is parts counter manager, Kevin Mundlin is service manager and Derek Parkins and Jake Barker are service technicians.

The Agri-Service company is headquartered in Twin Falls, where the business originated in 1990. There is a service outlet in Elko, Nev.

Agri-Service sells equipment for planting, applications, lawncare, tillage, harvesting, tractors, and hay equipment.

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For more information, contact Agri-Service in Marsing at 896-4000 or through the company's toll-free number, (800) 260-3599.

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Murphy man gets prison for lewd conduct

A 22-year-old Murphy man has begun serving a two- to five-year state prison sentence for lewd conduct with a child under the age of 16.

Roy William Flint was sentenced on the felony conviction on Jan. 24 in Owyhee County Courtroom 1 before Third District Judge Christopher S. Nye.



Roy Flint

Flint entered a guilty plea on Nov. 6.

In addition to the prison sentence, Nye ordered Flint pay \$5,000 in restitution and \$1,100 in fines and court costs.

Flint received credit for the 190 days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after sheriff's Deputy David Green arrested him on June 18.

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Prosecutor voices concerns about Marsing-OCSO pact

Mayor Green: No recent discussions with county about contract

Topping off tonight’s Marsing City Council meeting, city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney will give an update on the proposed \$15,000 law enforcement contract between the city and Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office. The contract would authorize deputies to enforce city ordinances.

Comments made by county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery during a Jan. 13 Board of County Commissioners meeting added a new aspect to discussions about the proposed contract.

Emery pointed out that as an incorporated city, Marsing is governed by different statutes under state code than unincorporated areas. As a prosecutor, Emery said he will only have jurisdiction in situations of felonies or misdemeanors that are committed in the

presence of a sheriff’s deputy.

Prosecution of all other offenses — citations, misdemeanors and city code violations — within the city limits is up to the city prosecutor, Emery said.

Marsing does not have a city prosecutor, so prosecution would most likely be done by the county prosecutor.

Emery said the “difficulty” of the Marsing law enforcement contract is that “it is anticipated that my office will pick up the additional cases and would be required to cite under city code rather than Idaho Code.” The contract he said would mean more work and more costs to the prosecutor’s office.

Emery told the County commissioners that Idaho Code requires a “separate contract” if the county prosecutor is prosecuting city cases.

“It’s pre-supposed that the prosecutor does all that work for free,” Emery said.

“They’re going to have to step up on the cost and what’s more, they want 90 percent of the

proceeds (from prosecutions),” Emery said.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick, the board chair, said he “wasn’t too keen” on the fact that the city would get 90 percent on the proceeds on prosecutorial revenue.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi asked in the January meeting that Perry Grant and Emery meet with the Marsing officials and have the prosecutorial aspect clarified.

Marsing Mayor Keith Green said last week he has had no communication with the county.

Other items are up for discussion at the tonight’s meeting:

City engineer Amy Woodruff will provide updates on four different ongoing projects.

First will be a discussion of the Waterways Improvement Grant application for Island Park. The council will hear an update on the grant application status. Also, the Owyhee County Waterways Committee has sent a letter to the state Waterways Improvement Fund advisory committee

in which \$5,000 in county Vessel Fund money has been committed to help pay for the dock improvements. The city has been trying to obtain funding for the project for several years.

There also will be an update on the Family Dollar Store business that plans to open. The building appears to be near completion with no opening date announced as yet. The city council had asked the company to fix some drainage problems near the entrance before an occupancy permit would be given. City clerk Janice Bicandi said Monday that city officials haven’t heard of any progress on the construction.

The council also will hear news on the status of the city’s grant application to build sidewalks on Idaho highway 78 near Marsing’s schools. The city is seeking a Community Choice Grant, which will require a \$17,000 match.

The council will receive an update on the East Bruneau Trunk Line Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The city advertised last week for bids, and three companies

have placed bids.

Titan Technologies has bid \$186,280, Cascade Pipeline Corp. has bid \$229,312, and Pipeline Inspections has bid \$159,681. The project is located near Old Bruneau Highway.

Bonney is expected to present the council with a proposed nuisance ordinance amendment that would ban roosters in the city limits. Green requested the change in December.

City maintenance employee John Larsen will also give an update on the ongoing methane gas project. The project would siphon naturally occurring methane gas from city water and convert it to electricity. The council has approved \$12,000 for the project, and is awaiting final approval from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Two names are listed for appointment to the city’s Planning and Zoning Commission — Cliff Hahlbeck and Hayzen Corder. Hahlbeck’s appointment has been postponed for the last couple of meetings.

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Slick roads cause driving problems

Weather-related incidents were relatively few for law enforcement during last week’s batch of snowstorms.

There were two slideoffs and an injury accident reported, according to Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman.

On Thursday, an 83-year-old Melba man was taken to the hospital after he lost control of his pickup truck on slick roads and crashed into a tree.

Bowman said Gene Alworth was driving a red 2006 Dodge Dakota when he lost control on Idaho highway 78 near Trap Shoot Road south of Marsing.

Alworth apparently suffered injuries to his shoulder and upper chest area in the accident, which was reported after 3 p.m. Marsing

Ambulance transported him to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, Bowman said.

Idaho State Police reported a slideoff at milepost 28 on U.S. Highway 95 at 5:21 p.m. Saturday. There were no injuries.

A slideoff was reported around 8:30 a.m. Friday morning near the intersection of Industrial Road and Drum Lane outside Homedale. Nampa resident Emily Bowden was driving a 2002 Volvo S60 when she left the roadway. She was uninjured, but there was damage to the vehicle and a ground support cable on a telephone pole.

Boulders came loose and rolled into the roadway at US. 95 milepost 12 around 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Bowman said.



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Marsing girls fall
in district semifinals

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LEGALS AND CLASSIFIEDS, PAGES 13-15B

Trojans capture first 3A SRV championship

Homedale boys end Fruitland's 11-year run

The Homedale High School boys' basketball team proved last week that it can win the tough games, too.

Coach Casey Grove's players scored

their third-lowest point total of the season in back-to-back 3A Snake River Valley conference games, but finished the week with an 11-game winning streak and the top seed in the district tournament.

The second-ranked Trojans (17-2 overall, 7-0 3A SRV) wrap up the regular season today at home with a Senior Night matchup

against Payette. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

In its last home outing Friday, Homedale rallied from a rare halftime deficit to run away from Weiser, 54-38. Three days earlier, the Trojans pounded Parma, 54-35, in a win that stopped Fruitland's 11-year reign atop the conference.

The Trojans opened the second half

against Weiser with a 18-9 run through the third quarter to take control. They outscored the Wolverines, 36-19, in the final 16 minutes.

Junior Dillon Lowder was a rare bright spot in Homedale's poor shooting night. He connected on eight of 15 shots (53 percent),

— See *Trojans*, page 3B

MARSING MAT ACTION

HHS hauls Husky hardware

Snow doesn't deter teams from competing

Seven individual medals went to Homedale and Marsing high school wrestlers Saturday during the Husky Duals.

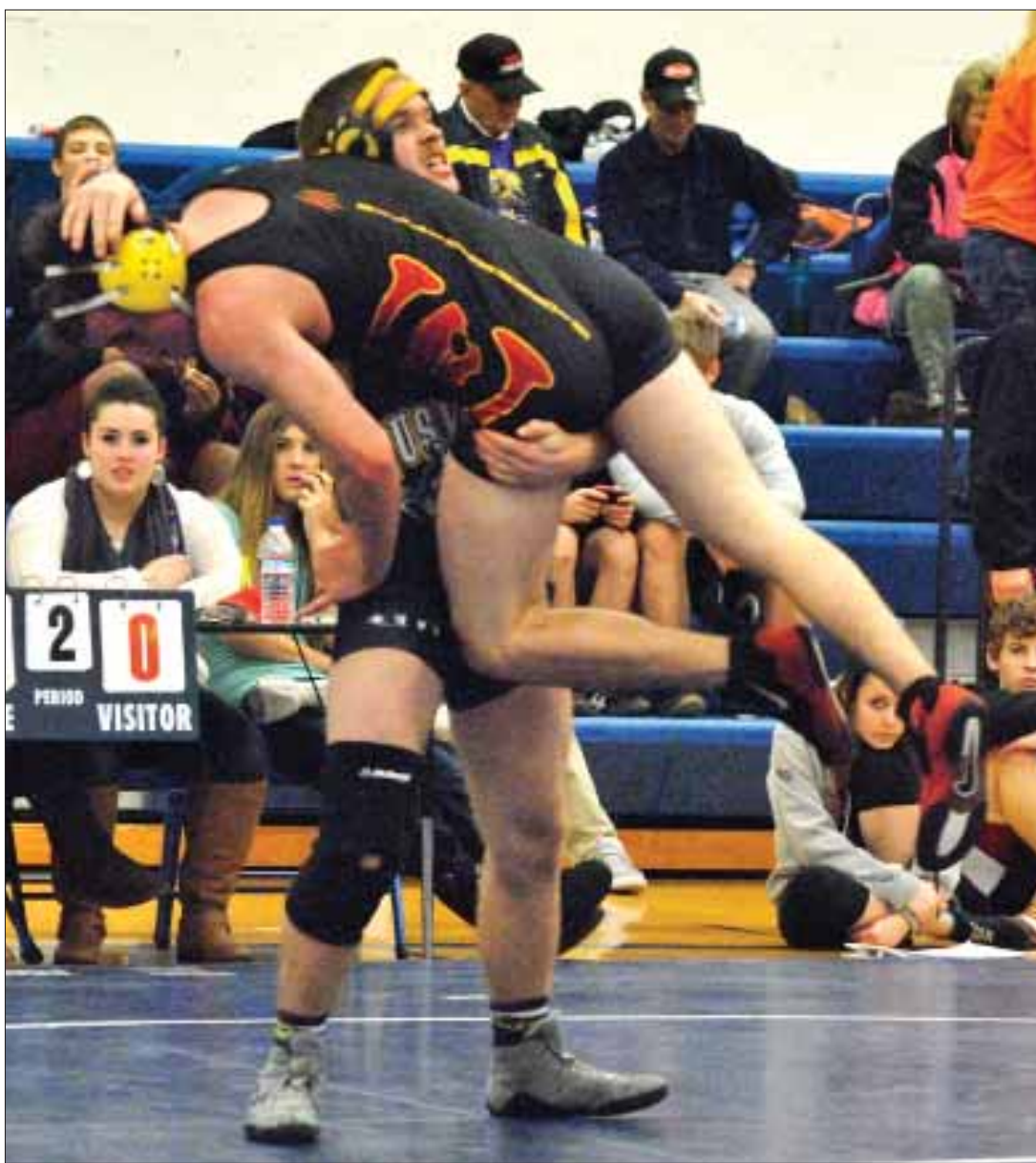
The Trojans won the team championship, and the host Huskies collected third place in the six-team scrum held on three mats inside the MHS gymnasium.

