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Public forum set for Homedale schools' four-day study

Superintendent will outline findings Thursday at HHS

Community members will get a chance to learn about the Homedale School District's research into a four-day school week at a forum

The forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Homedale High School, 203

E. Idaho Ave.

District superintendent Rob Sauer will share a Powerpoint presentation about the findings of the district's four-day week committee during its months of analyzing the option.

Sauer also will attempt to answer questions from the audience regarding the four-day school week option.

Staff and parental surveys conducted in

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Epic end to historic season





Buhl's late surge sinks Trojans' dream

Above: A few Homedale High School boys' basketball players try to muster smiles while accepting the 3A state runner-up trophy Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. Left: Josh Tolmie, left, and Garrett Carter watch the final seconds of Saturday's 59-56 loss to Buhl in the state championship game.

to Buni in the state championship game.

Complete coverage in Sports, B section

"We are really hoping for some miracle storms."
— Ron Kiester, SBOC manager

Still no good water news for ag producers

Water users hear stark statistics at SBOC meeting

Nearly 75 people attended the annual South Board of Control water users meeting last Wednesday hoping for an update on the water situation, but the news hasn't changed much. The meeting took place at the Homedale Senior Center.

Owyhee Reservoir storage is currently at just over 132,000 acre-feet, or at 19 percent of its two year capacity. The reservoir inflow is at 21 percent of normal, based on averages over the past 30 years, and the SNOTEL data shows snowpack is 43 percent of normal for this time of year. The year-to-date precipitation is only 9 inches, which is 64 percent of the normal amount. Based on the data provided by the Bureau of Reclamation, the Owyhee basin would need 140 percent more water to reach the 30-year average amount, which is about 14 inches.

"We are really hoping for some

— See Water, page 5A

Most incumbents throw hat in primary ring early

Although every Owyhee County incumbent elected official declared they would run for re-election, not all of them had filed nomination papers as of the end of business last week.

The deadline to file to appear on the May 20 primary ballot is this Friday.

Two officials who took over mid-term

Precinct committee elections scheduled May 20 for both parties, too

from their predecessors have filed to seek four-year terms.

Angie Barkell will run for county clerk after replacing Charlotte Sherburn, and

Aaron Tines will seek a full term as coroner after succeeding Harvey Grimme.

County incumbents who have submitted paperwork include Assessor Brett Endicott

and Treasurer Brenda Richards also have submitted paperwork.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, who is up for a two-year term, and District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland hadn't filed their candidate forms yet. Both announced their intentions to run for re-election

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Homedale Sr. Center struggles to make ends meet

Monthly fundraiser breakfast returns Saturday

The warmer weather couldn't come any faster for the Homedale Senior Center.

Now that winter is subsiding, the center's volunteers and staff are preparing to bring back a oncea-month fundraiser breakfast.

The first breakfast for 2014 takes place from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The cost is \$6, and proceeds will be used to help the senior center make ends meet.

The breakfasts will continue through the summer on the third Saturday of each month.

The senior center uses the breakfast proceeds to supplement its monthly revenue from the congregate meals and government

funding.

Coordinator Shirley McAbee said Wednesday that the senior center's funding can barely keep up with expenses. The center spends \$3,164 on monthly payroll and the electricity bill has averaged about \$600 a month recently.

The center pays the power bill out of its nutrition budget. The February profit-loss statement shows that the facility was in a deficit of nearly \$800 in its nutrition budget.

The grocery bill for the congregate meals and the Meals on Wheels for February was \$1,974.50, while donations for those meals came to \$1,211.75. Congregate lunches are served at

noon on Tuesday and Thursday and 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday. The center is closed on Monday and Friday.

"If it wasn't for the fundraiser, this place would dry up and blow down the road," senior center staffer Bob Hartnoll said.

Hartnoll said that the senior center could become more energy efficient with a walk-in freezer. Currently, the center stores food in an array of nine chest freezers, which are scattered throughout the building and aren't very efficient.

The building's plumbing system also is in need of an upgrade, he said.

McAbee said that The Home Depot is planning to paint the interior of the dining hall. A group of volunteers from the home improvement chain's local stores helped paint the exterior and do other repairs inside the building a couple years ago.

Even though the nutrition program is a struggle each month, McAbee says there is still a need in the community for the Meals on Wheels service.

In fact, she believes the in-home meal delivery is under utilized by the needy in the community.

There are only a few Meals on Wheels clients in the area covered by the Homedale Senior Center. McAbee said there are only three people being help in Homedale and another six in Wilder. The center's delivery area is bordered by Red Top Road in Canyon County on the north, Allendale Road in Canyon County in the east, the Oregon line in the west, and deliveries have been made as far south as Graveyard Point Road.

There are eligibility

requirements for Meals on Wheels.

Recipients must be 60 years of age or older, unable to drive and homebound. Anyone meeting that criteria who also receives assistance from a caregiver is eligible.

McAbee and Hartnoll both believe that there are more eligible folks in Homedale than the Meals on Wheels program is helping at the moment.

"There are people in this town eating dog and cat food, but they're too proud to say anything," Hartnoll said.

McAbee wants to get the word out about the Meals on Wheels program. She encourages anyone who knows of an eligible elderly person who isn't receiving the service to call her at the senior center, 337-4228.

— JPB

Man injured when he drives ATV into wife's trailer

A 73-year-old man received head and rib injuries Sunday when he drove an ATV into a trailer being pulled by his wife.

William Robert Wilkerson, a Nampa resident, was hurt around 2:30 p.m. at Jump Creek Road and Market Road.

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Classifieds!

According to Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant, Wilkerson collided with the back of a stock trailer that his wife, Imogene, was pulling with a 1998 Toyota

The couple lives in Nampa but has agricultural property in the Homedale-Marsing area, Grant said.

Although the cause of the crash was inattentive driving, the sheriff said no citations will be issued.

Couple safe after 6-hour walk near Silver City

A Meridian man and his

girlfriend were found safe after nearly six hours of walking toward Silver City on Sunday after their vehicle became stuck.

Joshua Newell's father, Burk, reported the pair missing at 7 a.m. Sunday after they hadn't reached the historic mining town. They all were staying at a nearby ranch.

Grant said Joshua Newell, 25, and his girlfriend were driving Cow Creek Road en route to Silver City when they got stuck. Cow Creek Road is closed this time of year, but Grant believes the signage was down. There will be no citations, he said.

Two dances left on senior center March calendar

The Homedale Senior Center is more than a place to eat. It's a place to be social and also get in some activity.

The March calendar of events for the center, located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., is under way, but there is still plenty to do.

Senior exercise programs are held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

The first of two blood pressure clinics will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday. A second clinic will be held at the same time on Thursday, March 27.

The monthly foot clinic takes place on Tuesday. Appointments

start at 8 a.m., and cost \$12 each. Call the center at 337-3020 to book a time.

There are two Saturday night dances left in March. The events feature live music, are open to the public and take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 22 and March 29.

Admission is \$5, and people are asked to bring finger food to share.

The senior center board of directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting takes place on April 8.



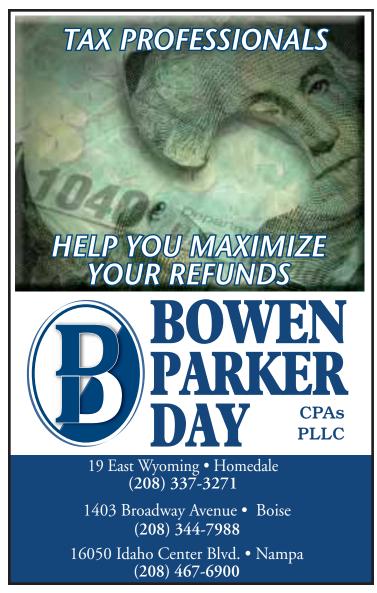
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The building at Island Park in Marsing has been partially demolished. Brickwork has been removed by the city, and the wooden portion will come down by the end of this week. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Marsing City Council to meet

Topics on agenda are proposed rooster ordinance and OCSO contract

The Marsing City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at City Hall, 425 Main St. for its regular monthly meeting.

First up on the agenda will be the initial reading of a proposed ordinance banning roosters from the city limits.

Ordinance A-186 was proposed by Mayor Keith Green at a December meeting. The ordinance may be an addition to the city's nuisance ordinance.

In old business, the council will hear:

- Reports on the grant application for improvements at Island Park
- An update on the Family Dollar Store
- An update on the proposed Idaho highway 78 sidewalk project

• An update on the East Bruneau Trunk Line Sewer Rehabilitation project

City attorney Cherese McLain will also give an update on the current status of the proposed \$15,000 law enforcement contract, which would give Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies the authority to enforce city codes.

Maintenance supervisor Ed Lowder will also report on the progress of demolition of the building at Island Park.

Homedale council to meet

Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson will make a report when the Homedale City Council meets at 6 tonight at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

GV water board gets new director tonight

Water & sewer association, city council meet

The Grand View City Council and Water and Sewer Association board will meet at 6 p.m. today at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

Danny Thompson will be sworn in as a new Water and Sewer Association director. The board meets every three months.

In new business, there will be a discussion on water testing at Bruneau-Grand View School District and the Desert View school. The testing is a routine procedure, according to Mayor Franklin Hart. The testing is done about every three months and the water is tested for arsenic, fluoride, e. Coli and nitrate levels. In the previous test a few months ago, the water tested OK, he said.

The water is tested routinely because of the US Ecology Idaho Inc., which is located at 20400 Lemley Road near Grand View, the mayor said. US Ecology Idaho is a disposal site for hazardous

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waste, non-hazardous industrial waste and low-level radioactive wastes. It is one of the few facilities in the nation that accepts PCBs and hazardous wastes.

Councilperson Marie Hipwell will make a public safety report, and Councilman Bill Mead will give a street and road report, which will include a report on the pedestrian bridge project.

The pedestrian bridge project is funded by the Grand View Chamber of Commerce. The bridge is part of the city's evacuation plan in case of a flood, Hart said. Bridge construction has already begun and it crosses the Grand View irrigation canal, next to the fire station on Idaho highway 67.

The council will also look at a grant application for an Arbor Day Proclamation. The city will celebrate Arbor Day on April 25. The event usually follows the donation of a tree and a city-wide gathering, which is put on by the Boy Scouts, Hart said.

City clerk Tammy Payne will report on a contract with Winn and Co. to chip seal the streets.

-KB

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Domestic battery charge reduced

A former Homedale resident originally charged with felony domestic battery has been sentenced on a lesser charge.

Gene Gordon King, whose place of residence is listed as Nampa on court records, must enter a treatment program and serve two years' probation after Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober

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sentenced him on an amended charge of misdemeanor assaultdomestic violence.

King was credited for a day served in Owyhee County Jail. He must pay \$350 in fees and fines.

Grober suspended the balance of a six-month jail sentence.

Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery dropped a misdemeanor charge of destroying

King was originally charged with felony domestic battery after his Dec. 12 arrest.

Open 7:30 am - 6 pm



George Decker, left, and Blake Titus, who are Masons with Homedale-based Silver City Lodge No. 13 work to secure one of the bicycles now displayed atop bookshelves inside the Homedale Elementary School library. Submitted photo

Masons bring Bikes for Books back to Homedale Elementary

Books reading contest is off and running at Homedale Elementary School.

George Decker and Blake Titus, members of the Silver City Lodge No. 13 of the Masons, put boys' and girls' bicycles on display at the school's library last week.

Children are encouraged to read

The second annual Bikes for as much as they can until May 15. The bikes will be given away at the school's year-end awards assemblies on May 22.

Children can earn tickets for the bike drawing by reading.

"For every 10 books they read and pass a test with 80 percent accuracy, they get a ticket," HES principal Terri Vasquez said.

A boy and girl from the first or second grade and a boy or girl from the third or fourth grade will win a bike.

Last year, first-grader Alondra Sosa won that division's girls' bike, and second-grader Ahmad Garcia took home the boys' bike. Fourth-graders Xiomara Gomez and Thomas Symms won the bikes for the older division.

During the inaugural program, The 360 first- through fourthgraders at HES read 5,460 books between March and the middle of May, an average of about 15 books per child.





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√ Water: Projection remains at a one acre-foot allotment

miracle storms," SBOC manager Ron Kiester told the Avalanche. "I was hoping this last rainstorm would change things, but we didn't pick up hardly anything."

There is no change in the information Kiester sent out to growers two weeks ago when he said they are looking at a one-acre-foot allotment of water, which is 25 inches per acre.

The average amount of water that growers need is about fouracre-feet annually, so the current water resources give growers only about one-fourth the needed amount of water to grow crops.

In recent years, because of conservation efforts, growers have been averaging about 3.75 acre-feet, Kiester said. "At least they know something. They know they've got one-acre foot," Kiester said. The last time the water situation dropped this low was back in 1992, when it was 1.5 acre-feet, he said.

Brian Sauer from the Bureau of Reclamation provided information to the group with comparison charts of precipitation averages. Sauer said the numbers are based on information obtained on Feb. 24, but new precipitation in the next few months could change the percentages.

Also at the meeting, the group heard from Loren West of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Idaho, Lora Ulrich of the Farm Service Agency, and Kal Shank of Farm Credit Services.

West said the deadline to get enrolled in the Federal Crop Insurance program is Saturday. The cost to growers depends on several factors, including four-year averages and which options they choose, he said. He encouraged growers to contact his office at 337-4041 for more information.

Ulrich encouraged growers to check into crop insurance or look at getting loans to cover operating costs. She said the FSA's Owyhee office has relocated to Caldwell. Call 454-8695 for more info.

Shank also invited growers to check into the options for crop insurance. "I always encourage growers to plant what they can," he said. Call 455-5500 for more info.

Tate Walters of the Natural Resources Conservation Service talked briefly to the group. He advised growers to learn about developing cost share programs in irrigation practices and learn about the conservation stewardship program. Several individuals or agencies can partner for the Regional Conservationist Partnership program he said. Call 896-4544 for more info.

The meeting also included an update on service and repairs made at the Gem Pumping Plant in Marsing.

—KB

Feds declare drought disaster in Owyhee, Malheur counties

Agricultural producers in Owyhee and Malheur counties are eligible for federal assistance after federal authorities declared the region a primary natural disaster area.

The designation came last Wednesday and was made in the two counties and surrounding Canyon, Elmore, Twin Falls and Ada counties because of recent drought conditions.

