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### Rain doesn't dampen deals



#### Bidders brave soggy conditions in Homedale

*Above:* A heavy rain did not discourage the hundreds of people attending the Baker Auction Co. equipment auction Saturday at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. beet dump in Homedale. *Left:* Auction volunteers wore rain gear and rode four-wheelers to help out when items were sold. Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell reported Monday that the county surplus equipment garnered more than \$14,000 in gross proceeds during the auction. Photos by Karen Bresnahan

## Bruneau-GV district facing tough decisions

**Superintendent: Levy needed just to keep three schools running**

The Bruneau-Grand View School District is "at a crossroads, and we have to make some tough decisions," district superintendent Dennis Wilson said Thursday.

He spoke at a community meeting on the topic of the proposed \$1.2 million supplemental levy

that goes to the voters Tuesday. The presentation was held at the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View. It was the fifth of six scheduled community meetings.

"We just want to educate people as to what the current status is, so they can make an educated decision about the levy," Wilson said.

"I'm not here to give you good news," Wilson told the group. He explained in detail the challenges facing the school district, which is

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Dennis Wilson, superintendent of the Bruneau-Grand View school district talks to seniors at Grand View about the school levy. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

## Invasive species stations open again

Owyhee County's two invasive species boat check stations have opened for the year. The checkpoint at the U.S. Highway 95-Idaho highway 55 intersection west of Marsing opened Saturday.

Sheriff Perry Grant said the

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## South Board water users meeting set today

The South Board of Control will hold its annual water users meeting at 1:30 p.m. today inside 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 Sauer of the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

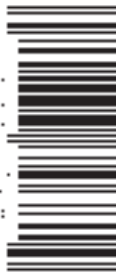
- A district progress report

- 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 recently ratified Farm Bill.



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## Next up for Gateway West panel: Itemize impacts on resources

**BLM RAC  
 subcommittee  
 to meet twice  
 this month**

While county officials are skeptical about what will come of the Gateway West transmission line subcommittee's recommendation, the head of the state's Office of Energy Resources remains guarded yet optimistic.

The latest Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Committee subcommittee meeting was held last week at the Boise District Office.

John Chatburn, the OER interim administrator, admits he's "always" skeptical, but points out there have been assurances from the federal agency's national office in Washington D.C. that the decision on routing Segments 8 and 9 through Owyhee County will be made at the state level.

Furthermore, he said, Idaho BLM officials have said they are taking "very seriously" the input from the RAC subcommittee as well as what the full RAC will finally put forward for scrutiny under the provisions of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

"I think we have to accept that they really want to work with the state and the local governments and citizens of Southwest Idaho to find the best place for the power line to go," Chatburn said.

The RAC subcommittee heard from Idaho Power, a BLM staffer on historic trails and the Idaho National Guard during its Feb. 25 meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday in Boise, but Chatburn said affected property owners and other interested parties could turn out in force for the March 18 meeting.

The subcommittee is scheduled to start discussing the impacts of the power line on various property and resources during that meeting.

Property owners who may be affected by the route were notified by mail prior to last week's meeting.

At the meeting, subcommittee members, including co-chair Karen Steenhof of Murphy and Grand View rancher Donna

Bennett, learned that the BLM would like to see a "matrix" that would identify how each proposed route of each segment would impact various resources.

"I think we've made quite a bit of progress just by the fact that we now have it boiled down to the resources that we believe need to be considered and the various routes and variations thereof," Chatburn said.

Subcommittee members discussed resources that could be impacted, including private property, sage-grouse habitat and cultural and historical sites, such as Oregon Trail ruins.

At Monday's meeting, the subcommittee could discuss Idaho Power's proposed mitigation and enhancement package that is proposed if the line were to be routed through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. If the subcommittee recommends that route, it would also have to make recommendations on the utility's mitigation plan, Chatburn said.

Chatburn said the subcommittee has identified more than 20 variations for routing the power line through Segments 8 and 9, both of which traverse Owyhee County.

Whatever happens in Owyhee County will affect parts of Canyon and Ada counties, too.

"There were a lot of public citizens there representing dairy and small landowners and private property owners from Ada and Canyon counties, so that was good," District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

Chatburn said BLM Boise District outdoor recreation planner Terry Heslin got it right when he said infrastructure development is a "necessary evil," but it should be carried out in a way that has the least impact on resources, such as the Oregon Trail.

"Quite frankly, I think that's how everybody on this RAC subcommittee looks at the process," Chatburn said. "It's the position of the Office of Energy Resources, and my position and the governor's position that anytime you develop anything infrastructure-wise you have an impact, and our goal is to have the least number of impacts on the least number of resources and citizens."

— JPB

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# Homedale irrigation, streets funds finish FY 13 in red

## General fund money used to close gap

Homedale’s auditor once again urged the city council to take steps to shore up a couple funds that lose money each year. Mike Parker of Bowen Parker Day CPAs delivered the city’s 2013 audit during Thursday’s city council meeting. “The books are in very good shape,” he said. “The city has a very strong fund balance for the general fund.” But it’s the general fund that has helped

bail out the irrigation fund for about 20 years. Last year, general fund monies were used to bring the street and highway fund out of the red, too, Parker said. During fiscal year 2013, the city transferred \$132,000 to the irrigation fund, which only brought in \$37,820 in revenue. Parker suggested that the council should consider transferring money from the general fund permanently to rectify the deficit situation. Councilman Aaron Tines said the council was considering a transfer during Mayor

Paul Fink’s final administration, but the issue was never addressed before Fink’s death. He said that he and Councilman Steve Atkins have discussed a remedy recently. Another solution, which officials agreed was undesirable, is raising irrigation rates charged to the city’s water users. Parker also reported that the streets and highways fund was in the negative when the fiscal year ended Sept. 30. He said that Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram moved general fund money over during the year. As has been an annual statement, Parker said he had to report the lack of a segrega-

tion of fiscal duties (Pegram has oversight of all the financial records and because of the small city staff size there is no checks and balances in place) as a deficiency in the federal reporting portion of the audit. Parker said that such a deficiency is understandable for most small towns that do not have enough employees to provide segregation of duties. Overall, though, Parker reiterated the health of Homedale’s financial house. “This audit report is very strong,” he said. “The city is in good shape financially.” — JPB

# Homedale council OKs archery youth clinic

## Library program will convene at Sundance on March 29

Plans for hands-on archery lessons for Homedale’s youth were approved Thursday night. The Homedale City Council OK’d the public library’s idea to teach basic and beginning archery during a March 29 Teens and Tweens program. Archery instructor Lanny Fujishin originally had planned to set up targets and a backstop on the east wall of the old library building behind Homedale Public Library on West Owyhee Avenue. The council agreed to approve the one day of shooting for

children ages 10-17 after Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller suggested the shooting clinic be moved to rear acreage at Sundance Park. That part of the park is away from residential development and backs up against agricultural land, minimizing the risk that an errant arrow could cause damage or injury, officials decided. “Because children will be using the bow, there’s not a lot of draw weight, so the arrows shouldn’t go far,” Fujishin said. The month-long Teens and Tweens focus on archery aims to encourage reading. Several popular contemporary books have archery as part of their premise, library director Margaret Fujishin told the council. Fujishin will be on hand at 4 p.m. Saturday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., to continue his

educational speech on archery. He will also have some examples of equipment to show the children. “I think the library is going in the right direction with these programs,” Councilman Aaron Tines said before the council unanimously approved the archery shoot. Lanny Fujishin, who recently moved back to Adrian after retiring from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, is an award-winning hunter education teacher and has taught bowhunting for 20 years. He said that the live archery lessons would be one-on-one with each child, so only one bow would be in use at a time. He’s the brother-in-law of library director Margaret Fujishin. Lanny Fujishin will teach the children about archery, including

equipment, throughout the month before the shoot is carried out. Each family whose child attends the Teens and Tweens shoot will sign a release of liability. The Teens and Tweens program, which is coordinated by 20-year-old college student Teasha Harris, averages between five and 10 youth each week, but Margaret Fujishin said the library program is open to anyone between the ages of 10 and 17 and they are welcome to drop in. “We’re kind of hoping the archery idea will bring more children in, especially boys,” she said. Fujishin added that she and her husband, Barry, would provide supervision along with Lanny Fujishin, Harris and some parents. — JPB

# Homedale library sets Story Time


“Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site” will be read Friday during the Homedale Public Library’s preschool Story Time. The program begins at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The story, by Sherri Rinker, will be accompanied by snacks, crafts and singing. Call the library at 337-4228 for more information. 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 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.



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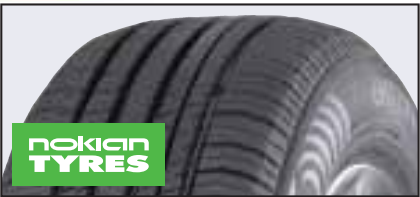
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## GV Chamber proceeds to help Legion Hall remodel

Proceeds from the Grand View Chamber of Commerce’s annual dinner will benefit the building in which it will be held.

The menu for the Chamber’s dinner mixes St. Patrick’s Day with country fare. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 inside the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., in Grand View.

The dinner costs \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and children 3 and younger eat for free.

There also will be a raffle with a patio set with a fire pit, tool chest and tools, a drill and saw set, and more prizes up for grabs. Tickets are \$1 each of six for \$5.

You need not be present to win, but each dinner purchased includes a free entry into the drawing.

There also will be a special drawing for children 12 and younger, and each will receive a free ticket.

All proceeds will go toward the Legion Hall building improvements.

Tickets are available at Gus’s Gas and Square Deal or by calling Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

The Legion Hall project is under way with the installation of new wiring throughout the building and plans to finish a back room in the hall, by installing sheet rock, enclosing the ceiling and painting.

A new stove has been purchased for the kitchen area.

New flooring is planned for the main hall of the old building. There are also plans to install new paneling, which would extend four feet up the walls. New acoustic tiles will be placed above the paneling.



The City of Grand View has begun construction on new restroom facilities at Riverside Park, which is being reclaimed from the old Goodman Oil Co. location along the Snake River. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

## Grand View plans new website, gears up for city cleanup project

### Riverside Park work continues

The City of Grand View has a couple of new projects going on. The first is a spring cleanup called “Tidy up the Town,” which is planned for March 27-29.

Volunteers and organizations are being asked to adopt a friend, family member and/or neighbor in need of a helping hand with their yard.

Anyone who wants to participate or nominate someone who needs help, can call city hall at 834-2700. City Hall hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Riverside Park project is getting under way, as construction of new restrooms at the site has begun. Foundations have been laid and construction is continuing.

The city has applied for a \$30,000 grant through the Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The grant would pay for the park development, which would include the construction of a new fishing pier on the bank of the river near the park.

The city is also looking at bids for a company or individual to create a city website that city employees would be able to update on a regular basis.

The city currently has a website, but city employees are not able to make changes on it, City Clerk Tammy Payne said.

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✓ District: Patrons head to polls Tuesday for \$1.2M supplemental levy election

the second-largest in state, but one of the smallest in population.

The proposed levy is for \$600,000 spread over the next two years, which is needed to replace the \$1.4 million levy that expires this year. The levy is needed to allow the three schools in the district—Grand View Elementary, Bruneau Elementary and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School to continue to operate independently, to retain nearly seven teaching positions, and to continue the extracurricular activities at the schools.

A successful levy will allow the district to retain 1.2 certified staff and retain five classified staff, and provide \$70,000 for extracurricular activities, and \$340,000 for needed supplies, materials, utilities and equipment.

“It is a temporary fix that will allow the district time to plan for the future,” Wilson said.

The new levy will cost slightly less than the current levy, which was for \$700,000 per year for two years. Property tax with the new levy can be calculated by multiplying the assessed value (market value) of the property times .003867479. For every \$100,000, the annual property value tax would be \$386.75.

In the event that the levy does not pass, Wilson said the district would have to cut more than \$1 million from the general budget. If the levy is not passed, the district will have to cut 7.2 certified positions and 7.5 classified positions, in addition to cutting the extracurricular programs by \$69,000, plus another \$486,000 from supplies and equipment.

Even if the levy is approved, the district is looking at budget cuts of \$478,000 and losing 6.5 full time certified positions and 2.5 full time classified positions.

Wilson talked about the current trends that have put the district in jeopardy. Two major contributing factors have been declining enrollment and declining state funding.

The enrollment in the district

**Supplemental levy information**

Bruneau-Grand View School District patrons are encouraged to verify their polling places before Tuesday’s supplemental levy election.

The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling places are:

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

**Grand View** — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.

**Oreana** — Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road

**Grasmere/Riddle** — Mail-in ballots only

**Elmore County** — Courthouse, 150 S. 4th E., Mountain Home or absentee (mail-in ballots)

For questions on the levy, call superintendent Dennis Wilson at the district office at (208) 834-2253.

For questions on voting information call Angie Barkell at the Owyhee County Clerk’s office at (208) 495-2421, or in Elmore County, call Vivian Garcia at (208) 587-2130 ext.212.

For property tax information, call the Owyhee County Treasurer’s Office, Brenda Richards at (208) 495-1158.

has been declining steadily. Today there are 100 fewer students in the district than 10 years ago.