Marsing coach Jon Nelson was ecstatic at the turnout for the tournament.

"I've got 8 inches of snow out there, but none of the teams cancelled," Nelson said.

In fact, Garden Valley, which arguably had the most treacherous bus ride, was the first team on the scene.

A few individual wrestlers didn't make the trip because of travel concerns, Nelson said, but every team that signed up



Marsing High School senior Austin Williams lifts his Columbia-Nampa opponent off the mat during a 160-pound match inside the Marsing High School gymnasium Saturday. Photo by Jon P. Brown

— See *Husky*, page 4B

Raiders get 20th victory, take shot at district title

Girls face Notus on Thursday in Parma

Defensive-minded Rimrock High School opened with a lopsided quarter Saturday to advance to the championship game of the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament for girls' basketball.

Sami Bachman poured in 25 points to spark the Raiders' 56-35 semifinal victory over Idaho City in Parma.

Under the guidance of first-year coach and former Rimrock standout Bobby Jean Colyer, the Raiders (20-2) play Notus for the district championship Thursday night at Parma High School.

Rimrock led 14-4 after eight minutes, and closed the game with a 21-10 run through the fourth quarter. The Raiders were opportunistic, collecting 27 steals.

Kyla Jewett and Desi Meyers scored 10 points each, and Hailey Boman added eight. Angeles Lino was the team's leading rebounder with eight boards.

— See *Raiders*, page 5B

HHS girls wipe out Weiser in second half of district semi

Rupp, Shenk reach double digits for Trojans

The Homedale High School girls' basketball team survived Sadie Shirts and a high-scoring first quarter to finally get past Weiser and earn a berth in the district championship game.

The top-seeded Trojans stifled Weiser in the second half of a 58-37 3A District III semifinal victory Saturday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

The Wolverines swept the 3A Snake River Valley conference season series against the Trojans, accounting for Homedale's only losses in conference play.

"It took us three tries, but we got them when it counted the most," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said.

"The girls played probably their most complete game. There efforts in rebounding and the defensive end were their best to date."

Shirts scored 16 points to lead



Kaylee Rupp

the Wolverines, but Homedale got 19 points and nine rebounds from Kaylee Rupp and six points and 10 boards from fellow senior Destiny Long.

The Trojans



Elise Shenk

Betancourt said.

Homedale (16-4) played Parma on Tuesday night for a berth in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. Results weren't available at



Destiny Long

press time. Against Weiser, the third-ranked Trojans bounced back from a four-point halftime deficit by outscoring the Wolverines, 34-17, over the third and fourth

quarters.

Homedale's balanced offense featured Elise Shenk with 12 points, Morgan Nash with eight, Tory Lane with seven and Tristan Corta with six. Lane also snagged nine rebounds and four steals. Corta had four assists.

A win Tuesday would have sent the Trojans to the state tournament for the second consecutive year.

The tournament is set for Feb. 20-22 at Middleton High School.

Sports

NP, Garrick get revenge on Huskies in semifinals

Marsing girls can't contain scorer in rematch

Marsing High School was unable to recapture the magic Saturday night in the 2A District III girls' basketball semifinal.

Top-seeded New Plymouth held the Huskies to single-digit scoring throughout at 45-21 victory at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Marsing (12-10) had capped its regular season with a 42-37 home victory over the Pilgrims on Jan. 31.

In the rematch, New Plymouth's Kylee Garrick 17 points. The Huskies held her to three points in the 2A Western Idaho Conference finale last month.

Marsing couldn't climb back into the game after trailing 20-10 at halftime. Shannon Clover led the Huskies with seven points, including a three-point goal. Shelby Dines' only points of the night came on a long-range shot behind the arc.

Marsing was 1-for-9 from the foul line and was limited to just nine field goals.

The Huskies played host to Nampa Christian in an elimination game Tuesday after deadline.

With a win, Marsing would play for third place and the right to go to a 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament play-in game. The third-place game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at Vallivue High School. The play-in game takes place at 3 p.m. Saturday either in Mountain Home or Burley.

Thursday: Marsing 31, McCall-Donnelly 30 — Senior Marissa Hardy's quick release resulted in the winning basket for the hometown Huskies with seven seconds left in a district tournament first-round game.

Clover scored 10 points, and Dines added seven.

The Huskies broke open a close game with a 13-4 run to halftime, but the Vandals rallied to get within two points, 24-22, at the end of three quarters.

Also for Marsing, Emily Tank put in five points, while Destiny Reynolds scored four. The game-winner was Hardy's only basket of the night.



Marsing's Kieya Buckley goes up for a shot in a crowd during the Huskies' 2A District III Tournament play-in game victory over McCall-Donnelly on Thursday. Photo by Dan Pease

MARSING HUSKIES



Athlete of the Week

Austin Williams, sr., wrestling

The Play — The 160-pounder went 4-0 with four pinfalls Saturday to win a gold medal in the Husky Duals in Marsing. The Huskies won two dual meets during the tournament in their home gymnasium.

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Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 12 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, Senior Night, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18 & 19, 2A District III Tournament play-in game (if nec.), opponent, site, time TBA
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 12 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Feb. 15 & 17 at 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament, opponent, site, time TBA
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Feb. 12 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Feb. 15 & 17 at 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament, opponent, site, time TBA

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Feb. 13 at 2A District III Tournament (if nec.), Vallivue H.S., opponent TBA, 6 p.m. or 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament play-in game (if nec.), Burley or Mountain Home, 3 p.m.

Junior varsity
Season complete

Wrestling

Saturday, Feb. 15, home for Husky Youth Camp, 10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22 at 1A-2A District III Tournament, New Plymouth, TBA

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Sports

✓Trojans: Homedale holds top seed when districts start next Wednesday

From Page 1B
including half of his three-point attempts, for 20 points.

Senior Lane Sale continued his strong stretch run with a double-double. He scored 12 points on 5-for-7 shooting (71 percent) and grabbed seven of his 10 rebounds on Weiser's end of the floor. He also blocked six shots, altered four passes, notched three steals and dished five assists.

Another upperclassman, Caleb Oviedo, missed another double-double, but snagged seven of his 10 rebounds on the Wolverines' glass and scored nine points.

Top-seeded Homedale opens its participation in the district tournament at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday against the winner of the district's play-in game between the 3A SRV's fourth- and fifth-place teams. The tournament takes place at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Feb. 4: Homedale 54, Parma 35 — The Trojans jumped out to a big lead and cruised in a home win that locked up district tournament's No. 1 seed.

The Trojans led by as many as 23 points in the third quarter of the 3A SRV game and was never seriously threatened.

Oviedo notched another double-double with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Fellow senior Lane Sale scored just five points, but contributed with 10 rebounds, seven assists, three blocked shots, three steals and four deflections.

Talon Frelove scored nine points.

The Trojans led, 28-9, after a



Homedale's Jesse Padilla goes to the basket against a Parma defender Feb. 4. Photo by Jon P. Brown

modest 7-0 run before Parma's Elijah Larson hit three free throws with no time left in the first half after being fouled at the buzzer on a three-point try. Larson finished with a team-high 14 points.

Homedale opened the second half on a 9-2 run fueled by Frelove's three-pointer and jump shot on back-to-back possessions. Sale set up the trey with a baseline drive and kick-out pass to his


housemate on the perimeter.

Trey Lane went coast-to-coast after a perfect outlet from Sale to cap Homedale's 20-7 spurt and give the Trojans a 23-point lead, 39-16, with 5 minutes, 20 seconds left in the third quarter.


Homedale's missed shots and turnovers helped Parma mount a mini-rally and get to within 16 points, 50-34, when a 10-4 run ended with 4:19 left in the game.




Homedale High School's Lane Sale splits two Weiser defenders on his way to the hoop in the first half Friday night in the Trojans' homecourt 3A Snake River Valley conference victory. Photo by Gregg Garrett





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Athlete of the Week

Michael Deleon, sr., wrestling

The Play — The 120-pounder has won eight of his past 10 matches, including a 5-0 week that included a 16-1 technical fall against Fruitland's Mike Mannery on Senior Night. Deleon was 4-0 during Saturday's Husky Duals in Marsing to capture a goal medal.

Coach's take — "He's looking strong. He is one of the best 120-pounders in the state (in Class 3A)." — Toby Johnson

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Feb. 13 at 3A District III Tournament (if nec.), opponent TBA, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 7 p.m.

Junior varsity and frosh-soph
Seasons complete

Wrestling

Thursday, Feb. 13 at Weiser, 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball


Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 12, home vs. Payette, Senior Night, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19 vs. 3A SRV No. 4-No. 5 winner, 3A District III Tournament, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m.