With the designation, farmers and ranchers in those counties qualify for natural disaster assistance.

Assistance includes low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) for producers who meet eligibility standards.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help

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eligible farmers recover from adversity.

Additional programs available to assist farmers and ranchers include the Emergency Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

√ Forum: School board's final decision upcoming

recent months reveal that there services manager Vicki Eby, high school teachers Mike Greeley and week in Homedale.

Services manager Vicki Eby, high school teachers Mike Greeley and Lori Idsinga, high school registrar

The board of trustees will convene a special meeting later this month so a final decision can be made on whether to switch to a four-day week for 2014-15 school year.

The four-day week committee consists of Sauer, high school principal Dion Flaming, school board members Stacy Woods and Shelley Shenk, district food services manager Vicki Eby, high school teachers Mike Greeley and Lori Idsinga, high school registrar Gloria Lejardi, elementary school teachers MaryJo Larzelier and Michelle Larzelier, middle school teacher Sally Gonser, elementary school paraprofessional Machele Randall, bus driver Tonya Garrison, elementary school food service staffer Shirley Martinat, and community members Rutilio Bautista, Oscar Evans and Heidi Nash.

HORSE TALES

FREEDOM: The right to do what is right to do! So it was with freedom in the land of the buckaroo. One day a rider came with the news of great alarm! A tax infected critter, "Obamacare", is out of the barn! Alarmed, the people looked to "Butch", a trusted range boss; "This critter is history", "send me Bert and an extra hoss!" "Butch" and Bert, on "freedom" and "choice", rode of in a cloud of dust! Their cries, "We'll get rid of the "Obamacare" or bust." The dust clears, and they are on "mandate" and "eruption", explaining, "Obamacare" is being exchanged! Corruption? They swapped good horses for broken down broomtails. Whispers; Whispers; Allegations of money by e-mails. Buckaroo land, generous of doubt; "Poor judgment or stupidity many still insist;" "Exchanging" is an act of cupidity! We have good horses, "courage" and "fortitude" for riders of trust! The tax infected "Obamacare" is still with us! Surely, Buckaroos can be found, willing to risk political rails? Volunteers, boys? Perhaps it is just a story of 2 horse tails?

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Obituaries

Lucile Isabelle Jorgenson Egurrola

Lucile Isabelle Jorgenson Egurrola was born in Berlin, WI on July 7, 1922 to George and Raphaella Jorgenson. She moved with her family to Idaho in the late 1930s. She was one of nine children

She married Barney J. Egurrola Jr. April 11, 1943. To this union was born a son, Fredrick J. Egurrola. They moved to Homedale from Boise in 1959 where they farmed until their retirement.

Lucile resided at Canyon West Rehab Center in Caldwell, ID for the last four years where she got excellent care. She looked forward to her weekly games of bingo and watching the comings and goings, from her room, which was across from the main entrance.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and four sisters.



She is survived by one brother: Gary (Edith) Jorgenson; two sisters: LouAnn (Don) Lefor and Shirley Kelly; her son: Fred (Floydine) Egurrola;

grandchildren: Joe (Gloria) Egurrola, Jamey Egurrola, and Jessica (James) Ferdinand; seven great-grandchildren: Gage, Hailee, Alec and Kirsten Egurrola, Shelbi, Harlee and Colby Ferdinand.

A special thank you to West Valley Medical ICU and Canyon West Rehab Center for the great care and attention.

There will be a viewing Friday, March 14, 2014 at Homedale Flahiff Funeral Chapel from 5pm to 8pm. Private family graveside service Saturday, March 15, 2014. Memorial Service at Homedale Flahiff Funeral Chapel on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 1pm with dinner following at Homedale Txoko Ona Basque

Condolences for the family may be left at www.flahifffuneralchapel.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

March 12: Chicken burrito, corn, broccoli, banana

March 13: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, side salad, mixed fruit,

March 14: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, baby carrots, pineapple

March 17: Hamburger, French fries, baked beans, peaches

March 18: Pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, grape tomatoes, applesauce

March 19: Fish nuggets, green beans, side salad, fresh grapes, fruit snack

March 20-28: No school

Homedale Middle

March 12: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, side salad, apple

March 13: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed carrots, broccoli, mandarin oranges

March 14: Idaho haystack or fish nuggets, side salad, grape tomatoes,

March 17: BBQ chicken or pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, side salad, mixed fruit, bread/butter

March 18: Hot dog or hamburger, baked beans, cucumbers, pears March 19: Grilled cheese or rib-b-que, corn, grape tomatoes, orange

March 20: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cauliflower, mandarin oranges, cinnamon roll

Barbara Jean Schaefer Howell

Barbara Jean Schaefer Howell passed away at her home in Wilder. Idaho on March 7, 2014 at the age of 77. Services will be held at Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. So., Nampa, Idaho on Wednesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. with interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens of Caldwell. A viewing was held, Tuesday, March 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Funeral Chapel.

Barbara was born March 25, 1936 in Ashton, Idaho to Richard L. and Mary Emily Schaefer.

She married Dave Winters, January 22, 1954. They had two children, Sandi and Jeff. They were later divorced. She married Jim Frank, July 25, 1970. He pre-



ceded her in death. She married Hershel Howell March 21, 1998.

Barb totally enjoyed owning the Homedale Drive-in she loved the customers who became like

family. Barb's favorite pastimes were bowling, crocheting and especially her family. She was happiest when she was surrounded by

Barb is survived by her husband. Hershel Howell of Wilder: daughter, Sandi and Tom Green of Crowley, Oregon; son, Jeff and Celinda Winters of Meridian, Idaho; stepdaughters Linda and Jim Miklancic of Homedale, Liz and Don Belvior of Payette, H C and Chris Howell of Caldwell; and 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

To share a memory of Barb or to offer condolences to Barb's family please visit www. alsipfuneralchapel.com

Homedale High

March 12: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

March 13: Malibu or grilled chicken or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice

March 14: Pulled pork BBQ or toasted cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, salad bar, fruit choice

March 17: Pepperoni or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

March 18: Orange or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice, fortune cookie

March 19: Lasagna/French bread or rib-b-que sandwich, mixed vegetables, salad bar, fruit choice

March 20: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

March 12: Orange chicken & rice or ham/cheese w/chips, steamed carrots, salad bar (6-12)

March 13: Spaghetti or beef nuggets, Italian breadstick, green beans, salad bar (6-12)

March 17: Pizza, chili cheese fries & roll, tossed salad, salad bar

March 18: Cheesy noodle bake or fish sandwich, mixed vegetables, salad bar (6-12)

March 19: Spicy chicken & rice w/roll or burritos, steamed carrots, salad bar (6-12)

March 20: Rib-b-que or mac & cheese w/breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar (6-12)

Death notices

ALICE A. COOKSON, 79, of Homedale, died Tuesday, March 4, 2014, of natural causes at Owyhee Health and Rehab. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

GEORGE FREDERICK ZABEL, 89, a 1943 Marsing High School graduate, died Monday, March 3, 2014 at a Caldwell nursing home. A viewing was held Thursday, March 6, 2014 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel. Services took place on Friday, March 7, 2014 at the Caldwell Friends Church.

Bruneau-Grand View

March 12: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll/jelly, fruit

March 13: Enchilada w/salsa, Spanish rice, corn, fruit

March 14: BBQ pork/bun, sweet potato fries, celery sticks, fruit March 18: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli, fruit

March 19: Teriyaki chicken bowl, stir-fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit March 20: Nachos, chips & salsa, refried beans, fruit

March 21: Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, fruit, apple crisp

March 25-31: No school

Open House Celebration of the lives of Ralph & Betty Sevy



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Calendar

Today

Community Prayer Gathering

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

Story Time

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

Christian Life Club

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

Homedale 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

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

Southwest District Health well water testing

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Southwest District Health WIC office, 132 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 455-5400 or www.swdh.org

Property tax reduction assistance

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

Rimrock Food Pantry preparation

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

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

Homedale schools four-day week forum

7 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Friday

Story Time

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

Saturday

Senior center fundraiser breakfast

7 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$6, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

OCHS field trip planning meeting

11:30 a.m., Sandbar Restaurant, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 465-7313

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

Grand View Chamber of Commerce dinner

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., \$8 adults, \$5 ages 4-12, raffle scheduled, American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 834-2636

Homedale Youth Sports fundraiser

6 p.m., doors, 6:30 p.m., poker tournament, \$30 suggested donation, auction and raffle, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 867-0104 or (208) 880-4552

Adult game night

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

Sunday

Middle school youth group

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

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Tuesday

Foot clinic

8 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior center exercise class

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

Property tax reduction assistance

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

After-school Story Time

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

Wednesday

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Christian Life Club

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Story Time

10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, 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.

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon

Noon, free, RSVP by Monday, March 17, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2519 or (208) 845-2282

Thursday, March 20

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting

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

Senior center exercise class

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

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

HHS Class of 1964 reunion planning meeting 1 p.m., Moxie Java Bistro, 404 S. Hwy. 95, Homedale. (208) 514-5690

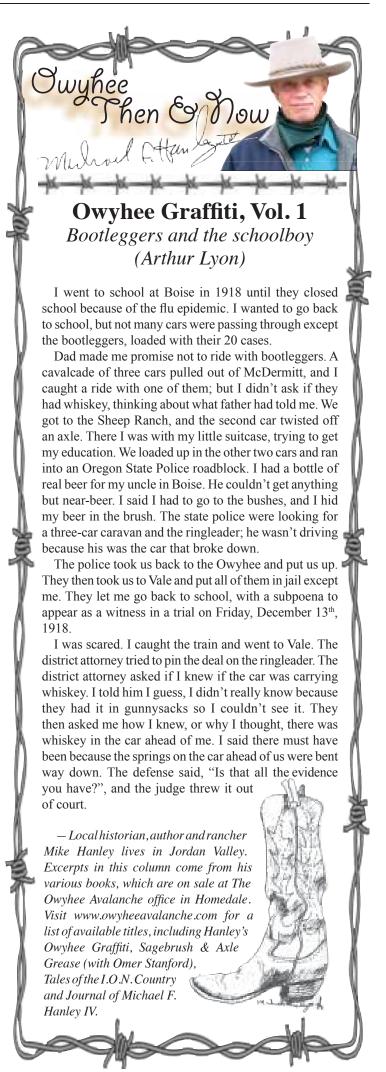
Friday, March 21

Story Time

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

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

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MHAFB biologist talks hummingbirds in Bruneau

A Mountain Home man will share his expertise on hummingbirds during a free talk in Bruneau next Wednesday.

As a licensed hummingbird bander, Carl Rudeen has up-close knowledge of the tiny birds.

The American Falls native will be the featured speaker during the Bruneau and Beyond program, which starts at noon next Wednesday at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St. A light luncheon precedes the talk.

Rudeen is the 366th Fighter Wing wildlife biologist at Mountain Home Air Force Base. He came to the base in 2005 and also serves as its natural resources manager.

There is no fee for the presentation and lunch, but anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP by Monday by calling the library at (208) 845-2519 or (208) 845-2282.

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Arku Dantza, Oinkari dancers.



Dancers in the Herribatza Dantzariak group perform at the Badiola Arena on Saturday.



Madalon Bieter, left, performs in the Matelota dance.



Dancing the Kontrapas are Damiana Shank, Megan Snow, Hannah Egusquiza and Ashley Pratt



Photos by Karen Bresnahan



From left, D'Orr Packer, John Lejardi, Kaden Henry and Jesse Packer lifting Joseph Egusquiza during the Txankarekoa dance. All are Homedale residents in Herribatza Dantzariak.



A group of boys performs kicks during the Txankarekoa dance.



Above: Sebastian Larzelier and Mia Badiola partner in the Iribas dance.

Right: Homedale resident Michael Lejardi, far right facing, dances with other members of the Boise Oinkari Basque Dancers.





Guardian of the laws on solid waste

Leroy Ryska, tipping station attendant at Homedale

Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan

Leroy Ryska is a no-holes-barred, tell-you-what-I-think type of guy. He is tough like a lawman, but tender hearted as a teddy bear when it comes to meeting people. If you live in Owyhee County, it is very likely you have met him, and if you have, it is just as likely that he remembers your name.

Ryska is the transfer station attendant in Homedale and he makes sure that people know what they can and cannot bring to the station. He is very good at his job.

"I have a hard time retiring," said the 80-year-old Ryska. I just can't do it."

About a year ago he had a problem with someone who did not want to obey the rules and threatened to dump unwanted materials. Ryska's response was, "Over my dead body." The person drove away after that.

He is the perfect man for the job in many ways. He has a variety of past experiences, has lived and worked in many places, dealt with all kinds of people, and has been a leader in every role. He's a person that makes a difference.

Leroy was born at the old Mercy Hospital in Nampa, but grew up in Kuna on farmland where his grandfather, Henry Ryska, homesteaded in the early 1900s. His grandfather was clearing out the sagebrush over in Kuna at about the same time the Austrian families were doing the same thing in Homedale. In fact, his grandfather was an immigrant from Bohemia, which was near the area the Slovenians came from. Henry Ryska also worked in the coal mines of Rock Springs, Wyo. before working for the railroad and coming out to Idaho.

Leroy grew up farming and ranching. As a teenager, he used to work in the fields all day in the hot sun, and then head to the rodeos on nights and weekends. "Back in those days, there was a rodeo in every town and we had a lot of fun," Leroy said.

He used to ride the broncs and bulls. Even after a horse bit him on his foot, he still got on its back and rode it. People used to call him "shorty," but that didn't bother him. He proved his worth time and again.

After his parents, Jerry and Vera Ryska, moved to Star, Leroy graduated from Eagle High School. He spent a couple of years at Boise Junior College in the pre-vet program, before joining the Army. He worked as a mess steward for eight years.

As a young man, Leroy helped run horse pack trips in the mountains of central Idaho. He enjoys being in the outdoors. Even at his age, he still goes hunting for deer and elk, and his favorite hunting area is near Oreana. paving crew to Alaska, but then family needs brought him back to Idaho, when his dad passed away. He worked for MK for about 15 years

Leroy then decided to further his education, so he went to Schnering College in Illinois, and studied animal husbandry and feed management. Then he took a job managing cattle at Triangle Dairy in Grand View for six years. After that, He managed Lake Lowell Feeders in Caldwell, followed by a position at Holstein Heffers.