“This is a dilemma facing every rural area of the country, not just our area,” Wilson said. As rural numbers are declining, population centers are growing, he said.

The funding trend has also continued to decline, most rapidly since 2009, because of changing state economics. Funding for education has dropped 35 percent, as revenues have gone down, Wilson said.

State funding to the district will add only \$44,000 for next year. “It helps, but it doesn’t solve problems,” he said.

Community input has shown that citizens want to keep the three schools open and make the necessary cuts.

Eventually Wilson said the district will most likely be looking at consolidating the schools in the district to just one school. “But even if we close schools, we are still looking at costs to maintain the buildings,” he said.

Wilson and the school board have done a great deal of work toward making the district financially stable, in spite of the

difficulties. When he took hold of the superintendent reins about a year ago, the district was at an extremely low point, with only a .21percent funding balance. Wilson has managed the district’s money and raised the funding balance back up by nearly 14 percent to more than \$400,000. But, the current balance will still fall painfully short of meeting the districts expenditures.

When Wilson assumed the superintendent’s role, he was the fifth person to take the position, following four others that had come and gone during the fall of 2013. The funds were at a dramatic low in 2012 because the district had to keep dipping into its funds to keep programs running in the wake of state funding cuts, he said.

After the previous levy passed, there was a lack of steady leadership in the superintendent’s position. When Wilson took over, he was able to spend the levy funds where they were needed and restore some of the funding balance. Following the presentation, Wilson answered questions with seniors at the center.

—KB



Homedale High School student Ben Cardenas catalogued his church’s history for his senior project. He’ll show off his work Sunday with an open house. Submitted photo

Senior project brings church’s history to light

A Homedale High School student’s senior project has turned into a glimpse into Homedale’s past.

Folks will have an opportunity to step back in time when Ben Cardenas presents his project during Sunday’s 11 a.m. service at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> W.

The son of Ivy Cardenas will show a video of old photos and display other photos and old church bulletins.

“It will be a joyous time as well as an educational time,” Ben Cardenas wrote in his public invitation.

At 12:30 p.m., a potluck lunch featuring a menu of food available

in the 1970s at the Owyhee County Fair — hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and pie — will be available.

Cardenas, 18, got the idea for the project when he was cleaning the 50-year-old church’s loft and “found boxes of old, dusty records,” his grandmother, Janet McCornack, said.

Although Cardenas is only required to spend 15 hours on his senior project, he has spent more than 100 hours the past year archiving the material that he found upstairs in the old church.

He made a DVD of the old photographs, which feature many Homedale old-timers, and set the whole production to music.

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Bruneau station at the Idaho 51-Idaho 78 interchange opened Monday.

The stations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week through Labor Day.

The Bruneau Water and Soil Conservation District oversees the stations, and law enforcement officers and Level 1 reserves provide the enforcement.

No full-time OCSO deputies

work the stations, but there is at least one Homedale Police officer working.

Grant stressed that all vehicles carrying or towing watercraft must stop at the stations for an inspection for quagga mussel infestation. Failing to do so will result in the motorist being pulled over and asked to return to the station.

He added that the law

enforcement personnel stationed in Marsing also will keep an eye on the stop signs at U.S. 95 and Buntrock Road. Motorists who run the stop signs will be cited.

Although law enforcement vehicles are used, Grant said the soil conservation district pays for the fuel and wear-and-tear. No county funds are spent.

—JPB

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

March 5: Crispito, corn, side salad, orange wedges  
March 6: Grilled ham/cheese, baked beans, cucumber, pears  
March 7: Pizza ripper, tossed salad, baby carrots, tropical fruit  
March 10: Wiener wrap, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, fruit rollup  
March 11: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, grape tomatoes, mandarin oranges  
March 12: Chicken burrito, corn, broccoli, banana

## Homedale Middle

March 5: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, side salad, mixed fruit, roll  
March 6: Beef or chicken taco, corn, baby carrots, pears  
March 7: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, tossed salad, grape tomatoes, pineapple  
March 10: Nachos or philly beef/cheese hot pocket, cucumbers, baby carrots, mixed fruit  
March 11: Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches  
March 12: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, side salad, apple

## Homedale High

March 5: Spaghetti w/French bread or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice  
March 6: Hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice, sherbet cup  
March 7: Crispito w/taco salad or hot pocket, corn, salad bar, fruit choice  
March 10: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice  
March 11: Chicken tenders or beef nuggets/cheese stick, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, salad bar, fruit choice  
March 12: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

## Bruneau-Grand View

March 5: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, wheat roll  
March 6: Beef & bean burrito, romaine/tomato, corn, fruit  
March 7: Ham/cheese on bun, broccoli, baked beans, fruit  
March 11: Stromboli, spinach salad, mixed veggies, fruit  
March 12: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit

# Birthday

## Usabel to mark 80<sup>th</sup> at dance

Longtime Marsing resident Roman Usabel will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, March 8, 2014 in Homedale. The celebration will take place at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Txoko Ona Homedale Basque Dance at Badiola Arena. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The family requests no gifts.



Roman Usabel

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# Obituary

## Shirley D. Hazen

Shirley D. Hazen, 87, of Boise, and formerly of Twin Falls, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at a Boise care facility. She was born in Southerland, Nebraska on April 28, 1926 to Everett V. Perkins and Grace Hayden Perkins. They moved to Long Beach, CA for a short time and on to Nampa in 1935 where she was educated at Lakeview School and Nampa High School where she graduated with honors in 1944. Shirley met Leslie Hazen at a Drive In in Caldwell in 1954, and they were married on July 31, 1956 in Nampa. Shirley worked at many different jobs in her life from picking tassels on corn and selling auto parts, but her main profession in her life was working as a dental assistant in a dentist office for Dr. Comstock. She and Les also lived in the Twin Falls area from 1967 until 2007 where they were partners in a furniture store. Her true passion in life was music. Shirley began to sing at the age of 3 and at one time sang on

KFXD at the age of 12. She sang professionally for many weddings and funerals and also had lead parts in several Boise plays. She was a baptized Christian woman and sang in all three of the Christian churches that she belonged to. Music was in her heart, and Les very much enjoyed her singing. Travel became very important for Shirley and Les over the years. They traveled to many places, including the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii and

the Caribbean. Many of these trips were made visiting family, which was an important part of her life. She enjoyed reunions, weddings and graduations of grandchildren. Shirley enjoyed her life and all of the people in her life. She is survived by her husband, Les; her children, Terry and Geri Hazen and Lynda and Dallas Berg; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Merlyn Locatti and Bonnie Rodwell; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Hazen; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to all of the people who comforted both Shirley and Les over the last few years, from the doctors and nurses and administrators to all of the kitchen staff and the ladies who cleaned their room. Thank You A celebration of Shirley’s life was held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.nampafuneralhome.com](http://www.nampafuneralhome.com)

# Death notices

**FERN AGNES (COBISKEY) HAYLETT**, 95, former Jordan Valley resident, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2014 at her Caldwell home. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

**NOVENE SULLIVAN TIMM**, 92, who spent part of her childhood in Bruneau, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2014 in Dillon, Mont. There will be no services. Interment will take place at Kohlerlawn Cemetery in Nampa at a later date.

# Assessor’s office offers property tax reduction assistance

With the annual Circuit Breaker application deadline approaching April 15, Owyhee County Assessor’s Office personnel plan to help eligible property owners take advantage of the tax reduction program. Each year, Assessor Brett Endicott schedules several outreach sessions throughout the county to walk folks through the application process. Circuit breaker assistance will be offered from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 13, March 18 and March 25 at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The assessor’s office personnel will be at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., from 9 a.m. to noon on March 27 and April 1.

Meetings are set in Grand View and Bruneau on April 3. The first stop is from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., in Grand View. The second round of assistance that day will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St. A limited number of appointments for home visits also are available. Call the assessor’s office in Murphy at (208) 495-2817 for more information. The amount of the property tax reduction is based on the property owner’s income from the previous year. Property owners qualify under the following conditions:

- Owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho that served as primary residence before April 15, 2014. Some may qualify if they were in a care facility or nursing home.
- Earned \$28,700 or less in 2013.
- As of Jan. 1, 2014 was one of the following: 65 or older, widowed, blind, a fatherless or motherless child younger than 18, a former prisoner of war or hostage, a veteran with 10 percent or more service-connected disability or receiving a pension from Veterans Affairs for nonservice-connected disability or disabled under Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Federal Civil Service guidelines.

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# Calendar

Today

**Military veterans coffee**  
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

**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

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

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

**Homedale Elementary L'il Pantry distribution**  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Elementary School pantry, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

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

**Homedale Basque Dance**  
5:30 p.m., \$5, silent and live auction, Badiola Arena, 406 Hwy 95, Homedale

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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

**Homedale Public Library board meeting**  
11:30 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

**Homedale Fire District board meeting**  
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

**Owyhee County Democrats meeting**  
1 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-2458

**Homedale School board meeting**  
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

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

**Marsing Senior Center board meeting**  
12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

**Homedale Senior Center board meeting**  
1:30 p.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

**Jordan Valley City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

**Homedale Friends of the Library meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

**American Legion Post 128 meeting**  
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, March 13


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

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

**Property tax reduction assistance**  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817

Owyhee  
Then & Now

Michael Hanley



### Sagebrush and Axle Grease Freighting

This chapter gives an insight into the lives of the men who hauled the freight into the Owyhees. They are representative of those who freighted throughout the West before trucks and the railroads took over their job.

Frank M. Swisher, Sr., was born in Iowa in 1854 and died in 1939, at the age of 85. His mother and father were killed in a buggy runaway. His brother, George, went to Indiana to live with relatives while a man named Tracy took charge of Frank. In May 1864, Tracy had signed on with a wagon train heading west over the Oregon Trail. There were 105 wagons in the outfit, and it was captained by the famous mountain man, Jim Bridger. Young Frank was only 8 years old when he came across the plains, but his memory of the trip was clear.

Bridger was commissioned by the government to locate a cut-off from Fort Laramie on the North Platte River to Virginia City, Montana. With a view of making extra money, Bridger offered to guide an immigrant train to the end of the proposed road, and Tracy signed on with the train.

Here is Frank’s recollection of the trip:

“The Big Horn River in Montana was reached in flood time and the water was too high to ford, so we whipsawed enough lumber to make boats to float the wagons. This was done without mishap. The stock swam across. We followed along the foot of the mountains and crossed the Little Big Horn near where General Custer was afterward killed by the Sioux. While we were camped on Beaver Creek, a warring band of Snake Indians came upon us, but they said they were looking for a party of Sioux and Cheyenne. An immigrant train, following on the trail a day behind us and guided by a man named Jacobs, reported that they had heard the sounds of a battle the following day, and an Indian claimed the Snake Indians had all been killed.

“Shortly after we crossed the Yellowstone River near what is now Livingston, we met 50 or 60 Flathead Indians who presented a comical sight. A papoose was astride a fine thoroughbred stallion, and the others were riding high-class Missouri mules.

“The men in our party wanted to take the animals away from them, but Bridger advised against this as it would start a fight, and probably result in some of the party being killed. The Indians never bothered Bridger, and he was good to them. They always regarded him as their friend.

“The last few miles of the trail were the most interesting. Considerable rivalry existed between Bridger and Jacobs, who was leading the immigrant train behind us, as who would reach the Virginia City road. From the Yellowstone, we made a detour to have better traveling, but Jacobs cut across the ridges and caught up with us when we were but a few miles from the destination. Bridger then sent two wagons ahead on the run, and was followed by Jacobs, the drivers lashing their horses, but Bridger won out, and received the honor of blazing the first wagon trail to the Three Forks from North Platte. Some historians claim that Bridger did not win out the race, but I know that he did for I watched from the top of a wagon and saw him come out ahead.”

Tracy settled in the Grande Ronde Valley, and Frank stayed with him until he was 16 years old. When he was 16, he took a job plowing on the Godshaw Ranch in Paradise, Nev., with bull teams. Next, he started driving a bull team to Silver City.

— 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.

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

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



# Sheriff’s Posse gaining strength as new officers emerge

## Ron Petet now president of volunteer group

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse has seen a resurgence in the past year or so.

“The group is single-minded to the service of the citizens of the county,” Posse secretary James Ferdinand said.

That means more than 30 volunteers stand at the ready throughout the county to help with search and rescue missions or to back up a sheriff’s deputy who needs help with myriad situations.

“The Posse also helps with traffic control and crime scene containment,” Ferdinand said. “The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse is here to support the OCSO deputies whenever they need us, for whatever they need, 24/7.”

The organization held its annual banquet last month. More than 80 people showed up at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center on Feb. 22 to hear guest speaker U.S. Attorney Aaron Lucoff as well as welcome the 2014 officers.

Ferdinand continues as secretary. Another Marsing resident, Ron Petet, succeeds Stew Rhodes as the Posse president, and Danny Simmons is the new vice-president.

The Posse also saluted OCSO Deputies Chris Even and Scott Snyder for dedicating hours of their time to training the Posse members.

### Raffle sponsors

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse thanks the following sponsors for raffle donations:

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- The Cop Shop
- Gem Stop (ION)
- ATK / Blackhawk
- Zebra 12
- Matteson’s
- Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office
- Kent Curtis
- Bob Malmberg
- Chris Jenkins
- Sand Bar Restaurant

Some Posse members are Level 1 law enforcement reserves, but the majority is Level 2 and Level 3. Sheriff Perry Grant has a goal of adding more Level 1-certified personnel to the reserves.