Junior varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 12, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Feb. 17&19 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament (if nec.), opponent, site, time TBA


Frosh-soph
Wednesday, Feb. 12, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
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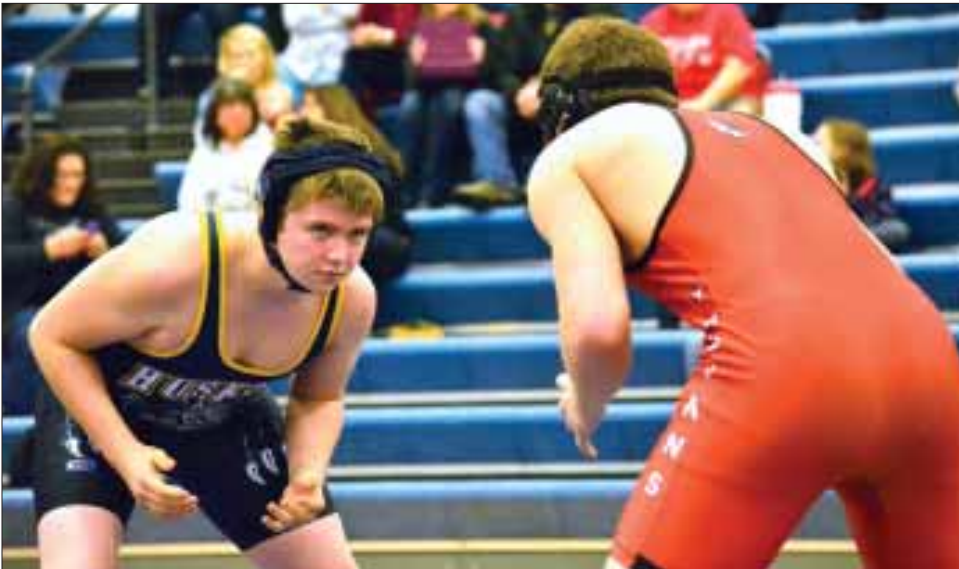
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Sports

A GLANCE AT THE HUSKY DUALS



The Marsing American Legion Post 128 color guard presented the flags for Saturday morning's playing of the national anthem. From left, David London, Herb Churruca, Rick Sherrow and Post Cmdr. Julie Sterling. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography



Marsing's 182-pound freshman Jacob Larsen, left, faces off with Homedale senior Curtis Stansell on Saturday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography



Homedale's Tyson Furlott controls his opponent in the Trojans' dual meet against Columbia on Saturday. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Marsing senior Brad Labit gets into position to pin his opponent during the Huskies' dual meet against Columbia of Nampa on Saturday. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Homedale 138-pounder Shane Keller holds on against fellow freshman Oscar Gonzalez of Marsing. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

✓ Husky: Marsing teams with Garden Valley wrestlers to win two duals

From Page 1B
to compete showed up. Columbia of Nampa finished second in the team standings. Ontario was fourth, Vallivue of Caldwell fifth and Melba sixth.
Marsing absorbed Garden Valley's wrestlers to create one

team, Nelson said.
Homedale senior Michael Deleon led the gold-medal march with a 4-0 record at 120 pounds.
Other Trojans who won medals included Andy Montes (2-0 at 98), Jovan Cornejo (4-1 at 170), Curtis Stansell (2-0 at 182) and Colton

Grimm (2-0 at 195).
Senior Austin Williams won gold at 160 pounds for Marsing, while teammate Noah Grossman, a junior, was tops at 220.
Other gold medals went to Melba's Cody Svedin (132) and Isaac Riley (152), Vallivue's

Christian Medina (106), Rafael Arce (126) and Jeff Cook (145), Columbia's Dylan Morgan (113) and Ethan Call (285) and Ontario's Gage McAvoy at 138.
Homedale's dual meet victories came against Vallivue (40-39), Columbia (46-33), Marsing (60-

12), Ontario (48-28) and Melba (63-12).
Marsing went 2-3 with a 42-30 win over fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference member Melba and a narrow 39-36 victory over Vallivue in the fifth and final round of action. —JPB

Sports

Huskies scratching and clawing for favorable seed

Boys need wins,
a little help to
improve their
fortunes this week

A fast pace and tenacious defense helped Marsing High School to a win that could prove pivotal if everything falls in place for the boys' basketball team this week.

The Huskies' final drive to climb out of the 2A District III Tournament play-in game begins tonight with a road game against McCall-Donnelly.

Coach Tim Little's squad plays host to New Plymouth on Friday for Senior Night in the 2A Western Idaho Conference season finale for both teams.

Marsing (5-13 overall, 3-7 2A WIC) sits in sixth place in the conference and is destined to play McCall-Donnelly in a play-in game.

That fate may change, though, if the Huskies can pull off a sweep this week and Cole Valley Christian loses its regular-season finale to conference leader North Star Charter on Friday.

The Huskies had a chance to brighten its fortunes considerably after using defense and sharp shooting to beat Cole Valley Christian, 55-38, last Wednesday. Marsing, however, was unable to



Marsing's Dylan Breshears leans in for a shot against Cole Valley Christian's Jordan Plott. Photo by Dan Pease

keep the good vibrations going when Melba came from behind for a 43-38 home victory Friday.

Friday: Melba 43, Marsing 38 — Nick Fitts canned a pair of three-point goals to put the Mustangs back in control after the Huskies had taken a short-lived lead in the fourth quarter.

Fitts had half of the Mustangs' six three-pointers and led all scorers with 19 points.

Marsing fell behind early but rallied to trail by just a point, 22-

21, at halftime.

Jose Acuna hit a pair of three-pointers and finished with 10 points for Marsing.

Four players (Ben Isert, Rodrigo Acuna, Les Loucks and Dylan Breshears) scored six points apiece for Marsing.

The Huskies were 6-for-12 from the foul line, while Fitts had all four of his team's successful free throws in the fourth quarter.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 55, Cole Valley Christian 38 — A relentless transition offense and a strong early dose of Breshears helped the Huskies build momentum for a raucous win at home.

Breshears scored his team's first four points to spark a 14-3 run. Breshears scored on a layup after a steal as did Jose Acuna during the spurt.

Acuna gave Marsing a 16-3 lead on a three-pointer with 2 minutes, 50 seconds left in the first quarter. He finished with 19 points, and Breshears carded 10, including a layup off a slick pass from Isert with 20 seconds left in the opening frame.

Isert hit a pair of foul shots to stretch Marsing's lead to 23-10 early in the second quarter, and the Huskies held a 20-point edge at the break.

Loucks and Rodrigo Acuna scored eight points each.

Josh Jardine led the Chargers with 12 points.



Marsing's Jose Acuna soars toward the basket against the defense of Cole Valley Christian's Josh Jardine. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Adrian's Shane Miller, left, shown controlling an opponent at the Rodger Nash Memorial Duals on Feb. 1, captured a championship Saturday at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational in Heppner, Ore. Photo by Bob Radford

Miller leads five Adrian medalists at BEO

Adrian High School wrestlers went 5-for-5 in their search for medals at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational on Saturday.

Shane Miller, the lone senior on the Antelopes' roster, won the 145-pound championship in

Heppner, Ore.

The tournament was wrestled in a round-robin format because winter weather cut down on the number of teams able to attend, Adrian coach Eddie Kinkade said.

Adrian finished fourth in the

team standings behind Grant Union, Heppner and Crane. There were seven teams total in the tourney with Pine Eagle from Halfway, Ore., Imbler and Union rounding out the field.

Adrian's Drake Marquez finished second at 160 pounds.

Luke Campbell (138), Bryson Shira (152) and Ramon Dalla (160) earned bronze medals for third-place finishes.

The Antelopes complete their regular season Saturday in Halfway for the Pine Eagle Invitational.

✓ Raiders:
Tourney run
begins with
Riverstone
rout at home

From Page 1B

Thursday: Rimrock 64, Riverstone International 26 — Jewett had a pair of three pointers and six assists to go with 19 points as the Raiders drilled the Otters in a district tournament opener played in Bruneau.

Rimrock stormed to a 32-8 halftime lead then poured it on with a 24-point third quarter.

Bonnie Standlee had seven points and 11 rebounds for the Raiders.

Angeles Lino added eight points and Desi Meyers and Hailey Boman seven points apiece for Rimrock.

Sami Bachman chimed in with 12 points.

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Sports

Jordan Valley boys streak into district tourney

Both Adrian teams also reach
postseason play

Every player on the roster scored Thursday night in Jordan Valley High School's 1A High Desert League boys' basketball rout of host Adrian.

Wyatt Trautman scored 14 points in the Mustangs' 66-36 triumph.

The Mustangs (18-4 overall, 7-1 in 1A HDL East Division) take a five-game winning streak into the 1A District 8 Tournament. Coach Clint Fillmore's squad opens the tournament against 1A HDL West No. 4 Long Creek-Ukiah at 8:45 p.m. MST Thursday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

The Antelopes (10-11, 5-3 in 1A HDL East) also received a balanced scoring performance. Emmanuel Dominguez scored seven points, while Reagan Shira added six.

Jett McCoy and Tyler Reay scored five points each for Adrian, which lost its second consecutive game. Adrian is the No. 3 seed out the East and plays West No. 2 Prairie City at 3:45 p.m. MST Thursday.

Wyatt Stanford hit a three-point goal in the second quarter as the Mustangs built a 40-10 halftime lead. He finished with 13 points.

Jordan Valley connected for eight three-pointers, and Lee Stanford put down three treys for all nine of his points.

Girls: Adrian 56, Jordan

Valley 45 – The Antelopes take a three-game winning streak into Thursday's district opener after breaking open a close 1A HDL contest with 33 second-half points.

Quincy Pendergrass nailed a three-point goal and score 17 points for Adrian (14-7 overall, 7-1 in league), which earned the East Division's No. 2 seed for the 1A District 8 Tournament and will open against West No. 3 Mitchell-Spray in Prairie City at 8 p.m. MST Thursday.

Andi Warn scored 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Jordan Valley (10-11, 4-4), which ended the regular season on a two-game losing streak after winning six of its previous eight games.

Jordan Valley is the East No. 3 and takes on West No. 2 Monument-Dayville at 2 p.m. MST Thursday in Prairie City.

Warn drained a pair of three-point shots, and Mustangs teammate Morgan Caywood hit a couple treys en route to 14 points. Zoey Warn added seven.

Ciara Feldmann and Carlie Morton had seven points each for the Antelopes with Morton notching the team's other three-pointer.

Morgan Caywood and Zoey Warn scored nine points apiece for Jordan Valley.

Jordan Valley trailed, 23-19, at halftime.



Adrian's Reagan Shira deflects a shot attempt by Jordan Valley's Wyatt Stanford during Thursday's game. Photo by Bob Radford

Pendergrass' heroics help Adrian get high seed

Telleria scores 24 on Senior Night
for Jordan Valley boys

Quincy Pendergrass scored 34 points, but none Friday night were bigger than the three-pointer she hit to tie Adrian High School's girls' basketball game against Harper-Huntington with 15 seconds left.

Pendergrass' only trey of the night sent the game into overtime, and the Antelopes prevailed, 66-60, to secure a regular-season tie with Crane in the 1A High Desert League East Division.

Adrian (14-7 overall, 7-1 1A HDL East) stretched its winning streak to three games.