Then in 1970, he bought a 160-acre ranch along the Snake

Sherrif Tim Nettleton and headed up a calvary group that packed horses into Nevada, searching for fugitive Claude Dallas. Leroy has also served many years as a judge on the county's election board.

In the next phase of his life, Leroy decided to work in the security industry. He worked for Burns International at Armour. Then he was chief of security for Envirosafe in Grand View for four years. Later he worked as site supervisor at the new Mercy Hospital in Nampa until he "retired" at the age of 70.

Leroy was just heading out the door for a fishing vacation to

porch on the front of it out of junk materials. He works four days a week and sits in the tiny trailer with a space heater, small table, two chairs, 10 inch TV and microwave.

He doesn't have a single complaint.

"This is just the right job for an old man," he says.

He loved ranching more than anything, but out of all the jobs he's had, he claims to be happiest at this one.

Leroy greets each person who pulls through the gate and takes the time to visit with them. He records the time, license plate, estimates the type of materials and inspects each vehicle. His record keeping is commendable according to the inspection reports. He spends a lot of time going over the rules with customers and making sure they are compliant with the law. Incredibly, he remembers the names of almost everyone he has ever met.

Leroy is up-to-date on what the laws are pertaining to hazardous waste, and he has good relations with personnel at Canyon County's Pickles Butte waste site outside Nampa. Last year more than 2,000 people made drops at the Homedale tipping station and 47 containers were shipped over to Pickles Butte. He keeps daily and monthly records, and reports to the county, the state Department of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency and Southwest District Health. He keeps the area clean swept, as if it was his own backyard.

A few instances of theft prompted him a few years ago to spend a few nights camped out in the trailer. He still does that once in a while, just to keep an eye on the place.

Most of all, Leroy enjoys visiting with people. "Everybody's got a different way of lookin' at life. There's a lot of nice people in this county," he said.

His goals in life are "to take care of my kids and my wife."

Leroy has a favorite saying, "If the good Lord is willing, and I don't weaken, then we'll make it."



Leroy sits on the steps of the trailer at the tipping station with his two dogs.

Leroy claims he has had a lot of "good breaks" in his life. After getting married in 1955, Leroy had a lucky break and took a job with Morrison-Knudson. He started out as a ditch-digger, and quickly moved up to the asphalt paving crew as a screed operator. He became supervisor of the crew and they traveled all over the country paving roads. He worked in various places in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming before another lucky break came.

MK sent him and his family to the island of Hawaii for a year to take charge of paving crews in that area. The next jump took his River in the Givens Hot Springs area. He had 300 head of Black Angus cattle, plus 164 Jerseys for milking, and a herd of sheep.

He and his wife Bonnie have been married 59 years and raised four children, Jim, Pam, Brenda and Tony. They have 18 grandchildren and 23 greatgrandchildren.

After his kids grew up, the ranching was too much work, so he and his wife sold the ranch and downsized.

Leroy then became a "special deputy" for the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office. It was a job that spanned 20 years. He worked for

Alaska, when he was called to the job at the Homedale transfer station. He is still waiting to take that fishing trip.

When he arrived at the station, located at the end of Johnstone road, it was "a complete mess," he said. There were appliances scattered everywhere and it "was a jungle of scrap iron" infested with rats. He asked for a six-yard front loader from the county commissioners and they brought one.

Leroy has spent 10 years cleaning up and taking care of the station. He works out of a small trailer that the county paid \$500 for. He built an add-on

Marsing American Legion members continue to serve

Boys State applications due April 1 at MHS

Last month's stew feed and auction was just the latest endeavor for American Legion Post 128 in Marsing.

The veterans group continues its work in building a locator building at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Visitors will be able to locate the graves of veterans as well as all other people who have been laid to rest at the cemetery.

The locator building work will resume in the spring. Donations for the construction project can be made to the Cemetery Fund at either US Bank branch in Marsing or Homedale.

The American Legion members continue to honor their fallen brethren by placing flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year.

The stew feed, which was held Feb. 21 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, also included a dessert auction put on by the Marsing American Legion Auxiliary. Proceeds from the auction help benefit service projects.

The Legion continued its community support earlier this year when it provided Marsing resident Bailey Bowman with lodging funds when she participated in a Phoenix marathon to raise money to fight multiple sclerosis.

The Legion's guard also posted the colors at the Husky Duals on Feb. 8 and for the Marsing High School boys' basketball team's 2A District III Tournament opener against McCall-Donnelly on Feb. 18.

The Legion also will send two MHS juniors to Boys State this year. Applications are available at the high school and are due April 1.

In 2013, Post 128 provided assistance to help Marsing High School football players PJ Even and Gage Ramirez attend football camp at Boise State University. The legionnaires also donated to MHS wrestler Noah Grossman's efforts to compete in state and national competitions.

Post 128 holds a "casual coffee" on the first Wednesday of each month. It's open to all military veterans — not just Legion members. The event starts at 9 a.m. and is held at the community center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Legion members also give back to the community center. Last year, they painted the building's interior and completed other upgrades to the kitchen and other areas.

The community center is also the site for spring and fall gun shows sponsored by the Legion.

Other community service projects included:

- Money and labor to provide for and move thousands of pounds of food donated from the state's American Legion posts to the Idaho State Veterans.
- Funds to the Marsing Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program.
- Gifts for children and giftwrapping and delivery for families as part of the Marsing Giving Tree at Christmas.



American Legion Post 128 members place siding on the cemetery locator building being constructed at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Photo by Buz Fawcett



The 2013-14 officers for American Legion Post 128 in Marsing include: Front row, from left: Chaplain Rick Sherrow, Service Officer Darrell Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Stevens and Adjutant/Finance Officer Kathy Barton. Back row, from left: Vice-commander Buz Fawcett, 2nd Vice-commander Steve Carlin and Commander Julie Sterling. Submitted photo



American Legion Post 128 officers Kathy Barton, left, and Julie Sterling present a Meals on Wheels Donation to Roman Usabel, center, Alana Squires and Nina Collett of the Marsing Senior Center.



American Legion Post 128 Cmdr. Julie Sterling presents a check to Marsing youth Bailey Bowman to help pay for her lodging during a January marathon in Phoenix.

BLM to close Jump Creek Rec site, rebuild access road

The Jump Creek Recreation site outside Marsing will close temporarily to make way for a road reconstruction project.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Owyhee Field Office announced Friday that the area about 10 miles southwest of Marsing will be closed from March 24 to May 19.

The temporary closure will

allow the BLM to reconstruct and repair approximately 600 feet of road surface that leads into the lower parking area of the recreation site. The work will consist of the reconstruction of the existing roadbed, the addition of multiple drainage structures and resurfacing of the newly constructed roadbed with concrete.

The project is being funded

with grant money secured through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

"The road reconstruction project is a much-needed upgrade that will resolve public safety issues and mitigate damage occurring to natural resources at the site," BLM Owyhee Field Office outdoor recreation planner Ryan Homan said.

"Due to heavy use, improper

drainage and steep grade, the road in its current condition quickly washboards, ruts and erodes, which at times makes it unsafe and unusable to two-wheel-drive vehicles. The project will ensure recreationists year-round access to the day-use area and restroom facilities."

According to BLM, the Jump Creek recreation site receives close to 20,000 visitors per

year and is typically open to the public year-round. Recreation activities within the immediate area include camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, picnicking, gold panning and rock climbing.

The recreation site also serves as a staging area for activities such as off-highway vehicle riding, horseback riding and hunting.

For more information, contact Homan at 896-5925.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

March 12: Ham & beans, carrots, corn bread

March 13: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, bread

March 18: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots,

March 19: Beef stew, bread

March 20: Pork chow mein, fried rice, stir fried vegetables, milk

Marsing Senior Center

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

March 13: Pork roast, baked potatoes, California blend vegetables, three bean salad, wheat bread, fruit cocktail

March 17: Breakfast to order: pancakes, egg, bacon, sausage, fruit March 18: Spaghetti w/meatballs, Italian green beans, tossed salad, garlic roll, strawberry cream jello, cake

March 19: White chili, tossed salad, baked potato, garlic bread, fruit, cookies

March 20: BBQ pork spareribs, potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, French bread, peach cobbler

Rimrock Senior Center

March 13: Corned beef & cabbage

March 18: Meat loaf

Property tax circuit breaker clinics begin with Homedale dates

Office will start its annual sessions to help eligible property owners take advantage of the state's tax reduction program this week.

April 15 is the Circuit Breaker application deadline.

Circuit breaker assistance will be offered from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Tuesday 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

The Owyhee County Assessor's 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

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 of 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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Teens and Tweens continue archery

Archery Month at the Homedale Public Library continues Saturday for the Teens and Tweens program.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to drop by the library at 4 p.m. to take part in the next round of the archery-themed exercises.

The library is located a 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Teens and Tweens will strengthen their hand-eye coordination and play games. One game is called "Pin the Dart on the Apple," no actual dart or any deadly weapon will be used, according to program coordinator Teasha Harris.

The group will also bob for

The activity may take place outside if the weather permits.

For more information, contact Harris at the library, 337-4228.

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

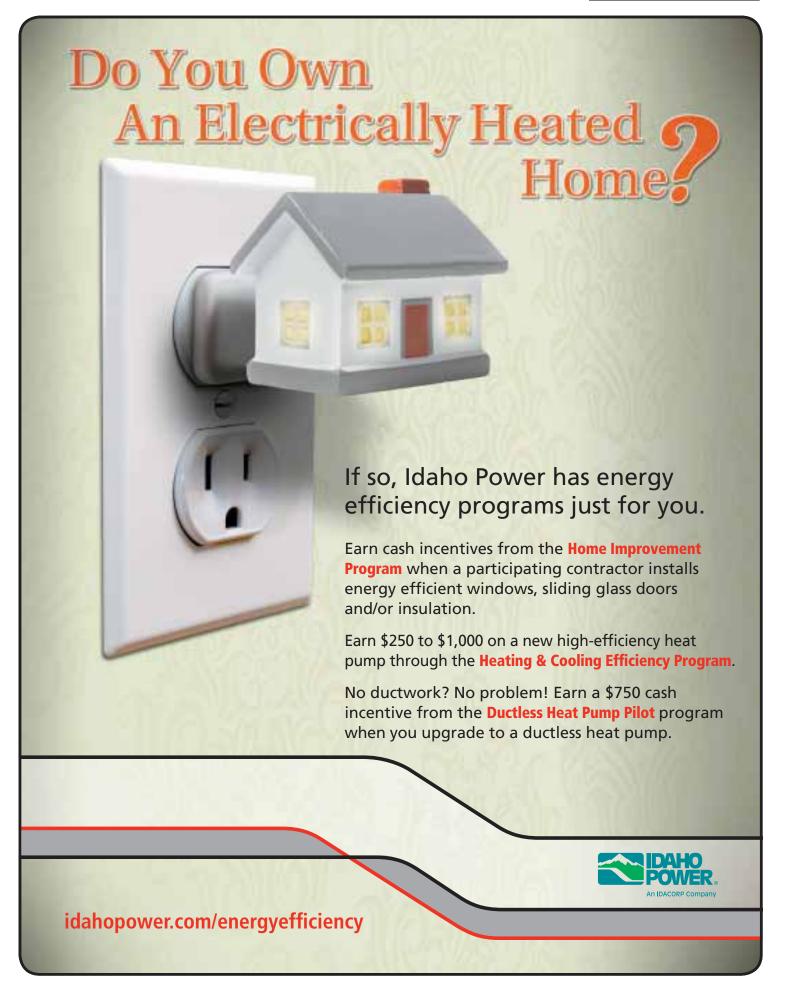
Llama learns a lesson at next Story Time

"Llama Llama and the Bully Goat" is the next featured book for the library's Story Time, which takes place at 10:15 a.m. on Friday.

In the story by Anna Dewdney, Llama Llama and his friends learn how to deal with a bully named Gilroy Goat. There are other lessons to be learned as well.

Along with the story, there will be crafts, singing and snacks.

For more information, call the library.



OCHS to discuss **Diamondfield Jack**

Public invited to hear lecture on new book

A former state legislator whose book absolves Diamondfield Jack of a famous 19th century double murder in Owyhee County is the featured speaker at Friday's Owyhee County Historical Society membership meeting.

The public is invited to hear Max Black's lecture.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Friday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

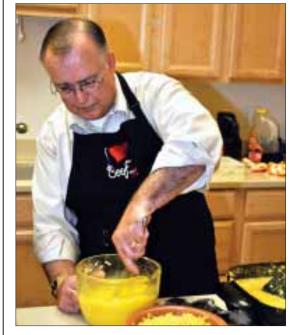
Black recently published "Diamondfield: Finding the Real Jack Davis." According to an OCHS press release, Black uncovered new evidence, including the weapon and one of the bullets involved in the February 1896 murder of Daniel Cummings and John Wilson at Deep Creek.

Diamondfield Jack, who got his nickname from his time prospecting for "diamonds" in Owvhee County's Diamond Basin, was the defendant in one of the Old West's more spectacular murder trials in the wake of the killings.

Davis was eventually pardoned after a brush with executioner's noose and years of legal maneuvering. Still, many people held the belief he was guilty.

Black, a longtime Idahoan and insurance agent, spent years unraveling Diamondfield Jack's complex story.

His book now sets out the definitive story, about how Davis wasn't and couldn't have been the killer and about who was. And he tells the story of Davis' littleknown second life after prison, when he made and lost fortunes in the mining fields of Nevada.



Masons serve up breakfast again

Semi-annual scholarship fundraiser held

Left: Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 member Randy King whips up a batch of scrambled eggs during Sunday's breakfast in Homedale.

Below: Some of the more than 100 guests who filed into the lodge's dining hall during the morning enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage

Proceeds from the breakfast benefit the Masons'scholarship fund for high school seniors in Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma and Notus. Photos by Jon P. Brown



OCHS field trip meeting set

Society will plan its 2014 field trip schedule Saturday.

The planning meeting takes place at the Sandbar Restaurant, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, after an 11:30 a.m. luncheon.

Three ideas have been presented

The Owyhee County Historical for field trips, but dates and details

Everyone is welcome to attend and provide suggestions for other field trips.

For more information, call Russ

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haven't been hammered out.

From page 1A $\sqrt{\text{Primary:}}$ Voter registration ends April 25

during the Lincoln Day banquet in Murphy last month.

Likewise, no Democratic challengers have emerged yet.