Level 1 reservists have the same training as professional law enforcement personnel and have broader capabilities than lower-level reservists.

Level 1 reservists complete the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training reserve academy and also undergo a field training officer program just like a full-time recruit would. Ridealongs with deputies are encouraged to build trust and camaraderie as well as knowledge of the job.

Posse members hold monthly meetings and also have continuing training, such as qualifying shoots

at the county range. Ferdinand says Posse members go through all the training that full-time deputies experience.

The majority of Posse members live in the area of the county west of Murphy, including Homedale and Marsing, Ferdinand said there are Posse members in Bruneau-Grand View area as well, but in general Posse membership always is proportionate to the population areas of the county.

Membership runs the gamut of experience. Ferdinand said there are six to eight men who have been on the Posse 20 years and about the same number of new members. The rest are somewhere in the middle, giving balance to the group.

Ferdinand said the turnout at the banquet and the atmosphere stands as proof that morale is building again in the organization after the change in sheriffs.

“I think this year’s banquet was the best since (Sheriff Gary Aman) left, judging from the feedback and the energy in the room,” Ferdinand said.

Higher morale of course means more active members.

“I think we’ve done more in the last year as a Posse with equipment and training and having the sheriff’s blessing,” Ferdinand said.

The Posse also helps with community events. Members help out with the annual Leroy Breshears Family Fishing Day, which will take place on June 7. The Posse also sponsored two children during last year’s Shop with a Cop event.

—JPB



**Above:** Posse members, including Paul Nettleton and Chad Nettleton, center, and their guests line up for the catered meal. **Below:** Outgoing Posse president Stew Rhodes presents Ray Mansisor with his raffle prize shotgun. Photos by Buz Fawcett



# HMS teacher receives grants for special projects in class

## Sally Gonser has obtained three grants this year

Sally Gonser has been named as a teacher grant winner by the Idaho CapEd Foundation.

The seventh-grade English teacher at Homedale Middle School received a grant of \$497.10 for her Homeless Bird Unit project.

Her project included purchasing a set of 30 “The Homeless Bird” novels about a young Indian (middle eastern) girl and quilting materials for her students to create a quilt relating to another book called “A Piece of Ground.” Her project utilizes a website called “Web Quest” that students go to and complete a course study that Gonser creates. The project teaches cultural awareness and ties the English studies into the social studies program at the school. Students read the book, do Web searches and work in groups to create a final Powerpoint program.

Gonser said that in addition to connecting her students to the world, the project will teach them critical thinking skills and improve



*Homedale Middle School teacher Sally Gonser and two of her students look through books she obtained with a CapEd Foundation grant. Photo by Karen Bresnahan*

their reading and writing.

“Sally is an awesome and amazing teacher who goes above and beyond,” HMS principal Amy Winters said.

Gonser was one of eight Idaho teachers who won CapEd grants. Other winners were from Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, three from Meridian, and Oakley. Grant amounts varied from \$200 to \$750.

Gonser said she was a little shocked that she got the grant, because she just applied in December and received it in January.

This is the third grant Gonser has received. The Donor’s Choice website gave her \$100 (from JC Penney Co.) and she purchased a new color printer for her classroom. Donor’s Choice also gave her a second grant of \$200,

and the \$497 grant from CapEd makes her third award.

“It’s not that hard to apply and the online application just takes a little time,” Gonser said.

“I have learned that if you just go out there and ask, there are people willing to help you, if you make the effort to ask.”

Gonser is in her first year at HMS and says she enjoys working at the school, especially because Winters is “so positive and supportive,” and the staff is friendly. She also likes being in a small town.

Before coming to Homedale, Gonser taught ninth-grade at Caldwell Freshman Academy, and eight-grade at Jefferson Middle School, and has had other teaching positions in Idaho and Colorado.

She was born in Hutchinson, Kan., and has lived in Gunnison, Colo. and Coeur d’Alene, among other places. She has four grown children. Her son Kelly is a teacher at Timberline High School in Boise, and her daughter Tatyana is studying to be a teacher at College of Western Idaho. Her son Casey lives in Seattle and works for Boeing. Her daughter Nataliya is in the Army at Fort Jackson, SC. Her two youngest daughters were adopted from

Russian as young children. She has five grandchildren.

“Teaching is what I was meant to do,” said Gonser, as she describes how at home she felt from day one.

“The most important people in my life were teachers, so I’m paying it forward to my kids for them,” she said.

Her biggest personal goal is to travel to Europe someday. She says she wants to sell pencils for 25 cents to each kid to get there, but it might take a long time.

“I wish I could get a grant to do that,” she said.

This is the sixth year of the CapEd Teacher Grant Program, for which all pre-kindergarten through grade 12 Idaho teachers can apply. The grants pay for programs, materials or special projects for students in their classrooms.

The CapEd Foundation is part of the Capital Educators Credit Union. The website states that the grant program is an effort to help teachers and students in Idaho explore additional educational opportunities they might not enjoy, because of limited financial resources. Applications are made online at [www.capedfoundation.org](http://www.capedfoundation.org), and are accepted until April 10, 2014.

—KB



She's the "drama mama" of Homedale High School

DeAnn Thatcher volunteers her time for drama productions



Students Christopher and Stephanie Collett listen to DeAnn Thatcher.

**What:** "Oz"  
**When:** Monday & Tuesday  
**Where:** Old HHS gym, 7 p.m.  
**Cost:** Adults-\$5, Students-\$3  
  
**Two day price-\$6, Family-\$20**

It has been about 22 years since Homedale High School has seen a musical production. On Monday and Tuesday, that is going to change, thanks to the volunteer efforts of DeAnn Thatcher.

For the past seven years, DeAnn has dedicated her time to make sure drama is still alive and kickin' at Homedale High School.

As drama coach, she single-handedly pulls off several productions every year, without an ounce of funding from the school district. Several years ago, the district gave the drama club a \$300 stipend for two separate years, but that was done before the recent belt-tightening at the district.



Shyanne Kelly is the wicked witch, and Jason Buenostro is the cowardly lion.

DeAnn continues to put her heart and soul into the drama program because she is dedicated to the students.

She has worked with some students for four years, and several of her students have gone on to participate in drama at the college level. One of her past students, Nicole Keller, is currently a student at Northwest Nazarene University and is stage manager for this year's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

They call DeAnn the "drama mama" and she is clearly loved by her students, whom she calls her "drama babies."



Clockwise from left, Heather Reynolds, DeAnn Thatcher, Jessica Collett, Larae Stewart, Stephanie Collett, Naomi Collett and Esther Collett.

"It's so much fun to watch them get involved and then come to life during productions," DeAnn said.  
"I try to teach them it's fun just to try to do new things, so they can gain confidence. We don't worry so much about

looking for talents, as much as giving them experience."

DeAnn said her motivation for doing the drama club is to escape from regular everyday stress. "This is my insane escape from insanity," she said with a laugh. "Does that make sense?" After many hours of preparations, the final couple of weeks gets "crazy busy" before a performance, but she still enjoys it.

DeAnn talks about the many goals and dreams she has had and doesn't forget to thank the community for its support. Every year, the drama club budget comes from the small amount of money gained from live performances and the Spook Alley fundraiser.

Two years ago, DeAnn was able to replace the aging curtain in the old gymnasium. She said it was a "little miracle" that she found one for sale on Craigslist. About the same time, she was able to pick up some used lighting equipment. Recently the group has acquired a couple of speakers and headset microphones.

DeAnn's "really big dream" is for the community to build an auditorium for drama performances.

The upcoming "Oz" production is a non-traditional take on the original story that became a classic MGM sensation "The Wizard of Oz." This is a Pioneer Production, with new dialogue and new songs. Parents won't be hearing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." But they will be seeing Oz, Dorothy, the Lion, Scarecrow and Tin man, along with the witch and munchkins performing. The play boasts a cast of 31 students and a dog (Toto).

Daniel Silva is a sophomore at HHS. He's been in three other plays that were put on by DeAnn. He plays Oz.

"I like the whole theater process. I like interacting with other people. I like acting because it gives me the greatest opportunity for expression," he said.

Eight-year-old Brandon Reynolds is a munchkin in the play. He has been part of the drama club since he was 5. "This is a good one," he said. "It's fun and it can be a little hard."

Jason Buenostro plays the Lion in Oz. He has been in two other plays. "I like everything about drama because you get to be something different than you have ever been." He enjoys acting and was rehearsing his cowardly lion part. He hopes to go to college and participate in drama.

Naomi Collett is 11 years old and she is a home school student who plays a flower in Oz. She

likes being in the play "because it's fun" and she has made new friends.

Lauren Craft has been active in drama since she was a

freshman. Now she's 18 and after working backstage for other productions, she is finally playing a main part. She is Dorothy in Oz. "I like drama because it brings people together and gives them confidence," she said. "I love doing Oz because I've always loved it, since I was a little girl. I'm so glad I get to do it in my senior year."

Lauren signed up for the Army after her birthday last October. She will be a 68-Wishbone Combat Medic and wants to be a surgeon. She is currently in the Army Reserve and will go to basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. in July. She will then go to medic training at Hudson, Texas. "It's a good jump-start in life," she said. It's a good thing to serve your country for four years and then they pay for college. I want to explore the world before I settle down," she said. Both her parents were in the Navy, but her grandfather was an Army medic.

DeAnn and her husband Mark Thatcher have seven children, all of whom have been involved in drama. This year, three of the performers are her children, Kathyrn, 18, Kindra, 13 and Todd, 7. Her other children are Mathew, 16, Kirsi, 20, Kelsey, 22 and Scott, 25.

Mark Thatcher teaches math and science at the high school, but last year he was deployed to Kuwait as a Navy Reservist for eight months. "When Mark was gone, I felt like half a person, like I was just going through the motions," DeAnn said. It was a difficult time for her, but



Heather Reynolds plays the part of a flower in Oz.

she received a lot of support from the LDS First Ward, and what she calls her "school family." The couple used Skype to communicate. His job was Army support and he worked in a customs type of position, where he did inspections, she said.

The Thatchers still have four children at home, and they also have two foreign exchange students sharing their home. Jasmin Zegger is a senior from Germany, and Jiseok Jung (Han) is a sophomore from South Korea. The Thatchers have hosted five different foreign exchange students in their home. "It's good for us because we learn about other cultures and make lasting friendships," DeAnn said.

Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan



## Homedale Senior Center bringing breakfast back

With spring on the way, the Homedale Senior Center will start its fundraiser breakfast program again.

The first of the monthly meals will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 15 at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The menu hasn't been decided yet, but the cost will remain \$6 for breakfast with all proceeds helping with operation of the senior center. The breakfasts will be held on the third Saturday of each month through the summer.

For more information, call 337-4228.

The senior center is open Tuesday through Thursday and also offers senior exercise programs, congregate lunches and Meals on Wheels services.

## Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**

March 5: Chicken salad, lettuce & tomatoes, bread

March 6: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy

March 11: Salisbury steak, onions/mushrooms, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread

March 12: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread

**Marsing Senior Center**

March 5: Liver & onions or chefs choice, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, green salad, muffin, cake

March 6: Ham & potato skillet, green beans w/dill, stewed tomatoes, oatmeal bread, fruit cups

March 10: Breakfast to order: waffles, sausage or bacon, egg, fruit,

March 11: Creamed chicken over buttermilk biscuits, Harvard beets, peas & carrots, mandarin oranges, lemon pudding

March 12: Soup & sandwich bar, vegetable soup, salad bar, cookies

**Rimrock Senior Center**

March 6: Turkey carnitas

March 11: Sweet & sour chicken

## Locals in college

### Homedale grad makes U of I Dean's List

Jordan Meligan, a Homedale High School graduate, has made the fall semester Dean's List at the University of Idaho.

Meligan is enrolled in the Moscow institution's College of Science. According to a letter he received regarding the honor, his name will be placed on a large poster at the entrance to the Dean's Office in the Mines Building in Moscow sometime later this month in recognition of the Dean's List appointment.

The sophomore is the son of Jennifer and Jake Levinski and Tarry and Ashleigh Meligan and grandson of Faith and Gary Olsen.

The Owyhee Avalanche hasn't heard back from the U of I after making inquiries about other Owyhee County residents who may be on the fall Dean's List.

### Grand View woman on ISU Dean's List

Jackie Thurman of Grand View has received notification that she is a Dean's List recipient for the fall semester at Idaho State University.

According to a letter from the Pocatello institution's School of Rehabilitation and Communication Sciences, Thurman earned a spot on the Dean's List with a 3.91 grade-point average.

The daughter of Doug and Lisa Thurman graduated from The College of Idaho last year.

No other Owyhee County residents have been announced as Dean's List students at ISU for the fall semester. Andrew Taylor, an ISU spokesman, said that each school within the university submit its Dean's List to the information department separately and not all of them have been released yet.

### HHS grad spends break at N.J. sanctuary

Jarod Armenta is backing up Dean's List-caliber academics at Cornell College with another Spring Break of service.

