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Trojans place third in 3A state tourney



Team snags first girls' basketball trophy since 2003

Members of the Homedale High School girls' basketball team hoist the third-place trophy at center court after their lopsided win over Priest River to close the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament at Middleton High School on Saturday. Photo by Jon P. Brown **Full coverage in Sports, B section**

Recent storms helped water outlook some

Reservoir
17% full; water
users meeting
set next week

Growers served by the South Board of Control are anxious to have an update on the water situation this year, and they are watching the numbers carefully.

"We are really short — historically short this year, and we just keep hoping for some more," SBOC manager Ron Kiester said Monday.

A storm system earlier this month peaked out after a few days, Kiester said, so the numbers

didn't change much. Another storm system is expected to arrive in the Homedale area later this week.

Water issues were discussed at an Owyhee Project Joint Board meeting Tuesday, but producers have circled next Wednesday on their calendars. That's when the annual SBOC water users meeting takes place at 1:30 p.m. at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The agenda for the water users meeting includes:

- Water reports based on information obtained from Tuesday's Join Board meeting.
- A water report from Brian

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Marsing Middle School principal leaving post

"Skeeter" Duby
moving to Oregon
after one year

For the second time in as many years, the Marsing School District will be replacing a middle school principal.

Allen "Skeeter" Duby will be leaving Marsing Middle School, effective June 12. Duby has been principal there since last fall.

He told the school board he will be leaving for family reasons, and his resignation was accepted during the Feb. 11 trustees' meeting.

"This is strictly to do with family and has nothing to do with the school district," he said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed the past school year. It's a great school district, with a lot of good things happening."

Duby plans to move at the end of the year to Hereford, Ore., to be near his son Steve, 16, who will



Allen Duby

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Bruneau auction establishes record

A standing-room-only crowd of excited and eager bidders helped Saturday's Bruneau Booster Club Auction set a record.

Auction-goers who crammed into the newly re-opened American Legion Post 83 Hall spent more than \$28,000, the highest amount in the auction's history.

The Boosters will decide in upcoming meetings how to utilize the funds, which will be spread between community events and projects.

Kyle Colyer led the auction with help on the podium from Kirby Isaac, who was making his Bruneau Booster Auction debut. They officiated bids on an array of homemade crafts, goodies, tack, farm tools, and silent auction items.

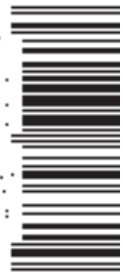
The expanded restrooms and other upgrades were welcome additions for the large throng of people who came out to buy, visit and eat a free meal of Basque soup and French bread.

"It's amazing for such a small community to come together on one night and raise that much money,"



From left, Brandi Lisle, veteran auctioneer Kyle Colyer (obscured), first-year auctioneer Kirby Isaac and Tiffany Bachman keep track of bidding Saturday. Submitted photo **More photos, Page 12A**

Longtime auction patron Webb Lisle said. "What a testament to our community."



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Sheriff’s office updates patrol fleet with three trucks

Surplus vehicles heading for Saturday auction

Surplus law enforcement vehicles will be part of a Saturday auction in Homedale after the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office purchased three new patrol trucks.

A total of \$74,179 was spent to buy three 2014 Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 pickups from Bonanza Motors in Burley.

Sheriff Perry Grant told county commissioners during a Feb. 18 meeting that buying the ¾-ton pickups was actually more economical (by about \$3,000 per truck) than purchasing a smaller half-ton model.

One of the pickups will be used by Backcountry Deputy Kenny Hoagland. Grant said he has heard complaints from ranchers that Hoagland’s current vehicle is easily mistaken for an Idaho Department of Fish and Game patrol truck and that locals are

less likely to approach a Fish and Game conservation officer.

Three OCSO Ford F-250s (one 2006 model and two from 2008) and a 1994 GMC Yukon were entered in Saturday’s Baker Auction Co. event at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. beet dump in Homedale as surplus county property. County Clerk Angie Barkell said the county satisfied its legal requirements to advertise the auction through the Baker Auction Co. ad that appeared in the past two issues of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Communications projects OK’d

County commissioners accepted a \$31,744.15 bid from Littleton, Colo.-based Xybix to upgrade desks and furniture in the OCSO dispatch center.

The bid was about \$19,000 cheaper than a second estimate received from Canadian company Evans Consoles, according to Deputy Christine Ballard.

A total of \$50,000 in 911 funds was budgeted for the project.

“I’m fully confident that we will come in under budget,” Ballard said.

Ballard said Xybix also quoted a price of about \$2,100 to remodel the dispatch pod in the county jail, but 911 funds cannot be used for that upgrade. She said that work may be budgeted later out of the jail fund.

In an unrelated communications project, commissioners authorized Whitecloud Communications to install a repeater at the Wilson fire station in the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District to improve communication with county dispatchers. The county will spend \$850 from the 911 fund for the installation.

Part-time deputy hired for waterways

During a Feb. 18 meeting, commissioners approved Grant’s pay authorization request to hire a part-time deputy to serve in the waterways and Idaho Power divisions.

Milt Greenwood is retiring from the Nampa Police Department. He

will receive \$15.79 per hour to work for OCSO.

Grant said medical issues with current deputies have left his duty roster thin. One deputy, Brent Boster, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident last year. Karl Kingston suffered a heart attack earlier this year.

Huff appointed to Fair Housing post

County commissioners appointed Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff to the newly created position of Fair Housing Resource Coordinator.

The appointment is part of a recently completed Fair Housing Assessment that apparently makes the county eligible for federal grants to help ensure equal access to housing for all citizens regardless of disabilities and other factors.

Courthouse hall damage discussed

It could cost the county more than \$8,400 to repair damage to the cement floor of the courthouse

in Murphy apparently caused by the roots of a tree that had been removed a couple years ago.

Barkell explained that the tree’s root system burrowed under the courthouse as it grew over the years and that one root pushed up and buckled the concrete floor in the hallway leading to court offices and the floor in her office.

Homedale contractor Aaron Marts has put the estimate for repairs at \$8,408.50.

There could be more damage than is visible, though.

“Until we pull the carpet back, we’re not going to know the full extent of what’s going on,” Barkell said.

County commissioners learned last week that the repairs would not be covered by their Idaho Counties Risk Management Program insurance policy.

On Monday, the commissioners accepted Marts’ estimate. There’s no word on which county fund will be used to pay for the work.

— JPB



A rooster hangs out in the front yard of a home inside Marsing city limits.

Roosters could be banned in Marsing city

Mayor Green provides poultry problems list

In recent months, the Marsing City Council has discussed amending a city nuisance ordinance to include the banning of roosters from the city.

The council has scheduled a

first reading of the new ordinance for its March 12 meeting.

Mayor Keith Green, who proposed the amendment, said roosters are “a constant problem in one form or another.”

He said there are three major problems with roosters within city limits; Disturbing resident’s sleep by crowing at all hours of the night, the potential danger of roosters attacking small children,

and the prevention of potential cock fights within the city.

The rooster ordinance falls under code No. A-94 of the nuisance ordinance, and is an administrative issue, rather than a misdemeanor, Green said. It will be enforced by Mike Shimkus, who currently enforces all other city ordinances in Marsing.

If the ordinance is put into effect, the city will be able to issue administrative fines on violators and if necessary, petition the violator for a court appearance. The court appearance would be used as a “last resort,” the mayor

said.

Green said there has been one incident reported where a rooster has attacked a small child, which happened last July. He did not elaborate on the incident.

“I believe that most residents of the city will comply,” Green said. The ordinance would not affect the current ordinance language allowing hens that lay eggs.

“The ordinance is not being presented to stop people from raising up 12 chickens for fresh eggs,” he added.

—KB

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Once envisioned as a gathering place such as a community center, the building at Marsing's Island Park has been boarded up for years and has fallen into disrepair. The city council recently decided to level the building and perhaps build a patio. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Change of scenery at Island Park

Marsing will raze run-down building

It looks like an old eyesore at Island Park in Marsing will soon be a thing of the past.

City council members voted last week to have the existing building at the park knocked down by a wrecking ball. No date has been set for the demolition.

"It has just become a nuisance and an eyesore," Mayor Keith Green said at the Feb. 12 meeting.

He said the city should eventually replace the building with a covered patio, to make the site usable.

The old building, which is weather-beaten and shuttered up, has had a long sad history, according to John Larsen, public works maintenance superintendent for the city.

The building was first constructed back in the early 1980s, he said. A patio facing the river was added a few years later. The patio has picnic tables and is still used, but the building has been nailed shut for a long time.

"The original concept was to make this area more usable for the public," Larsen said.

The building was intended to be used as a community center. But, it was discovered that it was in an inconvenient location, because cars could not park next to it, and people had to carry all their items across the grass for picnics, Larsen said.

Another problem was that the roughly 850-square-foot structure

was not big enough for most family events. Inside, it had a kitchen and bathrooms, so the usable room only amounted to about 500 square feet, he said.

The last time the building was put to use was about 10 years ago, when it was utilized as a food line for the Share and Care organization. Since then, a food pantry has been operated by the Vision Community Church at 221 W. Main St.

About five years ago, an attempt was made to open a weekend stand for pop and candy, but that fell through because of costs.

"You couldn't make enough money to pay someone to work here, so it wasn't feasible," he said.

Another attempt to use the building was made when a bait shop was opened for a short time, but vandalism ended that venture.

"We've tried a lot of different ideas with this building, but nothing ever worked," Larsen said.

Currently, the city's maintenance of the building, amounts mostly to vandalism prevention.

"We continually keep plugging it up, but then they come back and tear it open," he said.

Tearing the building down, but keeping the patio and building a cover is "probably a good idea" he said.

A long time ago, when the building was fairly new, Larsen remembers "a kind of war broke out" over it.



Marsing public works maintenance superintendent John Larsen points out just one spot of deterioration in the Island Park building that has been slated for demolition. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

At that time there were a group of gang members who were "messaging around" and spraying graffiti and causing damage. Another group of people decided they would "act like a posse" and try to catch the culprits. But, the "war" ended when "the vandals won," Larsen said.

The north side of the park also used to have a number of camping spaces with hookups, but that was eliminated because of maintenance costs, Larsen said.

A set of portable restrooms near the parking area at the park, were

brought in about six years ago.

"Maintenance is our enemy down here. We are always struggling with it," Larsen said.

People are debating over the question of exactly where restroom facilities should be placed, he said. Some people want them near the park, while boaters and others want them on the other side near the dock.

The city is planning to eventually put in another lift station to address flooding problems and flush toilets in the area, and make other improvements such as new

paving and curbing.

The city is in the process of obtaining a Waterways Improvement grant from the Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation to be able to fund improvements at the park. The application has been submitted.

"The park really needs it — it's crying for it," Larsen said.

"The story isn't over here. We hope to have some modern flush toilets here, but they are very expensive to put in," he said.

—KB

Next Gateway West committee meeting today in Boise

The citizens' committee trying to find routing options for Segments 8-9 of the Gateway West power line will meet again today.

The Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Committee's subcommittee examining siting within Owyhee County for the 500-kilovolt line convenes at 9 a.m. today inside the BLM Boise District Office,

3948 Development Ave., in Boise. Previous meetings had been held across the parking lot in the National Interagency Fire Center.

Landowners with interests along the routes examined by subcommittee have received letters inviting them to join the process through attendance and submitting comments, BLM spokesperson Heather A. Feeney said.

The subcommittee has concen-

trated on a route through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area that follows an existing power line. But BLM officials have doused the idea by pointing out that a 2009 law says any approved uses must be compatible with the NCA.

Last week, a spokesman for Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) told The Owyhee Avalanche that the senator favors the state-supported

plan that would send the power line through the NCA. Crapo communications director Lindsay Nothorn implied there has been some work on the BLM's stance.

"It is my understanding the agency is again working with area stakeholders on the NCA route and (Crapo) will continue to advocate for the approach that garners the most support from


those most affected in Idaho," Nothorn said.

Other subcommittee meetings are planned at the same Boise location on March 10, March 18, March 27 and April 2.

Crapo and Owyhee County's commissioners apparently met behind closed doors last Wednesday to discuss the Gateway West issue.


—JPB

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	(measured in inches)					
(measured in Fahrenheit)						
Mud Flat						
02/18	2.4	8	5.9	46	29	36
02/19	2.4	8	5.9	42	19	28
02/20	2.4	8	5.9	37	17	28
02/21	2.4	8	6.0	41	26	34
02/22	2.4	8	6.0	42	28	35
02/23	2.4	8	6.0	49	24	38
02/24	2.4	7	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/18	2.0	n/a	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/19	1.9	n/a	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/20	1.8	n/a	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/21	2.0	n/a	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/22	2.0	n/a	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/23	2.0	n/a	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/24	2.0	n/a	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/18	6.0	16	10.9	40	27	35
02/19	6.1	16	11.0	38	19	24
02/20	6.2	19	11.1	34	19	26
02/21	6.3	19	11.3	38	26	32
02/22	6.3	19	11.3	38	24	32
02/23	6.3	18	11.3	45	30	38
02/24	6.3	18	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 17 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 347 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 22 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 122,334 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 4 p.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

Homedale Boosters crab feed nets \$34K

The second annual Homedale Boosters steak and crab feed surpassed the first event's revenue.

The feed, held Feb. 15 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, brought in more than \$34,000.

"To say it was a good night is

an understatement," spokesman Casey Grove said. "It just goes to show how special a community Homedale really is."

Grove said about 345 of the 400 tickets were sold this year, and revenue was \$9,000 more

than 2013.

"When there is a need, the community comes together and delivers. It's very impressive how generous the community is with their time, effort and money," he said.

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✓ Water: Help needed from good March, April rains

Sauer of the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

- A district progress report
- Information on Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) and land leased form requirements
- With the possibility of drought losses this year, Dustie Paynter and Loren West of Idaho Farm Bureau will make a presentation on insurance coverages.
- Lora Ulrich of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency office in Caldwell will give an update on the Farm Bill, which was recently signed into law.

In a letter to growers last Wednesday, Kiester reported that Owyhee Reservoir storage was at 16 percent of full or 116,432 acre-feet. That's enough water to provide producers with one acre-foot of water for the season. Producers have received four acre-feet in recent watering seasons.

By Monday, the reservoir had moved to 122,334 acre-feet or 17 percent of its two-year, 715,000 acre-feet capacity.

February through April is normally the high peak of Owyhee River inflow with the average SNOTEL snowpack numbers reaching 70 to 100 percent of historical average.

As of Monday, SNOTEL snow-water equivalent was at 50 percent of normal, according to Kiester.

"We are looking for more storms to bring the SNOTEL up to average," Kiester said in the letter.

Back in January, the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources sent out letters to users making them aware of the possible water shortage from the Snake River.

In the past two weeks, the Bear River Basin in Eastern Idaho has been gaining snowpack, which should help the Snake River, Kiester's report said.

"We are probably not out of the woods, but hopefully will keep the Snake River to a normal elevation at the Gem Pumping Plant," the report said.

Check www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet for a daily update of reservoir storage information.

— KB

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Homedale's Teens and Tweens plan to study archery

City council to address implementation of program Thursday

The Homedale Library Teens and Tweens program kicks off a month about archery Saturday. Program coordinator Teasha Harris said that the library has purchased books and movies based on "Brave," "The Avengers," "Robin Hood," "The Hunger Games," and "Lord of the Rings," all of which draw plot elements from archery. Those books and movies are available for checkout at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The Teens and Tweens month-

long look at archery begins Saturday with a visit from experienced archer and guest speaker Larry Fujishin. The program is open to boys and girls ages 10 to 17. Activities are held at 4 p.m. each Saturday at the library. Fujishin will talk to Teens and Tweens attendees about several aspects of archery and bow hunting, the parts of the bow and safety practices when handling a bow. Recently retired as an Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife conservation officer, Fujishin has 32 years experience teaching hunters education and bow hunters education. He also has coached shooters in various levels of competition, including international. According to an email from library director Margaret Fujishin, there are no plans to include archery shooting by either the instructor of the children. "There will not be any actual shooting at any time during the month of March unless it's approved by the city council," the library director wrote in an email sent to The Owyhee Avalanche as

well as city officials. On Saturday, she said that the issue of letting the children shoot and where to do it will be discussed during Thursday's city council meeting, which starts at 6 p.m. inside City Hall. City council members discussed safety concerns during their Feb. 12 meeting after Councilman Aaron Tines shared information about the archery course plans. He learned about the archery theme during this month's library board of directors meeting. For more information on the Tweens and Teens program, call the library at 337-4228. The library is open from 1 p.m.

to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. **Story Time planned** Three bear cubs wonder which of them is the most wonderful baby bear in their parents' eyes during the next book to be read at Story Time. "You're All My Favorites" by Sam McBratney is the featured story at 10:15 a.m. on Friday. Along with the story, there will be songs, crafts and snacks. For more information, call the library.

Angel Walk recipient nominations open

The fourth annual Angel Walk 5-kilometer walk and run is slated for May, and organizers are accepting nominations to help determine which family will receive assistance this year. The event takes place on Saturday, May 10. Recipient nominations must be received by March 21. The Angel Walk committee will announce the recipient a week later. Nomination forms can be found on the Angel Walk blog at [http://](http://homedaleangelwalk.blogspot.com/)

homedaleangelwalk.blogspot.com/. Folks will be able to register for the walk at that site, too. Proceeds from the walk and run and classic car show, which will be held for the second time, go to help pay medical expenses for a family whose child is dealing with a serious illness. For more information, email angel2011@gmail.com or call Michelle Larzelier at 941-4163 or Marcy Hibbs at 353-6024.