Friday is also the election filing deadline for the precinct committee races for the Democratic and Republican Central Committees.

Each committee person serves a two-year term.

On the Republican side, there are six candidates thus far, and they are all incumbents:

- · Joan Mason, North
- Lyman Gene Winchester, Marsing South Homedale

- · Lavada Loucks, North Marsing
- · Brett Endicott, South Marsing
- · Shelley Gluch, Pleasant Valley
- Brenda Richards, Murphy
- Chet Brackett, Three Creek Democratic committee candidates include:
- · Nancy Belknap, North Homedale
- · Rebecca Quirk, South Homedale
- Pam Roylance, North
- James Pease, South Marsing

- Laura Coontz, Wilson
- · Karen Steenhof, Murphy Other deadlines for the primary election include:
- April 4 Last day for county clerk to mail absentee ballots.
- April 22 Last day for write-in candidates to submit paperwork.
- April 25 Final day of voter pre-registration
- April 26-May 6 County clerk will send mail-in ballots to Riddle, Three Creek and Pleasant Valley voters.
- May 16 In-person absentee voting in Murphy ends at 8 p.m.







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Girl Scouts cookie sales winding down

Girl Scouts Jordan Stuart, left, and Megan Aman help a customer during cookie sales at Paul's Market in Homedale. Saturday and Sunday at the store will be the last chances to buy this year. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Man accused of stealing OCSO camera arrested again

Missed court dates cost \$7,500 in warrants

A former Homedale resident faces more charges after he failed to appear in court on an allegation that he failed to return Owyhee County Sheriff's Office prop-

Christopher Lee Tuckness, whose place of residence is listed in court records variously as Emmett and Caldwell, was booked into Canyon County Jail on a \$1,000 failure to appear warrant out of that county at 2:45 a.m. on March 4.

Tuckness also was wanted on a \$5,000 FTA warrant out of Owyhee County.

The Canyon County Sheriff's deputy also charged the 29-year-old with driving without privileges, second offense; and failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance.



Christopher **Tuckness**

He remained in jail in Caldwell on Monday.

His Canyon County warrant stemmed from his failure to appear for an arraignment on the driving charges — all misdemeanors — on Jan. 31.

In the Owyhee County case, Tuckness was originally arrested

in Gem County in August on a misdemeanor petty theft warrant when Tuckness allegedly pawned an OCSO-owned video camera at Patriot Pawn's original Homedale location, according to Sheriff Perry Grant.

Grant said the camera, valued at \$100, was loaned to the Tuckness family in November 2012 to surveil the family's property on Johnstone Road in Homedale after vandalism incidents.

Last week's arrest marked the second time Tuckness has been picked up on a failure to appear warrant in this case since January. According to court records, he didn't show up for a Jan. 6 status conference nor did he make it to court to answer the first \$1,500 FTA warrant on Feb. 3.

— JPB

Free water screening available for county well users Thursday

Fresh samples accepted at Homedale WIC

Owyhee County well water users can get their water checked out for nitrates Thursday in Homedale.

Southwest District Health will provide free screening from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the WIC office, 132 E. Idaho Ave.

Bring a water sample taken the same day in a wide-mouth canning jar or a food-grade container.

Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter has proclaimed March 9-15 as Ground Water Awareness Week, and SWDH is reminding private well owners to test their water annually to ensure safe drinking water.

SWDH Director of Environmental Health Services David Loper said private well owners are responsible to have their water tested by a statecertified lab each year to ensure that potential contaminants on the property are kept out of the drinking water source.

For help in deciding what to test, locating a certified lab, or understanding your water test results, call Southwest District Health at (208) 455-5400 or visit www.swdh.org.

Loper also recommends testing well water whenever there is a change in taste, odor, appearance or when the system is serviced.

Owyhee County ground water problems are found sporadically across the county. In general, Givens Hot Springs and regions in Bruneau are well-known for high fluoride levels. Arsenic has been seen throughout the county. but especially high levels have been tested south of Homedale. Nitrate problems have been noted in many wells less than 100 feet deep throughout the county.

"As a private well owner, you act as a steward to protect ground water and your own drinking water. The only way to know if your well water contains contaminants is to have it tested," he said. "Spring is an ideal time to test your well water each year before peak use occurs."

A check of your well may include:

- A flow test to determine system output, along with a check of the water level before and during pumping (if possible), pump motor performance (check amp load, grounding, and line voltage), pressure tank and pressure switch contact, and general water quality (odor, cloudiness, etc.).
- A well equipment inspection to assure it's sanitary and meets local code.
- A test of your water for coliform bacteria and nitrates, and anything else of local concern. SWDH recommends that all private well owners test their water for coliform bacteria each year and if work has been done on the water system. The test is relatively quick and inexpensive. Most coliform bacteria is harmless to people, but some like E. coli can be extremely dangerous. If coliforms are present, there may also be other more dangerous contaminants.
- Check the lead and copper levels in your water if you have old plumbing with lead soldering. If you have problems with staining, water appearance, and odor, you may want to test for iron, manganese, water hardness, and sulfides.

SWDH also recommend that well owners:

Keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil far away from your well, and maintain a "clean" zone of at least 50 feet between your well and any kennels and livestock operations.

Maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems, and chemical storage areas.

Periodically check the well cover or well cap on top of the casing (well) to ensure it is in good repair and securely attached. Its seal should keep out insects and rodents.

Keep your well records in a safe place. These include the construction report, and annual water well system maintenance and water testing results.

Trainers sought for mustang makeover competition in Nampa

Adrian, Ore., horse trainer Matt Zimmerman won a similar event two summers ago in Oregon.

The Extreme Mustang Makeover, presented by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program, will take place July 25-26 at the Ford Idaho Horse Park in Nampa.

Adults, ages 18 and older, and their assigned mustangs will be judged on the horse's body condition and new skills while competing in classes including, handling and conditioning, a pattern class and a combined leading and trail class. The top 10 from the preliminary gorounds will compete in a freestyle finals performance on Saturday, July 26. Finalists will wow the

Youths and adults are invited to judges and crowd with a routine Selected trainers will be able to take part in Idaho's first Extreme that is set to music in hopes of pick up their mustangs April 4-5

> Youth, ages 8-17, can train and gentle a mustang yearling they adopt to be shown in-hand in three classes: handling and conditioning, leading trail and freestyle. A \$3,000 purse is offered for the youth division.

Entry deadline is March 21.

Mustang Makeover challenge. winning their share of \$10,000. at the Boise BLM Wild Horse Corrals or the Oregon BLM Wild Horse Corral Facility.

> Selected trainers will have 100 days to work with their horses.

> For rules and an application, visit http://extrememustangmakeover.com/events/extreme-mustangmakeover-idaho/





Grand View Legion Hall renovation is ongoing project

Bob Swenson outlines plans for Post 134

Renovation of the American Legion Post 134 in Grand View has been an ongoing project for more than 10 years, Legion Adjutant Bob Swenson said.

"Our goal is just to improve the facility, and we'd like to keep things going. That's the name of the game," Swenson said.

The aging building, located at 410 Roosevelt St. (Idaho highway 167) in Grand View, is nearly 80 years old and in need of repair. The original structure was a former Girl Scout camp building that was brought down out of the Owyhee mountains and placed at the current site, according to Swenson. Two wings were later added onto the structure.

All the money that has gone into repair and renovation has come from the community, Swenson

"We can't do anything without the support of the community, and it is there for them to use,"

The St. Patrick's Day fundraiser planned for Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. will add to the renovation fund. The dinner will cost \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and children 3 and younger will eat for free. Raffle tickets will also be sold for various items and tickets are \$1 or five for \$6. Each dinner purchase includes a free entry in the raffle. For more information on the dinner, call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

Over the years, money has been raised through a combination

of fundraising dinners, hall rent, and the support of the Grand View Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

US Ecology Idaho has also donated money for the Legion's renovations. Last December, the company gave \$3,000. Two years ago, the Grand View area hazardous waste site provided the money to finish the parking area and build a patio on the northeast side of the building.

"This has been a concerted effort," Swenson said. "It's been one thing at a time. Every time we get a thousand dollars, we do something." Last month, a new furnace was installed that cost

The physical labor for the renovations is being done by volunteers from the Grand View Legion and by Chamber of Commerce members, Swenson

Current efforts have concentrated on replacing the wiring throughout the building, and finishing a back room of the hall. The room, which is normally used for overflow crowds, is being insulated, and the ceiling is being sheet rocked and the whole room

In the kitchen area, a new triple sink has been installed, as well as a new range. New wiring in the kitchen will allow two air conditioners to run simultaneously.

The main hall will have new paneling on the first four feet of the walls, and a chair railing to protect the walls from damage. Above the siding, and extending to the ceiling, 2-foot-by-4-foot acoustic tiles will be installed to improve the hall's sound quality.

Next on the list of needed

repairs are plans to redo the tile flooring throughout the building and to build new restrooms. "That's going to be an expensive endeavor," Swenson said.

The overall purpose of the American Legion is to work with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans to make sure that veteran's rights are protected, Swenson said.

"Our main focus is to keep the building open for the community," he said. The Legion has leased the building to the Grand View Chamber of Commerce for the city's use.

The American Legion Post 134 is "a very unique post," he said. Swenson is the youngest member at 72. Post Commander is Carl Greenfield, who is 93. Greenfield is a World War II Coast Guard veteran and Swenson served in Vietnam as an Air Force aircraft maintenance technician. Out of the 19 members, more than a dozen of them are 85 or older.

"We don't hold meetings or plan any events at this time, because our members are too old to be active," Swenson said.

Current members of Post 134 and where they served are: Gary Beard, Korea; William S. Burghardt, WWII; Bob D. Collett, WWII; Richard G. Coop, Vietnam; Swede Dawson, Korea; William C. Glasgow, WWII; Carl W. Greenfield, WWII; Robert T. Hackett, Korea; Marvin E. Haylett, WWII; Harry R. Kern, Korea; Clifford W. Knox, WWII; Merville A. Robinson, Korea; Dale W. Rogers, Korea; H.V. Simper, WWII; Paul R. Spang, Korea; Robert T. Swenson, Vietnam. Information on the members' branches of service was not available.



From left: Volunteer Taylor Rae Brown (aka Thing 1), elementary school second-graders Gwyneth Nielsen and Alliya Freeman and Audra Kendall (aka Thing 2) pose for a photo with the Cat in the Hat (LeAnn Garcia) during last week's RIF program in Marsing. Brown, Kendall and Garcia are all Marsing High School students. Photo by Dan Pease

Big RIF night turnout shows Dr. Seuss still in

Marsing literacy night draws hundreds

Dr. Seuss' birthday has been celebrated four years running at Marsing Elementary School, and each year the shindig gets bigger and bigger.

Forty volunteers helped on March 4, two days after the 110th anniversary of Theodor Seuss Geisel's birth, and Marsing 21st Century Academy Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) coordinator Heidi Kendall said she gave away about 270 books.

"It's gotten a little bigger every year," Kendall said. "I think last year it was 210 books, so it was quite a bit busier. We had a few more families this year."

Kendall figures there were more than 300 people at the event, which included cake and ice cream to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday plus the RIF book giveaway for kindergarteners through fifthgraders. There also was a writing workshop for fourth- and fifthgraders.

The night was scheduled to last two hours, but ran about three hours, Kendall said. Community members volunteered to read to the children, including school board member Betty Ackerman, elementary principal Tyson Beggs and district superintendent Norm

It's the largest RIF event of the year for the Marsing program, but it's not the only one as officials try to keep children interested in reading.

Kendall said no data is available to scientifically examine whether the program is working, but she's pretty sure it's a success based on the students' reactions.

"We do RIF at school during the day through the library, and I know they get excited," Kendall said. "And if it goes more than a month without happening, they ask me, 'When's the next one? When are you going to give me a book?"

— JPВ

Grand View Chamber holds annual dinner Saturday

this year with the Grand View roll and dessert. Chamber of Commerce fundrais- The dinner costs \$8 for adults, There also will be a special ing dinner Saturday.

Proceeds from the annual dinner will benefit renovation of the American Legion Post 134 Hall.

The dinner will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday in that building, 410 Roosevelt St., in Grand View.

The menu will include pit roast beef, corned beef and cabbage,

\$5 for children ages 4-12, and children 3 and younger eat for

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

St. Patrick's Day comes early baked potato, vegetable, salad, includes a free entry into the drawing.

> drawing for children 12 and younger, and each will receive a free ticket.

All proceeds will go toward the Legion Hall building improve-

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

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

Three Creek isn't getting the moisture it should, so we are all hoping it gets better soon.

The school is going well and doing interesting things. The little girls are selling Girl Scout cookies.

There is a new baby in the country. Benedict Cecil Thompson was born Jan. 30, 2014 in Twin Falls. He is the son of Jacob and Shannon Thompson, who are employed at Bracketts Flat Creek Ranch.

The 71 Livestock meeting was held Feb. 25 at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman.

The ranchers attended a fourday fire fighting class at Castleford

Kathy Jones is a new road district board member serving with Chet and Jake Brackett.

Besides Gus Brackett's books, we now have two more authors.

Bethene Patrick Brewer compiled a book entitled "Butte Revisited." Its pictures are of the early residents of the Cedar Creek area.

Chetand Kim Bracketthave a book published, "Chet's Reflections," about Chet's great Uncle Chet. Between the information in it and the research made by Philip Homan it is now believed the Duncans and Bracketts robbed the Winnemucca bank in 1900

Jared Brackett, Idaho Cattle Association president, and his wife Tay were honored guests at the Colyer bull sale in Bruneau on Feb. 24. He didn't purchase a \$600,000 bull, though.

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HHS grad Emry heads to NCAAs

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3A Real Dairy Shootout state final Ford Idaho Center, Saturday

Buhl defeats Homedale, 59-56



Trojans, Indians wage battle for ages



Homedale senior Lane Sale soars to the basket at the Ford Idaho Center on Saturday over Buhl defender Kasey Crossland. Sale scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds while playing with four fouls in the final high school basketball game for the 3A state championship. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Talon Freelove's desperation trey is a shade late

March Madness showed up in Nampa on Saturday night when No. 1 played No. 2 for all the marbles.

With tension and momentum swings transforming the Ford Idaho Center into a mini Cameron Indoor Stadium, top-ranked Buhl High School barely got the last word in to beat No. 2 Homedale, 59-56, for the 3A boys' basketball state championship.