The 2011 Homedale High School graduate will travel to New Jersey during the Mount Vernon, Iowa college's 10-day Alternative Spring Break.

He's part of the school's Associated Student Body leadership team for the trip, which will focus on animal rehabilitation and environmental stewardship.

Armenta and other Cornell students have partnered with the Antler Ridge Wildlife Sanctuary near the town of Frelinghuysen in Warren County, N.J.

The sanctuary cares for small mammals such as fawns, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, woodchucks, rabbits and opossums.

Armenta and the Cornell students will have direct interaction with animals that have lost their natural habitat in New Jersey.

The students also will build an awareness of conservation and environmental preservation efforts within the state.

This is the third Alternative Spring Break for the Gates Millennium scholar.

Last year, he helped the Native American community on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

In 2012, the son of Teresa and Nathan Armenta was among students providing disaster relief after a tornado struck Joplin, Mo.

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# Basque dances keep Homedale’s Lejardis on their toes



The Lejardi brothers, from left, Michael, John and Esteban, performed in the Capitol Rotunda recently. Submitted photo

## Brothers perform Saturday at Homedale event in Badiola Arena

Three Homedale brothers will be among the revelers Saturday for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Homedale Basque Dance.

Esteban, Michael and John Lejardi also will be among the performers when the Herribatza Dantzariak and Oinkari Basque Dancers take to the Badiola Arena stage to exhibit classic dances from the Basque culture.

The sons of Homedale residents Margaret and Steve Lejardi all got their start dancing in their aunt Gloria Lejardi’s youth troupe, Herribatza Dantzariak. All three joined the group in kindergarten, the earliest possible age to do so.

Kindergarteners through eighth-graders dance with Gloria Lejardi’s group. Dancers then have the option to move on to the Boise-based Oinkari troupe. Several of Lejardi’s alumni are currently in Oinkari.

John Lejardi, 10, still dances with Herribatza Dantzariak, practicing each Monday night at the Txoko Ona Basque Center

in Homedale. Esteban, 18, and 15-year-old Michael commute to the Boise Basque Center once a week for Oinkari Basque Dancers rehearsal.

Their father, Steve, used to dance with Oinkari.

It truly was a family affair that led Esteban to Herribatza Dantzariak when he was a kindergartener.

“My dad did it, and they asked me if I wanted to do it, and I had some relatives who were in it,” he said.

He is in his fourth year with Oinkari. The group travels to Spain and Argentina every few years and also makes an occasional trip to New York.

The Lejardi boys perform throughout the valley during the year, including annual dances and picnics in Homedale and Caldwell. In July, Oinkari will head to a festival in Elko, Nev.

The boys were on hand Feb. 13 when both troupes performed at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise.

Esteban said the cultural ambassadorship aspect is not lost on the dancers.

“Everyone else is feeling it, too,” he said. “They want to represent their culture and keep it well-known throughout the community.”

Many of those dances promote

Basque heroism and nationalism. The *txontxongilo* or “sword dance” or “dance of the fallen soldier” portrays a band of soldiers paying tribute to one of their fallen comrades, whom they carry off the battlefield. *Ikurrina* features a dancer flourishing the Basque national flag over the heads of his fellow dancers.

A fourth-grader at Homedale Elementary School, John is part of the 37-dancer troupe his aunt has led for 34 years. There are members from Homedale, Marsing, Nampa and Middleton.

Esteban, a senior at Homedale High School, and Michael, an HHS sophomore, also have traveled to Elko, Nev., and Gooding to perform.

“It makes me very proud of them, and it’s fund to see them out there dancing,” Margaret Lejardi said. “I enjoy it.”

Together, the Lejardi family is doing its part to preserve Basque culture and — in instances like Saturday’s public celebration — share it with the community at-large.

“People taught me starting with one of my grandmothers,” Gloria Lejardi said. “I learned from others, and it must be passed on. It doesn’t get passed on if people don’t teach it.”

— JPB

## Marsing Science Fair planned

### Student experiments on display Tuesday

Marsing eighth-graders will be presenting their annual Science and Engineering Fair on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the middle school gym.

Everyone in the community is welcome to come to the event. There is no admission cost.

Students will be showing a variety of experiments, ranging from bacterial growth, water purification, magnetism, electricity, DNA, arrows, catapults, thermal shock, heart rate studies and much more.

“The kids are really excited about it,” science teacher Diedra Little said.

This is the second year her class has put on the event.

“The students are really nervous about people coming and watching,” she said.

—KB

# Annual dance celebrates culture

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Homedale Basque Dance is about more than dancing and watching dancers.

Saturday’s event at Badiola Arena also features a live and silent auction, food, drink, and traditional Basque strength competitions.

Admission is \$5, and the doors open at 5:30 p.m. Badiola Arena is located at 406 Hwy. 95 in Homedale, south of the Industrial Road intersection.

The feature of the night is performances by Herribatza Dantzariak and Oinkari Basque

Dancers.

After the troupes perform, Amuma Says No will perform live music for open dancing.

The strength competitions include a tug of war (*sokatira*) and weight carry (*txinga*). There will be cash prizes in both contests.

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## Homedale Class of '64 plans reunion

Members of the Homedale High School Class of 1964 are planning a 50-year reunion later this year.

The group is looking for all members who are interested in helping with planning or attending the celebration.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 at the Moxie Java Bistro, 404 S. Hwy 95, in Homedale.

For information, contact:

- Darlene (Byington) Stattner at (208) 514-5690,
- Nancy (Friedrichsmeier) Fricke at nfricke42@cableone.net
- Donna (Martin) Talley at talleyd@live.com.

## Chamber hears about energy use

Greg Evans of Idaho Power spoke to the Homedale Chamber of Commerce about energy efficiency on Feb. 25.

Evans said that Idaho Power is initiating a new program called "Professional Energy Audit" which is being presented at small communities. The program talk was given at the Homedale Public Library on Thursday.

"It's a great opportunity to find ways to be more energy efficient," Evans told the Chamber. The program is intended for those with all-electric homes.

"It's a cost-effective program with ways to save energy from no cost to low cost," he said.

In a brief talk to the Chamber,

Evans outlined some of the mistakes often made about energy use.

Just turning the temperature down during the night is one way to save electricity, he said. Another way to save energy, he said, is to use an electric blanket, which only uses 300 to 400 watts. Many people use small portable heaters, which are all 1500 watts, and "that can get expensive fast," he said. "People don't realize that 1,000 watts equals 1 kilowatt of power. Those heaters should be used sparingly."

A water-based heating system is the most cost-effective and can be up to 300 percent efficient, Evans said.

## Homedale Chamber chooses VP, learns of summer car show

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce voted in Luke Ankeny as the new vice president and enthusiastically supported a couple of new projects for the city.

The Chamber is looking at putting together plans for a community-wide cleanup effort, and police chief Jeff Eidemiller announced he is planning to create a Rodger Nash Car Show/block party event for the city in September.

Ankeny is pastor of the Homedale Community Friends Church, and also coaches boys' basketball at the high school. He volunteered to assume the VP role at the meeting and was approved. The vice-president role has been vacant for two years. Chamber president Gavin Parker said he was pleased to welcome Ankeny to the post.

The community-wide cleanup idea sparked discussion of various options such as involving the senior center, 4-H programs, high school students and citizens. The Chamber hopes to develop a plan for a clean-up day, which would take place several weeks before the upcoming Angel Walk event on May 10.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said he is working with the senior center on obtaining a "clean-up list," which would include the names of citizens who are handicapped or too elderly to do yard work.

"They have given to the city, and it's time for us to give back to them," he said. "We want to help the ones who need help."

Eidemiller said the event could become a clean-up day that would be a fun event if the city had a barbecue to go along with it.

The major topic of the meeting

was Eidemiller's plans for a new city event, "Cops and Rodders." He is putting together ideas to make the event a car show (the Rodger Nash Car Show) with vendors, a beer garden, a block party and street dance. He is already looking at finding bands who want to volunteer to play. The car show would include anything with wheels. Parker said the Chamber would be happy to co-sponsor the event.

The event would take place along the Snake River, near the boat dock. Sept. 13 has been set as a tentative date.

"That area has the opportunity to become a gem for the city, but it has become an eyesore," Eidemiller said. "We want to clear it out. We want to show people that there is more to Homedale than just main street. We want to make Homedale a destination spot, and it's gonna take a community-wide effort," he said.

"That area has been neglected and abused, and it's horrible. It's time for Homedale to put its best foot forward."

Parker said the Chamber will work on plans to create a multi-day clean-up effort, which would include the dock area, in preparation for the Angel Walk and car show events. He also thanked Vern Tunnel for completing work on the Chamber's Facebook page.

Kim Murray said she would like to see a monthly clean-up day set. She also said the city should talk to the Owyhee Gardeners club and get them involved, and look into re-painting the mural on the corner of Idaho Avenue and Main street.

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# Marsing, OCSO enforcement contract still in works

Discussions are continuing about a proposed \$15,000 contract between the City of Marsing and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, but nothing has been finalized yet. The contract would give deputies authority to enforce city ordinances.

A contract could benefit the city by allowing deputies to address such issues as speeding on Main Street, dogs barking at night, illegally parked cars, and to issue citations to people who are trespassing on private property.

At a January meeting of county commissioners, prosecuting attorney Douglas D. Emery voiced concerns about increased costs to the county for prosecuting city ordinance citations.

"I have no issues if Marsing city wants to handle the additional cases with another attorney," Emery said.

Emery was asked by commissioners at the January meeting to write up a draft document, in response to the initial contract sent by the city, which would spell out that the city would use its own prosecutor for city ordinance violations.

Emery said he has produced a new document and has spoken with Paul J. Fitzer, a civil attorney with the City of Marsing's legal counsel of Moore Smith Buxton and Turcke Chtd. who is the primary designated prosecutor in the area. He said Fitzer told him he would be agreeable to prosecute cases for the city.

"Here's the difficulty," Emery said. "For the past five years, I've handled the additional cases from the city without compensation." He said according to the draft of the contract, the City of Marsing wants his office to pick up the extra cases without compensation and to give 90 percent of the revenue from those cases back to the city. Fitzer has also served as city prosecutor in Homedale.

"This is not equitable at all. If you look at the code, it is not a statutory requirement for the county to prosecute city cases. It's not my responsibility to do all that extra work. It's not fair, and it hasn't been historically fair," he said.

The issues at hand are "all old issues," Emery said. "As I see it, the ball's in their court."

Sheriff Perry Grant said his office received a copy of the proposal from the city about a month ago, and he said there are "no major concerns" with it. He said the county is looking at changing some of the wording of the document.

Marsing Mayor Keith Green says he has had no communication from the county, either from the prosecutor or from the sheriff's office, about the proposal.

"This has been diligently worked on, and it has been put in the county's hands now," Green said. "We can't do anything with it, until they send it back to us."

Green went over the history of the issue and said it "has been progressing" steadily since last summer.

At a town meeting in Marsing last June, Green said he did not see a large amount of support for a contract. Then in September, the city council voted to have a document drawn up, and set a spending limit of \$15,000. At the October meeting, the issue was tabled, because of the absence of several key members. In November, the council approved a draft to be sent to the city attorney. At the December meeting, Green said the attorney did not have the document ready, so it was sent to the county after the January meeting.

"There hasn't been any huge issues with this contract," Green said. He said he understands why the council favors it and he has no problems with the deputies who would be enforcing city codes.

"The people I have talked to in Marsing want a contract," Grant said. "I have no idea when it will be signed, but it's still out there, and I don't understand what the hold-up is. I've done my part by getting it to the people who needed to see it."

Following the town meeting last summer, Grant said he sent a letter to the city with his recommendations.

"It appears that the citizens want extra services that would include enforcement of animal and disturbance ordinances, proactive and visible patrol on city roadways, and more traffic enforcement on the highways that flow through Marsing," Grant said in the letter.

Grant estimated in his letter the cost of 42 hours of law enforcement services per week for the first year to be approximately \$82,000, with \$79,000 recommended for each year following.

Several years ago, a contract for approximately \$76,000 existed between the city and county, but the city did not renew that contract, during Sheriff Daryl Crandall's administration.

"The city voted to eliminate it because they weren't getting enough value out of it," Green said. "The best thing for the city is to get the best dollar value for what is being done."

One of the main reasons a contract is wanted by the city is for deputies to give speeding citations on Main Street, so that people would slow down, he said.

Green said he has visited with several former councilpersons, and has known three different sheriffs in the six years he has been mayor. "They all say the same thing," he said. "No one was ever satisfied with a contract."

Since the previous contract ended, Marsing city has hired Michael Shimkus as a code enforcement person.

Green said Shimkus "has done an excellent job," and has worked hard to help clean up the city.

"I've seen more accomplished in the past year, than I saw done in the past six years," he said.

About three years ago, Green said the city council made changes to ordinance No.A-94. That was done so problems such as excess trash in yards, dog problems and abandoned vehicles could fall under administrative fines, rather than misdemeanors. He said the council made that change so the city could handle its own problems. In the past couple of years, there has been a lot of progress in getting the city cleaned up, Green said.

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# Elmore County ends building inspection pact with Owyhee

## County hires weed-spraying firm in Bruneau

When Owyhee County adopted a uniform building permit valuation policy, it resulted in the loss of a contractor.