Pendergrass won a shootout with the Loco-Nets' Mackinzee Chandler, who poured in 26 points to lead three Harper-Huntington players in double figures. Brook Johnson had 18, and Raynee Jackson hit for 10.

Adrian's Clara Feldmann chimed in with 10 points, too.

Friday: Crane 60, Jordan Valley 53 — After trailing by 19 points at halftime, Jordan Valley rallied to within four points in the fourth quarter of the league season

finale against visiting Crane.

Bryanna Dunn scored 19 points, and teammate Claire Hammond added 16 for Crane, which built an 11-point lead in the first quarter.

Andi Warn fired in three three-point goals on the way to 23 points to lead all scorers. Jordan Valley teammates Alisha Rogers and Zoey Warn also had three-pointers and scored eight points each.

Boys

Friday: Jordan Valley 63, Crane 51 — Jordan Valley fought back from an eight-point first-quarter deficit to exact revenge against Crane.

Crane, which finished two games behind Jordan Valley in the 1A HDL East Division, had collected a home victory in the head-to-head series on Jan. 24.

Jordan Valley grabbed a 22-21 halftime lead with a 14-5 run in the second quarter. Playing the final regular-season home game of his high school career, Ben Telleria hit one of his four three-

point goals to go with another trey from Nick Eiguren during the spurt.

Telleria poured in 24 points to lead all scorers. He knocked down eight of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter. Jordan Valley was 24-for-34 from the charity stripe, including 16-for-23 in the fourth quarter.

Eiguren and Wyatt Trautman finished with 10 points each, while Lee Stanford had nine points.

Corbin Hammond led Crane with 17 points.

Friday: Adrian 48, Harper-Huntington 46 — Reagan Shira's offensive putback off a missed free throw with 20 seconds left pushed the Antelopes to a dramatic league victory on the road.

Shira's aggressive move was most welcome because Adrian converted just eight of 26 foul shots in the game.

Tyler Reay was one of three Antelopes scorers to reach double figures. He was 5-for-16 from the floor but registered a game-high 15 points and led the team with six rebounds.

Jett McCoy scored 14 points, and Emmanuel Dominguez 11.



Ben Telleria played his final regular-season home game for the Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team Friday against Crane. Photo by Tara Echave

The Loco-Nets received double-figure scoring from three players, including Greg Chandler's team-high 12 points.

Sports

A BUSY WEEK IN THE LOCAL SPORTS WORLD

Sale makes it official



Homedale High School senior Lane Sale signs his national letter of intent to play football at Weber State on Wednesday in the gymnasium foyer as his coach and family look on. **From left:** Trojans coach Matt Holtry, Sale's mother Katie, sister Kayla and father Keith. Photos by Jon P. Brown

HES Walkin', Talkin' Trojans get some lessons



Above: Homedale High School volleyball player Elise Shenk demonstrates serving techniques to second-graders Lexie Heck and Kinlee Garrett. Shenk and volleyball teammate Hattie Mertz put on a clinic for high-achievers in the Walkin' Talkin' Trojans Walking Club inside the Homedale Elementary School gymnasium. **Below:** During a clinic for wrestling for the Walkin' Talkin' Trojans Club, third-graders Steven Colyer, Izrael Mendez, Mason Cooper and Trenton Rooks watch as the HHS wrestlers demonstrate moves. Photos by Karen Bresnahan








MHS cheerleaders present and future



Above: Participants in the Marsing High School cheerleader youth camp perform at halftime of last Wednesday's boys' basketball game against Cole Valley Christian. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Right: Marsing High School cheerleader Tristan Jarvis gets serious air while performing a stunt during a basketball game last week. Submitted photo

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Sports

Homedale Booster crab feed slated Saturday



Top crab feed ticker-seller named
Homedale High School sophomore Kyler Landa, right, accepts the \$100 top prize in the ticket sales contest for the second annual Homedale Booster Club Steak and Crab Feed. Dr. William Jeppe, co-owner of Owyhee Family Dental Clinic in Homedale with Michelle Jeppe, presents the money, which the couple donated. Landa sold enough tickets to fill six tables at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, bringing in \$400. The steak and crab feed, which benefits all Homedale School District athletic teams, takes place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Basque center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale. The event also features a raffle and live and silent auctions. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Montes, Meligan get pins in loss to Fruitland

Homedale High School had an unfortunate draw for its Senior Night dual meet Thursday. The Trojans ran up against the top Class 3A team in the state, Fruitland, and suffered a 68-17 3A Snake River Valley conference dual-meet loss. “We wrestled tough, but struggled to get points on the board,” Trojans coach Toby Johnson said. The Grizzlies took three victories by forfeit and collected pins in seven other matches. Homedale’s points came on pins by Andy Montes over Josiah Whiting at 98 pounds and freshman Caleb Meligan against Tanner Smith at 113 pounds. Meligan’s week would take a nasty turn in Saturday’s Husky Duals in Marsing. He suffered a concussion when a Columbia wrestler drove him into the mat head-first. Trojans assistant coach Mark Boothby said the state’s concussion protocol will be followed to ensure the freshman is healthy before he wrestles again. Homedale’s other victory against Fruitland was senior Michael Deleon’s 16-1 technical fall rout of Mike Mannery at 120 pounds.

Marsing wrestlers plan youth camp Saturday

Wrestlers of all ages are invited to take part in the Huskies Youth Wrestling Camp on Saturday. There is no entry fee and the camp runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the Commons Room at Marsing High School on 8th Avenue West. The MHS wrestling team members will serve as coaches. For more information, call Huskies coach Jon Nelson at 989-3344 or Sarah Grossman at 908-1773.

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TASTE TERMINOLOGY

There are five basic taste categories the taste buds perceive:

Sweetness is recognized by the presence of sugar. It is very predominant in desserts, but also creates great contrast with salty and sour.

Sourness can be added through a variety of acidic foods, such as vinegars and citrus fruits.

Salt enhances flavor, intensifies sweetness and suppresses bitterness.

Bitterness may be found in a variety of foods, including chocolate and coffee. When not in balance, bitter can be offensive, but in very small quantities it adds richness and depth.

Umami is described as a savory, often mouthwatering taste perceived when eating meat, fish, cheeses like parmesan and bleu and certain vegetables such as asparagus.

Coffee Toffee Heath Cupcakes

Makes about 24 cupcakes

•Coffee increases the bitterness of the chocolate for richer, deeper flavor
•Toffee adds rich buttery notes and caramelized sugar flavors

Cupcakes

- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 1 package (16.2 ounces) Devil’s Food cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil

Ganache

- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 package (8 ounces) English toffee bits

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line muffin pan with baking cups.

In a small bowl, combine water and instant coffee; stir to dissolve.

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, coffee, eggs and oil. Beat with electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, scraping bowl frequently. Then, beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Fill baking cups 2/3 full with batter.

Bake 16 to 18 minutes or until toothpick, inserted into the center, comes out clean. Cool cupcakes in pan 5 minutes. Remove from pan and place on cooling grid to cool completely.

For ganache, combine cream and instant coffee in small saucepan; stir to dissolve. Warm over medium heat until cream begins to steam; do not boil. Remove from heat and add chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Cool slightly.

Place 1/2 cup ganache in disposable decorating bag. Using the handle of a wooden spoon, create a small hole in the center of each cupcake; pipe in ganache. Dip tops of cupcakes in remaining ganache; lightly shake off excess. Immediately dip cupcake in toffee bits.



Coffee Toffee Heath Cupcakes

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Pear and Brie Honey Tartlets

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Makes about 2 dozen tartlets

•Brie has creamy texture and is a soft-ripened cheese with mild flavor
•Honey adds sweetness and balances the cheese flavor
•Pear also adds sweetness
•Cardamom adds a slight bitter note

- 1 sheet (1/2 of a 17.3-ounce box), puff pastry, thawed
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons honey, divided
- 1-1/2 cups diced, peeled firm ripe pear
- 1/2 4-ounce wheel, brie, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 400°F. Prepare a 24-cavity mini muffin pan with vegetable pan spray.

On a lightly floured surface, unfold puff pastry; roll out to about 12 inches x 8 inches. Cut into 24 squares, about 2 inches x 2 inches. Press each square into a prepared pan cavity.

In a small bowl, stir together cardamom, salt and 2 tablespoons of the honey. Add pears; toss to coat. Add 1 heaping teaspoon pear mixture to each pastry tartlet.

Bake 13 to 16 minutes or until puff pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Immediately top with pieces of brie. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove to cooling grid. Drizzle remaining honey over tartlets and serve immediately.

FAMILY FEATURES

Dessert is an indulgence, and when you delight in the taste, texture and aroma of a decadent sweet treat, you savor every bite. It is easy to get lost in the flavor and fragrance of rich chocolate or creamy caramel.

But what happens when chocolate or caramel are paired with different flavors, like salty, sour or savory? Spurred by curiosity, the food scientists in the Wilton Test Kitchen dug deeper into unusual flavor pairings to enhance the taste experience.

While the terms “taste” and “flavor” are often used interchangeably, there is a difference between the two. The taste of a food is what the taste buds perceive, while the flavor of a food is the combination of these tastes, plus the aroma and the other sensations.

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Frozen Greek Yogurt Pops with Pistachios and Raspberries



Sweet and Salty Caramel Cashew Brownies

Frozen Greek Yogurt Pops with Pistachios and Raspberries

Makes 8 pops

•Greek yogurt adds sour cultured notes and creamy texture
•Sourness is balanced by the sweet honey, which contributes floral notes
•Raspberries add fruity flavor, which is also slightly floral

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup, plus 4 teaspoons honey, divided
- 1 teaspoon Wilton Clear Imitation Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 cup raspberries
- 3 tablespoons chopped pistachios, divided
- 4 Wilton 8-inch Cookie Sticks, cut in half

In medium bowl, whisk together yogurt, cream, 1/4 cup honey and vanilla until smooth.

Place one whole raspberry in the bottom of each Wilton Round Brownie Pops Mold cavity. Cut the remaining raspberries into quarters.