Homedale senior Talon Freelove's three-point goal from beyond half-court found a home, but game officials waved it off as being a hair late.

"I know personally that is the best basketball game I have ever been a part of," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "Most people and reporters that I talked to after the game said it was the best game they have seen.

"The (Idaho High School Activities Association) directors also commented that it was one of the best state championship games they have seen as well."

It appeared that Homedale (22-3) was on its way to the school's second boys' basketball state title after Kade Crossland threw a pass into the Buhl bench with 2 minutes, 10 seconds left. But neither team could grab any momentum for the next minute and a half

Then Crossland was back with 29.1 seconds left.

Buhl prevailed in what Grove called a "mad scramble for the ball" when Tegon Tonge slid across the floor to control a ball that Homedale senior Lane Sale had slapped away from him at midcourt.

"If we secure the ball, game over," Grove said.

The Indians' ensuing shot rattled off the rim, but Crossland came up with the ball off a pass and fired a smooth three-point goal to put Buhl ahead for good, 57-56.

"Like good shooters do when — See **Battle**, page **3B**



Homedale seniors Caleb Oviedo (21) and Trey Lane embrace after Saturday's loss as Trojans' coach Casey Grove prepares to hand out the runner-up medals to his players. Photo by Jon P. Brown

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Page 12B —A look at Homedale's history in the state finals

HHS Rodeo Club selling Bartlome benefit tickets

The Homedale High School Rodeo Club has joined the effort to help out a paralyzed Kuna

Idaho High School District 2 is spearheading the fundraiser for Boone Bartlome, the injured high school football player who recently returned home to Kuna from his rehabilitation in Denver

A 2013 Polaris 500 four-wheeler will be given away on Saturday, April 5, which is the spring opener for the 2013-14 rodeo season. The rodeo will take place at Badiola Arena in Homedale.

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Classifieds!

Raffle tickets are \$10 each, and the winner doesn't have to be present at the rodeo to claim the prize.

Rodeo club member Carlie Purdom has raffle tickets. according to an email distributed by HHS athletic director Matt Holtry.

The high school rodeo season's first four events will take place in Homedale. April 5-6 rodeos take place at Badiola Arena. The scene shifts to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds on April 26-27.

Other rodeo dates are May 9-10 at the Payette County Fairgrounds in New Plymouth and May 25-26 at the Caldwell Night Rodeo grounds.

The District 2 cutting competition is scheduled for Saturday at Overtime Arena in Caldwell and March 22 at Idaho Horse Park in Nampa.

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Late scratches send Emry to NCAAs

Homedale alum on verge of closing indoor career with UM

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UM sports information

In a last-minute development, Homedale High School graduate Austin Emry will represent the University of Montana in the NCAA indoor track and field championships.

The UM sports information department announced that the redshirt senior, who graduated from HHS in 2009, has qualified for heptathlon.

The two-day national championship meet takes place Friday at Saturday at the Albuquerque Convention Center in New Mexico.

As a junior, Emry finished 12th at the national meet in Fayetteville, Ark., last year.

Emry's inclusion in the national meet wasn't a lock even after he scored 5,568 points March 6-7 to win the Big Sky Conference heptathlon championship and lock down most valuable athlete and outstanding performer awards at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

After the nation's conference championships results had been reported, Emry was sitting 17th on the national performance list, a dicey position considering the top 16 declared athletes in each event make nationals.

"I was actually a little disappointed with myself, because I was just seven points out of 16th. That's less than a second in the 1,000 meters, and I knew I could have run a little faster at

conference," Emry said. "Now it doesn't matter."

 $W \ h \ e \ n$ the NCAA released the list of athletes who had been accepted to nationals on



March 4, Emry's name was not on it. All 16 heptathletes ranked ahead of him were declared for the meet

On Thursday morning, though, UM track and field coach Brian Schweven learned that at least one of the declared athletes had been scratched, and that gave Emry an invitation into the field.

"I'm really excited for Austin," Schweyen said. "A lot of athletes get to their fifth year, and with everything else going on in their lives things can become more important than track and field, and training can take a backseat.

"Austin's been working a balancing act all fall and winter. For it to come together and for him to have this opportunity, this is just a fantastic way for him to finish up his indoor career. I think he's going to go and be spectacular."

Emry showed he's in peak form at the Big Sky indoor championships. He scored 29 points across four events.

He won the heptathlon and

finished second in the 60-meter hurdles, third in the long jump and fourth in the high jump.

His 72.5 career points at Big Sky indoor championship meets rank No. 5 in Big Sky Conference history.

Emry finished 12th at indoor nationals last spring with a score of 5.486 points. The top three finishers all totaled more than 6,000 points.

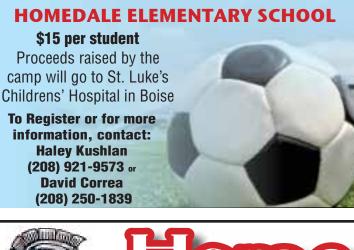
"That experience is really going to benefit me," Emry said. "Just knowing some of the guys I'll be competing against and knowing how the national championships work. I'll be a little more comfortable with it, and that should help me not be so uptight or nervous.

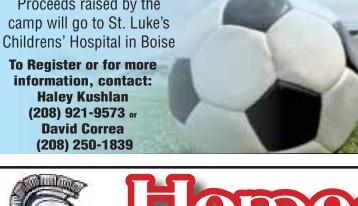
"I'll just focus on taking it one event at a time and try not to focus on what everybody else is doing. I'll pay attention to my own meet and do what I can do and hopefully post a big score."

The heptathlon will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday with the 60 meters, long jump, shot put and high jump. It will conclude Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. with the 60-meter hurdles, pole vault and 1,000 meters.

"For Austin to go out big would be huge for him, something he can look back on and really be satisfied with," Schweyen said. "This will allow him to show people how good he is.

"He is a superstar athlete, one of the best this school has ever seen and one of the best the conference has ever seen. He's done enough work to go down there and be top eight, maybe top five."









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p.m. Junior varsity Saturday, March 15, home vs. McCall-Donnelly (2), noon Tuesday, March 18 at Weiser, 5 p.m.



Track and field Coach -Heidi Ankeny, first season Friday, March 14 at Parma Ice Breaker, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 at Ontario (Ore.) Ice

Breaker, 4 p.m.



Golf Coach -Casey Grove, third season Wednesday, March 12, home for Homedale Icebreak-11 a.m.

er, TimberStone GC, Tuesday, March 18 at Fruitland, Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 1 p.m.



Tennis Coach -Scott Michaelson, fourth season

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Trojans will way into final with defense, rebounding

Defense got the Homedale High School boys' basketball team to the 3A state title game.

The Trojans extended their winning streak to 16 games believed to be the second-longest in school history — with a pair of hard-fought victories leading up to Saturday afternoon's agonizing 59-56 loss to Buhl in the state final at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

FRIDAY

Homedale 38, Filer 30

Homedale endured its lowest point total of the season in the semifinal, but used its vaunted transition game to get a key basket with 70 seconds to hold Filer at bay at Meridian High School.

"Everyone talks about our highpowered offense, but I think our defense is where it's at because everything on defense creates to our offense, and it takes a special team to realize that because everybody wants to score points anymore," HHS coach Casey Grove said.

There were only two lead changes in the tight contest, with the Trojans taking the lead for good with a modest 7-2 run in the third quarter. Filer owned a 21-20 halftime lead after Talon Freelove's three-pointer cut a lead that the Wildcats had held for most of the first half.

"That was a huge lift for us going into halftime," Grove said.

Homedale shot just 34.3 percent from the floor (12-for-35), but limited the Wildcats to nine field goals in the game. Filer scored 12 points on 4-for-25 three-point shooting.

Filer, which went on to finish third in the tournament, pulled to within two points, 29-27, with 2 minutes, 45 seconds left in the game, but Homedale was able to hold on.

"The most important thing was we contested every shot the Beard



Homedale sophomore Garrett Carter (23) fronts Shelley's Blaine Rumsey during Thursday's openinground game. Carter would leave the game later with an ankle injury. Photo by Jon P. Brown

brothers (Austin and Logan) took and on all those misses we got all the rebounds, only allowing them one attempt," Grove said.

Homedale shook off a couple of turnovers, and Connor Carter drove for a fast break layup with 1:10 remaining after Filer had missed a three-pointer on the

"Connor is a big-time player, especially for a sophomore," Grove said. "He thrives in those pressure situations.

"He wants to be the guy to take the last show, and him making that shot at the end of the game was a big surprise."

Carter who limped off the court during Thursday's opening-round game with an ankle injury, scored two points and snagged four rebounds in 14 minutes Friday.

Lane Sale and Caleb Oviedo scored nine points each, with Oviedo turning in his usual performance on the glass with 10 rebounds. The senior had seven on Homedale's end.

Dillon Lowder scored seven points and Trey Lane dropped in a pair of three-pointers.

Talon Freelove added six defensive rebounds as Homedale out-muscled Filer, 21-11 on the Wildcats' backboard.

Kaleb Whitlock scored 12 points to lead Filer.

As was its trademark all season, Homedale played defense without giving up fouls. The Trojans committed only 12 infractions, but Filer connected on eight of 10 trips to the line.

"This team has realized that if we want to be successful we have to come together on defensive and be active and not just fly to the ball," Grove said.

Homedale's previous seasonlow point total came in a 68-44 loss to Class 4A Skyview. The Dec. 20 game in the Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight in Nampa marked the Trojans' last setback before Saturday's state final.

Filer, which was averaging 50 points a night heading into the game, also saw its lowest point total of the season.

"If you would have told me we were going to hold Filer's high-powered offense to just nine points in the second half, I would have told you that you were crazy," Grove said. "That just goes to show you how good of defenders we have. They left everything they on the court."

THURSDAY

Homedale 53, Shelley 38

The Trojans broke away from the Russets with an 11-0 run in the third quarter of the tournament opener in Meridian. Homedale struggled to find the bottom of the net early on, though.

"I think it clicked in the middle of the second quarter when we switched to a 1-3-1 defense, got some steals, and — again — our defense is when we play our best offense," Grove said. "We got some transition buckets and hit some very timely three-pointers."

Meanwhile, Shelley was unable

to connect on its bread-and-butter — shots from beyond the arc. The Russets' Keifer Higham nailed a trey in the first quarter to spark a game-opening 12-5 run, but Shelley went on to miss its next 25 threepoint attempts. Higham finished with a co-game-high 13 points.

Grove said Shelley's chilly shooting and the Trojans' aggressive defense were both factors in the 3.85 percent shooting performance. Tyler Fredrickson, the Russets star guard, was 0-for-9.

"They live and die by the three-pointer," Grove said. "Just watching them on film they relied on (Fredrickson) a lot either to make 3s or dribble and kick it out for someone else to make 3s."

Lane connected on two of Homedale's seven three-pointers and dropped five of six free throws to lead the way with 13 points. He also had three rebounds.

"Trey Lane probably had his best game of the year," Grove said. "He had two three-pointers, and they just had perfect timing.'

With Shelley leading, 14-7, Lane and Carter drilled threepointers to open the second quarter. Lane's second trey came later in the quarter when the Russets had stretched the lead back to five points.

Carter and Freelove popped a pair of treys. Oviedo even got in on the act when he banked in a three-point shot to complete the Trojans' 11-point swing with 41 seconds left in the third quarter.

Oviedo shook off early jitters to card 11 points and six rebounds.

Freelove's second bomb of the game — off an assist when Lane Sale snagged an offensive rebound — came with 2:45 left in the game and Homedale trying to hold off Shelley's latest surge.

"Talon hit one in the fourth quarter that was kind of a dagger (to the Russets' hopes)," Grove

Battle: Modern Trojans repeat second-place showing of 1969-70 club

they are left open at the top of the key they make it, and that's what he did," Grove said. "He's an amazing basketball player; the best in the state, in my opinion. He stepped up and hit the shot."

The shot, which was the 13th lead change of the game, gave Buhl its first state championship in 36 years and ended Homedale's bid for its first in 45 seasons. The 1968-69 Trojans won it all, and the 1969-70 team with some of the same players finished as runnerup to Wendell.

The final exchange, including Freelove's haymaker after the buzzer, was fitting for the No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup.

"It was a heavyweight fight. Each team was exchanging blows back and forth all night," Grove said. "It was an incredible game

to be a part of.

seniors, played their hearts and souls out there, and I couldn't be more proud of the way they played and represented Homedale."

The loss – the Trojans' first since before Christmas – ended a 16-game winning streak.

Thirty-two minutes earlier, though, Homedale roared out of the locker room with only one thing in mind - extend the second-longest winning streak in program history and bring home the school's second boys basketball state championship.

Caleb Oviedo fired in two three-point goals, and Dillon Lowder hit one to kick off his 16point first half as Homedale bolted to an 11-0 lead in the game's first

"There is always a lot of emotion

"The kids, especially the championship games," Grove consistently getting the ball down "He is an amazing young man said. "I thought we had a great game plan going into the game. The kids came out and executed those plans to perfection.

"I knew we couldn't settle. Buhl is too good of a shooting team to let your guard down. It took them a while to get heated up, but once they did they couldn't miss."

Buhl wound up shooting 50 percent from beyond the arc (9-for-18) with Crossland burying four of them on the way to 25

Oviedo cooled after his hot start, but hit another trey in the third quarter and finished with 21 points and seven rebounds.

"Caleb had an unbelievable night. He was unstoppable," Grove said. "They didn't have an answer for him or Lane (Sale)

in games, and especially in state all night. It was just a matter of that point in time," Grove said. to them. I couldn't have asked any more from Caleb."

> Oviedo had an eighth rebound when Lowder's shot to tie the game from the corner missed after Crossland's go-ahead trey, but the referee ruled a jump ball when Buhl's Michael Lively tied Oviedo up. The possession arrow was pointing Buhl's direction.

> Oviedo, who reshaped his body and his game after his junior season, found another dimension in the state tournament and began draining three-pointers. After Saturday's loss, he was inconsolable as the trophies were presented.

> "Caleb is a very emotional kid. At the end, it just shows you how much he cares and how much work he has put in to get him to

who had an amazing season, and I am glad to say that I was a part of his life."

Grove also had a hard time keeping his composure. He stiffened his jaw and pursed his lips into a half-smile when he received the state runner-up trophy. He also passed words on to his players in the locker room afterward.