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✓ Principal: School board OKs other personnel moves

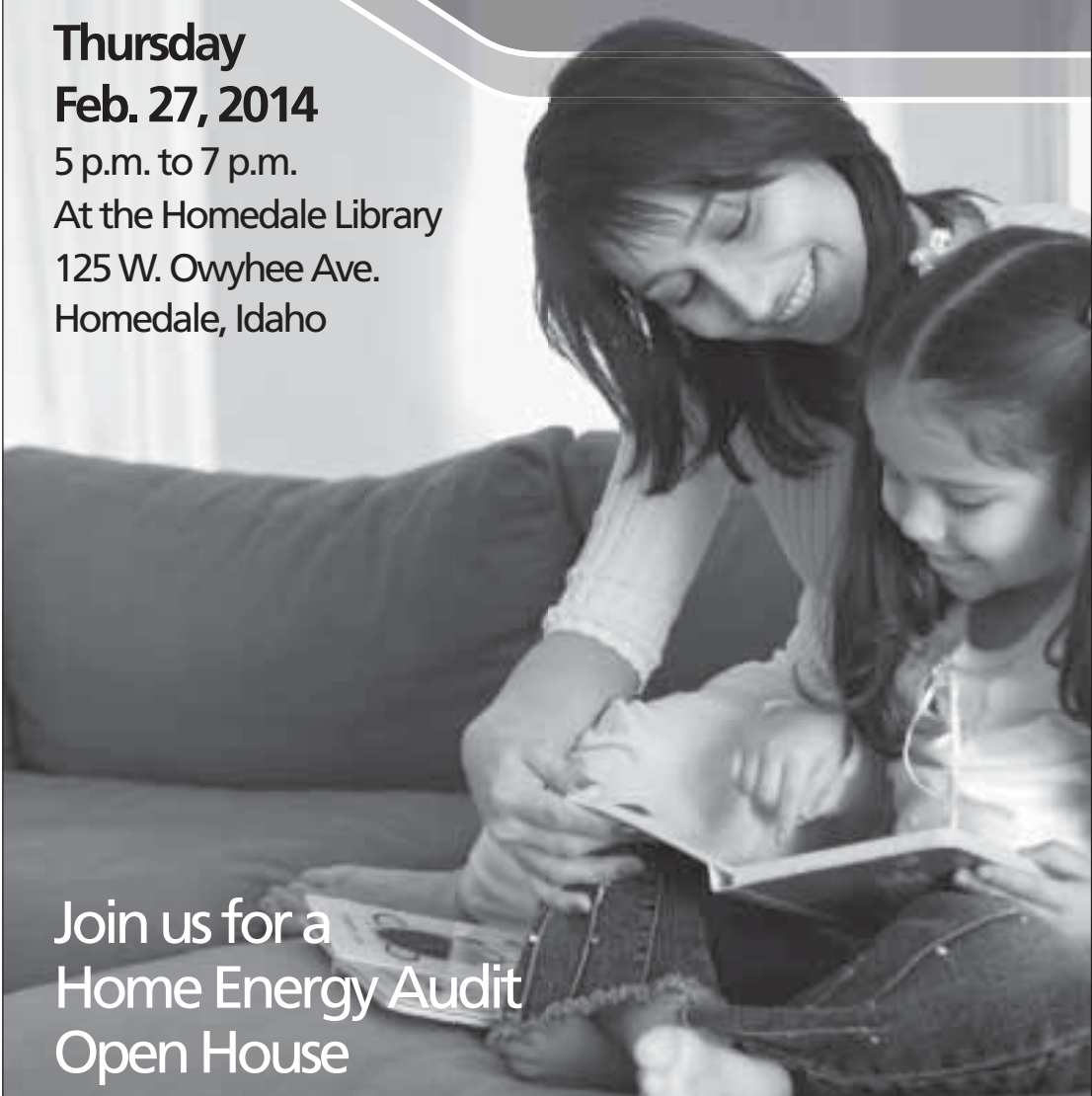
be a senior in high school there. His 18-year-old son, Taylor, is attending college in Walla Walla, Wash., and his 23-year-old Jason, lives in Klamath Falls, Ore. His three sons have all competed in rodeo. Skeeter has competed in team roping events at the Owyhee County Fair. "I'm sad to see him go," Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said. "He has done a good job in helping us move forward. I understand that family needs are a priority, and I know he will be successful wherever he goes." Before coming to Marsing, Doby was vice-principal at Nampa High School. He was at Nampa for eight years, first as math teacher, then as dean of students and finally as vice-principal. Prior to that he was at West Middle School in Nampa, but his career began at Jordan Valley, Ore., his hometown. He taught physical education and math for six years there. He also coached in Jordan Valley, as head football coach and

boys' basketball coach. Three years ago Norm Stewart was Marsing's middle school principal, but when Tracia Craig left her position as schools superintendent, Stewart stepped into the position. The middle school position was then filled by Doby. The Marsing School Board approved four other personnel changes at its meeting last week. The board accepted the resignation of maintenance/head custodian Troy Lamkins. New candidates are being considered for the job, which combines grounds, maintenance and custodial duties. The board also approved the hiring of Anthony Gloryfield as a groundskeeper. Ashlee Florom was hired as a paraprofessional at the elementary school, and Zach Dangerfield has been hired as a technology coordinator.

—KB

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Owyhee Gardeners look to the spring

Club elects officers, plans for plant sale

The Owyhee Gardeners have elected most of the officers that will serve the 2014-15 term. Elections took place during the Feb. 13 monthly meeting at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing. The club president will be elected when the club meets again at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 13. Elected last week were first vice-president Marilyn Evans

of Homedale, secretary Chris Harris from Marsing and treasurer Michelle Trulove of Melba. The Owyhee Gardeners recently judged local entries in the annual Smokey the Bear poster contest at Marsing Elementary School. The winning entries, which will be announced in April, have been forwarded to the state competition. More than 800 posters will be judged for the state championships, and winners will be announced during the summer. Club members are working toward the annual plant sale. Wanda Ferguson and Marilyn

Evans are spearheading efforts for the Homedale sale, while Chris Evans will chair the Marsing sale and Ellen Dines will supervise. A watering schedule is in place, supported by Wanda Parker, Gay Young, Marilyn Evans, Anna Davis and Michelle Trulove. Supplies will be moved into the greenhouse during the next week in preparation for planting. Sharon McIlveen has donated 60 garden markers for a club fundraiser. Wanda Ferguson will paint each one with appropriate flower/vegetable art work, and they'll be available for sale to

the public in the spring and summer. The club will use the Audubon Society's recent \$25 donation to help the Blacks Creek bird habitat, research at the Idaho Bird Observatory, and to encourage young people to notice and watch birds. The club also received a thank you for participating in the Homedale Farmers Market in 2013. Club members were encouraged to help with winter maintenance in Marsing's city park, The Meeting Place in Marsing, and the butterfly and native plants garden.

Field trips are on hold to wait for better weather. Pat Peutz, Southwest District president, reminded members of important upcoming district events including the Flower and Garden Show in Boise on March 21-23 and the state convention, which will be held July 1-3. Karen Thee volunteered to create posters for use at each event, and Sharon McIlveen will create informational handouts of club activities. The Gardeners meet on the second Thursday of each month. Prospective members are always welcome.

Reminiscing: Egg money

by Darlene Townsend

In earlier days when men were usually the sole provider of funds to feed the family, women usually did not work away from home to bring in extra money to feed a growing family of kids. One method that worked well was raising and keeping laying hens. Eggs were hard to come by in old mining towns, so they sold well. Hens were hard to keep safe from wandering hungry animals ... both the four-legged and two-legged kind. My aunt Margaret told me of how they used to go to the Idaho Hotel in Silver City and the Chinese cook would just up and give them a nice piece of lemon meringue pie. After a bit, Margaret would say, "Charlotte (her older sister) says I don't tell it right." When I quizzed my Aunt Charlotte about the pie, she said. "Mom (my grandmother) raised laying hens for the eggs." When

About the author

Boise resident Darlene A. Townsend is a fourth-generation Owyhee County native who was born on a farm near the present-day Homedale Middle School. She graduated from Homedale High School in 1953. Her family lived in Old Meadows for a time before moving back to Homedale when she was a fourth-grader. She returns to Owyhee country whenever she can.

she got a bunch of extra eggs she would put them in a basket and tell me to take them to the hotel to sell to the cook there. As I got ready to go, she'd always say ... "Take Margaret with you." The older sister with a basket of eggs in one hand and the hand of a little sister in the other walked down the main road coming into town, crossed the bridge over Jordan Creek, trudged up the steep hill to the Idaho Hotel porch, helping little Margaret and not spilling the precious eggs. When she got inside, she talked to the cook, collected the money for the eggs

and got to sit down to eat a piece of lemon meringue pie that he kindly gave them. One thing they agreed on was he made very good pie. Other women who had families that kept growing not only bigger but kept adding in numbers also came up with other types of "egg money." One of my high school friends mentioned over coffee recently that her mother used to bring in extra money when her parents lived in Idaho City when it was a mining town. However, her mother came up with a slightly

different formula. Since she cooked for her miner husband and children, she decided it would be just as easy to concoct a brew. She not only had her own still but brought in extra cash that way. Any kind of whiskey was in as big a demand as eggs. Like many miners in Idaho City, she and her family eventually moved to Owyhee County. So did the need for the money and thus the still. Some how the law in Owyhee County got wind of her enterprise and took her to the local judge, who gave her a night in jail. They never could catch her collecting her "egg money." Maybe that is how and why the family later got into the saloon-keeping business. Until this, I had always assumed still-keepers were men. Many years later, a young woman was staying in the family house in Silver City. She had one more night before she was headed

back to the valley but was out of eggs. Wanting one for breakfast, she went to the proprietors of the Idaho Hotel to see if she could buy one. They had one left, which they gave her. Taking all this in was a fellow traveling through the area who was a guest at the hotel. He interjected a comment saying, "What if I want an egg for breakfast, too?" She responded, "I'll share." After finding where she lived, they parted. That was a few years ago. They are now happily married; living somewhere out of state. — This is another installment in an occasional series of reader-submitted true tales from Owyhee life. Submit short stories, preferably of 500 words or less, and related photos if available to jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call managing editor Jon P. Brown at (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information.

Marsing grad stationed aboard USS Kearsage in Norfolk, Va.

U.S. Navy Seaman Peyton N. Kinney, a 2010 Marsing High School graduate, has reported for duty in Norfolk, Va. The daughter of Jeffery F. and Sharie R. Kinney of Marsing was stationed aboard the USS Kearsarge on Jan. 23. The USS Kearsage is an LHDE Amphibious Assault Ship used for advance force, marine transport and special operations. The ship also is used in humanitarian missions, such as emergency evacuations, and can provide medical facilities with a 600-bed hospital on board. Kinney will continue with a career in the medical field as a corpsman. Kinney reported to Norfolk, Va., after completing A-school at Naval Station Great Lakes on Jan. 22.



Peyton N. Kinney

She graduated from an eight-week basic training course at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Kinney flew to Illinois from Boise immediately after being sworn into duty on Oct. 8 at the federal building in Boise.

During basic, Kinney completed a variety of training including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and vommitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 26: Beef taco, corn, fresh grapes, taco sauce
- Feb. 27: Fish sandwich, French fries, baby carrots, mixed fruit
- Feb. 28: Pepperoni pizza, salad, cauliflower, pineapple

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 26: Mini corn dogs or ham/cheese hot pocket, green beans, salad, apple
- Feb. 27: Crispito or PB&J, taco salad, celery sticks, peaches
- Feb. 28: Pepperoni pizza or philly beef/cheese hot pocket, salad, baby carrots, tropical fruit

Homedale High

- Feb. 26: Enchilada or hot pocket, salad bar/fruit choice
- Feb. 27: Hamburger, cheeseburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, salad bar/fruit choice
- Feb. 28: Chicken or fish tacos, salad bar/fruit choice, cookie

Marsing

- Feb. 26: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar 6-12
- Feb. 27: Lasagna w/breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 26: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, peas, breadstick, fruit
- Feb. 27: Haystacks, tortilla chips/salsa, refried beans, lettuce, fruit
- Feb. 28: Pig in a blanket, potato wedges, broccoli, fruit

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Marsing Legion holds feed, auction



Stew feed followed by (what else?) a dessert auction

Marsing American Legion Post 128 member Herb Churruca, right, points out a bid as fellow Legionnaire Rick Sherrow holds up a vanilla pudding cake during Friday's annual stew feed at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Calendar

Today

Story Time

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

County P&Z hearing

2 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2

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

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

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

12:15 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

Friday

Story Time

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

Oregon Food Bank mobile pantry

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206

Saturday

Lizard Butte Library artists jury day

10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 455-2550 or dfchris2@gmail.com

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

Marsing Lions bingo

6:45 p.m. early game, 7 p.m. regular games,

Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 454-7820

Sunday

Middle school youth group

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

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Book club for adults

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

Tuesday

Senior center exercise class

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

After-school Story Time

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

Bruneau-Grand View school levy meeting

7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau

Wednesday, March 5

Story Time

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

South Board of Control water users meeting

1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

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

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

Homedale Highway District meeting

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

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley IV



Sagebrush and Axle Grease

\$200.00 Buggy

From the *DeLamar Nugget*, Aug. 5, 1898:

“During last winter months, when DeLamar’s blacksmith had lots of time to play solo, Dave Somerville made up his mind to put in his spare hours in building a handsome buggy. He procured material and built all the woodwork, forged out every piece of ironwork himself, leaving only the upholstering and painting to be done by Cummings, and the result is that Scott and McCain now have in their stable a buggy as handsome as Dave Somerville’s oldest boy and as strong as Frank Crosson’s horse. It cost them \$200 to be sure, but that did not pay Dave for his time and skill. We have always maintained that blacksmithing could be made a fine art and that Somerville was a master in that art.”

On Nov. 19, 1896, this article appeared in the *Malheur Gazette*: “Dave Logan came in from White Horse a few days ago driving one of those big 10-mule teams of the P.L.S. Co.’s. He passed through today with a load of supplies loaded at Huntington, Oregon.”

The *Idaho Tri-Weekly Statesman* on March 20, 1866, carried an article about an unusual sight in Boise City:

“Yesterday the town was astonished to see a train of camels — single and double humped — arrive in town from Virginia City, loaded with merchandise from the house of Albert Mann in Virginia. Although not heavily burdened, they were thirteen days making the trip from Virginia. The whole weight of their cargo was 5,500 pounds — the greatest load ever carried by one animal being 700 pounds. There were twelve camels in the train. Half of the number being mere youngsters, who were packed with light loads of fifty to sixty pounds. Most of the animals had their feet, made tender by the snow, bound in leather to protect them from stony ground.”

On May 28, 29, 1966, the authors (Mike Hanley and Omer Stanford) drove a historic stagecoach, “Mud Wagon,” with a four-horse team to Silver City over the Old Skinner Road from the Hanley Ranch in Jordan Valley. As the coach passed certain points in the road, incidents were recalled by Omer. The road is narrow and has many sharp curves on it. One turn was called disaster curve because it was a long turn and not very wide. Sometimes your trail wagon would run off of it and tip the whole outfit over. When two outfits met on a curve and there was not room for them to get around each other, it was necessary for them to hook on the back of one and pull it out of the way.

Other points that Omer brought up are as follows:

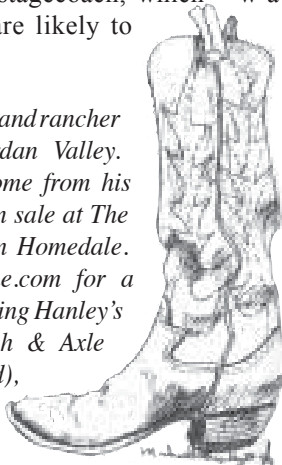
1. On a grade it is easier to take a team up than it is to go down because on the downgrade the wagon is crowding the team.

2. Sixes are easier to drive than four.

3. Anybody who used a six- or eight-horse team was considered a farmer by the big outfits.

On this trip, we passed through all the mining camps on Jordan Creek with a stagecoach, which was an experience that few are likely to witness today.

— 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*.



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Owyhee County Farm Bureau completes round of FFA donations



Chapter president Shelby Lee stands with other Homedale FFA chapter members as she accepts a \$250 check from Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard, far right, during a Jan. 13 chapter meeting, which also served as the first Homedale FFA Alumni chapter meeting. Submitted photo



Left: Rimrock FFA chapter president Zach Tindall accepts a \$250 donation from Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard. Submitted photo Right: Richard presents Marsing FFA chapter president Tanner Fisher with a \$250 donation check. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Jordan Valley mobile food distribution slated Friday

Three services provided by Oregon Food Bank in the area

The Oregon Food Bank’s Southeast Oregon Services will be delivering food to the Jordan Valley area via the Mobile Food Pantry on Friday. The food distribution will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Lions Club Hall, 209 Bassett St.

The food distribution will not include a produce (Harvest Share) distribution, because of limited quantities of produce available. The produce distribution, which is a separate program from the mobile unit, will return to Jordan Valley and Arock next month.

The mobile unit normally operates once a month, and truck

delivery is dependant on road conditions during the winter months.

The OFB-SOS serves area families with three programs, which include the mobile unit, the Harvest Share Project (produce and bread) and a school-based food pantry that was implemented last year. The Harvest Share Project differs from the mobile food pantry and school-based program because only produce is distributed, along with surplus bread, and anyone can receive free fruits, vegetables and bread, regardless of their income.

The school-based pantry is available to students who normally participate in the Jordan Valley school district’s free and reduced-price lunch program.

The mobile food pantry has a selection of products, which may be limited based on low supply. The pantry has eligibility guide-

lines and participants must sign a form self-declaring that they meet income qualifications and listing their household size. Those seeking assistance must be Oregon residents.

The income requirements range from \$1,771 monthly for a one person household to \$6,110 per month for a household of eight. Others eligible to receive food include anyone receiving SNAP or other federal benefits, such as Social Security Disability.

OFB-SOS has provided nearly 80,000 pounds of food to the Jordan Valley during the past four years, according to Peter RC Lawson, branch services manager. The amount is estimated to be about 66,000 meals, which does not include nearly 11,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables and surplus bread that has been distributed in the Harvest Share Project, which began in 2012.

Marsing FFA trades lunch for breakfast

Members of the Marsing FFA chapter were treated to a special “Appreciation Lunch” last Wednesday, but instead of lunch, breakfast was served.

The event was part of FFA Week and was put on by the FFA officers, who wanted breakfast instead of hamburgers and hot dogs.

Large, pancakes were served hot-off-the-grill, along with tons of sausages, and plenty of biscuits and gravy. Students eagerly scarfed up the meal, often going back for seconds.

“This turned out great,” Megan Bettleyon said. She is sentinel of

the group of 53 students.

Other students reported that the food was excellent.

“What a great bunch of kids these are,” Butch Hall said. Butch and Joyce Hall volunteered to man the grill. They said they have been involved in the event for many years.

“We really enjoy this,” Joyce said.

The Halls are grandparents of Morgan Hall, who is a senior and FFA treasurer. Another granddaughter of theirs is McKenna Hall, a sophomore and FFA member.

—KB



Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H elects officers

In preparation for a year filled with projects and activities, the Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H Club elected new officers during its meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9. The officers are, standing, from left: Jessie Wood, reporter; Adrianna Salutregui, president; and Logan Stansell, vice-president; seated, from left: Llee Loucks, treasurer; Mila Astorquia, reporter; and Regan Stansell, secretary. Submitted photo

HMS ties with Weiser in Academic Bowl

Homedale Middle School students tried their skills at another Academic Bowl at Fruitland last Wednesday, and because of a last-minute scoring decision, Homedale’s team ended up with sharing first place with Weiser.

The last question of the meet was, “What is 175.5 percent represented as a decimal?” Daniel Uranga answered 1.755, but the answer, which was correct, was not accepted and the team lost 10 points.

“The mistake was quickly discovered, and we got our 10 points back, plus 10 points for what was indeed the correct answer. That gave us a score to tie for first,” team advisor Jan Silva said.

“I was relieved and proud of

my team when our answer was validated and we tied for first,” Silva said.

“Sometimes it really does come down to the very last seconds.”

Final scores in the competition were: Homedale 160, Weiser 160, Parma 150, McCain of Payette 120, Fruitland 100, Vale 100, Payette Lakes of McCall 70.

The next meet will be held March 12 at McCain Middle School in Payette, Silva said.

Silva said one question in the last round was, “What 34-letter word meaning something like ‘superb’ was created by Walt Disney Studios for the movie Mary Poppins?” Juliette Larzelier answered correctly with “super-califragilisticexpialidocious.”

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Let the campaigns begin

Candidates stress less federal control during Lincoln Day

County incumbents announce re-election plans

Local control seemed to be the theme of the day when Owyhee County Republicans met their 2014 primary candidates last Wednesday in Murphy.

The Lincoln Day luncheon inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy attracted several candidates for the May 20 primary election as well as three members of Idaho’s congressional delegation.