Elmore County severed its ties with the Owyhee County building department after the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2014-10 last month.

Elmore County had been contracted to inspect construction in the eastern portion of the county. Canyon County's building department carries out inspections on the west side.

But when the county commissioners approved a valuation table that would essentially bring building fees to a level lower than what Elmore County charges, that county's commissioners decided to end the contract.

Owyhee County may contract with Dave Curl from the Canyon County department to pick up the inspections in the Bruneau-Grand View area. Curl currently is under contract to perform inspections in Silver City and South Mountain. The county retained him as an independent contractor when Boise-based Owyhee Gold Trust LLC received a conditional use permit to resume mining operations and building a milling facility at South Mountain.

County commissioners were scheduled to discuss expanding

Curl's role during Monday's meeting in Murphy.

The new building valuation policy sets a per-square-foot price for development fees depending on what is being built. The table covers single-family residences, attached garages, decks, basements, residential additions, manufactured homes, detached garages and shops and car ports.

### Weed spraying contract finalized

County commissioners and Bruneau-based New Environment LLC officials signed a contract Feb. 24 for weed spraying on various properties in Owyhee County.

No dollar amount was given, but commissioners said the contract is based on how much chemical is used and how many miles the company covers to spray.

New Environment LLC will spray near county roads, Idaho Transportation Department property, Bureau of Land Management property and lands incorporated into cooperative weed management areas.

One part of the job of spraying weeds in Owyhee County was mitigated when Snake River Rubbish owner Dewey Crane reminded commissioners that his contract with the county to haul trash in the eastern part of the county includes spraying weeds around trash collection sites such as in Oreana and the tipping station in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

— JPB



Nampan Marilyn Lees stands with some of her featured artwork inside the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing. Submitted photo

# Lizard Butte Library Friends unveil their artist for March

Idaho artist Marilyn Lees has been creating art in several different mediums all her life, but she has always been sort of partial to drawing either in graphite or colored pencils.

Her artwork is on display as the Friends of the Lizard butte Library March art exhibit at the public library in Marsing.

Using her own photos for reference, Marilyn likes to do realistic drawings and paintings of the florals, landscapes, machinery, and buildings that are seen across Idaho and the Northwest.

Marilyn comes by her love of rural and rustic subjects naturally. Born and raised on a farm in western Kansas near Dodge City, she moved to Idaho in 1957.

She worked for 27 years for the Farmers Home Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. During most of that time, she worked in Owyhee County.

She retired in 1994.

Marilyn and her husband Dave have been married for more than 50 years. They have two children, two grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Marilyn has been an active member in the Nampa Art Guild and a group called "Pencil Pals" for the past few years. She takes commissions and can be reached at (208 466-5826 or by email at dmlees@clearwire.net.

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# Marsing boys among Owyheean fiddling in Nampa



**From left:** Maizy, Deidra and Elliot Little, and Donna and Sam Cote are ready to attend the Country Gospel Hoedown performance Saturday at the Nampa Civic Center. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Several youth fiddlers with Owyhee ties will perform Saturday in Nampa.

The Country Gospel Hoedown will feature the Idaho Junior Jammers and the Little Hoedowners. Both groups feature children from the south side of the Snake River.

Samuel Cote of Marsing is one of the newest Little Hoedowners. He's the 9-year-old son of Dominique and Donna Cote.

He has been a fiddler for two years, and learned to play from Klancie Sieler, a Junior Jammers student teacher.

Playing is "sometimes hard when your arm gets tired," he said. One of his favorite songs is, "Boil the Cabbage." He also knows how to play "Amazing Grace," "Turkey in the Straw," and "He's Got the Whole World."

Sam's other favorite activity is riding his Yamaha dirt bike.

"He really enjoys playing," Donna said. "Our family just loves it. I have a few cousins that played in the group when they were children, so we are continuing the family tradition."

Another Marsing musician with the Little Hoedowners is 7-year-old Elliot Little, son of Marsing educators Tim and Deidra Little.

"We love his fiddling. It's a way for us to get out and hear some music," Deidra said. "He seems to really love it. He'll take out his fiddle and just start playing in the middle of our conversations."

Elliot practices nearly every day. He likes being in the Little Hoedowners because he has made some new friends and he says playing front of people doesn't make him nervous.

Elliot also likes skateboarding, playing basketball and flying his helicopter and "shooting down the enemy."

His favorite song is, "Keep on the Sunny Side of Life," a country gospel tune that is one of the selections the Junior Jammers will play Saturday.

Local Junior Jammers include:

- Rylee Loucks of Marsing
- Michelle Riley of Melba
- Ashley and Micah Curtis, Nampa youths who play in their church band in Murphy
- Ursula Allen of Murphy
- Alisha and Katie Hauns of Wilder

Other local Little Hoedowners include:

- Jessica, Emiline and Katie Hipwell of Murphy
- Grace Oliver of Wilder

The Country Gospel Hoedown will have shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S.

In addition to "Sunny Side," the Junior Jammers will perform tunes made famous by the Father of Bluegrass, Bill Monroe, including "Roanoke," "Wheel Hoss," and "The Gold Rush."

The Little Hoedowners will fiddle "Will the Circle be Unbroken," among other songs.

Junior Jammers director Roberta Pearce also has brought back Appalachian cross-tuned fiddle music first performed at last fall's Country Harvest Hoedown. The Junior Jammers will perform "La Reel du Pendu," "Old Belle Cow" and "Snow Bird on the Ashbank" during Saturday's show.

Also scheduled to perform are national grand champion Katrina Nicolayeff and master fiddler Matthew Hartz.

Free tickets for Saturday's matinee are available to nursing home residents. Activity directors should call the Nampa Civic Center box office to reserve seats.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior centers and students and \$7 for children. All tickets are subject to additional fees.

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**Above:** Marsing High School junior Noah Grossman hugs his coach, Jon Nelson, after receiving his Class 2A championship medal in the 220-pound bracket. **Below:** A referee raises the arm of Homedale sophomore Andy Montes, who won the 3A state title at 98 pounds. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

## THOSE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS

### Montes leads HHS to seventh

A state championship and two appearances in the state finals spurred Homedale High School to a seventh-place finish Saturday in the 3A wrestling tournament.

"All did well," Trojans coach Toby Johnson said. "I'm very proud of the boys."

Andy Montes dominated the 98-pound bracket during the

— See *HHS*, page 3B

### Grossman gets Marsing's first title since '09

Noah Grossman became the sixth wrestler in Marsing High School history to win a state championship Saturday.

The 220-pound junior pinned Drexton Thrall in 1 minute, 33 seconds in a 2A state final at the Ford Idaho Center in

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## Trojans enter State as district champions

### HHS boys end Grizzlies' 11-year title reign

This time, there would be no last-second shot nor any doubt.

Homedale High School boys' basketball team caught fire early and left Fruitland's 11-year championship run in ashes last week in the 3A District III championship game.

"The state of mind of the kids and myself was to go out there and punch them in the mouth first," Trojans coach Casey Grove said. "To make a statement first and get out there and don't get out-worked."

Mission accomplished — at least for now.

The Trojans bolted to a 20-point lead after eight minutes and maintained that pressure throughout for a 62-44

championship victory Feb. 25 at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Homedale has its first district championship since Randy Potter guided the 2003-04 team to a 2A title after a second-place finish in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

The blowout victory was a sharp contrast to Homedale's previous two championship showdowns with the Grizzlies. Fruitland had beaten Homedale by a total of seven points in 2009 and 2010 district finals decided in the final seconds.

Grove said the rivalry's tournament-time history had only a slight influence on the determination of this year's squad.

"I knew that we had lost to them, but the bottom line was our kids knew that they've won

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## Emry crowned top performer at Big Sky

### HHS grad wins heptathlon, helps UM men to third

Austin Emry won his first Big Sky Conference heptathlon championship Friday.

On Saturday, he was named the indoor track and field conference championship meet's outstanding performer and most valuable athlete.

But, the University of Montana senior is still on the outside looking in for the NCAA championships after the indoor track and field conference meet at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

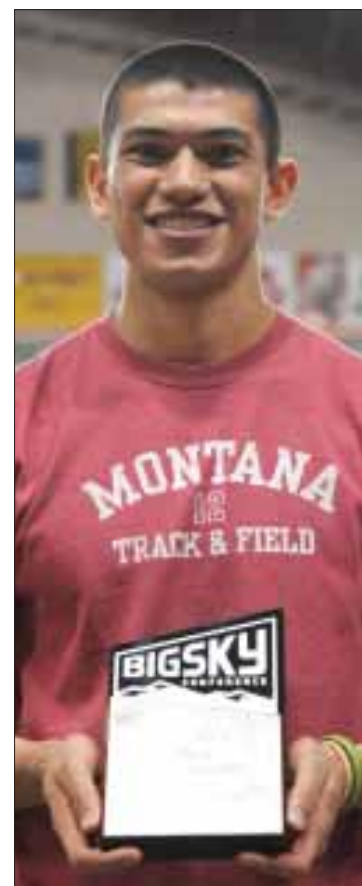
The 2009 Homedale High School graduate scored 5,568 points during the two-day event in Pocatello on Thursday and Friday. That's his best score of the season and the third-highest total in Big Sky meet history.

At the time, he was eighth on the national performance list, but slipped back to 17<sup>th</sup> as other weekend results rolled in.

Emry was 12<sup>th</sup> at the national meet as a junior.

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— See *Emry*, back page



*Homedale High School graduate Austin Emry shows off the men's most valuable athlete award he won as the University of Montana's top scorer last weekend. Photo by Julie Hillebrant / Idaho State University*

## Balanced and accurate Mustangs reach state tourney

### Jordan Valley boys drop 19 of 22 foul shots

After shaking off early-game jitters, Jordan Valley High School pushed into the 1A Oregon state tournament bracket Saturday.

The Mustangs rallied from a narrow halftime deficit to beat visiting Nixyaawii, 69-61, in the second round of the state playoffs.

"The boys showed some nerves, but they played hard the whole game," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said.

The Mustangs' ninth consecutive victory set up an opening-round meeting in the double-elimination state tournament at 4:15 MST on Thursday against Crosshill Christian. The state tournament runs through Saturday at Baker High School in Baker City. The Eagles (19-5) hail from Turner, Ore.

Jordan Valley (22-4) pulled away from Nixyaawii (21-7) in the second half, outscoring the Golden Eagles 42-33 in the final 16 minutes.

The Mustangs connected on 19 of 22 free throws in an effort that proved to be the winning factor.



Sports



Dylan Breshears soars in for a layup against Nampa Christian during visiting Marsing's final game of the season, which was a loss in the 2A District III Tournament. Photo by Dan Pease

NC's second half ends Marsing boys' season

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team's first season under coach Tim Little came to an end last week.

The Huskies were unable to stay close to Nampa Christian in the second half of a 47-33 loss on Feb. 25. The 2A District III Tournament elimination game was played in Nampa.

Marsing was within a point, 16-15, at halftime before the Trojans hit back-to-back three-point goals and mounted a 14-8 run through the third quarter.

"We made mistakes defensively in the second half that we were doing well in the first half," Little said. "The mistakes results in them having some open looks, and we dug ourselves a hole."

The Huskies (7-16) didn't attempt a free throw in the contest, while Nampa Christian connected on five of 13 chances.

Marsing's leading scorer, senior Jose

Acuna, was limited to seven points, and he drained his team's only three-point goal.

Les Loucks led the team with eight points, while Dylan Breshears scored six. Emmanuel Lagunas and Ben Isert scored four points each for the Huskies. Isert also had eight rebounds and three steals.

Bradán Brothers put in a game-high 13 points for Nampa Christian, while teammate Kaden Isaacson contributed 11.

"The season ends sooner than I expected and wanted, but I can draw on some positives as I reflect," Little said. "I feel that many goals that the coaching staff and myself set during this summer were accomplished and the areas that we fell short on will be remedied."

The coach said his inaugural season at the helm was a step in the right direction to accomplish long-term goals.

✓ Marsing: Senior Williams finishes fourth at 160 pounds

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Nampa that featured the bracket's top two seeds.

Grossman was one of two wrestlers from coach Jon Nelson's Huskies squad to place in the state tournament.

Senior Austin Williams finished fourth at 160 pounds.

Grossman pinned each of his opponents in his march to the state championship, the first for a Marsing wrestler since Raymond Evans triumphed in 2009 and only the second in the past 35 years.

Grossman opened his tournament Friday by pinning AJ Frankman of West Side in 2:30.

After a bye in the quarterfinals, Grossman pinned Brigham Gentry of Declo in 2:39 to set up his showdown with Thrall.

Williams advanced to the semifinals before losing to eventual state champion Rowdy Paul of Potlatch by pinfall.

Williams pinned Soda Springs junior Taylor Lee in the first round (1:22) then routed Isaac Walters of Saint Maries, 15-1, to get into the

semifinals.

In the consolation bracket, Williams pinned Roy Massey of New Plymouth in 33 seconds to reach the third-place match.

Caleb Williams of North Gem pinned Austin Williams in 3:51 to get the bronze medal.

Senior Brad Labit rallied from a first-round loss to move deep into the consolation bracket at 182 pounds.