"I told them there was nothing to be ashamed about," Grove said. "I said that everyone left everything they had on the floor.

" 'When we walk out of this locker room, you keep your chins up," he told them. "With the way that they played that night and all season, they should hold their heads high."

— JPB

Ill-timed losing streak shortens Mustangs' state tourney



Jordan Valley's Jett Warn dribbled upcourt against a Crosshill Christian defender during Thursday's first-round 1A Oregon state tournament game in Baker city. Photo by Tara Echave

Jordan Valley boys earn sportsmanship award

After losing only once in its previous 17 games, Jordan Valley High School was knocked out of the 1A Oregon state tournament with two consecutive losses.

The losses in the first two rounds of the boys' basketball state tournament at Baker High School marked the first back-to-back setbacks for coach Clint Fillmore's team since the Dec. 13-14 Burns Tournament.

The Mustangs (22-6) earned the tournament's sportsmanship trophy.

Friday: Imbler 57, Jordan Valley 52 — After a wild first quarter, the No. 9 seed Panthers held the fifth-seeded Mustangs to nine second-quarter points to take control of the consolation semifinal.

Imbler, which finished sixth after Saturday's 56-51 loss to Ione, scored 20 points off 25 Jordan Valley turnovers. The Mustangs managed to cash in for just seven points on the Panthers' 15 miscues.

Jordan Valley held a 4-0 lead 1 minute, 16 seconds into the game, but Imbler went on an 18-2

run over the next four minutes to build its largest lead of the game (12 points). Jordan Valley was just 1-for-5 from the floor in that stretch.

Senior Wyatt Trautman fouled out but was named the Mustangs' player of the game after a double-double of 17 points and 13 rebounds. He was 7-for-12 from the floor.

Braden Fillmore came off the bench to corral nine defensive rebounds and finish with 10 overall. He also had six points. Wyatt Stanford also came off the bench and scored eight points.

Trautman did the bulk of the Mustangs' scoring. Lee Stanford had nine points, including two of his team's six three-point goals, but Ben Telleria was held to six points.

Imbler's player of the game, Eli Bowers, nailed three threepointers on his way to 15 points. Kyle Johnson added 13, and Joe Griffin had 11.

Thursday: Crosshill Christian 64, Jordan Valley 47 — The No. 13 seed Eagles pulled off the biggest upset of the tournament

by being the first team to hold the Mustangs below 50 points since Crane did in Jordan Valley's last loss (43-34, Jan. 24).

Paced by David Brockman's 5-for-8 shooting from beyond the three-point line, the Eagles poured in 10 treys to offset Jordan Valley's control of the key.

Led by 18 points from player of the game Trautman, the Mustangs outscored Crosshill Christian, 36-22, in the paint. Jordan Valley also had 14 second-chance points (the Eagles had only six).

Jordan Valley went the final seven minutes of the game without a field goal.

Trautman scored the game's first points and gave Jordan Valley a 4-3 lead with another jumper 50 seconds into the game.

The Mustangs would never lead again.

Trautman and Lee Stanford both notched double-doubles. Trautman grabbed 12 rebounds, while Stanford had 15 points and 14 rebounds.

The rest of the Mustangs scored 14 points.

Matthew Gille, who would earn second-team all-tournament honors, scored 18 points for Crosshill Christian. Dalton Cubitt dragged down 15 rebounds.

No rest for Grove as HHS golf season starts today

Reigning district champs play host to Ice Breaker

Homedale High School's golf team opens the season today on familiar ground, although the golfers haven't seen much of their coach at TimberStone practices.

Casey Grove has been a little busy in the early stages of the golf season, so his father — third-year volunteer coach Jim Grove — and Chris Landa have been running the Trojans through their practices in Canyon County.

Now that the boys' basketball season is over, however, Casey Grove can concentrate on getting his team ready to chase what would be the third 3A District III championship in as many seasons for the coach.

He was at the helm for last year's district title in golf with individual district champion Reed Maggard, who has graduated. Then, of course, Grove's boys' basketball team ended Fruitland's 11-year run of district championships last month.

Last year's golfers also had a strong showing in the state tournament with Maggard and fellow senior Hayden Krzesnik leading the squad to a fifth-place finish.

Just like his basketball team, though, Grove has a wealth of experience on the golf team that heads into today's Ice Breaker Tournament at TimberStone Golf Course

Although there are only two seniors on the roster – Gabe Mauer and Bryan Johnson – five of the seven golfers out for the boys' team saw time on last year's district championship team.

Grove says
Weiser is the
team to beat
this season in
the 3A Snake
River Valley
conference
with Fruitland ahead of
the Trojans
at this point,



"Those two teams have the most returning players plus they had really good (junior varsity) teams last year," Grove said. "If we can get good quality play from our No. 4 and No. 5 golfers, we have a chance to squeak into State against as a team."

The fourth and fifth golfers most likely will be sophomores Chase Martell and Noah Freelove. Martell is playing his first year on varsity and his second year play-

ing the sport overall.
"Chase picked up

"Chase picked up golf fairly easily because he is a good athlete," Grove said. "Hopefully we can get him to step his game up even further this year to help our team and try to qualify for State again."

Mauer returns as the top dog with the graduation of Maggard.

"At times last year, he was pushing our No. 1 and No. 2 golfer for their spots," Grove said.

Grove admits that Mauer must work to consistently finish in the top five rather than fluctuate between the top and the bottom of the leader board as he did last year

"If we can get him to be more consistent, he could compete for an individual district championship," Grove said.

Kyler Landa just may be the one to get Mauer to play to is

potential because Grove expects the junior to push his senior counterpart for the top spot in the Trojans' flight.

"Kyler has put a lot of time in during the offseason," Grove said. "Again with most golfers, Kyler's weakness is consistency in his play. Also, like a lot of golfers, Kyler tends to be his own worst enemy at times.

"If we can convince him to play one shot at a time, he has the potential to compete for a spot at State."

Grove said mental toughness makes Johnson the Trojans' most consistent golfer. He is a returner from last year's championship squad.

"He was probably our most improved golfer from last year," Grove said.

— JPB

HYS poker fundraiser set Saturday

The annual Homedale Youth Sports fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

Registration for the annual poker tournament will run from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the

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tournament beginning afterward. Suggested donation for an entry fee is \$30, and there are 120 entry tickets available.

The center is located at 333 S. Main St.

HYS is seeking gift baskets, gift packages or other items for donation to the silent auction that will be held that night as well. Contact Tony Uranga at 867-0104 or Shane Brown at 880-4552 or

shanebrown@micron.com for more information.

Brown is also the contact if anyone wants to donate items to be used as raffle prizes or poker prizes.

The group is also looking for individuals, businesses and corporations to donate to the event or to sign on as sponsors for the baseball, football/cheer and basketball seasons.

Youth soccer clinic to benefit St. Luke's

A soccer clinic for boys and girls in first through fourth grade is planned in Homedale next week.

Homedale High School student Haley Kushlan has organized the clinic as her senior project.

The clinic takes place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday,

Tuesday and next Wednesday at Homedale Elementary School.

The cost is \$15 per child. Money raised will be donated to St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise.

Call Kushlan at 971-9573 or David Correa at 250-1839 for more information.



Farmers help Marsing cowboys and cowgirls ride

Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard, left, hands a \$150 donation check to Marsing Rodeo Club member Shelby Dines as teammates Hudson Sauer and Carey Dines and team co-advisor Darin Miller look on. Photo by Jon P. Brown

F&G to plant 900 trout in Marsing pond

The Idaho Fish and Game will stock Island Park's pond twice in March.

The first rainbow trout planting took place March 3. A second 450-fish plant is planned for

For the Trojans

Fish and Game stocks trout in the pond adjacent to the Snake River monthly throughout the

The fish are among 11,000

catchable-sized trout released in Treasure Valley ponds, creeks and rivers in March.

The fish are raised at the agency's hatchery near the Southwest Region office in Nampa.

More previews in next week's Avalanche

- A look at what's next for the reigning 3A softball state champions and the longest-tenured coach at HHS, Larry Corta
- How several seniors and athletes who just made a run for a state crown could help Burke Deal's baseball squad
- The season ahead for coach Scott Michaelson's tennis team
- What's in store for Heidi Ankeny as she takes over the track and field program

For the Huskies

- · Jerry Stacy looks for the formula to finally get the baseball team through to a state
- · Sean Hardy strives to recapture the softball team's state championship potential

With small core of vets, MHS track coach focuses on future

Jim Eisentrager is a track and track team's distance runners, field coach who loves teaching, and with this year's Marsing High School squad he may be in

"I believe that there is no better coaching job than track," he said. "You get to get outside in the early spring after a long, dull winter of being forced indoors.

"Our team is excited and ready to roll for the season."

There are 24 athletes on the Huskies' roster this season. They start the season Friday with the Parma Ice Breaker meet in Canyon County. Homedale also will start its season there.

Although 2A state meet bronze medalists Miguel Leon (800 meters) and Dillon Danner (3,200 meters; and fifth in the 1,600) graduated last spring, Marsing has a large senior group this season, and Eisentrager said he will rely on those upperclassmen to provide leadership for the developing athletes.

And there are a bunch of fresh faces

"This is going to be a rebuilding year for us," he said. "I am going to use the time to focus and train those that I have identified potential in for the coming years."

As Eisentrager tackles his fourth year at the helm, he welcomes two new coaches to help with the guidance. Cross country coach Robin Simpson will handle the

and Dustin Gochneour will coach middle distance and long jump.

Former Marsing athlete Pedro Carrillo returns for his second season coaching throwers.

Three athletes with state meet experience will lead the team this year.

Sophomore Alexandre Heidt finished seventh in the 100 meters at the state meet last spring.

Eisentrager envisions Tyler Malmberg returning to the state meet in the triple jump.

Ofelia Herrera will be a key athlete in the distance stable. She competed in the 2A state meet in cross country in the fall, and Eisentrager tabs her as a state meet competitor for the track team, too.

"This being Ofelia's senior year brings that element of 'This is it. Do or die time," Simpson said. "She would like to set some new PRs and give it her best.

"The thing that impresses me the most about Ofelia is her maturity in competition. She is so good at pacing herself and leaving some gas in the tank for the final stretch."

— JPB

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Baseball

Coach – Jerry Stacy, fourth season

Tuesday, March 18 at Notus, 4:30 p.m.



Softball

Coach – Sean Hardy, fourth season

Saturday, March 15, home vs. Orofino (2), 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 18 at Notus, 4:30 p.m.



Track & Field

Coach – Jim Eisentrager, fifth season

Friday, March 14 at Parma Ice Breaker, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18 at Ontario (Ore.) Ice Breaker, 4 p.m.







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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of

common sense

A footlong prolapse

It was a Colorado winter afternoon when the boys spotted a big crossbred cow wobblin' along with her calf trailing behind and a prolapse as big as an army issue duffle bag!

When they got closer they could see the calf had sucked but the prolapse looked a little worse for the wear. Merle and Earl were a'horseback two miles from the corrals. The cow was domesticated but certainly not tame! She was a range cow. They're like Kmart employees; you can't actually walk up to one!

Using the time-tested Temple Grandin technique, they pushed her down the trail until she wore out and sort of collapsed. Our duo dismounted and eased up on the tired cow. He also carried a small medicine bag, primarily to treat calf scours. Earl walked up to drop a loop over the cow's head.

"You won't need that," said Merle, "There's some of that obstacle tape, that and a shot of 'anorexic' medicine will put her to sleep."

Earl found a bottle with 5cc of lidocaine left in it. He drew it into a syringe and handed it to Merle who injected it directly into the prolapse. The boys knelt down and began trying to stuff the bulbous, slippery, inverted uterus back through the pelvic opening.

NOTE: this process has been compared to stuffing a smoked ham down a sink drain.

Four hands were thrusting, spelunking, grasping, groaning, winching, clinching ... push one galoop in and another would pop out the other side! Through 20 minutes of heaving, breathing, scooting, slewing, and trying to find something with your foot to push against, the monstrous appendage kept growling and snarling, fighting back with all its might! Merle had the best grip.

"Earl, pull off your boot and see if you can shove it in with your foot!

"What!?" said Earl.

"I read about it somewhere, it gives you more leverage!"

With a suspicious eye, Earl unbooted, lay back against a hummock, placed his sticky sock into the rubbery protuberance and pushed. "Slurp ..." It disappeared before their eyes!

Merle took command. He rifled in the medicine box and found a bottle of umbilical tape and a needle.

"Keep pushin' till I git'er stitched up!" instructed Merle.

Even though she was still straining some, the cow began to relax. So did Earl, twisted in up to the knee. Merle threaded the S-curved needle and plunged into the sensitive area. "WHAAAAAA!"

The cow rose from the ground like a missile being fired from a Titan submarine! The movement put tremendous pressure on the anterior cruciate ligament in Earl's knee joint. He didn't even make the 8-second buzzer.

EPILOGUE: The prolapse stayed in, the calf was not fazed, it ended Earl's potential soccer career, and Merle lived to tell me the story!

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

Eyes on Owyhee Savor the moments

Bittersweet is an over-used term in sports, but one could pin it to Talon Freelove's seemingly last-second shot in Saturday's 3A Real Dairy Shootout boys' basketball state championship game.

For a sweet split second, it was the greatest shot ever heaved by a Trojan — maybe any Trojan going back a few thousand years to Hektor against Ajax.

Then the bitterness of a rulebook settled in. The rule says it's impossible to make a shot from beyond half-court in 0.2 seconds. Something about being fair to the guy whose finger is on the game clock.

Horse feathers. Talon did it, so there.

The final minutes of Saturday's game may have taught a life lesson to the Homedale High School basketball players that they're not fully recovered enough to understand.

Savor each second. Cherish the moment. Make the most of the opportunities, and don't let go.

It's not that the Trojans didn't try to make the most of the school's first shot at a boys' basketball state championship since before the Beatles broke up (April 1970, for you trivia geeks).

And on some level those players did cherish the moment in between deep, cleansing, shuddering, sobbing breaths as they thought of what might have been.

But it'll take stepping back and thinking about this season five, 10, 15, 25, 40 years from now for these athletes to fully realize the accomplishment and the importance that the season had for the community.

Casey Grove, the intense, towering basketball coach with an on-court demeanor that makes one wonder if he has Phil Jackson's home number in Montana, has already put what the players mean to each other in perspective.