County incumbents kicked off their re-election campaigns among friends and also cast the working relationship inside the courthouse in Murphy in a much more positive light than may have been the case at the last banquet two years ago.

“We do have a very good working relationship with all of us elected officials,” Assessor Brett Endicott said while he announced he was running for another four-year term.

After saying the county is running “very smooth,” District 2 Commissioner Kelly Abersaturi, who will seek another two-year term, focused on the federal lands issue.

“We have a very daunting task ahead of us mainly because of the (Bureau of Land Management), but we’re going to win that battle,” he said.

“I’ve been asked if I would fight as hard for another business in Owyhee County as I am for grazing, and I say ‘I would fight for any industry like I am for grazing because it’s an important part of our economy.’”

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said he will seek another four years.

“I have far more unfinished items on my plate that I want to see completed,” he said.

Angie Barkell, who was appointed county clerk in 10 months ago, said she will seek a four-year term, and Treasurer Brenda Richards will also seek re-election.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick, who isn’t running this year, had the strongest words for the new atmosphere.

“(County employees) leave a demeanor in the courthouse that’s just phenomenal to be around,” Merrick said.

Sheriff Perry Grant, who is in

the first year of a four-year term, also spoke.

“We’re looking good because everybody else is looking good and shining around us,” he said.

The county’s 12 precinct committee members also face re-election. Each person serves two years.

All three men now representing Owyhee County as Idaho Legislative District 23 elected officials — Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson and Reps. Rich Wills of Glenns Ferry and Pete Nielsen of Mountain Home — declared their intentions.

Buhl resident Steve Millington, who ran two years, ago let it be known that he once again will challenge Nielsen for the District 23B seat. Nielsen is in his sixth term at the Idaho Statehouse.

Millington also stressed the county needed to hold on to its resources.

“You all have a wonderful thing here,” he said. “Don’t let anyone take this county away from you.”

Also facing elections are state constitutional officers such as Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter, Lt. Gov. Brad Little, Treasurer Ron Crane, Controller Brandon Woolf and former Owyhee County prosecutor Lawrence Wasden (attorney general).

The incumbents were in Murphy last week along with challengers such as state Sen. Russ Fulcher of Meridian (governor), Idaho County commissioner Jim Chmelik (lieutenant governor) and Todd Hatfield (controller).

Three men seeking to succeed Ben Ysursa as secretary of state also spoke last week: Lawrence Denney, Phil McGrane and Mitch Toryanski.

Chmelik reinforced Abersaturi’s views on federal lands.

“We’re a wholly-owned subsidiary of the federal government, and we will continue to be until we have our federal lands back,” Chmelik said.

Andy Grover, who helps educated Owyhee County children as Melba School District superintendent, appeared in Murphy one day after saying he wanted to succeed Tom Luna as the state’s superintendent of public instruction.

Both of Idaho’s U.S. senators (Mike Crapo and Jim Risch) and Rep. Raul Labrador from the First Congressional District were in attendance.

Labrador and Risch are in election years.

— JPB



Angie Barkell will seek a four-year term as county clerk.



Andy Grover spoke one day after announcing his candidacy for state superintendent of public instruction.



Former Owyhee County prosecutor Lawrence Wasden is seeking another term as Idaho Attorney General.



Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter auctions a cutting board shaped like the U.S. Capitol during the fundraising portion of the luncheon.



Sen. Jim Risch talks about his working relationship with colleague Sen. Mike Crapo, right, during last Wednesday’s Lincoln Day banquet in Murphy.



Owyhee County ranchers Eric Davis, left, and Paul Nettleton, center, share a laugh with Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard.

Photos by Jon P. Brown

Crapo pledges to continue fight for Owyhee interests

Senator still seeks permanent PILT authorization

The five-year Farm Bill only provides for a one-year extension of crucial compensation to Owyhee County.

Last Wednesday, Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) told The Owyhee Avalanche that he would like to see a more stable Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) outlook for counties such as Owyhee that rely on the annual payment to make up for lost property tax revenue because of wide swaths of federal land.

“I’d like to see permanent authorization literally, let alone five years,” the third-term senator said before attending the county Republicans’ Lincoln Day Banquet at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

“This is a political battle that has occurred on a regular basis ever since I’ve been in Congress, and it comes down to the fact that you have rural communities and small-population states that have the issue, primarily in relation to Payment In Lieu of Taxes, and that most of the population in the country lives in other states in other parts of the country.”

The one-year reauthorization should bring Owyhee County a full payment of about \$1.2 million later this fiscal year, and Crapo said his vision of permanent authorization would also be for full payment. The Farm Bill move was necessary because the five-year full-payment authorization expired last year.

“We literally had to go up at the last minute and get it attached to the Farm Bill,” Crapo said. “But we had confidence that we had the votes to get it done; it was a matter of getting the right vehicle to get it placed.

“I’m not as concerned about getting one-year extensions as I am about getting the five-year extensions.”

The Farm Bill also apparently contains \$15 million for funding related to sage-grouse that apparently will be used to implement conservation plans. The money is part of a \$52 million wildlife management package.

Crapo also touched on the progress of implementing the Owyhee Initiative, which became law five years ago next month.

“We’re moving forward, and we’re running into some bumps along the way,” he said.

The senator said pressure must be maintained on the Bureau of Land Management to sign the memorandum of understanding pertaining to the Science Review aspect of the Initiative. Another

issue is allowing motorized herding in wilderness.

“There are some issues like that moving along, but I am confident that we’re going to get that resolved, and we’re going to stay focused aggressively on making sure that all aspects of the Owyhee Initiative are implemented properly.”

Crapo was on the ground floor when the collaborative effort began nearly 15 years ago, and he says he has “mixed” feelings about the progress.

“I understood at the outset that these things take time to implement and get everything ironed out, and we knew that was going to happen as we moved forward. It took eight years to get the agreement negotiated, so in that sense I understand.

“But I have to say I’m frustrated that issues — for example, on the motorized herding for grazing — that issues that we resolved in our negotiations now have to be re-resolved.

“I’ll simply say that I’m going to continue to keep a very strong, aggressive focus on this and make sure that it gets resolved and as soon as possible.”

Crapo also discussed the Grazing Improvement Act, which was sponsored in the House of Representatives by Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho), who also attended the Lincoln Day banquet in Murphy.

The senator sounded less optimistic about progress, though.

“We’re getting close to an election in the country. A candid answer is: very little legislation is moving right now,” Crapo said. “That’s unfortunate, but it’s an honest answer.”

But there’s always hope.

“It’s very possible that if we can iron out the differences right now that this could be one of those bipartisan pieces of legislation that moves,” Crapo said.

“I don’t know how to give odds or make predictions, but I can say that there is actually activity on this legislation, which is a positive sign given this political climate.”

The Grazing Improvement Act, which passed the House, seeks — among other things — to streamline the public lands permit renewal process and extend permits from 10 to 20 years. The Senate version of the bill, which Crapo co-sponsors, moved out of the Energy Committee but had a voluntary permit buyout amendment that is opposed by the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association and the Public Lands Council.

— JPB

County fights to maintain its BLM RAC voice.
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BLM coordination County can’t get answers to Owyhee 68 questions

BLM cites litigation for lack of information

The first meeting since Owyhee County and the Bureau of Land Management Boise District signed a new coordination protocol had some productive moments, but the big-ticket item — the Owyhee 68 grazing permits — remained the elephant in Courtroom 2 on Feb. 18 in Murphy.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said BLM officials didn’t want to discuss the Owyhee 68 because it is in litigation.

In fact, an Interior Board of Land Appeals judge ruled that federal range conservationists failed to fully analyze the impacts of range improvements carried out by permittees when they did their National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) studies for the Garat allotment permit renewal.

Hoagland said the ruling could be far-reaching and could set a precedent for the remainder of the

dispute grazing decisions issued last year.

“That was a huge decision and positive for all (ranchers in the Owyhee 68),” he said. “We’ll see where it goes.”

Hoagland said the BLM is weighing its options, including appealing the judge’s decision or abiding by it.

“From my personal opinion, I wouldn’t be surprised if they did appeal because it’s the easy way out,” he said. “(Officials can) kick it down the road a little more, which is really frustrating.”

BLM officials on hand last week included Boise District manager Jim Fincher, Boise District resource management specialist John Sullivan, Owyhee Field Office manager Loretta Chandler and Bruneau Field Office manager Tanya Thrift.

Hoagland expressed frustration that BLM officials wouldn’t share information that could clear up confusion on why the federal agency won’t share the basis and methodology used to arrive at certain statistics put forth in grazing permit renewal

decisions.

“I don’t think it would be out-of-line to answer some of those questions, but they’re not answering those questions because their solicitors advised them not to,” Hoagland said.

He added the reasoning may have something to do with more grazing permits outside the Owyhee 68 coming up for 10-year renewals soon.

Hoagland said it’s too early to tell if the new coordination protocol will help warm relations between the county and the federal agency.

But during his visit to Murphy last week Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) said he would work for the county because he understands how critical it is to ensure proper implementation of the Owyhee Initiative, the Gateway West power line project and grazing-related issues.

“I’m committed to making sure that I use the maximum authority that I have as a senator to work with the BLM and encourage them to understand it and get it right,” he said.

— JPB

BLM, county make some progress

Commissioner sees small victories from well-attended meeting

Perhaps the biggest developments that came out of the Feb. 18 coordination meeting between county and federal officials were actually a couple of little things.

One area of progress was a plan to refurbish the C.J. Strike Reservoir boat dock at Black Sands Resort.

“The really positive thing was having the BLM sit there and listen to (county Waterways Committee members), Idaho Department of Water Resources, the sheriff’s office and (Idaho Department of Fish and Game) and then getting the BLM’s perspective on a sublease,” District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) said.

“It was really a positive meeting, and I think it was good for the BLM to hear there is all this commitment to do this.”

The dock sits on BLM ground and is leased by the Jeanine Olson Estate, which owns the resort. Hoagland said the county will look into obtaining a sublease from the estate and take responsibility for the dock in an effort to get improvements carried out.

Money will come from Fish and Game as well as the county Vessel Fund, Hoagland said.

Among the improvements will be dredging to improve access to the ramps. A second ramp may be added, too.

Hoagland said the County Waterways Committee also will make suggestions to improve shoreline fishing for people with disabilities.

“It should be a win-win for everybody,” Hoagland said. “The hold-up has been who wanted to take the liability for the site, and finally we decided the county

wanted to do it because it is a huge benefit from both boat use and fishing licenses and it’s a much-needed improvement.”

There also was discussion on cleaning four cattleguards on Mud Flat Road. The guards, which protect BLM allotments, often fill with gravel when county crews grade the road. Hoagland said that creates a trespassing situation because it’s easier for cows to cross into other allotments.

Hoagland said that the county had made arrangements with permittees to clean the guards, with the road crew bringing a loader to lift the structures for easier access. However, none of the ranchers showed up, he said.

“It’s kind of frustrating that we didn’t get the commitment from the permittees that we were looking for,” Hoagland said. “We figured there is some responsibility from the county because of the way the roads are maintained.”

— JPB

County launches Facebook page

Owyhee County has joined the world of social networking to get information out to its citizens.

Since January, county officials have been posting news of events, job openings and issues affecting the county to a Facebook page.

“It’s to say good things about

Owyhee County or things that are happening or posting our (election results),” County Clerk Angie Barkell said. “It’s just a news information source.”

In recent posts, news of a road and bridge operator job opening as well as the assessor’s

office’s upcoming Circuit Breaker property tax reduction seminars was shared.

Barkell also reported on the Feb. 18 Board of County Commissioners coordination meeting with the Bureau of Land Management Boise District.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Feb. 26: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots & onions
Feb. 27: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, bread
March 4: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, string beans, bread, milk
March 5: Chicken salad, lettuce & tomatoes, bread, milk
March 6: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, milk
March 11: Salisbury steak, onions/mushrooms, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, milk
March 12: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread, milk
March 13: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, bread, milk
March 18: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread, milk

Marsing Senior Center

Feb. 26: Beef tacos, black beans, tomato, onion, Mexican corn, Spanish rice, green salad, fruit cup, baked custard
Feb. 27: Mushroom chicken, Italian bread vegetables, rice, fruit, breadstick, cake

Rimrock Senior Center

Feb. 27: Pizza

Entries, judges sought for MRW’s chili cook-off

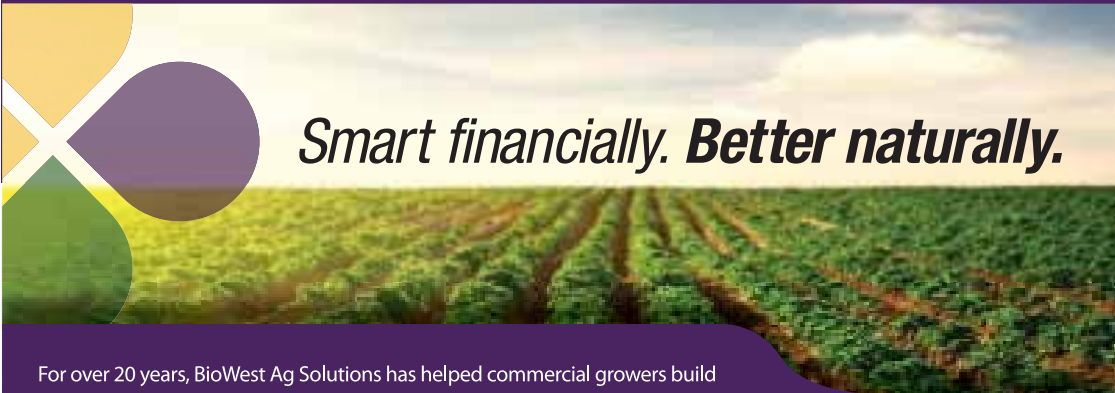
The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire-Rescue-EMS agency is on the lookout for teams to compete in its third annual Fire House Chili Cook-off.
The competition takes place March 29 during the Owyhee County Historical Society’s spring bazaar.
The Bureau of Land Management Vale District team is the reigning champion.
Teams can submit one entry for \$15, and each additional chili creation can be entered for \$5 per team.
Chili tasting will open to the public at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 29.
There will be first-place awards in each of four categories plus a People’s Choice award.
MRW also is looking for people interested in being cook-off judges.
For more information on entering or judging, contact MRW at info@mrwfire.org or call (208) 495-2195.

HHS grad on Cornell Dean’s List

Homedale High School graduate Jarod Armenta is one of 280 students on the Cornell College fall semester Dean’s List.
Armenta is on the Honors portion of the list after attaining a grade-point average between 3.6 and 3.79.
Armenta is the son of Homedale residents Nathan and Teresa Armenta.
Cornell College is located in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

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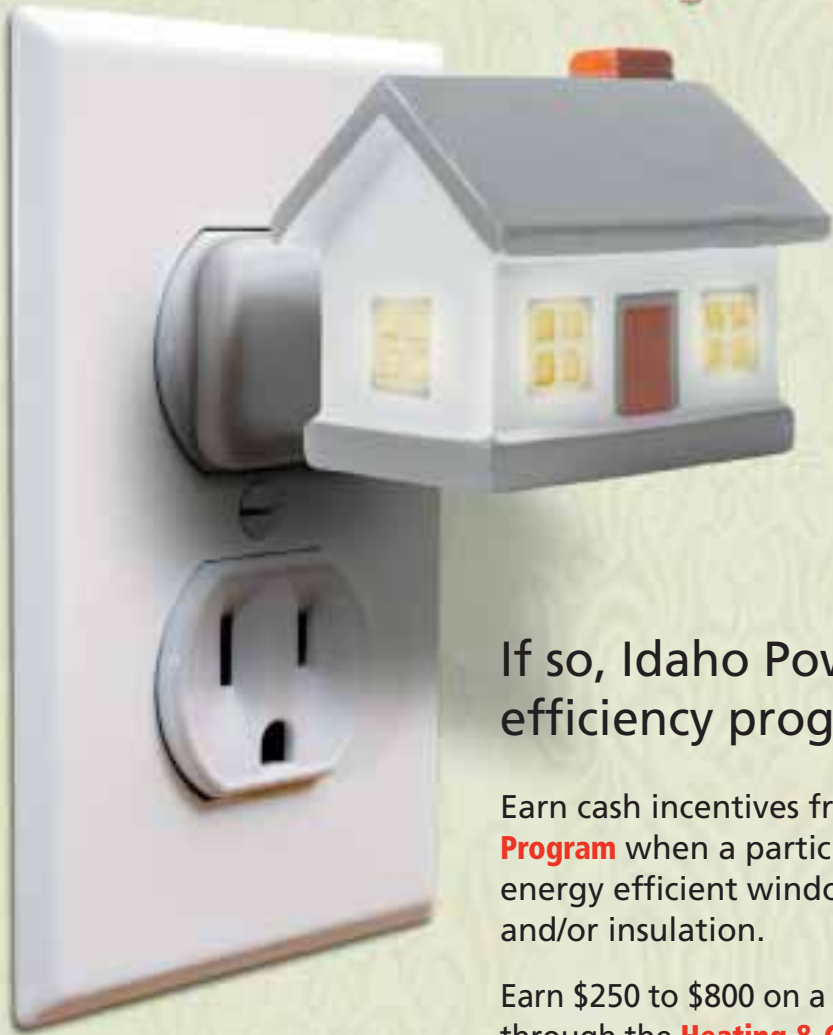
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Community rallies to record in Bruneau



A standing-room-only crowd joins the bidding at the Bruneau Booster Club's auction Saturday at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau. Submitted photo



Above: Volunteers work at the Bruneau Booster Club Auction on Saturday. **Left:** Cruz Colyer at the Bruneau Booster Club auction with the \$2,100 Fern Graham red velvet cake made by Lez Rahn. Submitted photos

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Girl Scouts cookie sales ongoing

Paul's Market booth planned

The Girl Scouts in Homedale have completed the door-to-door initial order cookie sale, which was carried out Jan. 17 through Feb. 2. They plan to begin booth sales in the area from March 1 to March 16.

Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the Paul's Market in Homedale on March 1, March 8,

March 15 and March 16, if there are leftover boxes.

Cookies prices have increased 25 cents this year to \$4 per box. This is the first time in four years that the annual increase has been greater than four cents per box. The majority of the 25-cent increase goes into girls' programs, costs associated with cookie sales, and summer camps. The rest of the increase goes to Idaho sales tax. Only Idaho and Hawaii impose tax on the sale of Girl Scouts cookies.

The six available cookie varieties are the same as last year, including the favorites of thin mints and Samoas. There are also two peanut butter cookies — the tagalong and do-si-do — as well as a lemon cookie called Savannah Smiles, and the original Girl Scout cookie the trefoil.

The Homedale Girl Scout Troop is comprised of 15-year-old high school sophomores. The money

earned will go toward registration fees for counselor-in-training summer camp (a two-week leadership camp for older Girl Scouts), and service projects, educational field trips, and a girl-led overnight activity with a troop of younger Girl Scouts from Marsing.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by Paul's Market to buy the cookies and support the local troop. There is also a program where individuals can purchase cookies without chocolate that will be sent to members of the military who are serving overseas.

The Girl Scouts now have a new tier system that gives more money to individual troops based on the average number of boxes sold per girl. The first tier starts at 50 cents per box going to the troop and increases through three additional tiers to a maximum of 60 cents per box going to each troop when the per-girl average is at least 400 boxes.

