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Four-day school week discussed



School board trustees, parents and Homedale School District staff turned out for Thursday's forum on the findings of the four-day school week committee.

Some patrons say district must look at more facts

Many people think that the Homedale School District has had a narrow focus in examining the potential of a four-day school week for the county's most-populous district.

Patrons had some tough questions for district superintendent Rob Sauer during

Thursday's public forum inside the Homedale High School cafeteria.

Concerns were raised about whether or not the district's 17-person exploratory committee had secured enough data to find out what the socioeconomic impact would be for

the district's poorer families when a Friday of nutrition and a place to learn is taken away.

Another concern was how children would get to the Friday enrichment events if no school

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Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer led Thursday night's forum and shared the data collected by the four-day school week exploratory committee. Photos by Jon P. Brown

BOCC race on May ballot

Homedale woman seeks District 23 House seat

As has become customary — barring a write-in campaign — there won't be any contested races for Owyhee County elected offices in the November general election.

In fact, there will be only one head-to-head battle for any of the offices that will appear on the May 20 Republican primary ballot.

Former county commissioner George Hyer has decided to chal-

lenge incumbent Kelly Aberasturi for the District 2 seat on the Board of County Commissioners.

Aberasturi defeated Hyer four years ago, and now the two Homedale residents will campaign for a two-year term.

There were no other surprises when the candidate filing deadline passed Friday afternoon:

- Wilson's Jerry Hoagland will seek another four years as District 1 commissioner.

- Brett Endicott of Marsing will seek re-election as county assessor.

- Reynolds Creek resident Brenda Richards is running for

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Green to visit with BOCC on OCSO contract

Prosecutor's email triggers latest twist in prolonged process

Marsing Mayor Keith Green wants to talk to the Board of County Commissioners about the proposed law enforcement contract for his city.

Last Wednesday, the city council approved Green's suggestion to attend a BOCC meeting in Murphy after discussing an email

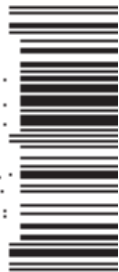
the city had received from county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery. No date for that meeting, at which Green would try to get the commissioners' position on the pact, was set.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney reported that she had received an "email reply" from Emery

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Douglas D. Emery



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Bruneau-Grand View officials seek solutions after levy election fails

Complacency and a refusal to pay any more property taxes are thought to be the primary reasons the Bruneau-Grand View School District couldn't get a supplemental levy approved last week.

In a March 11 election, voters rejected the two-year, \$1.2 million levy by 44 votes.

"I wish it was the other way around, but the community spoke and said they didn't support the levy," district superintendent Dennis Wilson said.

With 48.3 percent of the district's registered voters going to the polls, 273 voted against the measure, while 231 voted for it.

"That tells me with that (turnout) number that people were aware of it, that they knew what was going on and that they knew what it was about," Wilson said.

"If you look at (the turnout) percentage-wise, we probably had a better turnout than other supplemental levy votes (that day in the state). That sells a lot about our community; that the are active and involved in the process."

Wilson said school trustees' initial reaction was to forego another levy election in May, which is the next possible date a measure could be put on the ballot.

But trustees called a special meeting Monday morning to discuss possibly re-running the levy after proponents of more school funding through property taxes asked the board to reconsider its decision.

Results from that meeting weren't available at press time.

Wilson said he heard from some voters who didn't go to the polls because they were confident the levy was going to pass. Some other voters forgot about the election despite the district sending reminders to every mailbox in the district.

The district was trying to pass

the levy, which would bring \$600,000 a year to the schools, to replace the two-year \$1.4 million supplemental levy that will expire this year.

Voters in three of the election's six precincts voted to approve the levy, but while Bruneau voters favored the levy, 89-65, nearly twice as many Grand View patrons voted against the measure (145) as voted for it (76).

Riddle and Elmore County voters were in favor of the levy, while Oreana voters were 2-to-1 against it.

Wilson said patrons knew what was at stake if the levy failed.

According to Wilson, without revenue from a new supplemental levy, the district is facing severe cuts, including 7.5 teaching positions, seven classified positions.

The teaching positions would include 4.5 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School and three from either Bruneau or Grand View Elementary or the district office.

At the high school, extra-curricular activities could suffer. There could be pay-for-play fees for high school athletics.

In a worst-case scenario, Rimrock could become the center of the Bruneau-Grand View education universe.

"We've been very clear about that in our message," Wilson said. "Here are the facts: Without a levy, you'll probably be looking at some type of consolidation of schools."

"The most severe situation would be bringing all the kids from all the schools to Rimrock."

Another option is consolidating the district's two elementary schools into one building.

The trustees will gather at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 3 inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium to discuss the scenarios going forward, Wilson said.

—JPB

Legislature votes to boost Ag education funding

Initiative means more money, new grant program

Agricultural educators in the county are thrilled with the passage of the Agricultural Education Initiative legislation.

Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter was supposed to hold a Tuesday ceremony to sign the bill that would create more funding for high school ag classes.

Homedale High School ag teacher and FFA advisor Lori Idsinga was hoping to be at the ceremony.

"I am so thankful to the Homedale FFA Alumni and community for reaching out to their legislators and encouraging them to pass this legislation," Idsinga said.

Guffey resident Shawn Dygert, one of three ag instructors at Kuna High School, also played a part in lobbying for the package that will create \$2.24 million in support. Dygert is the Idaho Agricultural Teachers Association's legislative liaison.