"I would say that they are unique because we were the true definition of a family," he wrote in a Sunday email while basking in the afterglow of the school's third runner-up performance at the highest level of Idaho's version of the sport.

"We loved each other, and when someone needed straightened out, we weren't afraid to get them back in line.

"Everyone respected each other and what each person brought to the table. All those different talents and personalities combined formed a great basketball team, but more importantly great human beings."

Ah, there's the true trophy. Great humans. Not just guys running around in shorts chucking a rock toward a hole, but young men striving to be better for one another and — hopefully — growing into better citizens now and in the future.

The amount of emotion that poured out of the individuals at the end of the championship game Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa is a testament to their strength, not their weakness. Their hearts, not their teenage bravado.

While Buhl players whooped and hollered, one had think that if the tables were turned there still would be some tears mixed in a boisterous Trojans celebration.

That's just the type of team this was.

Cherish it. Savor it. Remember it.

Again, Grove had the foresight to know that those backing the Trojans did exactly that.

"I just want to thank the Homedale community for their incredible support throughout the entire year," he wrote (you see, he didn't have a voice Sunday because

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

New perspective of youth leaders can help solve problems

In 1962, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution to establish the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP). The program creators recognized the important role of talented youth who understand our nation's governmental functions in strengthening our country. USSYP is a nationwide competitive high school program that provides students from each state with a short indoctrination into the operation of the U.S. Senate and the federal government. This program is one of many opportunities that enhance interest in public service among future leaders.

The founders of the USSYP recognized that a "potential reservoir of young citizens who are experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political process" exists among students elected to student body offices in high schools across the U.S. To advance this interest and understanding, the USSYP provides an opportunity for 104 delegates to travel to Washington, D.C. to learn about our federal government and leadership. The program was created to increase an understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, the responsibilities of federal officials and the importance of decision-making.

Two high school students are selected via a competitive process to represent each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity at this weeklong event in early March. Since the program's establishment, Idaho has been designating two delegates per year to participate. I had the honor of joining fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch in announcing the two Idaho

students selected as this year's Idaho delegates. Students who succeed in this program typically are high academic achievers and outstanding in their communities.

This year, Taylor Adler of Sun Valley and Catherine Yenne of Nampa were chosen to attend the program's Washington Week.

Taylor attends The Community School and serves as president of the Sun Valley Youth Council and the Community School Green Team. He has also been an Idaho Gem Boys State delegate, a Congressional Gold Medal award recipient and a Community School Ambassador.

Catherine serves as the Associated Student Body secretary/treasurer, French Club president and a member of the varsity soccer team at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and an Idaho Syringa Girls State delegate.

Cami Nichols of Nampa and Amanda Solomon of Kimberly were chosen as alternates.

The USSYP also provides each delegate with an undergraduate college scholarship.

Good ideas often come from bright minds viewing challenges through new eyes. As we confront our national issues, ensuring our nation's youth have access to firsthand education opportunities can inspire lasting solutions to national challenges and develop knowledgeable leadership that can strengthen our nation.

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



Commentary

Financial management

ESAs can cover college expenses scholarships may not

Dear Dave,

What happens to the money in an ESA if the child gets a scholarship and no longer needs the money?

— Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,

In an Educational Savings Account (ESA), and in a 529 Plan, you are allowed to pull out money tax-free in the amount of the scholarship. But very rarely do you find someone going to college completely free and clear. Often tuition is covered, and even tuition and a dorm room in some cases, but zero-cost college is almost unheard of. There are always living expenses, books and other miscellaneous items, and you can use the money in an ESA for any education-related expenses.

The chances of your money getting trapped and you as parents winding up in a situation where

you've actually saved too much and a child has leftover money just doesn't happen. This is a bunch of drama found only in the nightmares of nerds. Real human beings don't have this problem, Jonathan, because nobody ever saves enough!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

How do you feel about gambling at a casino, as long as you limit your spending and don't expect to win big money?

— Brian

Dear Brian,

I don't really have a moral problem with it, but I don't understand the concept. Call me crazy, but I do not get a thrill from losing money I've worked hard to earn. That's not my idea of entertainment.

When someone tells me they





gamble for fun or recreation, my first thought is they're delusional enough to believe that they'll actually win — that they think they're the exception to the rule. Otherwise, there would be no thrill. You may see a news story once in a while about someone

winning big money in a casino, but that rarely happens. Think, too, about how much money those people had flushed down the toilet previously while gambling. There's a really good chance they didn't really "win" anything. In most cases, they probably just recouped a small portion of their previous, substantial losses.

My advice is don't waste your time and money on that stuff. One way or another, the house always wins. That's how they're able to build those giant, billion-dollar places called casinos. Did you know that some of those companies are so big and expansive that they're publicly traded entities? And guess what? The profits they make off people who are foolish enough to gamble their money away inside their fancy halls — and call that entertainment — drives their stock prices!

Think about it, Brian. Why do

all the folks sitting at slot machines and card tables look like they can't afford to lose money? Most of them look like sad, broken, lonely people. Maybe they change when they sit down. Maybe they were winners in life and with money before they walked through the doors, and their slumped body language and the look of stress and hopelessness they carry is just a coincidence or the indoor lighting. But I don't think so.

— 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.

Vision and Values

President Obama should study the history of Reaganomics

by Dr. Paul Kengor

On Feb. 25, The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College hosted its eighth Ronald Reagan Lecture, a much-anticipated annual event. This year featured Art Laffer and Roger Robinson. Laffer is the namesake of the Laffer Curve, a cornerstone of President Reagan's supply-side economic policies. Robinson spearheaded the extraordinary economic-warfare campaign against the Soviet Union for Reagan's fearless National Security Council.

The discussion covered many issues, including how the policies pursued by Ronald Reagan to stimulate economic growth were so completely different from Barack Obama's. It's worth highlighting those differences here. We ignore them at our peril.

Reagan inherited an abysmal economy from Jimmy Carter. His prescription for recovery rested on four pillars: tax cuts, deregulation, reductions in the rate of growth of government spending and carefully managed growth of the money supply. He wanted to stimulate economic growth via tax cuts, allowing the American people to keep their money and invest it more wisely and efficiently than government.

This was, in effect, private-sector stimulus — a stark contrast to President Obama's massive \$800 billion public-sector (read: government) "stimulus" in 2009. Among Reagan's tax cuts, the federal income tax reduction was the centerpiece. Reagan secured a 25 percent across-the-board reduction in tax rates over a three-year period beginning in October 1981. Eventually, the upper-income rate was dropped from 70 percent to 28 percent.

In the process, Reagan also dramatically simplified the tax code. When he was inaugurated, there were 16 separate tax brackets. When he was finished, there were only two. Not only did this simplification eliminate complexity, it also eliminated loopholes and removed 4 million working poor from the tax rolls; they no longer paid any federal

Reagan presided over the largest tax cut in American history and accomplished it in tandem with a huge Democratic Party majority in the House. It was a bipartisan triumph that The Washington Post called "one of the most remarkable demonstrations of presidential leadership in modern history." Unlike President Obama, who derided his Republican congressional opposition as "hostage takers" and denounced their desire for tax cuts, Reagan found a way to work with the opposition to advance the country.

After a slow start through 1982-83, the stimulus effect of the Reagan tax cuts was unprecedented, sparking the longest peacetime expansion/recovery in the nation's history: 92 consecutive months. The bogeymen of the 1970s — chronic unemployment and the deadly combination of double-digit inflation and interest rates — were vanquished. The poverty rate dropped; the standard of living soared. The Dow Jones industrial average, which, in real terms, had declined 70 percent from 1967 to 1982, nearly tripled from 1983 to 1989.

Contrary to liberal demonology, African Americans and other minorities did extremely well during the Reagan years. Real income for a median African American family had dropped 11 percent from 1977 to 1982. But from 1982 to 1989, coming out of the recession, it rose by 17 per-

cent. In the 1980s, there was a 40 percent jump in African American households earning more than \$50,000.

African American unemployment (which has increased significantly under President Obama) fell faster than white unemployment in the 1980s. The number of African American-owned businesses increased by almost 40 percent while the number of African Americans enrolled in college increased by almost 30 percent (white college enrollment increased only 6 percent).

There were likewise impressive numbers for Hispanics and women. Hispanic-owned businesses in the 1980s grew by an astounding 81 percent and the number of Hispanics in college jumped 45 percent.

Overall, the "Reagan Boom" not only produced widespread prosperity but — along with the attendant Soviet collapse — generated budget surpluses in the 1990s. Carter-era terms like "malaise" and "misery index" vanished. Only during the Obama years, and specifically in 2011, has America re-approached similar misery-index levels, reaching a 28-year high.

All of this is not just history. It's a crucial economics lesson that we need to learn and remember. We neglect it to our detriment.

— This article first appeared at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science and executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. His latest book is 11 Principles of a Reagan Conservative. His other books include The Communist: Frank Marshall Davis, The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mentor and Dupes: How America's Adversaries Have Manipulated Progressives for a Century.

$\sqrt{\text{Savor:}}$ Homedale's historic hoops season more than hardwood heroics

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of the ravages of a cold and three somewhat monumental basketball games).

"In all three state tourney games, the fans were amazing. Homedale is an amazing place.

"Sports is a way of life in that community, and the community came out in full force to show their support when their support was needed most."

The fans who got prime seats for Saturday's title tilt were only projecting the intensity and dedication that the boys they had come to see displayed even before the first tipoff on Nov. 30 against Melba.

"They completely bought into the program starting last June," Grove wrote of his athletes. "They were fully committed all summer to getting better.

"I just appreciate all of the blood, sweat and tears they have given to this program. The seniors have left a foundation for this program to build on.

"I love each and every one of them like my own. I will never forget this team."

Ever mindful of the salient points, Grove reminds any one who may have forgotten that many of the same players on the 2013-14 team that knocked off Fruitland for conference and district championships competed on the squad last season that couldn't get out of the 3A Snake River Valley conference cellar.

This season: 22 wins. This season: The second-longest winning streak in program history. This season: A third second-place trophy at State.

This season: Treasure it.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 15, 1989

City plants young trees in parks to replace old ones

A 3-year-old project of the City of Homedale and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce is starting to bear fruit

Friday, city crews began transplanting a dozen of the 180 saplings the city was able to acquire with the Chamber's assistance three years ago.

"The Chamber paid 65 cents a tree for each of the sycamore-maple cross and green ash trees that the city was able to acquire from an area nursery." Larry Bauer, city maintenance supervisor, said.

The Boy Scouts planted the seedlings on city property near the river and for the last three years the city crew, community service workers and Industrial Council summer workers have cared for them under Bauer's supervision.

The trees currently being transplanted are going in the city park across from the high school to replace diseased trees that have been removed, he said.

Owyhee seniors dissolve corp.

GRAND VIEW – When the Owyhee Senior Citizens, Inc., board held its quarterly meeting at the Rimrock Center here last Thursday it was the last meeting of the group as an organization.

According to Mary Mahler, president, it was the consensus of the meeting that it would be in the best interest of the three centers, Homedale, Marsing and Rimrock to dissolve the county incorporation.

All of the centers have been incorporated in the last six months. Papers will be filed as soon as each center receives its tax-free number from the Internal Revenue Service. Each center is now responsible for its own business affairs without approval from a central entity.

"However, we still plan to meet periodically for a social gathering. We have enjoyed our association together," Mrs. Mahler said.

Members attending from this area including Mrs. Mahler, Morris Larsen, Adria Miller, June Wieczcrek, and Amos Lea, Marsing: and Teresa Yoakum, Agnes Smith, Charlie Gebert, Ann Prickett, Margaret Buck and Pete Pedersen. Homedale.

Historical society names committee chairmen

Chairmen have been announced who will head standing committees of the Owyhee County Historical Society during 1989, according to Director Dale Gray of the OCHS Museum complex in Murphy.

The chairmen include: Tom Skinner of Caldwell, historic sites; Karlene Madsen and Glenda Detweiler, both of Murphy, field trips; Celia Hall of Bruneau, general meeting programs;

Margaret Harris of Grand View, membership; Peggy King of Bruneau, pioneer families; Skinner, oral history;

Dale Gray of Murphy, public relations; Harris, refreshments; and Tammy Gray of Murphy, OCHS Bulletin editor.

Homedale boys' track team preps for tough schedule

The Homedale High boys' track and field team kicks off its season starter at Caldwell High School at 4 p.m. on Friday, where the kids will be competing against performers from Vallivue, Kuna, Caldwell and Weiser.

But don't look for the Trojans to be coasting along in low gear, relying on their team record as last year's statewide A-3 second-place finisher to intimidate their opponents. The feisty young HHS track coach, Troy Sullivan, has other ideas and they don't include any slacking off.

T&F veterans include defending state A-3 champion pole-vaulter, Jason Haylett, his fellow senior, Brad Kushlan, a speedball who excels in the 400 meter run and Dusty Linder, who is expected to be one of Homedale's strengths in short and medium sprints.

Sullivan called Haylett "probably the best pole vaulter in the state on any level," and said Kushlan is "one of the best 400-meter runners in the state."

50 years ago

March 12, 1964

School board approves '64-'65 tentative budget

The regular school board meeting was held Monday evening, March 9, at the Washington grade school and a tentative budget for 1964-65 of \$276,547.43 — \$6,137.54 higher than last year's budget of \$270,409.39 — was approved.

Board members set April 13 as the date for a public hearing on the tentative budget. The hearing will be in Washington elementary school. The tentative budget is published elsewhere in this issue of the Owyhee Chronicle.

No Levy Boost

Board Chairman Allen C. George said, that the board doesn't anticipate any increase in the mill levy until more facilities are added in the school district.

Factors cited by George accounting for the increase include:

— A facilities program in process at Homedale High School

— Upgrading of the curriculum by including programs for students that weren't in the curriculum last year.

— Increase in the normal teaching increment.

Marsing voters reject special school levy

The proposal for a special school levy of 11 mills failed Friday to get a simple majority let alone the two-thirds majority required for passage, Supt. Elvin Dennis of Marsing reported.

The vote was 66 for and 74 against.

With 140 persons marking ballots, 94 votes would have been required to pass the levy.

The 11 mills over the regular 30-mill levy was to be used for the school's general fund, said Superintendent Dennis, including salaries heating, lighting, supplies, transportation of students and maintenance of buildings.