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HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS AND GOVERNMENT

Angel Salazar works as Sen. Crapo intern, coaches HHS drummers and does tutoring

The road to the future seems to hold a lot of promise for Angel Salazar.

His ambition seems to lead him on several paths to new and varying experiences.

Salazar, a 2012 Homedale High School graduate, is a sophomore at Boise State University. Recently, he was accepted as an intern on Sen. Mike Crapo's staff.

This is just another notch on his belt of activities, which includes involvement in the BSU CAMP (College Assistance Migrant Program), being a member of BSU's Blue Thunder Marching Band, and coaching and tutoring at his hometown alma mater.

"I didn't know much about government or politics, so I thought this would be a fun experience," Salazar said of the internship. "Anything I can pick up here will be great."

Salazar has been working as an intern for the past month.

"This is really interesting," he said. "I really enjoy working with all the staff here. They are all really helpful, and I have learned a lot."

Salazar's job is multi-faceted. Some of the things he does in the job include answering calls from constituents and typing notes about what they say, and office work like filing for case work, scanning and routing letters to the senator's Washington, D.C. office.

"I like hearing what people say



Sen. Mike Crapo and intern Angel Salazar.

and believe," he said.

Going to the three-person panel job interview was "one of the scariest things I've ever had to do," Salazar said.

In order to obtain the internship, Salazar had to get three letters of recommendation and work hard.

He is optimistic about what he will gain from the experience. Salazar is in his second year as a member of the BSU Blue Thunder Marching Band. He said he enjoys all the music and traveling the band does. In Dec. of 2012, he and about 150 other students on the band went to Las Vegas to perform at the AACO Bowl. This year, he is not certain where the band plans to travel.

Salazar plays the crash symbols on the band's drum line.

Salazar is always looking for something new to be involved in.

Last fall, he met HHS's new band director, Skyler Krawl, and asked him about being a drum coach. Salazar worked with about six students. Some were



Angel Salazar, left, works as an intern in Sen. Mike Crapo's Boise office with Courtney Conner. Submitted photo

freshmen, and some were middle schoolers. He taught the youngsters some basic skills, like band fundamentals and helped them with their technique.

"I enjoy working with Skyler Krall and all his motivation to push the music program forward in Homedale," he said.

The best part of being a drum coach for Salazar was "amping people up before the games," he said.

"I enjoyed giving them pep talks, because when they are motivated, they have more fun," he said.

Salazar inquired at HHS last spring to see if he could volunteer for something. He says he just "wanted to get involved."

The inquiry led him to HHS Counselor Debbie Flaming's of-

fice. Salazar partnered with her in tutoring about five students in algebra and geometry.

"I love all the mentoring and teaching I do at HHS. Working alongside Debbie Flaming, I am astonished by her and Dion Flaming. They have an amazing above and beyond approach to students," he said.

Last fall, he helped Flaming set up an online tutoring network between BSU students and HHS students. The online class turned out to be a lot of hard work, he said, but he enjoyed seeing the results.

"I liked the afterward feeling you get from tutoring," he said. He was able to watch students slowly improve and it gave him a sense of accomplishment. "It was really fun," he said.

"Angel's students make great

progress," Flaming said. "The students look forward to his help. He is prompt and consistent, he dresses professionally and acts very mature for his age. We are very glad that Angel has volunteered his time at HHS, and we would love to utilize his talents in the future," she said.

Salazar's goals include, No. 1, graduating with a double degree in Business Administration and Accounting/Finance. He wants to work as an accountant, and eventually get his masters degree in accounting, so he can be a CPA.

After that, he is "shooting for" his dream of being a CEO or CFO of a company.

"Well, those are uncharted waters, so who knows," he said with a laugh. "There are so many intriguing things to learn about and do. I just want to do it all."

Salazar wants to thank all the teachers and people that have helped him over the years.

"Homedale will always be home, so I do hope to one day go back when I am older and be an administrator or on the school board there. Until then, I will do as much as I can to help," he said.

Angel was born and raised in Homedale. He is the son of Angel Cruz Salazar and Esmeralda Salazar. His dad is a farm worker for Paul Shenk in Adrian, Ore. He has two brothers, Miguel, 17 and Roberto (Bob), 11, and one sister, Erika, 2. —KB



Above: Homedale High School seniors met HHS alumni now holding high-profile jobs in state government in Boise on Feb. 19. **From left:** Associated Taxpayers of Idaho executive director Ben Davenport; Idaho Idaho Farm Bureau assistant director of governmental affairs Dennis Tanikuni; HHS senior Tell Hyer; Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho executive director Don Drum; District 27 Rep. Fred Wood (R-Burley), House Health and Welfare Committee chair; HHS seniors Jasmin Zegger and Kylee Jenkins; HHS English teacher Katie Anzalone; HHS student support specialist Debbie Flaming; HHS senior Esteban Lejardi; lobbyist Roy Eiguren, who organized the visit; and HHS senior Emileen Noblit. **Below:** The Homedale delegation visits with Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter in his Statehouse office. Submitted photos

Alums show seniors state government's inner workings

A group of Homedale High School seniors learned first-hand how far they can go and stay in Idaho earlier this month.

In a visit facilitated by HHS graduate Roy Eiguren, a lobbyist in Boise, the five seniors joined students services specialist Debbie Flaming and English teacher Katie Anzalone on the trip to the Statehouse.

One senior, Esteban Lejardi, spends each Wednesday during the 2014 legislative session working with District 11A Rep. Gayle Batt (R-Wilder).

The other seniors who joined Lejardi on Feb. 12 included Tell Hyer, Emileen Noblit, Kylee Jenkins and Jasmin Zegger, a foreign exchange student from Germany.

"For me, the visit to the capitol was a great opportunity to learn more about Idaho and its government. Also, it was interesting to see what is different to the government in Germany and what the two countries have in common about political systems," Zegger said.



"It was a great chance to 'look behind the curtains' and see how people from the government actually work. It was awesome that everyone we met at the capitol was so nice to us, and they answered all our questions."

Eiguren served as tour guide as the seniors met HHS alums such as:

- Rep. Fred Wood (R-Burley), the House Health and Welfare Committee chair, who included the seniors in a

committee meeting

- Senior Judge Barry Wood, Fred's brother, who provided an overview of the state's judicial system.
- Don Drum, executive director of the Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI)
- Dennis Tanikuni, governmental affairs assistant director for the Idaho Farm Bureau
- Ben Davenport, executive director of the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho

The seniors attended several legislative committee hearings and met with Judge Wood after attending a Supreme Court oral argument.

The day began at 8 a.m. on the Statehouse steps. Other highlights of the day included a luncheon meeting with major governmental officials and a meeting and photo opportunity with Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter.

"Now I now know that even if you go to a small school, then you could still do great things," Noblit said.

Fight is on to keep Owyhee’s voice on BLM advisory panel

Owyhee County’s representation on the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council is going through some changes.

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards, who has served on the citizens’ public lands advisory board since 2000, has left the panel.

According to a discussion during last week’s Board of County Commissioners meeting, Grand View rancher Donna Bennett, whose three-year term is expiring, wasn’t given the opportunity to reapply for consideration.

“The BLM posted the notice (of open

nominations), but didn’t send her an application,” District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

“We’re going to be making sure she’s going to get back on because she brings a lot of knowledge to that RAC from ranching and state land issues dealing the BLM as a permittee and also on the sage-grouse issue. We need that kind of expertise on the RAC, especially from this county.”

Canyon County Commissioner Kathy Alder is leaving the RAC, but she has apparently recommended an Owyhee County elected official replace her.

Hoagland said District 3 Commissioner

Joe Merrick will throw his hat into the ring.

Alder took over from Owyhee’s former District 3 commissioner, Dick Freund, who replaced Sheriff Gary Aman when he left office.

Bennett is the chair of the Owyhee Local Working Group for sage-grouse conservation.

During their Feb. 18 meeting in Murphy, commissioners heard that the Public Lands Council and the Idaho Cattle Association have submitted letters of recommendation in an effort to keep Bennett on the RAC.

“I think it’s important that we keep Donna and keep someone attached to

grazing on this side of the river,” Richards told county commissioners.

Hoagland wouldn’t give odds on how many Owyhee and cattle industry voices would remain on the board after nominations are decided.

“It think it’s too early to say right now,” he said. “For the positions available, I think we have the best people there, so I feel pretty good about it.

“But you know Washington, D.C. gets involved before a local decision can be made.”

— JPB

Family Dollar signs up in Marsing

Contractor says Main Street store should open soon

Things will soon be a little busier in Marsing, as the new Family Dollar store gets closer to being finished and opening its doors for business. An opening date has not been announced.

The new building, located on Main Street across from Caba’s Lounge has been sitting quiet through the winter months.

Construction on the building was slowed because of poor weather conditions in the past two months, but activity resumed there last week, as the name was put on the storefront and a new large sign was placed along the street.

“This has been a somewhat slow process,” contractor Christian Forsyth said. His company is Leading Tech Development out of Brigham City, Utah.

Forsyth said he expects the finishing touches such as light fixtures to go in the building in about 30 days, followed by the landscaping. He estimates the store opening to be about 45 days away.

“This is really going to be a nice store for Marsing,” he said.

The Marsing City Council has mentioned the issue of drainage problems at the site at its past two meetings, and has asked the company to resolve those before an occupancy permit is issued.



Contractor Christian Forsyth of Leading Tech Development stands outside the as-yet unopened Family Dollar store location Marsing shortly after the sign was installed. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

City engineer Amy Woodruff told the city council Feb. 12 she had spoken to the owners and expects them to resolve the issues in the next few weeks. She told the council that the Family Dollar store owners were “very nice people to work with.”

“We are trying to keep it positive in our communications with the city,” Forsyth said.

“We are just trying to help everybody here,” Forsyth said. He pointed out the ground on where the store is located seems to be the low point of the surrounding area.

“There is a false conception going around that the new guy should fix everything,” he said.

Forsyth said that legally a new

business is supposed to take care of the water issues on its site only. But, he said he has encountered problems because of the existing lack of drainage in the area. “We are taking care of more than our share of water,” he said.

Forsyth said he has constructed a pond on the back portion of the property, to accommodate water excess and help the area’s drainage.

After the landscaping is completed, Forsyth said the property should look nice and be a good addition to the city.

City maintenance superintendent Ed Louder said the city doesn’t have any storm drains in the area.

— KB

More new businesses in Marsing



County’s second Subway coming along

Work has progressed on the new Subway sandwich shop in downtown Marsing. The shop, owned by Homedale franchisees Chris and Virginia Landa, is located in part of the Pruett Tire Factory building on the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West (Idaho highway 78). It is across from Logan’s Market. No opening date has been announced. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



Heating, cooling and coffee all in one spot

Above: Loren Bailey stands in front of the new office of Elite Systems Inc., 722 Main St. in Marsing. The business has been operating out of Kuna for 12 years, and this is a second branch. The company provides 24-hour commercial and residential heating, air conditioning and refrigeration service and supplies, with a dozen service trucks. For more information call 922-3900.

Below: Samantha Breshears is employed by Loren and Robin Bailey, who operate a drive-up coffee shop at the same location. For more information call 922-3900.

Photos by Karen Bresnahan



HHS Drama Club to stage “Oz”

It’s billed as a slightly different version of the classic, so the Homedale High School Drama Club has put its own twist on “The Wizard of Oz.”

The Pioneer Production of “Oz,” which is a musical, will be staged inside the HHS auxiliary gymnasium at 7 p.m. each night

on March 10-11.

“We have some elementary students and homeschool students that have joined this production,” drama club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said.

Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults and \$20 for family.

A two-day individual ticket for

both shows, usually offered only to parents of cast members, will be available for \$6. Thatcher said the two-show offer was opened to all because there are so many double roles in the production.

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Homedale's Jace Turner becomes Eagle Scout

HHS senior sends care packages to Kuwait

Jace Turner of Homedale has taken the Boy Scout motto of “Be Prepared” to the next level.

He helped pack up and ship 15 soldier relief (care boxes) of supplies to U.S. soldiers in Kuwait.

Jace, a Homedale High School senior has earned the Eagle Scout Award, which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. He received a medal and a badge.

The son of Dennis and Debby Turner of Homedale is a member of the 2nd Ward LDS church, where he received the award in a recent ceremony.

The care packages to the military were done as an extended service project to earn the award. The scout must plan, organize, lead and manage the project.

Jace is a member of the Centennial Council Troop 509.



Homedale High School science teacher Mark Thatcher, right, and an unidentified colleague are all smiles in Kuwait after receiving the care packages coordinated by Jace Turner. Submitted photo

To earn the Eagle Scout Award, each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and complete the service project. Some of the merit badges he earned were for swimming, shooting, citizenship, electronics, first aid, and survival.

For his project, Jace worked with an organization called the Blue Star Mothers in the Nampa area. He gathered up about 15 of his friends and went to the Nampa

location. The Blue Star Mothers donated much of the material for the care packages, which included non-perishable food like granola bars, snacks and candy, in addition to toiletry supplies and books.

Why did he send 15 boxes?
“Well, that’s how many boxes
it took to pack up all we had,”
Jace said.

Jace said he got the idea for the care packages from a FFA



Proud mother Debby Turner, right, places the Eagle Scout pin on her son Jace's shirt during an Honor Court at the LDS church in Homedale as Mike Gibbons looks on. Submitted photo

project he did in high school. He contacted his science teacher, Mark Thatcher, with the idea. Deployed to Kuwait as a Navy Reservist, Thatcher spent the last school year overseas, and has now returned to HHS.

Thatcher said the Army personnel in his unit really appreciated the packages.

“Even though the men can go down to the dispensary to get a candy bar, it’s just nice to get the items from home,” he said.

Jace contacted Thatcher while he was overseas and inquired about what he could do to help.

"He has all the qualities you would expect from an Eagle Scout," Thatcher said.

“Jace has a reputation as being very bright and knowledgeable on computers,” Thatcher said. He mentioned that Jace works as an assistant to the technology people at the high school. “He’s the go-to guy when it comes to solving computer problems,” he said.

Jace has belonged to the Boy Scout program since he was a 10-year-old in fifth grade. He enjoys all the activities with the Scouts, and has made many friends along the way.

He would highly recommend
scouting to any young kid.

"It's a good way to learn to do service and also to feel good about yourself," he said.

“It helps kids feel confident about themselves and to learn to do things they would not normally do.”

Jace's parents also have supported his activities with the Boy Scouts.

“They have been a big push for me to do scouting,” he said.

The Turners said they think scouting "is a fantastic program."

"It's a tried-and-true program that helps kids get through life," Debby Turner said.

She added that she is “thrilled about the Eagle Scout award.”

"His dad and I are very proud of him. He has always worked very hard," Turner said.

"It's been fun," Jace says about all the years of scouting.

His goals are to have fun and go to college. After high school, he plans to attend Brigham Young University. He is interesting in majoring in systems administration, which is a computer-related career.

One other goal he has is to someday have a family.

His biggest heroes are his parents, the Boy Scout leaders, and his friends.

The Boy Scout Oath includes duty to God and country, duty to other people, and duty to self.

The Oath is: “On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”

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On to State



Marsing High School coach Jon Nelson, far right, will take his largest contingent of wrestlers yet to the 2A state tournament. Qualifiers from Saturday's 1A/2A District III Tournament included, from left, Nick Lankow, Austin Williams, Oscar Gonzalez, Edwin Gonzalez, Brad Labit, Cody Barrett and Noah Grossman. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Four champions lead Marsing

Almost entire team qualifies for Idaho Center

Nearly every wrestler who stepped on the mat Saturday for Marsing High School is heading to the 1A/2A state tournament.

Senior Austin Williams defended his 160-pound District III title as one of four champions for the Huskies.

As the only 220-pounder in the district

tournament junior Noah Grossman (44-7) reached the state tournament again without even wrestling Saturday at New Plymouth High School.

Two freshmen also will head to the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa on Friday as district champions.

Edwin Gonzalez (22-15), like Grossman, was the only competitor in the 98 bracket.

Nick Lankow (20-20) wrestled only one

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Homedale High School junior Devin Fisher, top, tries to get the upper hand against Parma's Logan Case in the 3A District III 145-pound championship match Saturday in Fruitland. Fisher pinned Case to collect his second district crown. Photo by Machele Randall

More photos from the district tournament, back page

HHS' Montes, Fisher get golds

Eight wrestlers reach 3A state

Two champions will be among the eight Homedale High School athletes in this weekend's 3A wrestling state tournament.

Sophomore Andy Montes at 98 pounds and junior Devin Fisher at 145 captured 3A District III championships Saturday in Fruitland.

Two other seniors — 120-pounder Michael Deleon and 170-pounder Jovan Cornejo — wrestled for titles, but brought back silver medals.

Deleon and Fisher, who won his second district crown, will make their third trips to the state meet. Fisher is the highest seeded Trojan in the state bracket at No. 2, while Deleon pulled a seventh seed.

Homedale finished third in the team standings as Fruitland

walked away with the district championship.

The rest of the state qualifiers for coach Toby Johnson emerged from third-place matches. Three wrestlers — sophomore Nash Johnson (126), senior Curtis Stansell (182) and sophomore Jakobee Osborn (220) — won their bronze-medal encounters. Johnson and Osborn, both sophomores, are returning to

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HHS girls endure drawn-out game, place third at State

First trophy for HHS girls in 11 years

When you're trying to do something that hasn't been done in more than a decade, what's a few game-lengthening free throws and fouls?

Homedale High School endured a tightly officiated game that featured 53 personal fouls and 85 foul shots to beat Priest River for the 3A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state tournament third-place trophy.

The Trojans' 69-48 victory at Middleton High School on Saturday gave the school its first girls' basketball state hardware since Mark Weekes' 2002-03 squad finished second in the 2A tournament.

"There's not too many state trophies for girls' basketball," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said, "and we just added another one."

Homedale finished the season 20-6, making the program's first 20-win campaign since Weekes' 2002-03 club went 21-7.

The Trojans wanted to add a second championship trophy to the case, but were denied that chance when Timberlake pulled off a 44-34 victory in a Friday semifinal at Middleton. Homedale couldn't buy a basket against Timberlake, Betancourt said.

"It was not our night," he said. "I know that's cliché, but that's the truth."

On Saturday, it was Priest River that couldn't hit its free throws, and in the end that helped Homedale's cause immensely.

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The Homedale High School girls' basketball team reacts to its third-place game victory late in Saturday's contest at Middleton High School. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Usual finish after unusual start for Trojans' boys

Semifinal win sends boys to first district title game in four years

Homedale High School's players hit the accelerator when they needed to in the 3A District III boys' basketball tournament semifinals.

The second-ranked Trojans shook what coach Casey Grove hopes are first-game jitters to run away from Weiser in the

second half of a 59-45 victory last Wednesday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

"The first half was less than stellar," Grove said. "We weren't being our aggressive selves on offense. We were setting for outside shots instead of attacking the rim or force-feeding it down low to Caleb and Lane."

Homedale's 13th consecutive win put the top-seeded Trojans (19-2) into the program's first district championship game since

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✓Trojans: Homedale gets out, runs away in semifinals

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back-to-back narrow losses to Fruitland in 2008-09 and 2009-10. The team played No. 2 seed Fruitland (a 62-47 winner over Parma in the other semifinal) for the district championship Tuesday night in Ontario after deadline.
“Well, it just wouldn’t seem right if we weren’t playing Fruitland for the district championship,” Grove said.