He pinned Jesse Harvey in 3:39 and then pinned West Jefferson's Austin Barzee (a state qualifier

with Rimrock last season) in 1:38. Labit's career ended with a pin midway through the first round of his next match against McCall-Donnelly's Blake Julian.

Three freshmen — Edwin Gonzalez (98), Oscar Gonzalez (145) and Nick Lankow (195) — were winless in their state tourney debuts.

Sophomore Cody Barrett went 1-2 at 120 pounds, beating Nathan Gimmeson with a pinfall nine seconds before the end of the first round in their consolation match.

Huskies champs

Wrestlers who have won state titles for Marsing:

- Harold Nakano, 1958
- Steve Clapier, 1964 and 1965
- Dennis Pascoe, 1964
- Jack Bicandi, 1966
- Rudy Rodriguez, 1979
- Raymond Evans, 2009
- Noah Grossman, 2014

**Note** — The Marsing wrestling program was dormant from 1970 to 1973 and again from 1980 to 1997.

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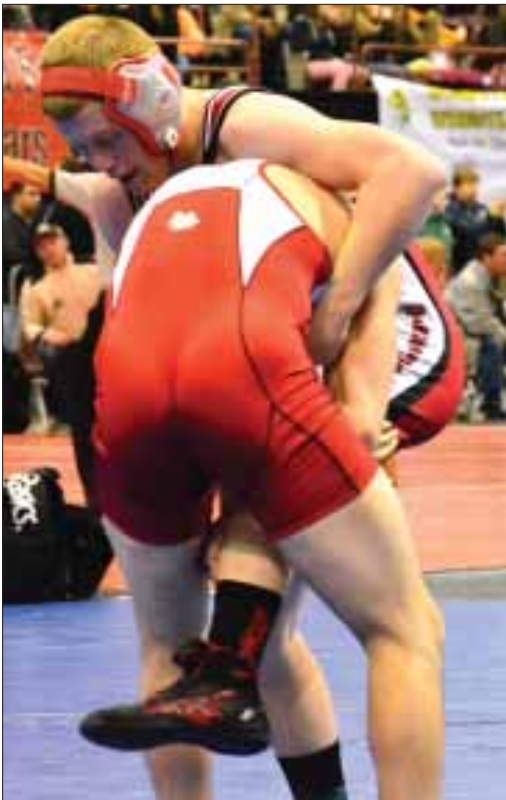


Sports

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS



Homedale senior Jovan Cornejo gets a hug from coach Toby Johnson. The 170-pounder finished his prep career with a runner-up medal. Photo by Machele Randall



Homedale junior Devin Fisher tries to take down an opponent during his march to another state tournament medal. Photo by Machele Randall



Marsing senior Austin Williams has full control over his opponent in a 160-pound match in the 2A tournament at the Ford Idaho Center. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Adrian's Miller 1-2 in Oregon

Adrian's Shane Miller finished his high school wrestling career with in the 1A/2A Oregon state tournament at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland. A senior at 145 pounds, Miller lost his opening-round match, 11-5, to fourth-seeded Ian Patt of Oakland. He rallied to beat Vernonia's Damian Young, 9-7, in the first round of the consolation bracket. Miller's tournament ended one round shy of the third-place match with a 9-6 loss to second-seeded Austin Baker from Monroe.



Brad Labit, another Marsing High School senior, closed out his career with an appearance in the 2A state tournament's 182-pound bracket. He collected two victories before his elimination. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

✓ HHS: Cornejo finishes 2nd; 3-time qualifier Fisher places for 3rd time

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two-day run inside the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. The sophomore claimed a state championship when he pinned Teton's Tanner Klingler with 11 seconds left in their final. Senior Jovan Cornejo closed his high school career with a silver medal at 170 pounds. It was the second time that Cornejo placed in the state tournament. Another senior, Michael Deleon, placed fourth at 120 pounds, while junior Devin Fisher made it 3-for-3 in state tournaments with his fifth-place showing at 145 pounds. Sophomore Nash Johnson placed in the tournament for the second time, taking fifth at 126 pounds. Both Montes and Klingler moved through the 98-pound bracket with pinfalls, but Montes had few challenges in his preliminaries. Montes pinned Sugar-Salem freshman Hunter Galbraith

in 1 minute in Friday's opening round. He dispatched Bear Lake's Daniel Holmquist in 28 seconds to reach the semifinal. Montes then pinned South Fremont sophomore Konner Hiatt in 3 minutes, 27 seconds. At 170, Cornejo lost an all-3A Snake River Valley conference showdown in the championship match when Nik Fagen got a pin at the 2:58 mark. Cornejo began his final high school state tournament with a 34-second pin of American Falls sophomore Fernando Martinez. He followed that up with a tough 3-1 victory over Filer's Zach Sharp in the quarterfinals. He reached the final after pinning Timberlake's Anthony Reimer in 65 seconds. Deleon had to wrestle his way through the consolation bracket to reach the third-place match at 120. After a 3-1 win over Sugar-

Salem senior Jacob Smith his opener, Deleon fell into the consolation bracket with an 8-3 loss to Snake River senior Kaden Bench. Bench was the only wrestler to beat Deleon on the weekend, defeating the HHS senior, 7-3, in the third-place match. Deleon then ran through three consolation rounds, including a 4-0 win over Parma's Sheldon Gentry and a 6-3 win over Tucker Figueroa of Kellogg. Deleon reached the third-place match after South Fremont junior Bubba Boots had to default their consolation semifinal because of an injury. Johnson and Fisher closed their seasons with victories in weight division's respective fifth-place matches. Johnson reached the semifinals at 126 before Fruitland's Robert Diaz stopped him with a 3-1 decision. The sophomore edged Priest River senior Luke Soumas, 2-1, in

his opener then pinned Gooding's Santos Gutierrez, another upper-classman, in 3:44. Johnson fell into the fifth-place match when Timberlake's Tristan Obrian posted a 7-2 victory. Johnson beat another sophomore, Buhl's Spencer Rimer, 8-2, for fifth place. Fisher pinned fellow 3A SRV wrestler Logan Case of Parma in 4:51 for fifth place at 145 pounds. Like Johnson, Fisher advanced to the semifinals before his hopes for a state title were derailed. He beat Snake River freshman Payson Anderton, 11-7, in the first round then edged Bonners Ferry's Luke Reoch to reach the semis. Tristan Hansen, a senior from Teton, beat Fisher, 12-4, in the semis, and the HHS junior fell into the fifth-place match with a loss to Kimberly's Adan Diaz. Senior Curtis Stansell (182) and sophomore Jakobee Osborn (220)

missed medals in their second career state appearances. Stansell reeled off two wins after Sugar-Salem's Braden Hansen pinned him at the 3:17 mark of their opener. Stansell then pinned Timberlake's Caleb Munson (3:21) and Joe Swartz of Priest River (43 seconds) in the consolation bracket before a narrow 8-6 loss to Brock Beard of Teton. Osborn opened his tournament with a 1:34 pin of Priest River's Gabe Bellah, but lost a quarterfinal match to Gooding's Josh Finley by pin 58 seconds in. Osborn then pinned Gooding's Ty Faulkner in 1:16 before his tournament ended with a pin at the hands of Mitch Lauridsen of Bear Lake. Another HHS highlight was 113-pound freshman Caleb Meligan, who pinned Sugar-Salem's Seth Price in 1:33 in a consolation bracket match.



# Sports

## Title town



### Trojans sweep district championships

For the second time in a month, Homedale High School basketball players were celebrating the end of a long championship drought on the floor at Treasure Valley Community College.

**Above:** This time, it was the boys' turn to host the 3A District III championship plaque.

**Below:** The players also took turns sawing part of the net off the hoop with a pocket knife, but it was coach Casey Grove who got the last swipe at the nylon. Photos by Jon P. Brown



## HHS girls' starters named All-SRV

Perhaps in a testament to the respect Homedale High School earned this season, the girls' basketball team's starting five was named to the All-3A Snake River Valley conference team.

Senior post Kaylee Rupp and sophomore guard Tory Lane were placed on the first team. Rupp averaged eight points and eight rebounds per game, while Lane scored 11 points per game and averaged four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

"Tory Lane was our leading scorer and played the most minutes for us this year," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said. "She contributes in all areas of the game: points, rebounds, assists, steals and even blocked shots."

Rupp and honorable mention

selection Destiny Long (6.0 ppg., 5.0 rpg.) closed their high school careers with a 3A SRV championship, a 3A District III title and a third-place trophy in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

"Kaylee and Destiny, being seniors, brought leadership on the floor that went beyond words," Betancourt said. "They always played hard and led by their actions."

Both seniors played their final prep games Tuesday night after deadline in the 3A/2A District III senior all-star game in Fruitland.

Morgan Nash, a junior guard, was second-team selection. She averaged eight points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals each night.

"Morgan Nash was our vocal leader on the floor," Betancourt said. "She made sure everyone was on the same page when she was out there."

"She improved her shooting this year and ability to finish at the rim."

Junior guard Elise Shenk also landed on the honorable mention list after averaging six points, two rebounds and two steals per game.

"I asked Elise Shenk to guard the other team's best perimeter player every game. She was always up to the challenge," Betancourt said. "She really started to shoot the ball well the second half of the season, and it helped us get to where we finished."

## Underclassmen represent MHS

### All-WIC roster has Jaime Wood optimistic

Four Marsing High School girls' basketball players earned all-conference honors this season.

Sophomore wing Shelby Dines was the lone All-2A Western Idaho Conference first-team pick for the Huskies, who were 12-11 in their first year under coach Jaime Wood.

Junior shooting guard Shan-

non Clover was a second-teamer, while juniors Destiny Reynolds (post) and Emily Tank (point guard) made the honorable mention list.

The fact that only underclassmen were picked from Marsing has Wood anxiously awaiting next season.

"Every one of the girls selected has a year back, and Shelby is only a sophomore," he said. "There's a ton of opportunity for us to have a good squad next year, I think."

Another point of optimism: Tank will have an offseason to

sharpen her skills as the floor general after a season of learning during which Wood said he was impressed with her growth in the point guard position.

Tank was thrust into the position at the start of the 2013-14 season because, Wood said, the Huskies didn't have a "for-sure point guard" after the graduation of Lacey Usabel the previous spring.

Wood also said the senior Marissa Hardy was selected for the District III 2A/3A senior all-star game, which was played Tuesday night in Fruitland.

## ✓ Trojans: Dominant start allows Homedale to sail to championship

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11 straight district championships and our focus was to play the way we are capable of playing to end that streak," Grove said.

In ending coach Mike Fitch's district championship streak, the Trojans won their 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive game and became on of a handful of teams in school history to win at least 20 games in a season.

Homedale (20-2) also earned the district's top seed in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. The Trojans start play at 8 p.m. Thursday at Meridian High School.

The Trojans head into the state tournament after having more than a week off between games for the second time in the postseason.

The layoff didn't seem to affect Homedale heading into last week's district championship.

The state's second-ranked Class 3A team closed the first quarter against Fruitland on a 21-1 run and never looked back. Homedale led 25-5 after the opening eight minutes.

"That was the best quarter we played all year," Grove said. "Defensively, we created turnovers and that created transition points for us."

Homedale players nailed four

of the team's five three-point goals in the first quarter and set an offensive tone that wasn't present in the first half of the team's 56-41 win at home over Fruitland on Jan. 16.

"With Fruitland playing defense like they do, going in you know you can't shoot like you can all the time," Grove said. "We found mismatch opportunities at the beginning of the game."

There was simply no stopping Homedale on this night.

Fitch called a timeout in an attempt to slow the Trojans' seven-point burst to the early lead.

"The kids were excited, but at the same time they were extremely focused on what needed to happen," Grove said. "The talk in the huddle was, 'Don't settle for what's happening right now.'"

The Trojans didn't. They went on a 14-1 run after the timeout.

"We couldn't have shot any better in that first quarter," Grove said.

Seniors Talon Frelove and Caleb Oviedo registered double-doubles.

Oviedo had 17 points and pulled down eight of his 12 rebounds on Fruitland's end of the floor.

Lane Sale also helped Homedale control the defensive backboards

with seven of his 10 rebounds on the Grizzlies' glass. He scored six points, dished three assists, blocked two shots and deflected two passes.

"Caleb was Caleb. I mean, he's the best player in the league," Grove said. "He and Lane are the two best players in our league."

"Caleb was an absolute monster. He was just unstoppable."

The Trojans' aggressiveness on the backboards was crucial in dethroning Fruitland, Grove said.

"The biggest key of the game was our ability to control the boards," Grove said. "They didn't get a lot of second-chance opportunities, and we limited them to one shot."

Frelove scored 13 points and collected 10 rebounds.

"It was a great night for Talon," Grove said. "I would consider that Talon's best game of the year so far."

"I told him at the beginning of the game that I needed at least 10 rebounds from him."

Nearly every Homedale player scored against Fruitland. Trey Lane scored seven points, while Connor Carter and Dillon Lowder put in six points each.