To assemble pops, spoon 1-1/2 teaspoon yogurt mixture over raspberry in mold cavity; lightly tap mold against work surface to level. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon pistachios over yogurt and then 1/4 teaspoon honey over pistachios. Repeat, layering yogurt, pistachios and honey, as listed above, lightly tapping mold to level. Add a quartered piece of raspberry; top with remaining yogurt mixture and lightly tap to level. Insert sticks about 2/3 into pop; freeze at least 3 hours or overnight.

Sweet and Salty Caramel Cashew Brownies

Makes 15 brownies

•Caramel gets its flavor from browning sugar, butter and cream; it adds a rich, mouth-filling flavor
•Cashews add nutty, roasted flavor notes
•Salt reduces sweetness and increases the bitterness of the chocolate and butter in the caramel, creating a richer flavor

- 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate (squares or chips)
- 12 tablespoons (1-1/2 sticks) butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon coarse sea salt
- 1-1/3 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup cashews, chopped plus additional for garnish
- 15 soft caramel candies

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare 9-inch x 9-inch pan with parchment paper.

In a large saucepan, melt chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring to combine. Cool slightly.

In a small bowl, stir together flour, cocoa powder and salt. Add sugar, eggs and vanilla to chocolate mixture. Stir until well combined. Add flour mixture; stir until just incorporated. Stir in cashews. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 24 to 28 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out nearly clean.

While brownies bake, unwrap caramel candies and roll each one out until it is 1/8 inch in thickness. Cut with medium sized Leaf Cut-Outs cutter.

Remove brownies from oven and immediately top with caramel cut outs, arranging in 3 rows of five. Position a cashew on each caramel. Return to oven for 1 minute. Remove from oven. Cool on cooling grid until just barely warm. Cut into 1-1/2-inch x 3-inch rectangles and serve warm or at room temperature.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

The human attachment

It had been a long day for Steffan. Frozen pipes, touchy tractors, cranky cows and a stuffy nose. A headache had kept him banging his head against the wall from 6 am to sundown.

His wife and kids went to town that evening, leaving him alone. He was hungry but decided to take cold medicine and a nap before heating up the leftovers she'd left him.

He fell asleep in the chair and slept through supper. It was 10:30 when the family returned. Steffan woke and went out to check the calvy heifers before retiring. He pulled on his overshoes, coat and cap and groggily stumbled out to the calving lot.

"Ump," he groaned, "A cow in need." She lay on her belly straining, one shiny hoof peeked in and out. He struggled out of his coat and retrieved a nylon calving strap from the shed. Attaching it to the protruding foot, he pulled. No luck. "Dang it," spoke his hazy brain, "I need still another strap!"

He procured it and hooked up the second foot, placing the two unattached ends of the straps around his wrists. He sat down behind the mama cow, propping his boots up against her rear end to gain some leverage. When he leaned back, it startled her. She rose in a fit of bewilderment to rid herself of the human attachment. The faster she ran, the heavier the attachment grew. Centrifugal force disallowed neither of the two straps on his wrists to loosen.

Stuck like a rock in David's slingshot, Steffan's lower extremities pounded and pummeled posts and rock-hard clods. His knees, hips, limbs, buttocks, calves and heels managed to find every frozen track and petrified cowpie in the pen, depending on his centrifugal position.

He circled the pen at least three times and, because he'd left the gate open, he circled the adjoining pen an equal number. He determined in his foggy condition that the gate post, feed bunk, waterer and tundra all had the same density at 10° Fahrenheit. On his last collision with the inner post, he gathered enough slack to fly free and hit with a thud.

The confused cow, thinking she had calved, turned and came back to the stunned Steffan. He lay there covered with snow, mud, manure and whatever comes from the back of a cow during parturition. Led by her maternal instincts she sniffed and began to lick him clean.

He recovered and stumbled back to the house for help. He recounted the story to his wife, who collapsed on the kitchen floor in paroxysms of uncontrollable laughter. "Is that all?" she asked, pounding the floor and gasping.

"Yes," he said, but somewhere in the back of his subconscious he remembered getting to his knees and trying to nurse.

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Letter to the editor

State's rejection of Medicaid funding baffles letter-writer

Every voter — young, old, rich, poor, Republican, Democrat or Independent — should be outraged at the position being taken by our legislative leadership to turn down the \$14 million in federal funds to expand Medicaid for those who fall through the cracks, neither being able to afford health insurance or qualify for the subsidies.

We already foot the bill for indigent medical care to the tune of \$68 million — \$30 million from the counties and \$38 million from state general funds. Here is how. An indigent person with catastrophic medical expenses goes first to his/her county, which covers the first \$11,000. Owyhee County budgets about \$350,000 annually, Canyon \$4.5 million and Ada \$7.5 million. (Our property taxes)

Any balance is then paid from \$38 million in state general funds administered by the IAC. (Our sales taxes, and state income taxes)

That \$68 million total could certainly be redirected both by the state and the counties if our Legislature and governor would agree to expand Medicaid and accept the federal \$14 million. (Our already-paid federal taxes)

Why is federal funding considered "evil?" Do our governor and the legislative leaders refuse to drive on the interstate highways? They proclaim how agriculture is the lifeblood of our state. Yes, this is true. Looking at the landscape out of my window, I see countless fields, dotted

Letters to the editor

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with central pivot irrigation systems — all paid for with federal grants. These are not loans, another pot of federal money benefitting our ag economy. These grants do not have to be repaid. Then there is federal crop insurance, countless other federal ag subsidies and, of course, the annual \$1.5 million PILT money.

And the list goes on. Do the governor and the legislative leaders think the health care of our citizens is of less importance? Makes you wonder.

Pam Roylance
Homedale

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

It's not perfect, but Farm Bill will help state's ag, forest interests



I joined a bipartisan majority in the U.S. Senate and voted to approve the House-passed Agricultural Act of 2014 conference report, known as the Farm Bill. All four members of the Idaho Congressional Delegation voted to support the final agreement. This legislation is imperfect, as it could have better addressed spending concerns and costly permitting, labeling and inspection requirements. However, overall, the legislation will reduce the deficit and help Idaho's agriculture and forest industries continue to provide a safe and abundant food supply and forest products.

The Farm Bill consolidates conservation programs, slashes \$23 billion in federal spending by ending direct payments and streamlines other duplicative federal programs. Unfortunately, an opportunity was missed to enact more reforms that extend to the bottom-line spending. Agriculture producers have made sacrifices that will lower spending, but the nutrition title, which comprises approximately three quarters of the bill's price tag, should have received more scrutiny.

The conference report also kept intact redundant permitting requirements relating to aquatic pesticides; costly and burdensome country-of-origin labeling requirements; and the duplicative U.S. Department of Agriculture's catfish inspection program, which the Government Accountability Office singled out as a high risk for waste, fraud and abuse. I am concerned that Idaho producers may face unprecedented costs and international trade retaliations as a result of these provisions.

While far from perfect, this bill offers much-needed reforms to strengthen risk management tools and is a far-cry from the status quo. I worked with the leadership of the conference committee and numerous other colleagues to include provisions essential to Idaho in the final version:

- Keeping the U.S. sugar program intact to give sugar growers the tools needed to combat trade-distorting subsidies that other nations implement for otherwise uncompetitive industries;
- Modernizing the U.S. dairy industry to provide sound risk-management tools to balance supply and demand;
- Urging committee leadership to preserve the inclusion

of a provision that will create a five-year pilot program to promote the use of pulse crops — dry beans, dry peas, lentils and chickpeas — in school lunch programs. The bill finally authorizes the Pulse Health Initiative that will support expanded research into the health and nutritional benefits of pulse crops;

- Securing language I authored with Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) that reaffirms positions taken by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Supreme Court that forest roads used for logging activities will not be threatened by Clean Water Act litigation over water discharge permits as initially intended by Congress;
- Maintaining stewardship contracting authority, which provides another tool for federal land managers to carry out important forest stewardship projects and avoid costly and time-consuming lawsuits;
- Obtaining the inclusion of Good Neighbor authority, which would expand the federal government's authority to partner with state foresters on restoration projects, including bark beetle treatments, across state-federal boundaries;
- Working to streamline permitting requirements for projects to improve the health of our forests while meeting several restrictions;
- And, leading a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers from western states in calling for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes, or PILT, program to be reauthorized for one year using savings in the bill to offset the cost.

Thanks to the hard work of the forest and timber industry along with farmers and ranchers, Idaho products are growing in importance throughout the Pacific Northwest and competing in a global economy. The importance of the Farm Bill to Idaho cannot be overstated. But, even with its passage, we must continue to find ways to implement further market-based reforms that create an environment for growth, eliminate unnecessary obstacles for producers and continue to reduce the budget deficit.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. Crapo is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Commentary

Financial management

Roth IRA smarter investment than work’s non-matching 401(k)

Dear Dave,
I’m 26, and I just started a new job making \$50,000. I’ve also been offered a 401(k) with no match. Should I put money into the 401(k) or open a high-yield CD?
— Crystal

Dear Crystal,
I’ve got another idea. I’d open a Roth IRA with good growth stock mutual funds inside and fund it up to \$5,500 a year. Make sure these mutual funds have been open at least five years — preferably 10 years or more — and have performed well. Mathematically, this investment, growing tax-free, will be superior to a non-matching 401(k).
Then, if you want to invest more than \$5,500, you could put some additional money into the 401(k) offered by your company. Again, make sure you’re invested in good growth stock mutual funds with long, successful track records.

Congratulations, Crystal. And good luck!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I’ve heard you say many times you shouldn’t buy a brand-new car unless you have a net worth of \$1 million. What’s so special about a million dollars?
— Angela



in terms of an individual’s net worth. When you lose a lot, and it’s a small percentage of a lot, you don’t have to worry so much. But when you lose a lot and you didn’t have much to begin with, that’s a recipe for financial disaster!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My parents co-signed on government loans so I could go to college. Would my forbearance or non-payment affect their credit if I don’t pay?
— Tiffany

reason lenders want a co-signer, and that’s because they’re afraid the person taking out the loan won’t be able to pay back what’s owed.
My goal here isn’t to beat you up, Tiffany. It’s to give you information that you — and your parents — need in order to make different, smarter decisions in the future. We all do dumb things sometimes. In the past, I did some really dumb things with very large numbers attached. The goal is to grow, learn, and try to use what we learn in order to do fewer dumb things in the future.
— Dave

Dear Tiffany,
Yes, it would. I’m not trying to lay a guilt trip on you, kiddo, but you’ll be trashing your mom and dad’s credit if you don’t pay the bills on time. If they co-signed for you, they’ll start getting phone calls, too, if you don’t do the right thing and pay back these loans.
The truth is, your mom and dad shouldn’t have co-signed for you in the first place. There’s only one

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

Americans for Limited Government

Special counsel needed to look into IRS targeting case

by Robert Romano

New emails revealed by the House Ways and Means Committee have destroyed the Obama White House narrative that the IRS targeting of the Tea Party and other 501(c)(4) groups was somehow caused when low-level operatives at the agency were confused by a 50-year-old regulation that had never previously been confusing.