Last week’s victory over Weiser also ended the Trojans’ three-year district tournament run of one-and-done.

The Wolverines hung around in the first half under the power of two buzzer-beating three-point shots.

Thomas Crawford’s basket to end the first quarter robbed the Trojans of any momentum a 7-0 run had built.

Weiser went into the locker room trailing by a point when Jeff Rhodes hit an off-balance, one-handed trey at the halftime buzzer to complete Weiser’s 7-2 run.

“Having two buzzer-beaters in the first half was tough to swallow,” Grove said. “Fortunately enough our kids shrugged it off and bounced back and dominated the second half.”

Sophomore Garrett Carter’s heroics off the bench kept the Trojans out front before the break. He scored 11 of his game-high 13 points in the first half.

“He came off the bench and played the best game of the year,” Grove said.

Just as Carter played his best

game of the year, Dillon Lowder had one of his worst 16 minutes before halftime.

The junior was scoreless in the first half, but rallied to finish with 11 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Lowder was part of the fast-break brigade that helped Homedale pull away beginning with a 10-3 run to end the third quarter.

Senior Lane Sale threw down a rebound-dunk near the end of the period to signal his return from a sluggish first 24 minutes on the offensive glass and give the Trojans a 40-32 advantage.

Lowder hit a three-pointer and the Trojans were able to convert Sale’s rebounding into points during a 9-1 spurt that gave Homedale a 47-33 lead with 5 minutes, 36 seconds left in the game.

In the third quarter, Lowder scored three consecutive baskets as Homedale dribbled around poor ball-handling and a stagnant offense to mount an 8-4 run.

“Dillon and Lane both had outstanding second halves,” Grove said. “Lane’s follow-up dunk was a huge spark heading into the fourth quarter.”

Sale notched a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. He also had five assists and blocked six shots.

“Not to mention all of the altered shots he caused,” Grove said.

Lowder also had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds to go with seven



Homedale junior Dillon Lowder splits the Weiser defense as he soars to the basket. Photo by Jon P. Brown

assists.

Senior Trey Lane was a fourth Trojan to score in double figures with 11 points.

Caleb Oviedo scored six points and grabbed seven boards.

“We came out and played much more physical defense and got some easy transition points,” Grove said of the second half. “When we are playing our best is when our defense is clicking.”

“When we can create a lot of turnovers or rushed shots, that allows us to get out in the transition game and attack the other team.”

— JPB



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Sports

Challis knocks Rimrock out of state tourney — again

Raiders end year with three-game losing streak

For the second year in a row, Rimrock High School’s stay in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout girls’ basketball state tournament lasted two days.

And, for the second year in a row, Challis ended the Raiders’ experience at Columbia High School in Nampa.

The Vikings took advantage of a rash of Rimrock turnovers late in the second quarter to seize momentum for a 55-42 victory in a losers’ bracket semifinal Friday afternoon.

Rimrock (19-5) lost three consecutive games to close their first season under coach Bobby Jean Colyer.

Challis closed the first half on a 10-4 run fueled by the Raiders’ sloppy ball-handling. The Vikings kept the pressure on with a 14-9 third quarter and led by as many as 22 points, 52-30, before Rimrock closed the game on a 12-3 run.

The Raiders committed 32 turnovers and couldn’t capitalize on Challis’ equally horrid ball-handling.

The Vikings committed 27

turnovers, including several in the first half when Rimrock cranked up its pressure defense and ignited its running game.

The Vikings bolted to a 10-4 lead, but sophomore Sakota Hall’s post play and a three-point goal from Sami Bachman drove sparked Rimrock’s 9-2 spurt to a 13-13 tie at the end of eight minutes.

Rimrock owned an 18-16 lead when senior guard Kyla Jewett capped a fast break with a layup with 2 minutes, 40 seconds left in the first half.

Back-to-back three-point plays by Brielle Sheppard and Abby Senabaugh, which were facilitated by strong moves to the baskets followed by Rimrock fouls, provided Challis’ chance to take control.

Challis’ Kaylee Olson scored 22 points to lead all players, while Sheppard put in 13.

Jewett scored 10 points in her final high school basketball game to lead the Raiders.

Angeles Lino scored eight points and eight rebounds from her guard position as Rimrock out-boarded Challis, 43-37.

The two teams were pretty much even on Rimrock backboards, but the Raiders connected on only 17 of 59 shots (28.8 percent), while Challis hit 23 of 54 chances

from the floor (42.6 percent) to neutralize Rimrock’s rebounding advantage on the Vikings’ end of the floor.

Sami Bachman scored seven points for Rimrock, Desi Meyers chipped in six and junior post Hailey Boman added five.

Thursday: Genesee 56, Rimrock 39 — The Bulldogs blew open a five-point game with a 19-5 run in the third quarter.

Jewett led all scorers 16 points, but connected on only seven of 22 shots for the Raiders.

Rimrock shot only 29.6 percent (16-for-54), while the Bulldogs hit 42.6 percent of their shots (23-for-54).

Three Genesee players reached double figures, including sophomore guard Cierra Mayer and senior forward Sam Moser, who scored 12 points each. Rachel Linehan, a junior forward, came off the bench for 10 points.

Boman grabbed 10 rebounds for Rimrock, including seven on the Genesee’s backboards, but she was limited to two points in less than 15 minutes game time because of four fouls.

Bachman scored six points and collected five rebounds, while Hall came off the bench to hit three of four sots for six points and snag five rebounds.



Rimrock’s Sakota Hall goes to the basket against Challis defenders Abby Senabaugh, left, and Kaylee Olson during Friday’s second-round game. Photo by Jon P. Brown

✓ HHS girls: Fast break fuels trophy run

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As did the Trojans’ drive to get a trophy.

“The girls came out ready to play today, and they wanted to play for each other,” Betancourt said. “You could tell they were more than ready to play.”

Betancourt attributed that drive in part to the fire stoked by last spring’s softball state championship run. Several players also compete for the basketball team.

The Spartans were 27-for-50 from the charity stripe and lost by 21 points. Homedale went 17-for-35 from the free-throw line.

Priest River had a golden opportunity with 4 minutes, 41 seconds left in the first half when Betancourt was called for a technical foul. The whistle came as a shock to HHS fans because the coach was not being demonstrative in his protestations after Tory Lane was called for her second foul.

But Jill Weimer and Lily Luckey were able to make only two of the four free throws and Homedale clung to a 21-18 lead.

The Trojans went on the first of several spurts soon after, reeling off a 7-1 run. The first of Tristan Corta’s two three-point shots put Homedale out front, 28-19. She came off the bench to score 10 points.

“The good news is with the group of kids I have — and the type of kids in Homedale — they’re all



Seniors Destiny Long, left, and Kaylee Rupp get emotional at the end of Saturday’s game. Photo by Jon P. Brown

self-motivated,” Betancourt said of his players’ resilience despite numerous calls against them.

“They don’t like to lose. They stay motivated on their own.”

Priest River threatened many times in the game, creeping closer with free throws, but once Homedale returned to its bread-and-butter fast break and cut down on turnovers, there was little the Spartans could do to stem the tide.

“Rebounding and us getting out and running equals we get points,” Betancourt said.

Corta’s second trey of the game

pushed Homedale’s lead to 10 points, 30-20, midway through the third quarter. That shot also triggered a 12-7 run that helped the Trojans extend its lead further.

Homedale got the advantage to 19 points, 59-40, when Destiny Long hit a free throw and then Hattie Mertz powered home a rebound off the second missed foul shot to end a 7-2 rally.

Long exited the game late and broke into tears as she made her way to the end of the bench. Betancourt surmised that she saw her fellow senior, Kaylee Rupp, and became emotional at the thought of that they were playing the final high school game. Mykal Hill is the third upperclassman on the roster.

All the other Trojans in uniform Saturday were either juniors or sophomores, giving Betancourt pleasant thoughts when looking to the 2014-15 season.

“We get to bring back our back-court (Morgan Nash, who scored 13 Saturday, and Tory Lane, who led all scorers with 16). It’ll be the third year they’re together, so that’s going to be huge,” he said. “And we’ll have depth at the post (with Hattie Mertz and Gardenia Machuca returning).”

— JPB

More on the Trojans’ tournament. Page 12B



Junior Morgan Nash, left, reaches to put in a layup against Priest River’s Jill Weimer. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Sports

State info

When — 9 a.m., Friday and Saturday

Where — Ford Idaho Center, Nampa

Tickets — \$15 general admission both days (\$8 after 2 p.m. with \$10 discount admission available). Tournament pass, \$28 (discount pass, \$18). Discount passes are available to senior citizens, seventh- through 12-graders with activity cards and first-through sixth-graders. Children 5 and younger get in free.

State matchups

Homedale’s 3A openers

98 pounds — Andy Montes (So., 19-7) vs. Hunter Galbraith (Sugar-Salem fr., 15-22)

113 — Caleb Meligan (Fr., 19-12) vs. Ryan Star (Timberlake so., 18-13)

120 — Michael Deleon (Sr., 18-8) vs. Jacob Smith (S-S sr., 25-23)

126 — Nash Johnson (So., 39-10) vs. Luke Soumas (Priest River sr., 15-7)

145 — Devin Fisher (Jr., 20-2) vs. Payson Anderton (Snake River fr., 20-14)

170 — Jovan Cornejo (Sr., 19-5) vs. Fernando Martinez (American Falls so., 19-16)

182 — Curtis Stansell (Sr., 23-16) vs. Braden Hansen (S-S so., 34-14)

220 — Jakobee Osborn (So., 13-14) vs. Gabe Baliah (PR jr., 16-11)

Marsing’s 2A openers

98 pounds — Edwin Gonzalez (Fr., 22-15) vs. Joshua D’Orazio (Challis jr., 35-14)

120 — Cody Barrett (So., 9-29) vs. Carson McClain (Malad sr., 24-16)

145 — Oscar Gonzalez (Fr., 11-29) vs. Kaleb Burk (Valley so., 25-9)

160 — Austin Williams (Sr., 42-8) vs. Taylor Lee (Soda Springs jr., 13-27)

182 — Brad Labit (Sr., 30-27) vs. Zane Corrigan (Challis so., 15-11)

195 — Nick Lankow (Fr., 20-20) vs. Rogelio Gomez (Raft River jr., 24-19)

220 — Noah Grossman (Jr., 44-7) vs. AJ Frankman (West Side jr., 5-10)

Note — Opponents’ records do not include district competition



Top: Oscar Gonzalez dominates his opponent in a 145-pound match at Saturday’s 1A/2A District III Tournament in New Plymouth. **Right:** Austin Williams flips his opponent toward the mat in a 160-pound match. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography



✓ Marsing: Huskies finish fourth in team standings

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match, the 195 championship final, which he won, 11-7, over fellow freshman Mitchell Olsen of Melba.

Williams (42-8) pinned a pair of upperclassmen to get his crown. He took care of Melba’s Austin Warfield in 58 seconds of their semifinal match and then dispatched Gunnar Baker of McCall-Donnelly in 2:46 for the championship.

Marsing finished fourth in the team standings as McCall-Donnelly took home the district crown.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class earn berths into the state competition:

- Freshman Oscar Gonzalez (11-29) finished third at 145 pounds. Braden Dunn of Melba pinned Gonzalez in 3 minutes, 50 seconds. He rebounded to pin Isaac Grimm of Garden Valley

eight seconds into the second round to secure a berth to the state tournament.

- Senior Brad Labit (30-27) went 1-2, but still grabbed fourth place at 182 pounds. He lost by the slimmest of margins in a 9-7 decision to McCall-Donnelly’s Kameron Nay.

Eventual district champion Blake Julian, a McCall-Donnelly senior, pinned Labit in 40 seconds in the semifinals.

Labit rallied with a 60-second pin of New Plymouth’s Hanson Brudevold to reach the third-place match.

- Sophomore Cody Barrett (9-29) finished fourth at 120 pounds after McCall-Donnelly freshman Jed Lowen pinned him at the 55-second mark of the third-place match.

Freshman Jake Larson (6-14) collected a fifth-place medal at 170 pounds.

✓ Golds: Fisher puts together dramatic meet to win crown

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the state meet.

Freshman Caleb Meligan, a 113-pounder who returned to action after suffering a concussion two weeks earlier, finished fourth, but will wrestle Friday because the top four wrestlers in each weight division advance out of the district bracket.

Montes (19-7) was guaranteed a spot in the state tournament as long as he stayed healthy in the one match he had Saturday.

He pinned Weiser freshman Alex Raby in 1 minute, 47 seconds to win the gold medal. He has the No. 5 seed in his weight class.

Fisher’s road to the district championship was a little more involved. He ran his record to 20-2 and wrestled one of the classic matches of the day.

The junior beat Payette sophomore Mikhail LeBow,

1-0, to reach the championship match.

In the final, Fisher pinned second-seeded Logan Case of Parma in 3:24.

Deleon (18-8) lost a high-scoring championship match to Weiser sophomore Kristian Claudio. The two wrestlers entered the final as the top two seeds, with No. 1 Claudio emerging victorious, 16-7.

Deleon pinned Chandler Mitchell of Parma in his opening match then overpowered reigning district champion Christian Oyervides of Weiser, 9-1, to reach the championship match.

Cornejo’s (19-5) road to the silver medal and a second state appearance included an upset of second-seeded Ty Johnson from Weiser in the semifinals. He pinned Johnson in 4:27 before losing to top-seeded Nick Fagen of

Fruitland by pinfall in the final.

Nash Johnson fell into the consolation bracket at 126 pounds after a 5-2 setback at the hands of second-seeded Robert Diaz of Fruitland.

The sophomore (39-10) rallied to edge Weiser’s Shane Loughran, 2-1, in the third-place match. He’s seeded third for this week’s action.

A senior, Stansell (23-16) bounced back from a semifinal loss to pin Weiser’s Andrew Williamson in 26 seconds to claim third place at 182 and secure his second state tournament appearance (he’s seeded No. 8). He pinned another Weiser senior, Jesus Cardenas, in 66 seconds to make the semifinals against second-seed Colby Ransom of Payette. Ransom prevailed with a pin in 3:19 and went on to win the district title.

Osborn (13-14), a sophomore, opened his tournament in the semifinals after a first-round bye. After losing to second-seeded Garrison Grant of Fruitland with five seconds left in the first round of their semifinal, Osborn reeled off two victories, including pinning Weiser’s Trei Walker for third place.

Second-seeded 113-pounder Meligan (19-12) lost his first match of the tournament, 14-7, to Weiser’s Tristan Hinckley in the semifinals. His comeback through the consolation bracket included a win over HHS teammate Luis Garza before falling in the third-place match via pin to Parma’s Dakota Whittaker.

Three HHS wrestlers finished fifth in the district and will be alternates for the state tournament, including Garza, Tyson Furlott at 160 and Gavin Palumbo at 195.

Adrian’s Miller back in 1A/2A Oregon state tourney

Senior finishes second at district meet

Wrestler Shane Miller will return to the 2A/1A Oregon state tournament to cap his career at Adrian High School.

A 145-pound senior, Miller rebounded from a loss in the 2A/1A District 4 championship match Saturday to finish second.

Only the top two wrestlers in each weight class earn a ticket to the state tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday at

Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Miller, who went 1-2 in his previous state tournament appearance as a sophomore, beat Riley Merrigan of Imbler, 6-1, to earn the district’s second berth in the final tourney of the year.

Earlier, Miller lost a hard-fought championship match, 10-6, to Corey Jenkins of Crane.

After receiving an opening-round bye in the tournament stay in Cottage Grove, Ore., Miller pinned two opponents to reach the championship match. He took care of

Irrigon’s Jeff Patton in 26 seconds and put Chris Roberts of Elgin to the mat 40 seconds before the end of their semifinal encounter.

The highest Adrian finisher after Miller was 106-pound Marcus Furtado, who finished fourth after a 14-7 loss to Enterprise Nate Anton in the third-place match.

Drake Marquez pinned Antelopes’ teammate Ramon Dalla in 3 minutes, 45 seconds to capture fifth place at 160 pounds. Marquez pinned Elgin’s Larry Shaffer in his first consolation bracket match and dropped into the fifth-place match with a 17-3 loss

to Jordan Vermillion, also of Elgin.

After losing in the quarterfinals, Dalla reeled off two pins (Alex Coutant of Wallowa at 3:00; Joe Garcia of Heppner in 33 seconds) in the consolation bracket. He lost to Cord Flynn of Heppner in the consi semifinals to set up his showdown with Marquez.

Bryson Shira was sixth at 152 pounds. He lost the fifth-place match by pinfall to Irrigon’s Ricardo Campos.

Luke Campbell was eighth at 138 pounds.

Sports

Marsing boys score 50, but can't win

Marsing High School cracked the 50-point barrier for only the third time, but it wasn't enough to keep the boys' basketball squad in the 2A District III Tournament's winners' bracket.

Host Melba, the No. 3 seed, built an eight-point halftime lead and held on to it for a 58-50 victory last Wednesday.

All four players in the scoring column for the sixth-seeded Huskies reached double figures.

Les Loucks led the way with 15 points, followed by Ben Isert's 13 and 11 apiece from Jose Acuna and Emmanuel Lagunas.

Melba's Nick Fitts scored 12 of his 16 points on three-pointers.

Marsing (7-15 after the Melba loss) played a loser-out game against Nampa Christian on Tuesday night after deadline.

Feb. 18: Marsing 43, McCall-Donnelly 30 – Needing a win to keep their season alive, the Huskies broke open a tight game with a 14-5 run to start the second half.

Marsing widened its lead to 14 points, 31-17, with the dominant stretch in the third and ended the visiting Vandals's season.

Jose Acuna led all scorers with 16 points. Loucks was a force for the Huskies, scoring 15 points, and Isert led the way with six rebounds.



Marsing's Skye Shore, left, tries to reach the basket over an outstretched Melba player. Photo by Dan Pease

Jordan Valley boys, Adrian girls begin 1A Oregon playoffs

Jordan Valley High School's boys' basketball team is one victory away from a 1A Oregon state tournament appearance.

The Mustangs must win their second-round game at home Friday to get a berth in the double-elimination bracket, play for which begins March 5 in Baker City.

Coach Clint Fillmore's team won't know its opponent until after tonight's first-round games are completed.

The Mustangs (21-4 overall) take an eight-game winning streak into the state playoffs. They have won 16 of their past 17 games.

Girls

Adrian began the state playoffs in North Powder, Ore., against Powder Valley of the 1A Old Oregon League on Tuesday night after deadline. The Badgers entered the tournament as district runner-up.

Adrian is the No. 3 seed from 1A District 8.

"We play 10 kids in our rotation and rely heavily on our defense," Antelopes coach Gene Mills said, adding that a defensive edge can spell the difference once the anxiety of playoff basketball arrives.

Adrian's top player this year has been Quincy Pendergrass, a 5-foot, 10-inch junior wing.

"She leads us in scoring, rebounding, steals and assists," Mills said. "The other nine players all do a great job, also."

A win Tuesday would have sent the Antelopes to the second round, one win from the March 5-8 tournament in Baker City.

HHS frosh-soph boys wrap perfect year with SRV title

Homedale High School's frosh-soph boys' basketball team completed a perfect season Friday night with a conference championship.