—JPB



Homedale's Angel Cardenas gets a little help from teammate Garrett Carter as he fights Fruitland's Mike O'Dell, left, and Parker Stanger for a rebound during last week's district championship game. Photo by Gregg Garrett



# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

March 8, 1989

### \$25,230 raised for Marsing’s disaster fund

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Marsing Community Disaster Auction & Sale Saturday at the Marsing Elementary School raised \$25,230.

“That is about the normal amount raised each year to help people who get burned out or encounter emergencies they can’t handle financially,” Ruth Clapier, MCDA Board secretary, told The Owyhee Avalanche.

She said that about 650 people attended the event and all of the food booths sold out of food before the end of the auction.

One of the highest priced items, compared to its normal price, was a handmade quilt Harold Bowers of Marsing bought for \$800.

The Honda 4x4 was purchased for \$3,250 by Harold Floyd of the Marsing area.

Also, during the auction, Boyd and Idella Petersen were honored with a dozen roses and a special community award by the Marsing Disaster Auction Board.

Debbie Floyd received a bicycle from Marsing Hardware for selling the most drawing tickets.

### Homedale wins Junior Quiz Bowl competition

Homedale Junior High teams placed first and second at a Quiz Bowl conducted at the local high school Feb. 27, in competition with two teams each from Rimrock, Wilder, Marsing and Melba.

Homedale Team II won first place with a score of 195 at the event, and Team I won second with a score of 165 during the games testing knowledge of current events, literature, geography and other subjects.

Melba Team I took third place with 160, Wilder Team II, fourth with 155 and Marsing Team I, fifth, with 152 points. An audience of about 100 watched the seventh- and eighth-graders play the knowledge games, divided into three 20-minute rounds, with “venture” or wager questions added for spice. Kris Hopkins served as master of ceremonies.

It was only the second Western Idaho Conference Junior High Academic Bowl in which Homedale has ever participated, according to Beverly Edwards, local seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher as well as advisor for the HJHS teams.

HJHS Team I included Tony Uranga, Jenny Johnstone, Ryan Landa, Eddie Stansell, Shelly Stansell, Jessica Uhlenkott, Clint Smyth and Brent Huddleston.

HJHS Team II included Mike Escobedo, Mary Beth Puri, Angie Garrett, Justin Cegnar, Andy Ankeny, Mary Harris and Meike Van Vliet.

### 2 Marsing bank employees in TV commercials

Linda Noyce and Sharon Weeman, employees of Idaho First National Bank’s Marsing branch, have been chosen to make television commercials.

Sharon was chosen because of community volunteer service as a soloist for numerous events in the area. She will be singing vocal selections at this Thursday’s nutrition dinner at the Marsing Senior Center at which time her television commercial will be filmed.

Linda was chosen as an EMT member of the Marsing ambulance crew. Her commercial will be filmed at another location.

### Strong Trojan team expected despite loss of Hinojos

While weather hasn’t let Dan Tristan see his baseball players out on the field, he feels this is the year of the Trojans.

“With our two veteran pitchers back, who know what it takes to win, I feel we can get around our nemesis, Wilder,” the Homedale baseball coach told The Owyhee Avalanche this week.

He was quick to point out that they will definitely miss Ron Hinojos, their ace pitcher who is still hospitalized after being felled by a sinus infection.

“We’ve been inside all week, and with the weather like it is today, we may play our first game against Middleton without having played on a baseball field,” Tristan said.

## 50 years ago

March 5, 1964

### Parma eliminates Trojans in Class A-3 tournament

Parma staved off repeated rallies by Homedale in the final quarter and Rich Johnson came through with a pair of key fielders to eliminate the Trojans from the Class A-3 tourney at Caldwell last Wednesday night.

Neither club mustered an offensive until late in the second quarter and the Trojans, with Brian Johnstone hitting a pair of free tosses and Tony Maher adding a fielder, went to the intermission with a 22-18 lead.

Parma whittled away in the third period and with 2:10 remaining Steve Mendoza’s fielder gave them a 31-29 lead and they never relinquished. Four times in the late minutes of the fourth period Homedale closed the gap to two points but couldn’t get the tying two points.

Lonnie C. Roberts topped the Panthers with 12 points and Cliff Gould added 11 to go with Johnson’s 10. Bill Cegnar hit 11 to lead Homedale and Johnstone and Maher chipped in with 10 a piece.

### Improvements planned at farm labor camp

Members of the Homedale Labor Association met Monday night at a special meeting called by the board of directors. Plans were presented for improvements in sanitation facilities to be made this spring and for financing.

Improvements are being made to comply with the latest requirements of the Idaho Department of Public Health, and will consist of water, toilet and sewage system changes.

“The future of the labor picture in this area is open to much speculation at this time. Labor as furnished by the Homedale Labor Association is a much needed factor in this farming community, and full cooperation by all who are or may be involved is needed,” declared Mac Parkins, labor association president.

### Local graduate named principal at Moscow High

Stowell P. Johnstone, son of Mrs. Emma Johnstone, Marsing, has been named principal of Moscow High School.

He was born in Owyhee County and was graduated from Homedale High School in 1949. He received a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Idaho in 1953, and a master’s degree from Idaho in 1960. He is currently working toward a doctorate degree at Idaho.

Johnstone began teaching at Moscow High School when he was discharged from the U.S. Air Force in 1956. He was named acting principal of the junior high school in 1958 and then made principal the next year.

### Succor Creek Water District is approved

The Malheur County Court Monday approved establishment of a water control district in the Succor Creek area near Homedale.

A petition signed by 12 property owners in the district had been filed with the court. No objections were presented at the public hearing set Monday morning.

The district would involve some 94,000 acres, much of it BLM grazing land. It would permit ranchers in the district to assess themselves for construction of dikes, dams and reservoirs on the creek for flood control and supplemental irrigation water.

### Homedale locals

Members of the Homedale Seventh-day Adventist Church renewed their annual pledge of abstinence from alcohol and tobacco last Saturday. Elder S. W. Palmer of Caldwell was the guest speaker. He cited scientific evidence which showed the poisonous effects of tobacco in the human body.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Townsend were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Townsend of Payette.

Anne Smith, who attends the Lady Catherine beauty school in Boise, spent Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith.

## 140 years ago

March 7, 1874

OUR TIMBER LANDS. The taking of testimony in the case of the land claim sought to be entered by Mr. Wm. B. Knott, on the west side of Florida Mountain, is not yet concluded. We understand that the only point to be decided is whether the land in question is mineral land or not. The testimony taken here is to be sent on to the Commissioner of the Land Office at Washington City, and the question will be decided by him. The case assumes more importance from the fact that the area of timber available for mining and milling uses in this camp is growing less every year, and because we are informed that the United States authorities propose to enforce the laws against robbers and salvaging the timber from the surveyed lands of the United States in this Territory. We are credibly informed that the United States District-Attorney has received recent instructions to prosecute all parties engaged in the business. If such be the case, and the land has been surveyed, it makes no difference whether the land has been returned as mineral land or not, the possessory claims held under the laws of the Territory will be no protection to parties. The paramount title is in the Government, and our Organic Act prohibits the Legislature from passing laws interfering with the primary disposal of the soil. While we may regret that the old custom is not allowed to prevail by which parties are permitted to locate these possessory rights, and thus supply the timber for our necessary uses, we still feel bound to call attention to the threatened change, and warn parties to govern themselves accordingly. We suppose there is no intention to enforce the law against miners or others taking timber from the public lands for their own uses, but that it is intended to enforce it against those taking the timber for speculative purposes. On the whole, perhaps the alternative of allowing portions of those lands to be entered under the preemption laws of the Untied States, will be better for the interests of this community than that they should be virtually tied up by enforcing the enactments against taking timber from the public lands.

THE WHISKY WAR. The way that the female missionaries of temperance are suppressing the gin-mills of Indiana, Ohio and other Western States, is a caution and ought to be a warning to sinners. The ladies repair in a solemn body to the devoted whisky shop, and, heedless of who or what the occupants may be, heedless of possible disgust and probably thirst, commence praying and psalm-singing with all the tenor of modern apostles. The crusade against King Alcohol is spreading with alarming rapidity, having extended across the continent to Salt Lake, and is even now producing the almost consternation among whisky sellers of San Francisco. Owing to our isolated condition, it was hoped that Silver City would escape the contagion, but, from the numerous secret countenances of the ladies of late, it would seem that this town is soon to be converted, and all the bibulous inhabitants thereof made teetotalers. Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we may die. We will say, however, to our ladies, that we candidly do not think it will work in Silver City – this praying whisky to death. We have occasionally entered a saloon – of course to prepare the way, a la John Baptist, for your igneous coiling and we don’t see your mission valued, and your personal attractions speculated on, and your high office insulted by determinations to ask you to drink. But, we wish you success, even while we doubt it. Much as the gallant Silverites love the ladies, God bless ‘em! They love their bitters at least sufficiently well to try to reconcile the two and enjoy them together.

OUR MINING STOCKS. The latest received intelligence from the San Francisco Stock and Exchange Board quotes Golden Chariot, selling at 21; Ida Ellmore, 2¾; South Chariot, 27; War Eagle, 4; Empire, 8; Red Jacket, 3½; Mahogany, 3¼.

South Chariot has steadily advanced from 10 cents – the price in March last – to \$26 per share. Golden Chariot, which sold at \$1 per share in March last, now ranges in the vicinity of \$23 per share.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
Record snowfalls

*“We can expect to see extreme cold with increasing frequency as global warming continues.”*  
The President’s science and technology advisor  
Jan. 11, 2014

I cringe at how ludicrous global warming climatologists must feel these past two winters. Nature is pooping in their nest. Did he mean “extreme heat” instead of cold? Can they have it both ways? However, they shouldn’t be making excuses. They should be elated that winter seems to be coming back with a vengeance. But what if it continues? It puts them in the position of hoping for bad news. It’s called *schadenfreude*.

I make the distinction between accredited climatologists and the teleclimatite believers who worship at the feet of Al Gore. The same people who continue to think that cows flatulate methane and fossil fuels should be banned as a source of energy. They have the credibility of a left-handed duck doing surgery on your prostate.

To the credit of the science of climatology, it has come a long way in predicting weather patterns. It is common of climatologists to predict the weather one to two weeks in advance with some accuracy. But the further into the future their predictions, the less accurate they become. It is at that point they start trusting “computer models,” until it becomes a guessing game. Their predictions lose their statistical significance.

How far ahead did they predict Hurricane Sandy? Frozen Atlanta? New York’s power outage? Iced-over Dallas? A week? Two weeks? At 30 days, you might as well have been looking at the Farmer’s Almanac.

As a medical person, I can empathize with their position. Vets and doctors are forced to give a prognosis on the future of illnesses, surgeries or procedures. We apply our expertise, experience, history and judgment, as in “a 50 percent chance of pulling through.” Sometimes we are right and sometimes we are wrong.

I have great respect for the weathermen. They do a great service to us all. They continue to expand their abilities. They give us the facts when possible, but they have the responsibility to remind us that their predictions are simply that; educated guesses whose validity declines daily, monthly and yearly over time. The past two winters have demonstrated that.

The problem arises when CEOs, talk show hosts, self-appointed environmentalists, activists and carbon credit panhandlers tempt real scientists into their shell game. Winters like this damage the good guy’s global warming credibility.

And probably the best or worst example of the tainting of their reputation is the desperate, blatant grasp of changing the name of the threat from GLOBAL WARMING to the transparent, meaningless, shameless CLIMATE CHANGE.

I guess when money comes in, science goes out.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee  
Don’t shine on idea to shine up town



With spring approaching, thoughts always turn to rejuvenation and revitalization. The City of Homedale seems to be on a path that is different than previous springs.

The City Council discussed in depth ideas to clean up the town. Of course, there was an objective — make Homedale look presentable for visitors when events such as the fourth Angel Walk (May 10) or Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller’s brainchild Cops and Rodders car show (Sept. 13) is presented.

Maybe because of Eidemiller’s pitch about the summer community event (it really is envisioned as more than a car and motorcycle show), the chatter about a city cleanup had more of a long-term feel to it this time around.

The chief was correct that such an endeavor, which could include streets, Riverside Park and, ultimately, private properties, is going to take a massive amount of volunteerism, civic pride and civic involvement to pull off.

Civic pride is something that seems to ebb and flow in any small town, but Homedale always has shown glimpses of that elusive quality. It usually manifests itself in the attendance in a crab feed or the turnout for Angel Walk each year. Ironically, if there is a cause that needs assistance – usually financial – people turn out in droves with their wallets open.

Will that translate to a cause when the only thing that is required is a little manual labor and time on a Saturday?

The proof is in the pudding, of course, but city officials seem to agree that more than one cleanup day is in order to get the town sparkling again.

This was one of the biggest planks in Gheen Christoffersen’s mayoral candidacy platform, even if the implication was more of a cleaning up of drug use in town than a literal cleanup.

It all works, though.

Eidemiller’s idea is to start the cleanup effort on April 26 with an eye toward the Angel Walk fun run and walk and classic car show. That endeavor would include the same Riverside Park location where Eidemiller wants to place the Cops and Rodders show because Riverside Drive is part of the Angel Walk’s 5-kilometer route.

There could be three weekends for cleanup in April, May and then a future date. Eidemiller suggested a “Paint the Town” type of community service day in which volunteers fanned out to tidy up the yards of those citizens who truly cannot do the work on their own because of physical limitations.