Specifically, the documents, and subsequent testimony by members of the agency, showed that a new regulation now proposed to restrict 501(c)(4) political speech — supposedly in response to the regulatory confusion — was in the works as early as 2011, long before the scandal became public knowledge.

It was apparently all a part of the targeting, a broader plan to re-regulate political speech in defiance of the 2010 *Citizens United* Supreme Court ruling.

Then, the Court allowed Citizens United, a 501(c)(4), to disseminate and advertise a movie critical of Hillary Clinton, a presidential candidate. The movie had been prohibited under the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law, but the Supreme Court lifted the restrictions as a violation of the First Amendment.

With the Tea Party-targeting, and then the regulation, the IRS was attempting to reestablish government control over political speech.

In one sense, the new documents are very interesting politically, because it puts to bed a key Obama narrative. But they also mean we have a big problem.

The IRS seemingly lied about the rationale for the new regulation restricting the political speech of 501(c)(4)s. At

the time the regulation was issued, the agency said it was addressing “the lack of a clear and concise definition of political campaign intervention” in the regulation.

This parroted a May 2013 Inspector General report that speculated the cause of the IRS targeting had been “some confusion by Determinations Unit specialists and applicants on what activities are allowed by I.R.C. § 501(c) (4) organizations.”

But nobody was claiming confusion in 2010 and 2011 when the targeting began and the new regulations were being pushed. The 1960 regulation allowed 501(c)(4) groups to engage in electioneering so long as it did not constitute a majority of their activities, and in the wake of *Citizens United* the agency was actively seeking to put a stop to it by hook or by crook.

The two are the same — the targeting and the regulation — it was all a deliberative approach to squelch First Amendment protected political speech.

One of the Articles of Impeachment that was brought against Richard Nixon was using the IRS “to cause, in violation of the constitutional rights of citizens, income tax audits or other income tax investigation to be initiated or conducted in a discriminatory manner.”

Which is precisely what we have here.

That is why we now need a special counsel to investigate this, Americans for Limited Government Vice President of Public Policy Rick Manning said in a statement.

“Last year, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal called for a special counsel to investigate and prosecute these egregious abuses of power that threaten the fabric of our

representative democracy. That call was echoed (recently) by Representative Trey Gowdy of South Carolina. It is clear that the Justice Department is stonewalling any legitimate investigation, and there is no longer any excuse for denying a legitimate independent investigation of these blatant attacks on the fundamental right to dissent,” Manning said.

Whether Obama ordered the targeting would be one question of the probe, or whether the culture that he created caused underlings to carry out implicit orders after he gave his infamous 2010 State of the Union rant against the *Citizens United* decision.

In the end, we know that the then-IRS commissioner was in meetings at the White House nearly 120 times while the targeting was occurring. It seems unlikely that a high-level pattern of targeting never came up. Maybe it did. Or perhaps there was some other connection to a White House official. Who knows?

This is why we need a special counsel. Only Attorney General Eric Holder can appoint one. To get it done, Republicans should use their power of the purse to not only prohibit the new IRS regulation, but to force the Obama Administration’s hand on an independent prosecutor.

The American people have a right to be assured that the White House has not once again weaponized the IRS for political purposes. For, not only is that Nixonian, it is impeachable.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 15, 1989

February cold spell ranks as one of coldest in area Water lines, wildlife suffer most from cold, snowpack

Alaska’s Arctic Express released its frigid grip on Owyhee County last Friday, at least for a few days, after plunging temperatures to sub-zero February levels that are among the coldest ever recorded in this century in this area.

The icy blast from the North dropped temperatures in Homedale to lows around 20 below zero for nearly a week, froze countless residential water pipes and car engines, and caused widespread misery to residents, their pets, livestock and wildlife.

Larry Bauer, city maintenance supervisor, reported that city crews were unthawing 8-12 meters per day in Homedale at the height of the cold crisis, and said he expects many additional problems. “A lot of meters that are busted aren’t dripping yet,” he explained, and further cold will mean more frozen pipes, because “the frost is getting deeper.”

But Bauer added, “it looks like we’re holding up all right. The wells are running more hours because so many people are letting their faucets trickle.

Old-timers recall when it was “really cold” here

The steady buildup of ice patches in the Snake River and along its edges has had numerous residents wondering if this might be the year they will see the river freeze solid across its surface from bank to bank.

Several longtime residents contacted, including Walt Adams, Dorothy Aldrich and Helen Richards, can recall no year in this century when the river’s surface was frozen solid enough to support a vehicle or team of horses in crossing at Homedale. But they recall at least one year, thought to be in the period 1913-1915, when a few people were able to walk across on ice jams that clogged the river just east of the island lying off Riverside Park in Homedale.

Adams, who will be 89 in March, recalled having skipped across the jammed-up ice himself, and also said the ice along the river’s edge was thick enough to support skaters.

Marsing city employees feted by council at dinner

Marsing City employees and members of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Department serving Marsing, along with their spouses, were honored at an annual appreciation dinner on Feb. 9 hosted by Marsing’s elected city officials. Mayor Gene Showalter and Marsing City Council Chairman Roger Howard emceed the event, held at Millies’ Café.

City employees feted included: Janice Bicandi, city clerk; Beverly Fisher, deputy clerk; Bucky Bowers, city superintendent; Larry Eells, city maintenance; Dwain Stevens, parks maintenance; and Renae Hoff, city attorney.

Sheriff’s Department personnel honored included: Sheriff Tim Nettleton; Chief Deputy Gary Aman; Deputy Bill Pyatt; Deputy Dick Freund and Deputy Dennis Taggart.

Study of soil under Briar Hills water tank authorized

A soil study is currently being done on the soil under the Briar Hills Subdivision water tank to see how stable it is.

In a letter to Mayor Paul Fink, Vern Brewer, an engineering technician with Holladay Engineering Co. of Payette, said: “The tank appears to be, of itself, a sound structure, but it is leaking a total of one to three gallons per minute, plus or minus, in three visible areas.”

However, “the tank, when considered as a whole, may be vulnerable to substructure failure due to the saturated conditions brought on by leakage.”

He went on to state, “At this time, the City should proceed to have an investigation of the soils and some preliminary analysis of the long-term stability of the site.”

“The point of such an analysis should reveal:

- “As the site is saturated to some degree, is it capable of maintaining the required substructure?
- “If the leakage is stopped, what is the potential for continued adequacy of the substructure?”
- “Does the cut bank along the southerly flank of the site require modification to protect the structural requirement of the site?”

50 years ago

February 13, 1964

Homedale Trojans trip Marsing 58-54 Saturday

The Marsing Huskies played tremendously against the Trojans Saturday night at Marsing and were in the lead most of the entire game, but beginning in the 4th quarter Homedale began to close the gap and took the lead to win 58-54.

Homedale is now 4-4 while the Huskies are 1-7 in league play.

Dan Gibbons was Marsing’s leading scorer with 21 while Tony Maher topped the Trojans with 20 and Bill Cegnar chipped in with 18.

Homedale J.V.’s lost to Marsing by a margin of 2 points 41-39.

Bell tells Kiwanis Club of classroom shortage

School Supt. Deward Bell spoke at the regular Homedale Kiwanis meeting Wednesday noon on the high school.

Overcrowding is already apparent in the school, which was built in 1940 to accommodate 200 pupils and now is taking care of 230.

“The enrollment will increase to 315 by 1968, with 61 freshmen predicted next fall and only 43 seniors lost this spring,” Supt. Bell said.

The grade school facilities are adequate for the predicted future, with only the high school in need of more room. The Lincoln school was built in 1965 and Washington school in 1952.

He quoted \$280.07 as the average per year cost of educating a child in Homedale schools which figures out to less then 25 cents per hour per child.

This figure compares with a state average of \$317 per child. The U.S. average is \$414; Adrian, Ore., \$518; Marsing, \$364.84; Wilder, 311.37; Parma, \$286.57.

Homedale has \$3,406 in assessed valuation behind each of the 844 children enrolled.

The average daily attendance is 755. The district valuation is \$2,572,262. Indebtedness now stands about \$155,000 and additional bonding capacity is \$230,000. The district is limited to 15 percent of its assessed valuation.

A two-thirds vote is necessary to pass a bond levy. A \$230,000 additional bond issue would require an additional 6 mill levy over a 20-year period and cost each taxpayer about \$2 additional for each \$100 of school now paid.

Chroniclings

Many Basques attended the Austrian 50th anniversary dance Tuesday night and when popular accordionist Jimmie Jausoro joined the Yanks for a couple of tunes the Basque dancers obliged with La Jota ...

The Beatles are “way out” as a singing group, and still further out with their rag-mop haircuts. Garry Moore’s TV show panned them good Tuesday night with a skit in which Garry and his pals portrayed “the cockroaches”.

VALENTINE OWED

Khrushchev may bury us
Leetle by leetle
But that is preferable
To bein’ bit by a Beatle.

The Yanks proved to be the most popular dance group ever to hit Homedale. Frankie Yankovic’s personality and his music charmed everyone and delighted dancers young and old ...

Succor Crik Sam Sez

“Now that we got them California water grabbers off our backs, looks like we may be called on to supply watah to Cuber.”

Lester M. Buck to manager Triangle Ranch

The Triangle Ranch at Oreana in Owyhee County, owned for many years by Earl Bachman, was recently sold to Angelo Jiusti of Robbins, Cali.f, and he has turned over management to Lester M. Buck of Homedale.