The Trojans capped a 19-0 season by beating third-seeded Parma in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament title game.

The Trojans' junior varsity squad also reached their conference tournament championship game but lost to No. 3 seed Weiser to finish the season with a 17-5 record.

Both teams were the top seeds for the tournaments, which were played in Weiser.

Stuart Emry coached the frosh-soph team, while Luke Ankeny was on the sideline for the junior varsity club.

MARSING
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Austin Williams
160 pounds

Nick Lankow
195 pounds

Noah Grossman
220 pounds

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Feb. 27, 2A District III Tournament
third-place game (if nec.), opponent TBA,
Columbia H.S. Nampa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 1, 2A Real Dairy Shootout state
tournament play-in game (if nec.),
Burley or Mountain Home, 3 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Season complete
Final record, 12-11

Wrestling

Friday, Feb. 28 at 2A state tournament,
Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.

Saturday, March 1 at 2A state
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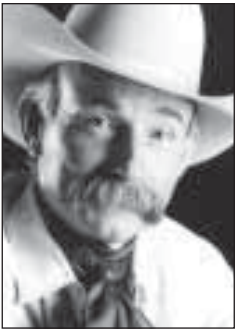
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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

The price of ivory

On the north side of Denver abides the city of Commerce City. There, last fall, U.S. officials dumped millions of dollars worth of ivory tusks, carvings, and jewelry into a steel rock crusher and pulverized it into dust and tiny chips.

The officials' objective was to reduce the slaughter of tens of thousands of elephants each year.

ECONOMICS 1: What happens to a commodity's demand and price when you reduce its availability? DUH ... The price goes up!

For instance, cattle prices are at an all-time high because ... the U.S. cow herd is down to its lowest since 1952. Average horse prices have plunged because of the elimination of horse slaughter, which flooded the country with unwanted horses.

Ivory's value is primarily intrinsic, meaning it serves no essential purpose, though it does work as a forklift and weapon when still on the elephant. That's unlike other precious stones and metals like diamonds, silver, gold and uranium, which can be used in all sort of engineering processes, high-tech manufacturing and dentistry, in addition to jewelry. The value of these minerals is also increased because there is a finite amount on our planet.

So how can we help the ivory problem? Flood the market, that's how.

Elephants continue to reproduce, thus manufacturing ivory. How 'bout increasing the number of elephants? A great example of this solution is the salmon industry. Twenty years ago, wild salmon from Alaskan fisheries was priced out of the range of the average family. Then the world started "farming salmon" commercially. Now it is readily available.

Would elephant farming be practical? If people want ivory, why not make it available? Maybe grow your own elephant in your backyard. Let capitalism work.

Look at the economics of the illegal drug business. As long as selling marijuana is illegal, the price will be high. Make it available to everyone, as it appears to be doing, and the price will get lower as the numbers of users get higher!

Another solution would be to encourage the farming of alternative sources for ivory: narwhals, hippos, walruses, etc. Workable, you say? Stick up a wanted poster in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, for tusks from feral pigs and wild boars and turn the red necks loose! In 20 years, people will be farming hogs for ivory. Make pigs a three-purpose animal: meat, hunting and jewelry.

I can see it now, our own cable network show; we'll call it ... THE PIG DYNASTY!

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

Joe Demshar, Austrian Settlement Centennial



Reader's opinion

Many chefs cooked up a great centennial celebration

A centennial anniversary is a funny thing. It is a rare event that brings forth strong emotions for anyone celebrating it. Far too often, centennials pass us by with few if anyone recognizing the event's importance. The Austrian Settlement celebration was definitely not one of those centennials.

On Feb. 14-15, we received a huge crowd of both descendants and interested individuals who packed the Homedale Armory enjoying the food, drinks, music, dancing, presentations, displays, family histories and more.

Every one of you made this an event to remember, but I would also like to thank many other individuals or groups who helped us along with our celebration. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you deserves a huge thank you.

- The City of Homedale for allowing us an area in the park to erect a memorial to our forebears and for cleaning up the parking lot so people would have a place to park.
- The Owyhee Avalanche for the great coverage they gave the event.
- Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant for giving us a place to meet to set the event up.
- The county commissioners, namely Kelly Aberasturi, for allowing us to use the Homedale Armory.
- The Owyhee County Historical Society for helping promote the event, and putting together displays, which

will be shown all year.

- The Homedale Senior Center and George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 for allowing us to use their tables and chairs.
- Fishers Bar, namely Chuck Fisher for operating the bar section of the event and allowing us to help people stay refreshed during the celebration.
- Bob Cegnar for donating all the stones and memorials that will be erected later this year to commemorate this momentous event.
- Matt and Colleen Paxton for helping me start this event and get it planned. Without them, it would not have been planned out as well or been as large.
- John and Kathy Demshar along with Fred and Carmen Demshar for a spot to place the second memorial within the original settlement grounds.
- All the ladies who helped by making Potica and served it to all who wish to try. You did great, and the quantity we had was perfect.
- All the individuals who helped by providing photos, information, and even tasty treats to both myself and the planning group.
- Lastly all the individuals who came to the meetings and helped us plan. Each and every one of you helped this be the amazing event it became.

— Joe Demshar is a Homedale resident.

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington

Burdensome workload doesn't slow Idaho U.S. District Court

Ranking fifth in the nation, the Idaho U.S. District Court was named one of America's most productive courts. The court has consistently ranked as one of the most productive and efficient district courts in the country despite having only two judges and a very high caseload.

Bench presence and cases tried by an active district judge were among the factors considered in determining the court's overall productivity ranking. The District of Idaho ranks eighth in the nation for the number of hours spent on the bench and fifth for the number of trial hours.

The court is achieving this output even though it is operating with one fewer judge than most other districts serving this population. This also further constrains court resources because the number of judicial officers in each court affects the allocation of funding to the districts. As Idaho has only two district judgeships and no senior judges, despite the clear need for more because of caseload and population growth, the District of Idaho is significantly impacted. Idaho is one of only three states (North Dakota and Vermont are the others) with only two authorized judgeships for the entire state (B. Lynn Winnill and Edward Lodge). In contrast, the Central District of California and the Southern District of New York each have 28 authorized judgeships.

Since the second district judge was authorized 60 years ago, Idaho's population has grown substantially, and the court indicates that its caseload has doubled. This leaves Idaho at a disadvantage compared to other similarly sized states. According to data from the court, in the 12-month period that ended in June 2013, 1,074 cases were filed in the court. This results in 537 filings per judgeship, which far exceeds the average filings of 303 cases per judgeships in comparable courts, with more judges, across the nation. Additionally, the pending cases per judge in the District

of Idaho increased 30 percent from 2007 to 2013, and total case filings have jumped 26 percent during this time period.

The need for an additional judge in Idaho has been widely recognized for years. In its 2003 biennial report to Congress, the nonpartisan Judicial Conference of the United States first recommended an additional judgeship for Idaho. In each subsequent report, including the most recent in March 2013, it has included Idaho in its recommendations for a new judgeship. Unfortunately, Congress has not authorized any new judgeships for any state since 2002. That means that, since a new judgeship for Idaho was first recommended by the Judicial Conference in 2003, no new judgeships for any state have been authorized by Congress.

Nevertheless, along with other members of the Idaho Congressional Delegation, I continue to press for the addition of a third judgeship. Because of this significant need, fellow Republican Idaho Sen. Jim Risch and I introduced legislation to add a judge to Idaho's federal court system. Fellow Idaho congressional delegation member Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) introduced equivalent legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

We must have timely and efficient administration of justice. The District of Idaho has been working to meet the needs of the district while facing growing personnel and financial challenges. Advancing this productivity by adding an additional judgeship to the court would help ensure effective access to justice for Idaho's increasing population.

— 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

Student loan payoff will put doctor in wealth-building mode

Dear Dave,
I went to medical school, and now I have \$70,000 in debt. I just started a three-year residency making about \$50,000 a year, while my wife makes \$40,000. The student loans represent our only debt. Do you think we should be paying this off or investing in a Roth IRA?

— David



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Dear David,
If I were in your shoes, I'd work on paying down the student loans. That means you may never be in a Roth, but there are other things you can invest in and grow wealth.
I realize this may not seem right mathematically, but I don't always make financial decisions based exclusively on math. Many times I do things based on changing money behaviors — stuff like paying off debts from smallest to largest because it actually works. Personal finance is 80 percent

behavior, and only 20 percent head knowledge. So sometimes you have to go with what actually works best overall, in spite of what the technical math shows.
In your case, I think it's going to be very valuable to have no student loans by the time you complete your residency. With three years to

go, and living on a \$90,000-a-year income, you can do it. Then, when you come through the other side as a full-fledged doctor, you'll have the great income *and* be sitting there debt-free. Not a bad place to be, right?
I understand the Roth seems like a pretty good idea right now, but my advice is to stick with becoming debt-free as quickly as possible. Once that's done, you and your wife will be able to invest, save, and build wealth like crazy!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My wife started working at a pharmaceutical company that gave her a few thousand dollars' worth of stock. In the last year, that stock has doubled in value. We've considered buying more just to see how it does. What do you think about this?

— Robert

Dear Robert,
I understand why you guys would be excited, but you're still looking at a very risky proposition. Any stock that doubles its value in just one year is highly volatile. It's very unusual when things like that happen, and the fact is, it could go down in value just as quickly.
I think you should be completely debt-free, except for your house, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place before you start any outside investing. You should also make sure that 15 percent of your income is already going toward retirement.
I don't mind you dabbling a little bit as long as all the other stuff is taken care of first. But I'd advise you to never put more than 10 percent of your nest egg into single stocks. If you've got \$50,000 in a 401(k) right now, limit yourself to \$5,000 in this

area. That way, if the stock tanks and you lose it all, it's only a small blip on the radar. You'll still be financially intact and able to retire with dignity.
It would be fantastic if this stock went through the roof and you two made a ton of money. That would be awesome!
But make sure you limit the potential for damage by limiting your exposure. Don't risk the family farm, as they say, to make this play.

— Dave

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

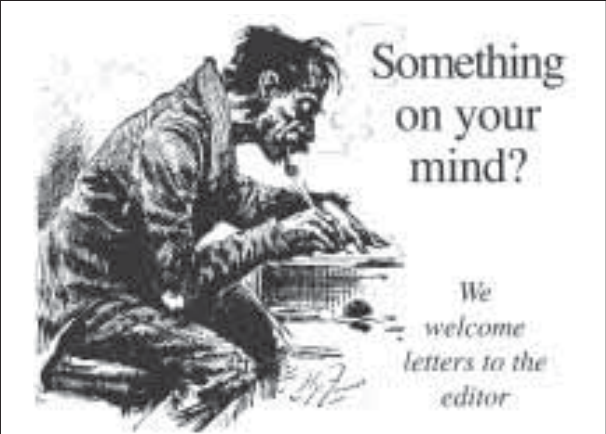
Letter to the editor

Homedale should wait until spring for city cleanup

Americans for Limited Govt. Obama's take on separation of powers: 'Catch me if you can'

The cleanup is good, but now is not a very good time for cleaning up. Spring would be a better time.
I would suggest that the town trash division put several large cleanup dumpsters in several different places around town for people to put their trash in. Anything that they could throw in would be hauled to the landfill.
Doing this a couple times a year might get more cleaning done around town.

John McCoy
Homedale



Letters to the editor
All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.
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by Robert Romano
"I have never seen a president so brazenly and openly say I'm going to break the rules, I'm going to defy my oath, I'm going to violate the separation of powers, undermine Article 1 — and catch me if you can."
That was nationally syndicated talk show host Mark Levin, talking to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) in a Feb. 13 interview. Cruz responded, calling it "unprecedented," adding, "one of if not the most dangerous aspects of this is the contempt for the rule of law, and the consistent pattern of lawlessness."
The interview came on the heels of repeated statements by Obama, including at a Cabinet meeting on Jan. 14: "[W]e are not just going to be waiting for a legislation in order to make sure that we're providing Americans the kind of help that they need."
But most of all, Levin and Cruz were responding to Obama's decision to delay the employer mandate for medium-sized firms as well as large firms under the health care law.
This is what Obama means when he jokes he can do whatever he wants. That he has a pen and a phone.
On Obamacare and elsewhere, purely for political reasons, the president is legislating and arbitrarily making changes to the law. The details matter less than the essential breakdown of the rule of law and the separation of powers.

This is the reality we face, where lawmaking primacy no longer resides with Congress per its constitutional design.
It lays with the White House and the executive branch agencies that are administrating from on high.
It lays with the Environmental Protection Agency, which arbitrarily declared carbon dioxide, a gas essential to life itself, to be a "harmful pollutant" covered under the Clean Air Act, even though Congress never amended that law to include carbon emissions.
It lays with the Treasury and the IRS, which have issued a regulation rewriting 50-year-old rules surrounding 501(c)

(4) tax-exempt organizations without any vote in Congress. Once finalized, these rules will be used to silence political opponents of the administration.
Obama has refused to enforce laws, as noted above Obamacare's many mandates that are now deemed politically hazardous, but also the Defense of Marriage Act, federal immigration law, and as Cruz noted in the Levin interview, when millions of Americans were losing their insurance plans, Obama "instructed private insurance companies [to] go violate the law; issue policies that are illegal — that are illegal right under the plain text of the law."
He has made recess appointments when Congress was not even in a recess.
His Federal Reserve printed \$1.25 trillion out of thin air to buy back dodgy securities from banks that bet poorly on U.S. housing, including \$442.7 billion that was given to foreign banks. Even today, the Fed continues purchasing government and mortgage bonds in a \$900 billion-a-year subsidy to banks.
Last year, it was revealed that the administration was continuing to implement a National Security Agency program gathering records on every American, using the Patriot Act as a secret legal justification even though the author of the law, Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), says the blanket surveillance is expressly forbidden by that law, not to mention the U.S. Constitution.
One could go on and on about the lawlessness on display, and the flagrant manner the executive branch has usurped powers that are Congress' by right.
The question is what Congress or the courts might do about it.
Perhaps the reason Obama has been so "brazen and open" about violating the separation of powers is because he knows the answer that question is nothing. Until the other branches jealously guard their rightful powers under the Constitution, we might as well not have one.

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

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 1, 1989

Owyhee County may get financial help from state
“We’re just excited about that,” State Rep. Leanna Lausen, D-Mountain Home, said last week about her bill, scheduled to be taken up on the House Floor in the Idaho Legislature this week, to give Owyhee County a portion of the fees collected by the state for the storage of hazardous waste materials.
“It has a heck of a good chance in the House and it has no opposition at this point, so the chances look good in the Senate, too,” the Owyhee County lawmaker noted.
Lausen estimated that if her proposal becomes law, Owyhee County would received anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per year to spend in any manner related to hazardous waste emergencies. Owyhee County, site of the Envirosafe Services of Idaho, Inc. hazardous waste dump near Grand View, would be the only county in the state to benefit.
Lausen’s bill would require that any Idaho county with a hazardous waste dump would be provided with 5 percent of the \$20 per ton fee charged by Idaho’s environmental division for the deposit of hazardous wastes at the facility. Currently, the state gets about \$1.1 million in charges.

Homedale’s academic decathloners win regional event
The brainy members of Homedale High School’s Academic Decathlon team blew away the opposition to capture first place at the regional A.D. competition at Meridian Saturday, sweeping all three top places in the scholastic division, grabbing the top slot in the honors division, and firmly securing their right to march into the state championship meet coming up soon.
Then, still basking in their newly-won status as the top hotdogs of the A-3 division in two regions, Homedale’s decathloners watched as authorities tried to give their first place trophy away to the second-place finishers, the McCall-Donnelly squad.
“I felt genuinely sorry for McCall-Donnelly,” Frank Craig, local decathlon coach, said Monday, in telling about the embarrassing mix up in the award on honors at the conclusion of the meet.
“Their (McCall) kids were screaming and cheering, and ours were turning white. But the McCall-Donnelly coach came over immediately and said, ‘We know the trophy belongs to you,’ ” Craig recalled jauntily.
Craig said that he and Homedale’s other A.D. coach, Julie Nauman, knew it, too, because they’d been keeping score. “They had made a 4,000-point error in computing test scores,” Craig explained.
Among his competitors, Craig reported that Blas Uberuaga took a solid first place among honors competitors, while Tony Freeburg, Danny Itano and Dennis Zattiero walked away with first, second and third places, respectively, among scholastic competitors. Homedale took 7 of 9 awards in fine arts matchups and 5 of 9 awards in the language and literature categories of knowledge.

Marsing man finishes No. 1 in 5000 Pro-Am class
A Marsing man, Mike Dines, was one of the big winners in the National Finals Snaffle Bit Futurity held recently in Boise.
Dines, the son of George and Jackie Dines of Marsing, was 5000 Pro Am National Finals Champion.
He rode Okie Freckles, owned by Lynn and Judy Broadhead of Blackfoot.
This was the first time he had shown for them, as he had shown his horses previously, according to his mother.
“He felt he had a fairly good chance of being one of the top finalists going in,” Mrs. Dines said. “Things looked up when some of his toughest competitors didn’t make the finals and he led by a slim margin going into the finals.”
In the finals, she said, Dines trounced his competition. He finished with a 30-point lead over his closest challenger, something that is unheard of, she said.
He scored 147 points in head work; 144 in dry work and 146 in fence work for a grand total of 437 points.

50 years ago

February 27, 1964

Middleton tops Trojans in district tournament
The Homedale Trojans met the Middleton Vikings at Caldwell Friday, Feb. 21, in class A-3 district tournament play, losing 71-57.
The game ran neck and neck during three quarters, but the 4th quarter brought the final results. The Trojans’ top players fouled out and the Vikings began to pick up points rapidly.
Bill Cegnar was high-point man with 25.

Trojans win 2nd game in tourney Friday
Homedale defeated McCall-Donnelly 62-50 Saturday in their 2nd game of the A-3 district basketball tournament at Parma.
The teams were evenly matched in scoring the 1st half, but during the 2nd half the Trojans began to pull away from them and gained points rapidly.
High-point man for the game was Bill Cegnar with 24.

Cegnar leads tourney scoring with 49 points
Homedale’s senior forward Bill Cegnar, at present, leads the A-3 basketball tournament in total points with 49, followed by Rhodes of Kuna with 45. Cegnar collected 25 points against Middleton and 24 in meeting McCall-Donnelly.
Cegnar who has proved to be deadly at the free shooting line throughout the season netted 15 of 18 attempts the first night and tallied 20 for 28 the second game of the tournament for a total of 35 in 46 attempts, or 76 percent.
The total season record shows Cegnar collecting 125 free throws in 191 attempts at the charity line for an overall 65 percent.

Historical society receives “hair rose” Friday
A “hair rose” was added to the collection of pioneer articles in the museum of the Owyhee County Historical Society at Murphy at the meeting Friday night. Seventy members and friends attended.
Mrs. Mildretta Adams presented the “hair rose” and two old newspapers to the society. The newspapers were the “Bee Hive” dated in 1908 and a Lassen County, Calif., paper dated in 1917.
“Hair roses” were made in pioneer days from the hair of a close relative. The hair was woven into designs for keeping as a memento. Often the rose was placed in a deep picture frame and hung on the wall in the parlor.