C. of C. takes photos of bridge traffic congestion

Thomas Brunzell, Murphy, Owyhee County assessor, discussed city property assessment Tuesday noon, at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

Pictures of the traffic congestion on the Snake River bridge at Homedale, caused by the narrowness of the roadway necessitating one-way traffic for trucks, farm equipment and trailers, will be secured by a committee headed by Homer Anderson.

The Chamber directors and the highway committee headed by Frank Matteson, held a luncheon meeting at Bicandi's cafe last Thursday noon and decided to obtain the pictures Saturday, but a snow storm that morning forced postponement till a later date. DeMolay youths and others were suggested as possible helpers in obtaining the pictures.

Owyhee Avenue designated as through street

City Councilman George Murray reported Wednesday that Owyhee Avenue has been designated as a through street except for stop signs on each side of Main Street.

School buses will now proceed down 3rd Street West from the grade school to Idaho Avenue and park in front of the high school.

Buses will go to the grade school by way of Owyhee Avenue, stopping only on Main Street. Children will be unloaded as usual back of the grade school near the Lincoln building.

Sheriff gets new patrol cars

Two new patrol cars have been received by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Al Barberis reported Saturday.

The new cars, supplied by the low bidder, Honstead Motors, Nampa, were delivered last week.

Special equipment was transferred from one of the old cars to a new one last week. The other will be equipped this week.

140 years ago

March 14, 1874

FATHER MESPLIES "BACK PAY" CLAIM. A Washington correspondent writes as follows:

Rev. Father Mesplie, appointed chaplain in the Army a year or two ago, and well known on the Pacific coast as a Catholic priest and missionary among the Indians, has presented a memorial to the House of Representatives, and Mr. Shanks has introduced a bill to accompany it, and they have been referred to the Committee on Claims, asking pay for acting as a Indian agent and negotiator, peacemaker, and chaplain to the United States Army. He sets forth in his memorial, dated at Camp Harney, Oregon, Dec. 1st, 1873 and supported by numerous efforts that he came from France to Portland, Oregon, Aug. 15th, 1847, and since that time has carried on his ministry in a new land, in the name of God, and for the salvation of souls, preaching to the various Indian tribes in the Willamette Valley, and along the lower Columbia river, then was stationed at the Dalles as missionary, and acted as peacemaker and missionary among the various tribes in Eastern Oregon. He says: "During all those years, 23 is the number I have also acted as chaplain for the Army, and done service at the following military stations: Camp Picket, Fort Steilacoom, Fort Astoria, Fort Dalles, Fort Yamhill, Fort Hoskins, Fort Walla Walla, Fort Simcoe, Fort Boise, Fort Hall and Camp Douglas, Three Forks, of the Owyhee and Fort Vancouver. Twenty three years of my life have been consecrated to the teaching of Indians, and the service of the Army as chaplain, without having received a cent in compensation, either as Indian teacher or as Chaplin. And at this late date, when universal peace reigns among the nations in which I labored, that I present this memorial to the Congress of the United States, pray that your honorable body will give attention to this, the petition of a man who has grown gray in the service of God, civilization, and the service of the United States in the wilderness. Your memorialist therefore prays for the passage of an act authorizing the Secretary to pay to him, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to the amount that would have been due him as chaplain to the Army during the period hereinbefore mentioned." The bill provides for the payment of a sum equal to the amount that would have been due as the pay of chaplain in the United States Army for the period of twenty-three years.

THE LATEST NEWS. Last night's stage from Winnemucca brought the news that Ex-President Fillmore died at his residence, in Buffalo, New York, on the 8th inst., from an attack of paralysis, aged 75 years.

Fourteen out of the thirty-four British officers engaged in the Ashantee expeditionary force, have been put out of the fight by being killed, wounded or stricken with fever.

The President has again defended his position on the financial questions. He favors free banking, safely guarded.

Richard McCarty made a fatal misstep in the shaft of the Caroline mine, Pioche, Nevada, on the night of 6th inst., falling 225 feet. He was instantly killed.

The United States Senate has refused to make the Centennial international, and also refused to appropriate any money. A national exhibition is favored.

San Francisco, March 9th – Greenbacks 89 3/4 @ 90 1/2

A STABBING AFFRAY. About 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. Bill Dewey entered John Grete's saloon and made an attack upon Nick Zapp with a hickory cane, hitting him over the head and face some eight or ten times, when the latter drew a butcher knife and stabbed Dewey in the right breast above the nipple, inflicting a wound about four inches deep. Zapp was arrested and gave bonds for his appearance on Sunday afternoon, when he was examined before Justice Leonard and discharged, it being proved that he only acted in self-defense. Dewey, although the knife penetrated his lung, is a fair way to recover. The affray originated about Zapp's hurting a dog belonging to Dewey.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

February 3, 10, 18, & 24, 2014 February 3

Approved payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$55,632, Road & Bridge \$797, District Court \$704, Probation \$816, Indigent & Charity \$13,130, Revaluation \$858, Solid Waste \$4,933, 911 \$1,913, County Vessel \$843, Waterways \$272, Economic Development \$1,830.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for Megan Green.

Approved 4 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for the following: Jason Carr, Veronica Sanchez, Evelyn Williams and Amber Purvis

Approved the 'Protocol for Coordination between BLM Boise District and Owyhee County' letter to the BLM.

Appointed Steve Carlin to the Owyhee County Waterways Committee. Approved the FY2013 Annual Road and Street Financial Report

Approved and signed the contract with Baker Auction Co. for the Annual Homedale Consignment Sale.

Approved a letter of support for the Owyhee Cattleman's Association regarding a drought letter sent to the BLM.

Awarded the county weed spraying contract to New Environment LLC in the amount of \$8.50 per mile.

February 10

Approved a request for a \$500 credit card for the Extension Office. Approved Resolution 2014-06, Ratification of BLM correspondence regarding a drought letter.

Approved Resolution 2014-07, Ratification of BLM correspondence regarding the protest of proposed decisions regarding the Pickett and Fossil Creek Allotments.

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Owyhee County and the Bruneau Soil and Water Conservation District.

Approved a letter to be sent to Jim Fincher regarding the sage grouse habitat project.

Re-affirmed a denial for Indigent & Charity case 13-49. Denied Indigent & Charity cases 14-01 and 14-02. Approved a letter to be sent to Robert Ward, regarding the Bruneau - Grand View landfill.

February 18

Approved payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$127,024, Road & Bridge \$41,424, District Court \$10,799, Probation \$2,056, Health District \$4,486, Historical Society \$178, Indigent & Charity \$1,647, Revaluation \$2,262, Solid Waste \$9,031, 911 \$24,082, County Vessel \$153, Waterways \$195, Economic Development \$787

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Jessica Gonzalez. Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for Rebecca Coffman.

Approved the Idaho Community
Development Block Grant
progress report and request for
funds

Approved the Fair Housing Assessment.

Approved Resolution 2014-08- Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

Approved Resolution 2014-09

 Appointment of Fair Housing Resource Person.

Approved Resolution 2014-10 – Adoption of Uniform Owyhee County Building Valuation Date Per Square Foot formula/table.

Approved Resolution 2014-11 – Ratification of Approval of Catering Permit for Fishers Saloon

Approved the part time hiring of Milton Greenowwd for the Sheriff's office to help with the Waterways and Idaho Power duties.

Approved a quote from White Cloud Communication to install a repeater for Murphy, Reynolds, Wilson Fire District.

Approved a bid from Xibex for the 911 Dispatch Center remodel for \$34,744.15.

Held a public hearing for the Idaho Community Development Block Grant awarded to the Bruneau American Legion Hall for renovations.

Approved an agreement between Owyhee County and Skyline Construction for the Bruneau – Grand View Landfill Closure.

Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 14-04. Denied Indigent & Charity case 14-03.

February 24

Approved a Certificate of Residency to College of Southern Idaho for Brittany Rahier.

Approved Resolution 2014-12; Sale of Certain County Vehicles and Property at Auction.

Approved Resolution 2014-13; Decision on Proposals Submitted for 911 Dispatch Remodel.

Amended Resolution to Resolution 2014-13; Sale of Certain County Vehicles and Property at Auction.

Approved a bid of \$8,408.50 from Aaron Marts to repair the tree root damaged hall in the courthouse.

Approved the Weed Spraying Agreement between Owyhee County and New Environment, LLC. Approved a letter to Robert Ward, regarding the Bruneau Grand View Landfill.

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

3/12/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on Monday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Kathy Watson requesting that she be allowed to operate a daycare at the property located at 505 S. 1st St. W., Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator, Planning & Zoning Commission, City of Homedale

3/12,19/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 3, 2014 File No.: 7069.26711 Sale date and time (local time): June 4, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 5673 Country Estates Drive Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc.,

an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: John L. Allen, a married man as his sole and separate property Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. successors and assigns Recording date: 06/02/2003 Recorder's instrument number: 243722, and re-recorded June 20, 2003 as Instrument No. 243961 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 3, 2014: \$100,610.97 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Parcel I: A portion of the Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, and is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 18'36" West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 340.28 feet; thence North 00 degrees 35'54" East parallel with the East boundary of said Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 640.29 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13'58" East a distance of 340.28 feet to a point on said East Boundary; thence South 00 degree 35'54" West along said East boundary a distance of 639.83 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A 50.00 foot road easement. This easement lies in the Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter and in the Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, and is more particularly described as follows: Commencing as the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 33'48" East along the East boundary of said Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 613.07 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 13'58" West a distance of 2,186.48 feet; thence Southwesterly 28.91 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 82 degrees 49'43", a radius of 20.00 feet and a long chord which bears South 49 degrees 21'27" West a distance of 26.46 feet; thence Northwesterly 275.05 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 262 degrees 38'53", a radius of 60.00 feet and a long chord which bears North 40 degrees 43'35" West a distance of 90.12 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13'58" East a distance of 2,265.85 feet a point on the said East boundary; thence South 00 degrees 33'48" West along said East Boundary a

procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7069.26711) 1002.264168-File No.

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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, LOCATEDAT** 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,

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.

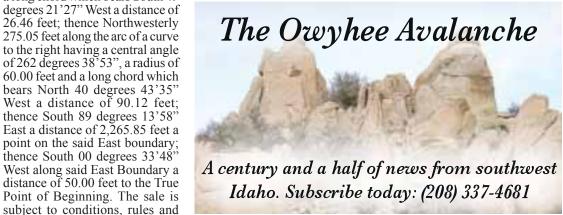
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to b 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



Public notices

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

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.

of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and

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

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.

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 TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No.: 0193176187 T.S. No.: 12-01670-5A On June 20, 2014 11:00 AM, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MASTR Reperforming Loan Trust 2005-2, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 1, Block 3, Shari Hill Estates Phase I Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Plat recorded as Instrument No. 211614, records of said County recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 6307 SHARI HILL WAY, MARSING, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by PAUL D MOORE AND SHÁNNAN MOORE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as original grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY NAMPA, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A UTAH CORPORATION, as original beneficiary, dated as of April 7, 2004, and recorded April 9, 2004, as Instrument No. 247393 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: HSBC Bank USA. National Association as Trustee for MASTR Reperforming Loan Trust 2005-2, (the "Beneficiary"). Said sale will be made without

covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated April 7, 2004 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$575.48 due from February 1, 2012, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$68,161.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.00000% per annum from January 1, 2012. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: January 24, 2014 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 11000 Olson Drive Ste 101, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-636-0114 Megan Curtis, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www. lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 A-4441445 3/12,19,26;4/2/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 18, 2014, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

A parcel situated in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13; thence South 89° 57'00" West along the North boundary, a distance of 12.26 feet to the TRUE POINT

OF BEGINNING; thence South 0° 53'55" East (formerly South 0° 03'00" East) perpendicular to the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet; thence South 89° 57'00" West along a line parallel to the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence North 0° 53'55" West (formerly

North 0° 03'00" West) along a line perpendicular with the North boundary, a distance of 435.60 feet to a point on the North boundary; thence North 89° 57'00" West along the North boundary, a distance of 100.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 1671 Succor Creek Rd., Homedale, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Lawrence G. Wass and Joan M. Wass, Husband and Wife, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) acting solely as a nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded October 7, 2009, as Instrument No. 269441, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, recorded December 5, 2011, as Instrument No. 276239, in the records of said County.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:

Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,463.36 for the months of October 2013 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$203,486.70 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and

all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 5.50% from September 1, 2013, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

Dated this 12th day of February, 2014

Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.

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

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. 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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Final record — 22-3

Win streak — 16 games (second-longest in program history)

1969-70 in Lewiston

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Coach — Daryl Kellum

Final record — 21-5

Highlight — Paul Pearson scored 40 against Wendell

1968-69 in Boise

Class B — HHS 59, W. Jefferson 41 Coach — Daryl Kellum

Final record — 24-3

Win streak — 11 games to open season

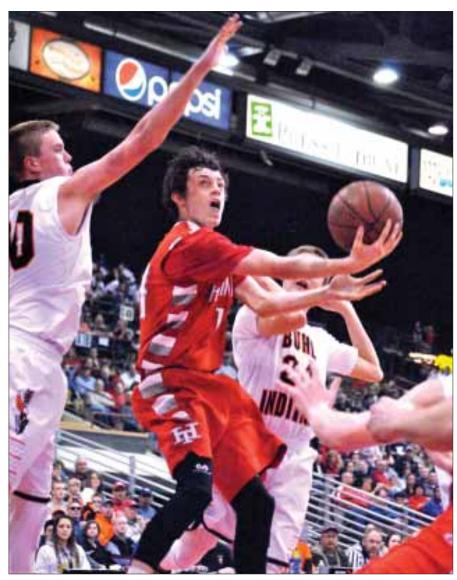
1959-60 in Coeur d'Alene

Class AA — St. Maries 62, HHS 48 Final record — 26-2 (best record in

school history)

Coach — Deward Bell

Win streak — School-record 26 games after losing opener to Kuna





Left: Junior Dillon Lowder goes for a layup in traffic Saturday. **Above:** Trey Lane fires a three-pointer vs. Shelley.





Left: Director Skyler Krall leads the HHS pep band in a song during Thursday's opener against Shelley at Meridian High School. **Above:** Principal Dion Flaming looks just as intense as the Trojans mascot during the final minutes of Saturday's state final at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.



Dillon Lowder (14) cradles his head in despair near the Homedale High School bench as Trojans coach Casey Grove watches the waning moments of Saturday's game.