140 years ago

February 14, 1874

ALTITUDE OF RAILROADS. The altitude of the highest point in the world where railroads are now in operation is at Apizaco, on the Vera Cruz and Mexico Railway, 7,478 feet above the level of the sea. The next highest is on the Central Pacific, in the Nevada range, 7,111 feet above the level of the sea. The third is at Arequipa, an important site in Peru, 7,000 feet above the level of the sea, and under the Peruvian railway system the work is to be continued, and is expected to reach double that altitude. It sets out upon as ascent, to pass to the west of the Eastern Cordilleras, and puts itself thus in connection with the famous take of Titicaca and the entire Andine Bolivia, also with the great historic realm of the Icrass, the ancient capital of Cuzen, and must reach a point at the breath-taking height of 14,000 feet above the level of the sea — less than 4,099 feet lower than the crater of Popocatepeti, and over 6,000 feet higher than the City of Mexico.

THE TRADE DOLLAR. The new trade dollar has been recognized by the Chinese, authorities at Canton said by a proclamation. Through the efforts of B. Robertson, Consul at Canton, a joint commission was appointed to superintend the assay of this coin; upon the report of this commission a proclamation was published notifying all classes of its acceptance in payment of duties and for general use in its intrinsic value of \$9.61 in pure silver. This will be good news for our Government as proving that the object of the trade dollar is rapidly being strained. As we have before stated, the object of the trade dollar was to supercede the Mexican dollar in our China trade. It was, therefore, made to exceed the later, slightly to value, being with 1/14th per cent more than the old Mexican dollar. A great demand for this coin may now be looked for within a few months, and a consequent rise in pure silver to be used in its coinage.

THE SILVER CITY GRANGERS. The horny-handed, homespun farmers of Silver City held an interesting meeting in the Fusil Oil Saloon last Saturday night. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine other sturdy city agriculturists were present, your reporter being one of the latter. After calling the roll and reading the minutes of the previous meeting the Secretary remarked that he had received a communication a day or two since from a city lady who desired to know the best method of making gooseberry wine for family use.

The President said he could give no information on the subject — he never looked upon the wine when it was red, because he thought there was logwood in it and besides it was too think a drink for grown persons. The Treasurer was asked to throw some light on the subject, and stated that he didn’t go much on gooseberry wine, but that he made a very pleasant family drink — a beverage that served to soothe and sustain one through the troubles of life, out of a few simple ingredients, such as brandy, blue vitriol, cayenne pepper, arosite, peppermint oil, tanzy and arsenic — take equal parts of these and mix them thoroughly; sip a quart or two three times a day. A bottle of the recipe was produced, and went from mouth to mouth, accompanied by the patriotic old song of, “Boys, pass the jug around, etc.” It was then moved, seconded and carried that further discussion of the gooseberry wine question be postponed till the next meeting.

The Secretary took the floor, and said he was in favor of cooking food for animals, whereupon an old sidewalk farmer jumped to his feet, saying, “The idea of furnishing stock with cooked food is utterly ridiculous. Nature intended that the food of all animals should be eaten raw. The Scriptures alluded to this where it reads, ‘A burned sow dreads the hot swill.’ Animals.” The Secretary here wanted to know of the President who had the floor, and upon being told that he (the Sec) had, said that he had prepared the following till of fare, which he proposed to serve as soon as he retired to his country residence: Breakfast for swine. Boiled corn on the ear, decayed potatoes rolled in sand and fried whole, hot swill with cream and sugar. For horses or cows — cornstalk hash, bran pudding with wine sauce, hay biscuit, oats furcated and smothered in meal.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

January 6, 13, 21 and 27, 2013

January 6
Approved payment of the bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$12,774, Road & Bridge \$3,866, District Court \$13,148, Fair \$53, Probation \$1,748, Health District \$4,486, Historical Society / Museum \$1,251, Indigent & Charity \$16,682, Junior College \$450, Revaluation \$1,570, Solid Waste \$5,702, Tort \$3, 911 \$1,797, Waterways \$185, OHV \$7, Economic Development \$334

Approved Certificate of Residency to College of Western Idaho for Yesenia Calderon. Approved the Request to Retain County Vessel Funds in the amount of \$13,566. Approved Resolution 2014-01, Agreement to house tribal inmates at Owyhee County Jail. Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity cases 13-70 and 13-71.

Approved Indigent & Charity case 13-67. Final Denial of Indigent & Charity case 13-61. Approved the RFB for County Weed Spraying Services for signature and publishing.

January 13
Reorganization of the Board for 2014, re-appointed Commissioner Merrick as Chairman of the Board, approved the Indigent & Charity burial fee of \$750.00, set the county mileage reimbursement rate at \$.55 per mile and approved the Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper for county publications.

Accepted the following county representatives for 2014:

Southwest District Health, Commissioner Aberasturi; Western Alliance, Commissioner Aberasturi; Treasure Valley Partnership, Commissioner Aberasturi; Road Dist. #1 Super., Commissioner Hoagland; Road Dist. #3 Super., Commissioner Merrick; Weed Dept. Super., Commissioner Aberasturi; Solid Waste Dept. Super., Commissioner Merrick; P & Z / Bldg. Dept. Super., Commissioner Merrick; Probation Dept. Super., Commissioner Aberasturi

Set all of Owyhee County as a noxious weed extermination area.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to CWI for Cuihong He.

Released liens on property at 17052 Pershall St., Murphy, Idaho in the amount of \$405.00, and 12913 Delamar St., Murphy, ID in the amount of \$240.00.

Approved the re-appointment of William Statham to the Owyhee County Historic Preservation Committee.

Approved an internet upgrade to Safelink with an increase of approximately \$120.00 per month.

Approved the Progress Report and the Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program request for funds in the amount of \$37,382.00 for the renovation at the Bruneau American Legion Hall.

Approved an invoice from Bideganeta Construction in the amount of \$35,872.16 for the renovation at the Bruneau American Legion Hall.

Approved Resolution 2014-03, to adjust the mileage reimbursement rate for official county business to \$.55 per mile.

Approved Resolution 2014-04, lost, abandoned or unclaimed firearms in the Sheriff's office. Approved Resolution 2014-02,

establishing 12 voting precincts.

Approved a part time hire for the Prosecuting Attorney office at the rate of \$8.25 per hour, no benefits.

Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 14-1. Approved Indigent & Charity cases 13-63, 13-66 and 13-71. Continued the Indigent & Charity hearing for case 13-49 to February 10, 2014. Re-affirmed the denial of Indigent & Charity case 13-47.

January 21
Approved payment of the bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$61,592, Road & Bridge \$28,036, District Court \$10,442, Probation \$1,627, Historical Society & Museum \$2,313, Indigent & Charity \$28,820, \$Junior College Tuition \$500, Revaluation \$490, Solid Waste \$8,192, 911 \$14,469, Waterways \$342, Economic Development \$842,

Approved the following 6 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho: Melinda Clark, Erika Purvis, Jesus Gonzalez, Kimber Bowman, Jerijo Craig, Maria Golrangi

Approved a catering permit for licensee Shelli Baker dba The Pour House for the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting.

Denied Indigent & Charity case 13-69.

January 27
Approved a Certificate of Residency for Justin Dean Thomas Glenn to the College of Southern Idaho.

Approved a letter to BLM concerning the adverse impacts of the Permit Renewal decision.

Signed a letter in support of the Marsing Island Park Boating Enhancement Project.

Approved a letter to be sent to Margene Lunn concerning a request to sell county property.

Approved a letter to be sent to Kent Kohring regarding a 'request for information'.

Approved a letter to be sent to Southwest District Health requesting a time extension on the Bruneau Grand View landfill closure.

Placed liens on Indigent & Charity cases 14-02 and 14-03.

Denied Indigent & Charity case 13-70.

Approved Indigent & Charity cases 13-55 and 13-65.

Opened sealed bids for the Owyhee County Weed Spraying, delayed making a decision on the award until February 3, 2012.

Approved a letter to the BLM regarding the Sage Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and EIS.

Awarded Skyline Construction the closure project for the Bruneau Grandview Landfill.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.

2/12/14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2014-019 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of HOWARD P. SEUBERT and IRENE SEUBERT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estates are required to present their claims

within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the addresses indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 31st day of December, 2013.

/s/Jeffery Hilton, 3515 E. Kings Gate Drive, Nampa, Idaho 83687

2/12,19,26/14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2013-03129 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of PAULA VALERIA HILL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representatives of the above-named decedent. 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 the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the addresses indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 25 day of November, 2013.

/s/Leslie Hill Warner, 4159 S. Bluebird Dr., West Valley City, UT 84120

/s/Jamie Lea Hill, 2703 Ponderosa Drive, Boise, ID 83705

2/12,19,26/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: January 24, 2014 File No.: 7021.17976 Sale date and time (local time): May 27, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 605 East Selway Drive Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Efrain Sandoval, a married man as his sole and separate property Original trustee: Transnation Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Ampro Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns Recording date: 06/03/2005 Recorder's instrument number: 252078 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of January 24, 2014: \$78,793.91 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the

NOTICE

The Southwest District Board of Health will hold its' **Board Meetings** on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 25, 2014	Tuesday, August, 26, 2014
Tuesday, March 25, 2014	Tuesday, September 23, 2014
Tuesday, April 22, 2014	Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Tuesday, May 20, 2014	Tuesday, November 25, 2014
Tuesday, June 24, 2014	Tuesday, December 16, 2014
Tuesday, July 22, 2014	

The Board of Health meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Southwest District Health, Room 324, 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell, Idaho.

2/12/14

Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 2, Block 5, Big Sky Estates No. 2, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7021.17976) 1002.263736-File No.