Chroniclings
There has been considerable local comment on the unexpected outcome of the Liston-Clay fiasco Tuesday evening. Few seem to think Clay can fight as well as he can brag, but he holds the world’s heavyweight championship none-the-less ...
There also seems to be considerable sentiment against the State Board of Corrections’ action in releasing the 15-year-old Bobby Miller from the state prison. He has expressed no remorse for his action in shooting and paralyzing two police officers ...

NRA medals are presented to junior shooters
Wayne Breshears, president of the junior shooters, presided during the awards presentation Thursday night at the Owyhee County Armory.
Louis Breshears, Tom Arima, and Gary Samson, officers of the sponsoring Homedale Rod and Gun Club, passed out the various awards won by 45 students. Ralph Ermatinger, Boise, showed two films, “Heritage of Splendor” and “Camping Out in Alaska.”
Plaques for the highest overall scores were given to Lloyd Herod and Sheila Wood, 1,609, and plaques for runner-up scores were won by David Vance, 1,533, and Jacquie Walker, 1,148. The cost of this project was brought out in detail and is almost covered by the \$1 per night fee paid by the students.

140 years ago

February 28, 1874

A GAME NOT ON THE SQUARE. Bret Harte, in his exquisite lecture on the “Argonauts of ’49,” gives the following excellent picture of San Francisco life:
There was a Western man who, having made a few thousands in the mines, came down to take a steamer home. On the night before he was to sail he entered the Argo saloon, seated himself at the faro table in sheer listlessness and staked \$20 and won. He won again. In two hours he won a fortune. An hour later he rose from the tables a ruined man. The steamer sailed without him. He was a simple man, knowing little of the world; but the sudden winning and losing of a fortune crazed him. He went again to his work and regularly took his seat at the table and spent the earnings which he had saved. So the year passed. If he had forgotten a waiting wife she had not forgotten him, and one evening she landed, with her child, upon the pier at San Francisco, penniless and alone. She told her story to John Oakburst, who quietly took her to a hotel and provided for her wants. Two or three evenings after the Western man won some trifle, and then gained other plays in succession, and it really seemed as though fortune had again come. John Oakburst saw his joy and said: “I will give you \$3,000 for your next deal.” He hesitated. “Your wife is at the door; will you take it?” The man accepted; but the spirit of the gambler was strong within him, and, as Mr. Oakburst fully expected, he waited to see the result of the play. Well, John Oakburst lost, and, with a look of gratitude, the man turned aghast, seized the money and hurried away, as if he feared that he might still be enchained by the spell which bound him. “That was a bad spirit of your’n, Jack,” said a friend. “Yes,” said Jack, “but I got so tired of seeing that fellow round. It was a put up game between the dealer and me. It is the first time,” he added, with an oath which I think the recording angel placed to his credit, “I ever played a game that was not on the square.”

THE BALL. To say that the Ball given by the Silver City Brass Band, in Jones’ Hall last Monday evening was a most enjoyable and successful affair, is but to pass a somewhat common place remark, and one that looks and reads too much after the fashion of a set phrase. We will therefore be original: From the white canvas of the floor to the gay streamers of red, white and blue, floating from walls and ceiling; from the sparkling chandeliers to the handsome mirrors and beautiful pictures that adorned the hall; from the tips and dainty slippers now and then disclosed beneath the rustle of dimity and lace to the curl of fashionable whiskers; from the costume whose fair description would require all the terrible, secret knowledge of a fashion reporter, to the plain dress, charming on the elegant symphony; from the mazy merry go round of the waiters, to the slower and just as pretty movements of those who only danced in squares; from the becoming modesty of the true gentleman to the demonstrative vanity of the lop who fancied himself smarter than anyone else; from the growls of the double bass to the squeak of the melody; from the unpinning of looped-up shorts to the last shawl and cloak; from the bursting of a new love to the clink of glasses, from the springy young women who “danced a very dance,” to the limp and sorrowful wall-flower; from the petticoats stiff as buck-ram to petticoats flabby as a paper collar in a hot day; from blue eyes that melted, to black eyes that burnt; from — what do you say? More copy, is the ominous romances growled forth from the compositors room. Well, here you are!
P.S. We might have brought the thing to a beautifully rounded and eloquent climax, had we not been interrupted by those most dreadful of all words to an editor’s ear, “More copy.” But the spell is broken and the charm is fled; therefore, let it suffice to say that it was one of the gayest, most sociable and best conducted dancing parties ever given in Silver City. Much credit is due the entire management, especially to the active and gentlemanly floor managers, H. S. Chaeasbro, C. S. Leonard and P. W. Frost, for the handsome manner in which they performed their part of the programme.

Public notices

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that declarations of candidacy for the offices of Owyhee County Clerk; Owyhee County Commissioner, District 1, for four (4) years; Owyhee County Commissioner, District 2, for two (2) years; Owyhee County Treasurer; Owyhee County Assessor and Owyhee County Coroner must be filed with the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office, whose address is 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650, between 8:00 a.m. March 3, 2014 and 5:00 p.m. March 14, 2014. (I.C. 34-704; 34-708)
Such declarations are available at the Owyhee County Clerk’s office or at www.owyheecounty.net under the Clerk’s tab.
Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. April 4, 2014. (I.C. 34-702A) 2/26/14

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a **supplemental levy election** will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014**, in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** for the following question: “Shall the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in ***Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code***, in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00)** for the next two years, for the total of **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,200,000.00)**, which will be collected in full during each of the **next two (2)** fiscal years, for the purpose of paying lawful and necessary expenses to operate and maintain the **District** for the two (2) fiscal years beginning **July 1, 2014**, and ending **June 30, 2016**”. Said election will be conducted pursuant to ***Title 34 Idaho Code***.

In Elmore County:
The only eligible voters are residents of the Chattin Flats voting Precinct. The Board of Elmore County Commissioners has designated the Chattin Flats Voting Precinct as a Mail-In Ballot Precinct. As such, every voter in Chattin Flats registered as of February 14, 2014, will automatically be mailed a ballot for the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy Election.
Same-day voter registration and in-person absentee voting is available at the Elmore County Courthouse with photo identification and proof of 30-day residency is. Contact the Elmore County Election Department at 587-2130 #206 for more information.
In Owyhee County:
Voters in the Bruneau voting

precinct will vote at the American Legion Building.
Voters in the Grand View voting precinct will vote at the Eastern Owyhee Library.
Voters in Oreana voting precinct will vote at the Oreana Community Hall.
The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has designated the Riddle Voting Precinct as a Mail-In Ballot Precinct. As such, every voter in the Riddle Precinct that is registered as of February 14, 2014, will automatically be mailed a ballot for the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy Election.
Same-day voter registration and in-person absentee voting is available at the Owyhee County Courthouse with photo identification and proof of 30-day residency. Contact the Owyhee County Election Department at 495-2421 for more information. 2/26;3/5/14

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Castleford Joint School District No. 417, adopted on January 15, 2014, a Supplemental Levy Election will be held on March 11, 2014 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of authorizing a levy in the amount of up to \$400,00.00 per year for the period of two years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District.
Said election will be held at the following polling place:
American Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau, Idaho 83624 2/26;3/5/14

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 OWYHE
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 OWYHE
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: February 3, 2014 File No.: 7069.26711 Sale date and time (local time): June 4, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 5673 Country Estates Drive Marsing, ID 83639 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: John L. Allen, a married man as his sole and separate property Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. successors and assigns Recording date: 06/02/2003 Recorder’s instrument number: 243722, and re-recorded June 20, 2003 as Instrument No. 243961 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 3, 2014: \$100,610.97 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 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: Parcel I: A portion of the Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, and is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 18’36” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 340.28 feet; thence North 00 degrees 35’54” East parallel with the East boundary of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 640.29 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13’58” East a distance of 340.28 feet to

a point on said East Boundary; thence South 00 degree 35’54” West along said East boundary a distance of 639.83 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A 50.00 foot road easement. This easement lies in the Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter and in the Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, and is more particularly described as follows: Commencing as the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 33’48” East along the East boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 613.07 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 13’58” West a distance of 2,186.48 feet; thence Southwesterly 28.91 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 82 degrees 49’43”, a radius of 20.00 feet and a long chord which bears South 49 degrees 21’27” West a distance of 26.46 feet; thence Northwesterly 275.05 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 262 degrees 38’53”, a radius of 60.00 feet and a long chord which bears North 40 degrees 43’35” West a distance of 90.12 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13’58” East a distance of 2,265.85 feet a point on the said East boundary; thence South 00 degrees 33’48” West along said East Boundary a distance of 50.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning. 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# 7069.26711) 1002.264168-File No. 2/19,26;3/5,12/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On June 18, 2014, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will 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 property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
A parcel situated in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13; thence South 89° 57’00” West along the North boundary, a distance of 12.26 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0° 53’55” East (formerly South 0° 03’00” East) perpendicular to the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet; thence South 89° 57’00” West along a line parallel to the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence North 0° 53’55” West (formerly North 0° 03’00” West) along a line perpendicular with the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet to a point on the North boundary; thence North 89° 57’00” West along the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF

BEGINNING.
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 the address of **1671 Succor Creek Rd., Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.
This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Lawrence G. Wass and Joan M. Wass, Husband and Wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) acting solely as a nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded October 7, 2009, as Instrument No. 269441, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, recorded December 5, 2011, as Instrument No. 276239, in the records of said County.
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 this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:
Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,463.36 for the months of October 2013 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$203,486.70 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 5.50% from September 1, 2013, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated this 12th day of February, 2014.
Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146
For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you. 2/26;3/5,12,19/14

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. ID-MWB-14002677

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

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

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 2, a found 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence North 89°56’24” East along the North boundary of said Government Lot 2 a distance of 425.14 feet 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 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.

Any 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 Ronald W. Jantzen c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510 2/19,26;3/5,12/14

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 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

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT(S)

Desert Farms Real Estate LLC c/o Dale and/or Jackie Van Es of 8222 Desert Dr. Marsing ID 83639 filed Application No. 78429 to transfer seven water rights with 1962 thru 1994 priority dates from ground water and the Snake River totaling 14.47 cfs. The purpose of the transfer is to authorize a permissible place of use for the rights surrounding the current place of use near Pascoe Lane between Hwy 95 and Hwy 78 approximately 3 miles south southwest of Marsing.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp for a full description of the right(s) and the proposed transfer. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change 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 3/10/2014. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director 2/19,26/14

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Owyhee County Road and Bridge District 1 is accepting applications for a Road and Bridge Operator. Must have experience operating heavy equipment, performing skilled maintenance and construction work on county roads and bridges to ensure the safety of the general public. CDL required. Must be able to pass background check and drug/alcohol test. Starting wage \$13.67 - \$14.35/hr. DOE. Applications must be received by February 28, 2014. Please contact the Owyhee County Clerk's office for an application and job description. The information can also be found online at www.owyheecounty.net Owyhee County is an equal opportunity employer.

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3A Real Dairy Shootout girls' tournament

Thursday: Trojans' speed trumps Redskins' size

Anyone with a heartbeat could feel the tension of Thursday's opening-round game of the 3A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball tournament.

There was also a sense that something could break at any time.

That something turned out to be Homedale High School's fast break. The Trojans used a quick spurt early in the fourth quarter to yank a 58-52 victory from Teton at Middleton High School.

It marked the first state tournament win for the Trojans program since a semifinal victory over Grangeville in the 2003 2A tournament.

"I had a thought that if we just kept it close and could get a couple rebounds or steals that we could get out and run and get some baskets," Trojans coach Joe Betancourt said.

That's exactly what senior Destiny Long did, putting in a couple of layups off transition passes from Tory Lane and Morgan Nash to fuel a 10-3 run with five minutes left in the game.

The run broke open a game in which the lead changed hands nine times and the score was tied eight times.

The final tie of the game came at 39-39 when Trojans junior guard Elise Shenk fought through a painful splash to the floor to hit one of two free throws with 52 seconds left in the third quarter.

Another junior, Morgan Nash, hit a jumper 11 seconds into final period to put the Trojans out front for good.

Gardenia Machuca capped a standout game with a turnaround jump shot low in the block for an important basket, and Homedale led, 43-39, with 5 minutes, 40 seconds left.

While Shenk's grit resulted in the pivotal free throw and a team-high 17 points, it was Homedale's ability to finally get some leverage in the paint that told the tale.

Teton walked onto the floor with only four players shorter than 5 feet, 7 inches. Conversely, Homedale lists only four players taller than 5-7.

The advantage was obvious early as the Redskins altered shots (they had six blocked shots in the first 16 minutes) and held a 12-4 rebounding edge in the first half on Homedale's end of the floor.

Jenna Abbott, a 5-10 freshman post, ruled the paint in the first half, scoring 18 of her game-high 23 points.

"That's not a .500 team," Betancourt said of Teton, which entered the game with an 11-12 record after beating former state champion Marsh Valley in a play-in game. "They are what their schedule said they are. They are battle-tested."

Down the stretch, though, Homedale turned the tide with key contributions from 5-8 Machuca (four steals and a late blocked shot) and 5-8 senior Kaylee Rupp (six rebounds and five points).

Lane, a 5-9 sophomore guard, made an impact on the defensive end with eight of her team-high 10 rebounds. She also finished with two blocks, three steals, four assists and 15 points on 6-for-10 shooting.

"We came out and played way better defense in the second half and we were able to get out and run," Betancourt said.

"The girls played hard. They really wanted this one bad."

— JPB

Friday: Cold night freezes state title dreams

Neither team set the world on fire, but Timberlake High School dominated the backboards to make Homedale pay for missed shots in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout semifinals.

The Tigers shot just 22.9 percent, but used a 2-to-1 rebounding edge to hold the Trojans to one of their lowest scoring totals of the season in a 44-34 victory at Middleton High School on Friday.

Timberlake led by as many as 16 points before Homedale went on a 13-8 run to close the game.

Tory Lane connected on only four of 21 shots and led Homedale with 10 points. She also had six rebounds, five of which came on Timberlake's glass.

Morgan Nash was 4-for-8 from the field for eight points. She added five rebounds.

Kaylee Rupp also had eight points on 4-for-6 shooting. She collected six of her seven rebounds on the defensive end as Homedale held a 24-14 edge there.

Homedale shot 31.9 percent (15-for-47) on the night.

Timberlake went to the foul line 36 times and came away with 21 points, while Homedale was just 3-for-11 from the stripe.

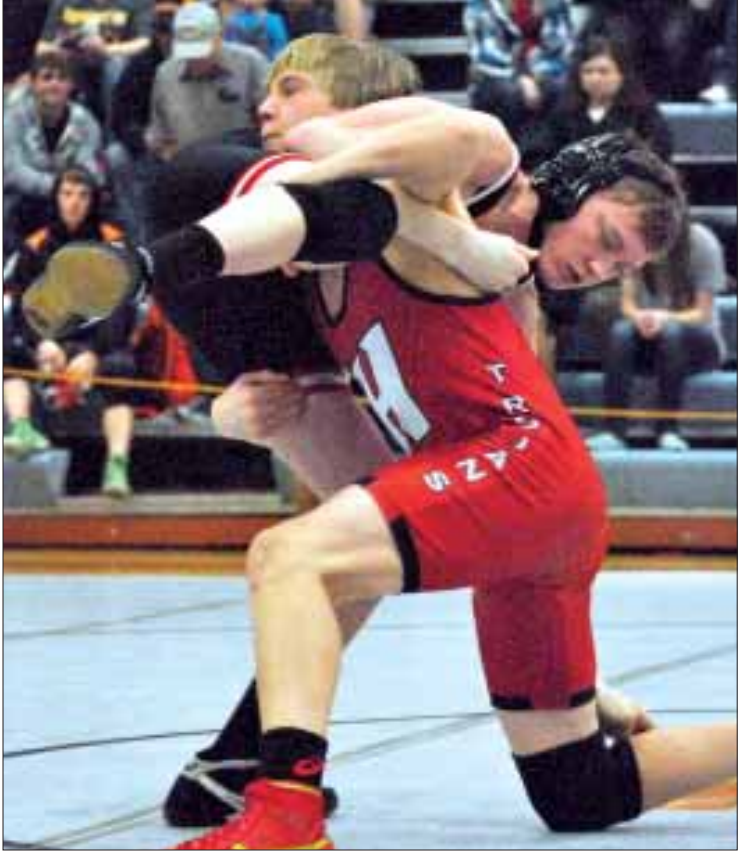
The Trojans committed 21 turnovers, and Timberlake pulled off nine steals, including four from Allison Kirby who was the game's leading scorer with 14 points. Teammate Jessica Norlander chipped 13 with nine rebounds before fouling out.

Timberlake also had eight second-chance points to Homedale's four.

Homedale District wrestling action



Above: Andy Montes gets ready to pin Alex Raby of Weiser in the 98-pound championship match during Saturday's 3A District III Tournament in Fruitland. Montes went on to capture the championship. Photo by Machele Randall. **Right:** Sophomore Nash Johnson prepares to take down Ross Forsberg of Parma during his opening match. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Greenleaf Friends Academy's comeback ends Rimrock's season

Grizzlies close boys' district game on 15-4 run

Rimrock High School couldn't cope with an aggressive Greenleaf Friends Academy defense and saw its boys' basketball season end Saturday afternoon.

The seventh-seeded Grizzlies racked up 19 steals and posted a 40-37 victory in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament in Parma despite scoring only two points in the third quarter.

The No. 6 Raiders (3-17) took a 33-25 lead after an 11-2 run through the third quarter, but Greenleaf's Jake Sams scored eight of his game-high 19 points in the fourth quarter to lead a comeback. He also led the Grizzlies' defense with seven steals and three blocked shots.

Cody Steele led Rimrock with 10 points. He converted four of six free throws. Garrett Prow kicked in nine points, all on three-point shots.

Samuel Simper and Torsten Pearson chipped in six points apiece for the Raiders.

Jared Sams scored half of his eight points during the pivotal fourth quarter as the Grizzlies outscored Rimrock, 15-4.

Last Wednesday: Idaho City 62, Rimrock 46 — A first-quarter scoring lull put the Raiders in a hole from which they couldn't emerge during an opening-round district tournament game on the Wildcats' floor.

With Blake D'Aquino scoring 15 of his game-high 23 points, No. 3 seed Idaho City built a 35-16 halftime lead.

Steele scored 13 of his 20 points after the break. He had one of the Raiders' three three-point goals with Garrett Prow nailing a pair of treys during the team's 19-point fourth quarter for all of his points.

Ramon Salinas was held scoreless in the first quarter, but came around for 11 points and seven rebounds.

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Descendants enjoy food and memories at potluck dinner

More than 200 people braved a drenching rain and parking lot full of mud puddles to gather at the Homedale Armory on Friday for the Austrian Settlement Centennial potluck dinner.

As people entered the room, they stopped for a moment to fill out name tags, which they proudly wore for the evening. The name tags spelled out Bahem, Cegnar, Demshar, Dolence, Kushlan, Jesenko, Marchek and Miklovich.

Families greeted each other with smiles and hugs at the party, which turned out to be a giant family reunion.

After all, many of the seven original Slovenian families have intermarried over the past 100 years, so basically everybody is a mother or father, brother or sister, aunt, uncle, cousin, grandson or granddaughter of someone from the first settlement.

Large posters lined one end of the hall, and people wandered over to look at their family history. Each family had created displays of their family tree and had posted old and new photos. Many individuals stood before the posters and studied them for a long time. Some people were able to see photos they had never seen before.