“If we give them more opportunities, we’ll get more done,” Councilperson Kim Murray reasoned.

Of course, that doesn’t mean that citizens can’t do their part throughout the year to keep the town in shape. You don’t need an excuse to show off civic pride.

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Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter

From the Statehouse  
Restoring focus on our legislative priorities



The 2014 session of the Idaho Legislature is more than halfway complete. The critical issues have been clearly defined and healthy discussions are progressing.

For me, and I believe for most legislators, the most important issues are education, workforce development, economic opportunity, and responsibly fulfilling the other proper roles of government within the people’s means. The work of addressing those issues can be bruising, but it is all the more necessary for its difficulty.

I appreciate the value of our public process and the importance of free and open debate. I also understand the passion behind other, equally legitimate policy issues. But as important as those issues are, they must not push aside our central priorities.

Our focus must remain on advancing practical, measured and sustainable investment in the recommendations of my public schools task force, advancing K-through-Career goals for workforce development, professional-technical training and higher education, and ensuring that Idaho remains a safe harbor of fiscal responsibility in a sea of government deficits and debt.

Other issues do indeed reflect pressing public concerns. Yet I know that our legislators and the people they represent remain focused forward on how we can make Idaho an even better place to live, work and raise a family, how we can better prepare our children and grandchildren for an increasingly competitive global economy, and how we can better serve Idaho taxpayers.

It is encouraging to see significant progress being made on establishing regional behavioral health crisis centers, on improving our management of precious water resources, and on addressing the revolving door to our prisons with more community-based resources and more effective probation and parole tools.

Likewise, it is apparent to me that legislators understand and share my commitment to being responsible stewards of our public resources. They are rightly demanding transparency and accountability from our state government, and they are effectively breaking down artificial barriers between such central issues as public assistance, mental health and public safety.

I believe that truly transformative change — change in the hearts and minds not only of those engaged in the arena of public policy but also those affected by it — comes with time, understanding, and sustained effort. It is a marathon, not a dash, and it requires of us an extra measure of patience and goodwill.

What I saw in the first month and a half of this year’s Idaho Legislature was a process that works — certainly not as quickly or completely as some would like, but in a way that seeks to safeguard our future while respecting our past and who we are now.

We probably won’t see the words added, Medicaid expanded or the minimum wage increased in 2014. But the fact that we’re having those discussions, debates and demonstrations says a lot about the health and vitality of our republic. The kind of grassroots involvement and deep-seated feelings about such public policy issues that we see each winter bears witness to the value of our process.

It is my sincere hope that for the balance of this year’s legislative session we will find the political will to act with purpose on our shared priorities while finding within ourselves the peace that comes with confidence that — despite the high-profile debates and occasionally disappointing immediate outcomes — our process and our people are keeping us on the right path.

— C. L. “Butch” Otter is in his second term as Idaho’s 32<sup>nd</sup> governor and is running for re-election in 2014. He served six years in the U.S. House of Representatives immediately preceding his gubernatorial election and also held the office of lieutenant governor for 14 years.



Commentary

Financial management  
Give children freedom to make mistakes that can teach

Dear Dave,  
My 6-year old son has saved up \$400. He said he wants to buy a motorcycle with it someday, but he recently changed his mind and wants to buy a computer tablet. Is it OK for him to change his mind like this, and how should I handle things?  
— Christina

Dear Christina,  
I'm not really concerned whether it's a motorcycle or a tablet, especially if he's saved his own money. I think the big thing we're looking for in all this is a teachable moment.  
Certainly regret is a concern, especially with a kid so young. But the reality is that neither the decision nor the possible regret afterward will ruin his life. If you talk to him and try to advise him beforehand, and he gets upset later because he feels like he made the wrong choice, it gives you the opportunity to step in and gently

say, "I'm sorry you think you made a bad choice, but that's why I wanted you to really think about it first. You had a chance to listen to Mom's wisdom and didn't. I'm sorry you feel sad now, but I want you to remember it and learn something from this bad decision." It's a process of controlled pain and natural consequences.  
One of my daughters did something similar years ago when we went to an amusement park. All the kids had a set amount of money for the day, and we warned them not to spend it too soon. She turned around and blew all her money on carnival games, then she spent the rest of the day whining while her brother and sister rode the rides and had lots of fun. We didn't give her any more money, but a controlled amount of pain taught her some valuable lessons that day. She learned to listen to her mom and dad, she learned that carnival games are a rip-off, and she learned to control herself a



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little bit and think things through.  
Allowing kids the emotional dignity of making some decisions for themselves is vitally important. You just have to make sure this liberty is supervised and comes with parental warnings and protections. Just because they saved the money doesn't mean they can do whatever they want.

It still has to be used in a way that you, as a parent, are comfortable with and deem appropriate.  
There will be some natural tension in the process, but it's a great way to teach kids about money, decision-making, maturity and life choices!  
— Dave  
Dear Dave,  
I know you hate payday loan companies. Do you feel the same way about check-cashing companies?  
— Brian

Dear Brian,  
Check-cashing companies are not a good deal, but they're nowhere near as bad as payday lenders. All check-cashing businesses do is charge a fee to cash a check.  
Honestly, it's kind of silly to me that places like this can make money when all you have to do is walk into a bank and open an

account. But there's a percentage of our population that people in financial circles call "unbanked." This means they avoid banks for whatever reason, but in the process they leave themselves susceptible to bad deals like this.  
So I don't feel the same way about check-cashing companies as I do about payday lenders. It's still not a financially smart move to pay a storefront operation a fee just to cash a check, but these businesses aren't nearly as abusive as payday lenders.  
— 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.

✓ Shine: This is chance for everyone to pitch in

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Previously, every two years, Homedale High School organized a community service day called Trojan Day. Students fanned out into the community and did work in various areas. These efforts usually centered on public spaces, but it would be nice to see the current administration perhaps pick up the torch and organize something for this year to help drive the cleanup idea.  
With a little effort, Homedale could begin attracting people (read: commerce) into town with these events. It's not just about having fun and enjoying the company of others. Events such as this can go a long way toward revitalizing and, really, re-establishing the town in the consciousness of other Treasure Valley residents.  
"The potential is unlimited," Eidemiller said. "The only thing that can limit us is the number of people involved."  
Sounds pretty simple. Maybe it's time to get behind an idea that could showcase the town and have a lasting effect.


Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington  
Idaho well-represented in Winter Olympics again



Americans and people around the world have gathered by their televisions to cheer on athletes in the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. Thanks to talented Idahoans competing this year we have had the opportunity to applaud local Olympians. Idahoans earned two gold medals and one silver medal. They contributed three of the U.S. team's 28 total medals.  
Idaho has been well-represented on the U.S. Olympic team:  
• Nick Cunningham, a graduate of Boise State University where he captained the track team, is a sergeant in the New York National Guard. At Sochi, Nick earned 12<sup>th</sup> place in the two-man bobsled and 12<sup>th</sup> in the four-man bobsled competitions. Nick placed 12<sup>th</sup> in two-man bobsledding at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and helped earn two gold medals on the America's Cup tour and a silver and bronze medal at the 2009 national championships.  
• Kaitlyn Farrington, who earned a gold medal competing for the first time as an Olympic snowboarder in the halfpipe competition at Sochi, was raised on a ranch in Bellevue. Kaitlyn took fourth place at the 2013 world championships, fifth place at the 2013 World Cup Sochi and was a bronze medalist at the 2013 World Cup Park City.  
• Erik Fisher of Middleton went to Sochi as part of the U.S. Olympic team. Erik, an alpine skier, was born in Boise and learned to ski at Bogus Basin. Erik was on the U.S. Olympic team for the 2010 Winter Games, was on the 2009 world championships team and earned a 2011 Europa Cup downhill victory in Samtal, Italy and 2006 NorAm super G championships.  
• Simi Hamilton, a Sun Valley skier, competed in cross country skiing in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games where he placed sixth in the men's team sprint classic and 11<sup>th</sup> in the men's 4x10K relay. Simi also competed in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games where he placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the men's 4x10K relay, 29<sup>th</sup> in the men's sprint and 64<sup>th</sup> in the men's 15K.

• Nate Holland, who grew up in Sandpoint and has a water sports business on Lake Pend Oreille, placed 25<sup>th</sup> in men's snowboardcross in Sochi. He placed fourth in men's snowboardcross in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and 14<sup>th</sup> in men's snowboardcross in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.  
• Jessika Jenson of Rigby competed in the first Olympic snowboard slopestyle competition in Sochi where she finished 13<sup>th</sup>. Jessika's snowboarding accomplishments include placing fourth in the 2012 Sprint U.S. Grand Prix.  
• Hilary Knight of Sun Valley competed once again in women's hockey in the 2014 Winter Olympics where the team earned a silver medal. She also earned a silver medal as part of the U.S. women's hockey team in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Hilary scored five goals in achieving the silver medal at the 2012 world championships and earning the gold medal at the 2011 world championships.  
Sage Kotsenburg, a Coeur d'Alene native, took home the first-ever gold medal in the new men's slopestyle event and the first U.S. gold medal in the 2014 Winter Olympics.  
Sara Studebaker from Boise competed in her second Olympics in biathlon competitions at Sochi where she helped earn a seventh place finish in the Women's 4x6k Relay Biathlon. She placed 34<sup>th</sup> in the Individual race in the 2010 Winter Olympics.  
Olympic athletes' significant commitment to excellence is commendable. Their determination and commitment to training and preparation are inspiring. Olympians inspire us to push beyond the limits of what we may think is possible. Congratulations to Idaho and American Olympians on their extraordinary efforts during these Olympics and their many achievements.  
— 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.



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## 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](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://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 T.S. No. 009433-ID Parcel No. RPB05410030020A

On 6/27/2014, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as 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: LOT 2, BLOCK 3 MORNING DOVE ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED NOVEMBER 13, 2006 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 258785, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 524 MORNING DOVE WAY, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, 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 DOMINGO M ENRICO JR AND MELISSA ENRICO, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor, to BRAD L. WILLIAMS, C/O UPF INC., A WASHINGTON CORP. as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOME FEDERAL BANK as Beneficiary, dated 2/15/2007, recorded 2/20/2007, as Instrument No. 259875, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 5/1/2013 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law.

## 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.  
All polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities.  
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### SAMPLE BALLOT

**TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365, ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY**

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)**. The full amount of 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 year(s) beginning **July 1, 2014**, and ending **June 30, 2016**.

Are you in favor of the Supplemental Levy in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00)** for both of the **next two (2) fiscal years**:

**IN FAVOR** of authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$600,000.00 per year for two years ..... ☐

**AGAINST** authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$600,000.00 per year for two years..... ☐

The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$144,517.66, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee,s fees and/or reasonable attorney,s fees as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee,s fees, attorney fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust described herein as provided under the Note, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law.  
ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP  
DATED: 2/18/14  
3/5,12,19,26/14

**NOTICE OF INITIATION OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
AT & T proposes the construction of a 129’ monopole style telecommunications tower within a proposed 50’ x 50’ fenced lease area at 6042 Canal Street, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho. The proposed project will utilize existing gravel access off Canal Street. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects of the proposed projects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Rebekah Fuller, RESCOM Environmental Corp., 3481 Shanley Road, Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 231.459.8632.  
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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.

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

DATED: 1/10/2014.  
Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services  
Trustee 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

**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  
All polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities.  
2/26,3/5/14

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**CASTLEFORD JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417**  
**TWIN FALLS AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO**  
**MARCH 11, 2014**

**INSTURCTIONS:** To vote in favor of the Supplemental Levy, place an “X” in the square at the right of the words “IN FAVOR OF” To vote against the supplemental Levy, place an “X” in the square to the right of the word “AGAINST”. If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.

**CASTLEFORD JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417**  
**TWIN FALLS AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO**  
**TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY**

Shall the Board of Trustees of Castleford Joint School District No. 417 be authorized to levy a Supplemental Levy in the amount of \$400,00.00 per year for a period of two years commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Castleford Joint School District No. 417 adopted on January 15, 2014.

**IN FAVOR** of authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$400,00.00 per year for two years..... ☐

**AGAINST** authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$400,00.00 per year for two years..... ☐

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](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7021.17976) 1002.263736-File No.  
2/12,19,26,3/5/14

**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 57-11840**  
ROHL HIPWELL, 18125 OREANA LOOP RD, OREANA, ID 83650  
Points of Diversion NENE NWNE S25 T04S R01W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER  
Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.5 CFS  
Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.05 CFS  
Total Diversion: 0.59 CFS  
Date Filed: 8/13/2013  
Place of Use: IRRIGATION T04S R01W S25 NWNE NENW  
Place of Use: STOCKWATER T04S R01W S25 NENE NWNE SENE NENW  
Place of Use: DOMESTIC T04S R01W S25 NWNE  
Total Acres: 25  
Stockwater use is for 200 head range cattle.  
Domestic use is for 1 home and irrigation of up to 0.5 acre.  
Water bearing zone to be appropriated is from 100 to 300 feet.  
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application 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 3/24/2014. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.  
GARY SPACKMAN,  
Director  
3/5,12/14

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## 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](http://www.justlawidaho.com) or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.  
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