2/12,19,26;3/5/14

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

2-10499 BLACKSTOCK FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP, 6754 OPALINE RD, MELBA, ID 83641-4217

Point of Diversion L4(SWSE) S26 T02N R04W OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary COLUMBIA RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 2.98 CFS

Total Diversion: 2.98 CFS
Date Filed: 12/17/2013
Place of Use: IRRIGATION T01N R04W S2 L3(NENW) T01N R04W S3 L1(NENE) L2(NWNE) SWNE SENE
Total Acres: 149

2-10500 BLACKSTOCK FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP, 6754 OPALINE RD, MELBA, ID 83641-4217

Point of Diversion L4(SWSE) S26 T02N R04W OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary COLUMBIA RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.62 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.62 CFS
Date Filed: 12/17/2013
Place of Use: IRRIGATION T02N R04W S34 NENE NESE NWSE
Total Acres: 31

55-13912 ANITA L GLUCH, THOMAS R GLUCH, PO BOX 257, JORDAN VALLEY, OR 97910

Point of Diversion SWSE S14 T06S R06W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 04/01 to 10/31 4.7 CFS

Total Diversion: 4.7 CFS
Date Filed: 2/27/2013
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T06S R06W S13 NWSW T06S R06W S14 NWNE SWNE SENE NENW SENW SE(ALL) T06S R06W S23 NENE NWNE SWNE
Total Acres: 236

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS

Chris and Catherine Unruh of

25289 Hipwell Lane, Grandview, ID 83624, filed Application Nos. 78382 and 78383 to transfer two water rights with 1962 and 1967 priority dates from the Snake River totaling 3.28 cfs and 787.5 afa. The purpose of the transfer is to change the points of diversion pursuant to a request by the Bybee Canal Co., to a point 0.4 miles south of the current points of diversion. Water will be used at the current place of use approximately 1 mile south of Grandview.

Celia C. & Charles Raymond Draper of 24964 Draper Lane, Grand View, ID 83624 filed Application No. 78941 to transfer a portion of three water rights with 1969 to 1970 priority dates from the Snake River currently diverted near C.J. Strike Dam at the Grand View Mutual Canal (GVMC) diversion. The purpose of the transfer is to move 3.64 cfs (182 inches) from the GVMC diversion to the nearby Bybee Canal Co. diversion. The remainder of the authorized rate under the three rights, 1.00 cfs (50 inches), will remain diverted at the GVMC diversion.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the rights &/or proposed transfer, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222 and 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 2/24/2014. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director

2/5,12/14

LIEN NOTICE

Unit I-14, Sarah Asumendi, 15995 Sady Ridge Ct., Wilder, ID 83676. Contents include bicycle, air hockey table, stereo components, and other misc. items. Sealed bid will be accepted at Hwy 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628 on 02-22-2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All payments will be in the form of cash only. All items in units are to be removed including trash.

2/12,19/14

Buy it, sell it,
trade it, rent it...
in the

Classifieds!

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. ID-MWB-14002677
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **May 19, 2014**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

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

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 2, a found 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence North 89°56’24” East along the North boundary of said Government Lot 2 a distance of 425.14 feet 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence South 12°24’21” East a distance of 1293.25 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Government Lot 2, a 5/8 x 30 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 89°59’00” West along said South boundary a distance of 510.73 feet to a point on the East boundary of the parcel shown on the Record of Survey filed as Instrument No. 222656, a found 1/2 inch diameter rebar; thence traversing said East boundary as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

No. 277612, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MOUNTAIN WEST BANK.

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

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

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

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

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

DATED: 1/10/2014
Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee By Ronald W. Jantzen c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510
1/22,29;2/5,12/14

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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HOMEDALE SCHOOL STAFFERS HONORED

They call her ‘Miss Pam’

HES colleagues heap praise upon Award of Excellence recipient Gibbens

The Homedale School District presented Pam Gibbens the Award of Excellence for January.

They call her “Miss Pam,” and she’s the lady who runs the show at Homedale Elementary School.

Gibbens is school secretary, and was presented with the award at the school board meeting Jan. 13. She is at the center of everything that goes on at the school. She has been at HES since 1999.

“This job is what I always wanted to be when I grew up,” Gibbens said. “I’m very humbled by this award.”

Gibbens enjoys her job immensely because every day is different and she loves seeing the children. “At this age, they still love you,” she said. Gibbens says she often feels like a grandmother to each child.

Principal Terri Vasquez told the school board, “Pam is a one-of-a-kind. She can multi-task like nobody’s business. She is usually one step ahead of me and has what I need when I need it. She volunteers for the after-school program and family nights, and works in the summer school. Pam does this because she truly loves the students and families of Homedale. I can’t imagine

working at Homedale Elementary without her. She is much more than a secretary or administrative assistant. I am blessed to be able to call her my friend.”

Other staffers had praise for Gibbens, too:

“I always appreciate her smile, humor, and understanding way. She’s also a great problem-solver and takes everything in stride. Pam always has time to listen to little ones read or hear the latest joy or woe from a staff member, as well as who knows what else in the course of the day.”

— **Mary Jo Larzelier,**
fourth- grade teacher

“If you really want to know who the ‘go-to’ person is when you encounter a hill in the building or with a student or family, Pam is the queen. Her compassion and dedication is truly unending.”

— **Robyn Chandler,**
third-grade teacher

“She is a buffer, a binder, a smoother, a fixer, a finder, a healer, a hearer, a seer, a calmer of the waves, a tracker . . . I could go on forever! We lunch ladies love her! We are so grateful for her great attitude, her hard work, and her smile every day!

— **Shirley Martinat,**
lunch room



Pam Gibbens

“Pam makes my life easier and better with her helpfulness and humor! She is the person who would pick the nuts out of chunky peanut butter if you only liked creamy. Thank you to Pam for all that she does to make our school a happy place!”

— **Jan Silva,**
fourth-grade teacher

“Positively, absolutely amazing.”

— **Melanie Harper,**
first-grade teacher

“She keeps the school from falling apart!”

— **Nancy Smith,**
kindergarten teacher

“Daily you can find her listening to children read, helping children with their school work,

and offering a kind word to the kids that pass by her desk. She is able to keep track of which child belongs where better than anyone I have ever seen. Ms. Pam does many things behind the scenes that most people do not know about. I am truly happy for her that she is being honored.

— **Aundra DeWitt,**
school nurse

“Pam is the glue that keeps our school family together. There is not anything that we ask of her that she can’t or won’t do. She always makes you smile even when you’d rather frown. Pam makes our building run smoothly and most importantly she makes all of us feel special and worthy to call her our friend.”

— **Shelley Townsend,**
paraprofessional

Pam is an amazing secretary. She is always kind, helpful, and caring. She handles a wide range of issues, and sometimes difficulties, with class, poise, and grace. I really feel that we are extremely fortunate to have such a talented, wonderful person who is truly dedicated to our kids and our staff.”

— **Toby Johnson,**
third-grade teacher
Gibbens was born in Nampa, but

grew up in Grand View, graduating from Rimrock High School.

She has lived in Homedale since 1976. She and her husband Gary have three grown children, Monica, Shane and Michele, and four grandchildren. Gary works for the Boise Irrigation District.

Before coming to Homedale Elementary, Pam was the secretary at Marsing Elementary. She also served on the Homedale School Board for several years.

Pam went to Ricks College (now BYU Idaho) for 1 1/2 years, then took classes at Utah State. She attended the Institute of Medical and Dental Technology in Logan, Utah to receive training as a dental assistant.

She worked a variety of jobs while her children grew up, including positions at West Valley Medical Center, The Saratoga Inn in Caldwell, and Paul’s Market.

Gibbens has lived through a great deal of change over the years at her job. When she first started, everything was done by hand, on paper. Now the largest part of her job is working on the computer. The technology is the biggest change she has seen over the years, besides working for six different principals at the school.

—KB

HHS case manager does whatever it takes

Emery says she feels like a second mother to her students

Rebecca Emery has received an Award of Excellence from the Homedale School District. She is the migrant case manager for the high school’s ESL program.

“She really cares deeply about the kids,” Homedale High School principal Dion Flaming said. “She’s a team player. She goes above and beyond her position.”

As the case manager, she provides a support system for the students, he said. She attends classes with students on occasion and helps them with anything they need to do.

Flaming said he has often asked Emery to take over a class when a teacher is absent, and she does so without hesitating. She also volunteers at a ticket-taker at home athletic events.

“Whatever it takes, she jumps in and does it,” Flaming said. “These are the kind of people we rely on to make our school successful.”

Emery and her husband Douglas moved to Homedale about five years ago, when he was elected Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney.

The Emerys have three children, Alyssa, 14, Elizebeth, 24, and David, 27. Elizebeth is in the

U.S. Marine Corps stationed at the Cherry Point Air Station in Havelock, N.C., and David just got out of the Marines, where he was stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. David is headed to college next spring at the University of Utah.

Two years ago, both her older children were in Afghanistan at the same time, so that was a difficult Christmas for Emery. “It wasn’t my favorite Christmas,” she said.

Before coming to Homedale, Emery operated “Becky’s Preschool” in Nampa for about four years, and also worked in real estate for Exit Realty in Meridian. She did substituting for the Homedale district before being hired full time.

“I absolutely love my job here,” she said. “I always wanted to teach, and this job is perfect because my schedule matches my daughter’s schedule,” she said. Emery said the Homedale School District shows a lot of concern for the students, and the people she works with are great.

Emery assists not only the migrant students, but Title I students as well. She also tutors in the af-



Rebecca Emery works with senior Abraham Monreal at Homedale High School. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

ter-school program. “The students here are just great,” she said.

Emery says she enjoys her job. “I’m a teenager at heart, so I fit right in,” she said. She is sometimes mistaken as a student because she is about the same size as many of her students.

Homedale is an area that “grows on you,” she said. “When you cross the bridge, sometimes you just sigh, knowing you are home.”

Surprisingly enough, Emery is not bilingual. She said it was not a requirement for her job.

“It’s almost an advantage not to speak Spanish because you can’t use it as a crutch,” she said.

The school wants the students to learn English, so it wasn’t necessary, she said. Emery has a parent liaison who assists her when Spanish is needed to communicate with parents.

Emery said the help she gives to students varies greatly because no two students are alike. Sometimes language can be a slight barrier to learning, when students may not understand what words mean, she said.

Emery tries to focus her attention on freshmen and sophomores, because they may need more help, but she doesn’t lose track of the seniors either.

The job is similar to being a parent, Emery said, because she is making sure the students do what they are supposed to do.

One thing about Homedale High that Emery enjoys is the freedom given her to do her job. Much of the time she can create her own schedule.

Her short-term goal is to have all her students pass their classes and graduate. Her long-term goal is for them to go beyond high school to college.

“I get pretty attached to these kids,” she said. “They become more than a job. I feel like a second mother to them,” she said.

Students often come to her to share their experiences outside of school.

They talk about their successes, as well as their problems, she said. Becoming a role model is of major importance in her job, Emery said.

In addition to working at HHS, Emery helps out in the youth group at the LDS Church.

“I’m surrounded by teenagers,” she said with a grin.

—KB