A scale model was also on display, which showed the size of the houses that were built by the Slovenians.

At the other end of the hall were banquet tables loaded with an abundance of food. There were various kinds of meats, vegetables, casseroles, salads and more dessert than

could be counted, including a few Slovenian specialties.

Many guests commented that the food was incredibly delicious and cooked to perfection.

The party was as much a Thanksgiving dinner, as a birthday party, as people talked about how thankful they are to be related to the original settlers.



Austrian Settlement brothers from left, John and Lewis Marchek, lift up their glasses for a toast with unnamed friends. Photo courtesy of Florence (Marchek) Paxton

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Many stopped to admire the table lined with a few souvenirs that were brought back by Phil Kushlan on a recent trip to Slovenia. Silent auction bids were made on the items, with money raised going toward the monument placement at Bette Uda City Park.

A bar was set up in another room, offering several types of beer and wine. The most popular drink of the night was the Lasko bottled beer, which is from Slovenia. Soon the beer ran out.

After quietly settling in for the giant feast, people relaxed with their children and grandchildren, while each family group gathered for a family photo.

Many people were amazed at the number of descendants in each family. A few of the portraits had more than 30 people in them.

The room was packed wall-to-wall with friendly, happy faces of people enjoying each other's company.

The youngest person there was one month old Frances Demshar. The oldest was Mary Chadez (Marchek) Cegnar, who is 95.

"It was a wonderful party," Eddie Chadez, 89, said. "This was so special because there are so many good, nice people in these families," Helen Chadez, 85 said. —KB

Hundreds gather to celebrate Austrian Centennial

Slovenian descendants learn about the old country, eat garlic sausage, drink beer, dance to polkas

It was a night to remember at the Homedale Armory on Saturday as nearly 400 people gathered to celebrate the Austrian Settlement Centennial.

Descendants of the eight original families and their friends filled the hall. They were the Bahems, Cegnars, Demshars, Dolences, Kushlans, Jesenkos, Marckeks and Mikloviches, and many more.

The smoke from garlic sausages cooking on the grill was combined with the aroma of beer and wine as the event went into full swing. People snacked on slices of potica and ate hot dogs and sauerkraut.

Families and friends lined up to inspect the posters filled with images past and present. Many stopped to admire the large scale model of an Austrian settlement house. People of all ages came to celebrate their Slovenian heritage and reflect on the meaning of the history.

Phil Kushlan gave a brief informative talk on Slovenia, followed by a report and slide show on an actual visit to the "homeland" by Ron Cegnar. Joe Demshar held the audience's interest with his complete story of how the families came to live in Homedale,

with some of the personal details of those individuals. Demshar also talked about the book, which is near completion called "The Homedale Empire." He also thanked all the people who planned and contributed to the event.

As the Edelweiss Band fired up the trumpets, clarinets, trombone, accordion and drums, the children were the first to respond. They flocked to the dance floor, inspired by the peppy and easy-to-dance to beat of the polkas. Later, they were joined by many adult couples who lightly danced to polkas and waltzes.

The Edelweiss Band is from Boise, and is directed by Harry Simons. They have been performing for 35 years and they specialize in authentic Oktoberfest beer garden music.



Former Wilder residents Ernie and Sharron Paul wear traditional Slovenian costumes for the Saturday dance.

For the centennial celebration, the band played the following Slovenian tunes: "Trachtenfest," "Wir Machen Urlauls," "Hansi Polka," "Der Wildschutz," "Adra Sonne," and "Ach Rosie".

Many individuals, both young and old, had smiles on their faces during the evening filled with happy conversation and stories shared about past memories.

Some family members traveled great distances to make it to the centennial party. It is a reminder of the great span of influence the Austrians have had of many who grew up in this area and then moved away.

People arrived from Montana, Adrian, Vale and Harper, Ore., Ephrata, Wash., Fairbanks, Alaska, Colorado, Salt Lake

City and Riverton, Utah, Madison, Wis., Lexington, Ky., Nampa, Marsing, Boise, Star, Garden Valley, Caldwell, Twin Falls, Murphy, Wilder, Melba, Meridian, Emmett, Kuna, Middleton, and one person from Baghdad, Iraq.

A small group of visitors from the Boise Edelweiss Club, who regularly follow the band, came to the party dressed in full Bavarian costumes, and eagerly hopped to the dance floor.

It was a great party that stretched into the evening, as people were still dancing and drinking at 10 p.m. Most lingered as long as they could to remember those wonderful families who began that daring adventure of settling in Homedale 100 years ago.

To remember the Slovenians is to remember their legacy of hard work, devotion to their families, strong moral character and their inclination to celebrate life vigorously.

And as each person was leaving, they were embraced fondly by several people as they headed toward the door.

A last goodbye and good luck until the next 100 years. —KB

Austrian Settlement memorial monument soon to be erected in Homedale

Story by Karen Bresnahan • Photos courtesy of Bob Cegnar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



This is the engraved stone which will be placed at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale as part of the Austrian Settlement Centennial observance sometime later this year.



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

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

engraved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Florence Paxton shows crocheting done by her and her mother.

Florence Paxton remembers what life was like growing up in the 1930s on a farm near Homedale.

“Well, we went barefoot a lot,” she says.

Florence is a direct descendant of one of the original Austrian Settlement families that came to Homedale in 1914 and carved a life out of a dry desert full of sagebrush.

“I’m 88. I’ve got a lot of history to tell,” she says proudly.

Her parents were John and Mary (Marchek) Chadez. Mary was 15 when she arrived in Homedale with her family by train from Rock Springs, Wyo., with the six other families who would make up the Austrian Settlement.

Those families — Slovenians Marchek, Cegnar, Demshar, Dolence, Jesenko and Kushlan and the German family Bahem — who played a major part in the development of Homedale will be remembered in the upcoming Austrian Settlement Centennial planned for Feb. 14-15 at the Homedale Armory.

Florence has three siblings that are living: Mary Chadez (Cegnar), 95, Eddie Chadez, 90 and Ted Chadez, 72.

Florence has a lot of memories of the early years, when the Slovenian families made their homes. They had a lot of struggles because most of them did not speak English, so basic communication with the people in town was difficult.

John Chadez was 5 feet, 9 inches tall, but Mary was much shorter at only 5-foot-3. Florence is the same height as her mother.

John and Mary Chadez had six children on the homestead, four of whom were birthed in the small house. Florence’s sister Mary was born with the umbilical cord wrapped around her neck and Mr. Chadez had to cut it.

Her dad used to say that more men should see what women go through, Florence said.

Times were hard, but Florence has many happy memories of those years.

She remembers her dad being a hard worker, and very fun to be around. On Saturday mornings he would “sing away” while he was shaving and he wore good-smelling aftershave, she said.

Her dad used to play games with the family in the evenings. She remembers him teaching them how to make a crow out of paper, a star out of toothpicks, and after sticking a pheasant feather in a corn cob, they would throw it up in the air.

“It used to fall so pretty,” she said.

They all did a great deal of walking all the time, she said. Florence often walked the 3 1/2 miles to school.

“We just cut through the fields,” she said.

After her dad bought a Whippet car, he would drive them to school on occasion.

She remembers the great big irrigation boots the men wore, and instead of socks, they would stuff the boots with rags, so when they got wet, they could just pull them out.

The children, who were often barefoot, would sometimes step on nails and their feet would get infected. “It was hard to pull those nails out of our feet,” she said. Each child had one good pair of Oxfords for school, so they didn’t want to wear them out on the farm.

Her mother, Mary, was a bit on the shy side and was a good seamstress, Florence said.

“She was always doing fancy work,” she said, referring to crochet and sewing.

Florence asked her one day, “Mom will you teach me to crochet?” and her mother held up her fingers and wiggled them around, as if she was doing it.

A daughter remembers ... her Austrian roots

Second-generation Homedale woman recalls families helping each other

Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan



Florence during her high school years in Homedale.

Florence laughs, as she describes what her mother did. But ever since that day, she learned to do the ‘fancy work’ herself, and she has continued the tradition all her life.

Florence recalls that her mother once cut up her wedding dress to make dresses for the little girls.

Mary Chadez had a rocking chair, and whenever she sat down, little Florence would jump up on her lap. Mary only had a third-grade education, “but she could read and write pretty good,” Florence said.

She recalls her mother singing to the children and reading from the Idaho Capper’s Farm magazine.

“Mom was special. She wanted us to be kind to other people,” Florence said.

One traumatic thing that happened to Florence was when the schoolhouse in town burnt down. She was only 7 years old. The new school was built in a hurry and by the time school started, they hadn’t finished the bathrooms, so there

“tripper”. They used a derrick to pull the hay bales up and she would release it, and then help stack the bales.

When the work was finished on their farm, they went over to the next farm and helped them finish.

“It was tough, but we managed,” she said.

Dancing was a big part of life in those days. They had dances at the school and at the church on Sundays. The women would make sandwiches, pies and cakes.

“My dad would always dance with me,” Florence said.

Florence hopes the Austrian families will be remembered “for the way they worked together and helped each other out.”

The families supported each other in the good times and bad times, she said.

Florence is full of energy and very active. Her home is full of mementos and pictures and artwork from a lifetime of creativity. She and her husband, Bob Paxton were mar-



were outhouses behind the school to use.

In the third grade, Florence had a problem that was very painful. After a few bouts of crying, she was taken to the doctor and had to have her tonsils out.

The children learned music in school, so Florence was able to take violin lessons and she played in the orchestra.

“We always had to go home after school and milk the cows,” she said. The family had about seven cows, but the milking took much longer than it does today, she said.

Another chore that belonged to Florence was bringing in the coal bucket for the stove. As a young girl that coal was pretty heavy and she could only carry so much.

The children also brought sagebrush into the house to be used as starter for the stove.

The Chadez family also had a great deal of chickens, and eventually they had about 200.

Florence said they used the eggs to trade for other groceries in town. Her mother also took homegrown raspberries and strawberries to town to trade for other goods.

The farm was 80 acres and they grew hay, barley, corn, potatoes, sugar beets, lettuce and carrots.

Florence’s job as a teenager on the farm was working as a

ried 39 years, before he passed away in 2004.

When the Austrians celebrated their 50th anniversary, Bob and Florence were in charge of planning the event.

Today, she is on the committee that is working to plan the Centennial celebration. She is thankful for the work that has been done by the families to build the Austrian monument.

“We’ve worked for that and succeeded,” she said.

Florence has been collecting and saving articles about the Austrian families as long as she can remember.

She has four children, Colleen, Bob, Matt, and Jim, all of whom live in the area. She has 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, but you would never know it, because she looks so young.

Her sons, Matt and Jim are also treasuring the family history and have written articles about the families for the Owyhee County Historical Society.

She has clippings and scrapbooks full of items going back to the 1930s. She has kept the records and treasured the photographs that are part of the heritage she comes from.

Will she dance at the 100-year Celebration?

“I don’t think I can do a polka, but I might be able to do a waltz,” she said.



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

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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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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,

JESENKO



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.

KUSHLAN



MARCHEK



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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.

THE AUSTRIAN CENTENNIAL



Teej, Scott, Cristy (Kushlan) Putz and Ali enjoy the potluck.



Joe Demshar introduces Mary (Marchek) Chadez Cegnar, 95, the oldest descendant.



Kathy Demshar holds the youngest Slovenian at the party, 1 month old Frances Demshar.

Photos by Karen Bresnahan



Coleen Paxton and her mother Florence (Marchek) Paxton wore traditional Slovenian costumes to the potluck dinner.



Annette and Dave Bahem look over the family tree with Ernie and Sherry Bahem.



Brenda Paxton (Marchek) serves up the Lasko Slovenian beer.



Over 200 Austrian descendants attended the potluck dinner at the Homedale Armory.



Family members discuss their memories of the settlement families.



From the oldest, to the youngest, members of the Cegnar family gather for a portrait.

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A bouquet of flowers stands on a table with the flag of Skofja Loka.



Members of the Edelweiss Band play the clarinet and trumpet.



Children join hands and happily dance to the polka tunes.



Helen and Eddie Chadez stand next to a poster with their wedding photo on it. He is the son of John and Mary Marchek. At 90, he still danced a waltz.



Edelweiss Band members are Harry Simons, Chuck Smith, Al Anderson, Brad Marshall and Bill Kennedy.



Lloyd and Joan Noe enjoy dancing to a polka.



The Jesenko clan poses for a portrait. The family includes more than 60 people. The original settlers were John and Agnes, who had eight children.

Family members share their memories of Slovenian parents



LARRY BAHEM



ELSIE CEGNAR



FRED DEMSHAR



MONTE DOLENCE



ANNIE JESENKO



DAVE KUSHLAN



MARY MARCHEK

The Austrian Settlement centennial gave the people of Homedale a chance to learn about and remember the individuals who made up the eight original families who came to this area in 1914. The seven Slovenian families and the one German family were swindled out of their savings, yet they stayed to build their lives on a barren, sagebrush covered landscape. They carved irrigation ditches by hand, planted and harvested crops with very little machinery, tended sheep and cattle, and grew orchards of fruit trees and vineyards for winemaking.

All of the original family members have passed away now, but there are still second-and third-generation Slovenians and Germans who remember those individuals. We can listen to their memories of their parents and remember how they lived.

BAHEM

Ernie Bahem, 81, is the oldest surviving Bahem family member. He attended the Friday dinner.

Ernie’s brother Larry Bahem was there Saturday. His parents were Art and Martha (Adams) Bahem. He says he has no bad memories at all of his parents. “They had so many good qualities, I can’t list them all,” he said.

Larry remembers his dad as being “a very hard worker, but he liked his whisky.” He said his mother was very outgoing. Art and Martha were “very special,” Larry said, as he got tears in his eyes. It is clear that he is not able to talk about them much because he has trouble finding the right words.

CEGNAR

Betty Cegnar Jesenko Herendren, 82, is the oldest surviving Cegnar. She was not at the Saturday event.

Elsie (Jesenko) Delaney talked about her parents Mary (Cegnar) and John Jesenko.

“They were very loving and caring, and always there, always interested in what we three girls were doing,” she said.

The children were active in music and sports. Their father was a talented musician who played the accordion and several other instruments.

“Dad was a wonderful dancer. As a couple, they were beautiful on the dance floor,” she said.

“We always had music in the home and there were jam sessions all the time. He never read a note of music, it was all by ear.”

She described her parents as very hard working, so much that “we could barely keep up.”

Her mother was very active and was a 4-H leader in the area for more than 25 years. She also said Mary was active in St. Hubert’s Catholic Church. “She was very outgoing and special because of the love she exuded to everybody,” Elsie said.

She recalls that her parents taught her to “always be honest and not be judgmental.” In regard to musical performances, her parents taught her “you might be good, but there is

always someone who is better.”

DEMSHAR

Fred L. Demshar is the oldest surviving Demshar descendant. He is the son of Fred J. Demshar and Theresa Demshar.

“I loved my dad. He was my whole world, and his family was his whole world,” he said.

The younger Fred recalls when he had to have a surgery when he was 21, and his dad was so upset about it, he broke down and cried. “My dad was very tender-hearted,” he said.

He describes his dad as a soft-spoken guy who was also outgoing. “But you didn’t want to antagonize him, because he wasn’t shy about telling you what he thought.”

Fred J. was very protective of his children, especially the young ones, Fred said.

He recalls that his dad did a lot of work for all his sisters and their families.

Fred said his dad married his mother when she was very young.

“She kept more to herself and had just a few friends,” he said.

What he remembers about his mother is that she was a very good housekeeper and spent many years caring for his grandmother, who lived with them until his dad built her a house.

Fred says he learned from his parents important moral lessons in life. Fred summarized it by saying, “be true to everybody.”

When Fred’s dad was 33, he had his first heart attack and was bedridden for over a month, so the family had to get a hired hand to do the work. Fred said it was a difficult time for all of them.

He said that Tony and Carmen Jesenko were close friends of his parents and they did many things together.

DOLENCE

Monte Dolence, 76, is the oldest surviving member of his family tree. He is third generation, the son of Joe (Joseph John) and Bessie Dolence. His grandmother Frances lived to be 99. She was the longest-lived person of the original settlement families.

Monte now lives in Port Shaw, Mont., where he still ranches and farms.

“My dad was an adventurous person. He wanted to try everything,” he said. He remembers that his dad bought other ranches in the area and made improvements on them, then turned them around and sold them.

“He taught me how to work, and to utilize my time,” he said.

Monte says his parents believe in hard work and thought it was “the only way to amount to something.”

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Annie (Jesenko) Corta Davis, 86, is the oldest surviving member of her family. He mother’s maiden name was Krzesnik, she said. She is second generation.

Annie’s mother passed away when she was a baby, so she never knew her, but was raised by her grandparents, who were John and Agnes Jesenko, who were one of the original families.

Annie remembers her grandparents as being “very quiet” people.

“They didn’t speak English very well at all,” she said.

“I don’t know how, but I could understand them a little, but they couldn’t speak English back to me,” she said.

Most of all, Annie learned from her grandparents “to be conservative,” she said.

“They were very poor people and suffered a lot, just like all the other families. They had a lot of hard times,” she said.

The most important thing her parents taught her “was to work hard.”

“We didn’t have TVs, so there was not much else to do but work,” she said.

KUSHLAN

Dorothy (Kushlan) Mrak Hensley, 80, is the oldest in her family. She lives in Kansas and was not able to attend.

Dave Kushlan, 73, is the son of Lewis and Marjorie (Cegnar) Kushlan. Lewis was the son of Frank Jr.

“My dad was a hard worker. He never had any hobbies,” Dave said. “He got his fresno (blade) and he was out there every day, working.”

Dave’s dad always told him, “As long as you work hard, you can make a living.”

He describes his dad as “kind of a rough guy. He was really strict, with a very scary temper.”

One day, the young Dave was told to drive the tractor up the hill, but he did a little more. When he put the tractor in high gear, he drove over the hill and ended up crashing into the barn. The consequences were serious. Today, he laughs about it.

“My mom was soft and would put up with anything,” Dave said. “But she didn’t have much to say because Dad was the boss and she didn’t cross him.”

Dave is now retired from farming and lives within a mile from the original homestead. His wife Elsie’s mother was a Jesenko. He has four children and seven grandchildren.

It is interesting to note that Dave’s dad and his uncle married sisters. Frank and Lewis married Marjorie and Dorothy Parker.

Dave said times have changed a lot since his dad lived here. “Now you have to work hard, but you also need to get an education,” he said.

MARCHEK

Mary (Marchek) Chadez Cegnar, 95, is the oldest member of her family and until last December still resided in her home on the original property. She has recently been moved to a care center. Mary’s parents were the Cegnars. Her mother was a Marchek.

She talked briefly about her memories of them. “They were resourceful people,” she said.

One of the most important lessons her parents taught her “was to be truthful.”

She recalls that her parents were kind and easygoing. She remembers her dad was very serious about paying the bills.

Mary has trouble concentrating now, but she did enjoy the music and dancing at the celebration, and spent time visiting with her grandchildren and siblings Jim Chadez, 90, Florence Paxton, 88, and Ted Chadez, 73.

MIKLOVICH

The Mikloviches moved away from the Homedale area after the 1914 arrival and unfortunately there is little information about their family history, and it is not known whether any members attended the centennial.

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