Clara-Leigh Evans, a part-time ag instructor in Homedale, testified during the bill's Senate Agriculture Committee hearing in January. Idsinga spoke at the House of Representatives Ag Committee hearing.

Several local businesses and groups also backed the Initiative, including SMX Trucking, Tamura Produce Co., and the Owyhee County Farm Bureau.

Dygert said that District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) "did the heavy lifting" in the Legislature, too.

"It took an enormous amount of work and support from everyone to see this to fruition," Idsinga said.

Part of the Initiative was achieved earlier in the legislative session.

The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee approved more than \$500,000 to support ag programs. That amounts to more than \$4,700 additional funding per program to purchase classroom supplies,

"This means that we will finally be able to replace welders, broken equipment and add new projects to the curriculum."

— **Lori Idsinga**
Homedale ag instructor, FFA advisor

which given the demands of the industry, are more expensive than other subjects.

Idsinga said the influx of support more than doubles the money she has had at her disposal over the past decade. In those 10 years, she has had only one new set of textbooks, 30 chairs and 20 stools purchased.

"This means that we will finally be able to replace welders, broken equipment and add new projects to the curriculum," Idsinga said.

"I foresee us updating the shop, textbooks and perhaps adding on to the greenhouse as well in the next five years."

Marsing ag instructor Mike Martin agreed on the legislation's impact.

"Money from the Ag Initiative will be huge for the Marsing agriculture program," he said. "Currently it is a great challenge to stretch the budget for the two welding classes."

Martin said some of Marsing's equipment — such as a pair of belt sanders — is his personal property. His father also donated his cordless drill after visiting the shop and hearing of the money woes.

"Often times, I pull money out of my pocket for small items just so we can get by," Martin said.

The legislation Otter was supposed to sign Tuesday creates a fund through which schools' individual ag programs can obtain up to \$10,000 in Quality Standard Program grants for each full-time instructor position.

"The money is not for the instructors, but for program improvement and building of the program," Dygert said.

The state's Division of Professional-Technical Education will control the grand fund, and private donations will be accepted.

Dygert said the private-public partnership will allow companies that rely on ag program graduates for their workforce to provide support to further education. Generational forces are creating more jobs in agriculture, he said.

"The need for employees is creating a crisis mode in the ag industry because Baby Boomers are retiring, and companies need to fill those positions," Dygert said.

"This is a program that (ag business leaders) know works. It's time-tested."

Dygert said that legislators also understand the economic impact that the ag education system creates. Every dollar the state puts into those programs becomes an \$18 return to the economies of the communities where the ag education alums work, he said.

The ag education community was united behind this effort, Dygert said, regardless of the size of the individual programs. For example, Kuna's ag education classes educate 420 students.

But, unlike other educational funding battles in the state where larger districts often lord over smaller ones, there was no such territorial approach, he said.

"Ag education has always been a passionate part of my life," he said. "It's what I've done for the past 25 years."

"(What's important is) knowing what the program can do for kids, period, no matter where they come from and making sure those opportunities are available no matter where they come from."

"It's more of, 'Let's make as many opportunities possible for as many students possible from across the state.'"

— JPB

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Homedale P&Z to hear daycare permit

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission will convene a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday.

The panel will hear a special use permit application from Kathy Watson. She wants to open a daycare at 505 S. 1st St. W.

The public can attend and offer input. The hearing will be held at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Ag student wins state FFA landscape award

*For Les Loucks,
operating
his own business
has paid off*

*Story and photo
by Karen Bresnahan*

Rule No. 1: If you put your name on something, you better be ready to do it right.

Rule No. 2: If you do a job, you need to have the best equipment.

These two important lessons have been learned by a young entrepreneur from Marsing who just won the state FFA Landscape Maintenance Proficiency Award.

Seventeen-year-old Marsing High School senior Les Loucks started his own landscape business—“Triple L Lawn Care”—three years ago, and it is still thriving. He is the son of Les Sr. and Amy Loucks of Marsing, who operate Loucks Farms.

“This is a really neat success story,” FFA advisor Mike Martin said. “Les has shown a lot of initiative and he’s a sharp kid. Many students will start projects, but then lose interest in them, Martin said. “Les works hard, and he just keeps on truckin’,” Martin said.

Les started the business during the summer before his freshman year, and his grandparents were his first customers. His dad advised him to invest in good equipment, so after shopping around, he spent all his savings on a \$4,000 zero-turn Toro mower.

“That was the best investment I have made,” Les junior said.

The first difficulty he faced was the lack of transportation. When he started the business, he was too young to drive, so he had to rely on others to drive him. Now he owns his own truck.

The second difficulty he faced was equipment breakdowns. They didn’t happen very often, but once the mower broke down in the middle of a job, and he had to finish with a push mower. A few other times, he had to send it to the shop for repairs.

His goals for the business were to expand it and maintain it throughout high school and he has done that.

Today, he still has his first customer, but he has expanded to include three other large jobs. He prices each job according to the size of the property. One job is in Parma for Valley Ag and the property is 2 1/2 acres. Another Marsing job is mowing another 2 1/2 acres on Dunlap Road. He also mows on his parents’ property, which is about 1 1/2 acre. Last year he also had a fourth job in the Homedale area, but he has had to cut back.

“I really like it,” Les said. “It gives me a sense of pride in what I do. I can look at a job, and say to myself, do I want to put my



Marsing High School senior Les Loucks stands outside the ag shop next to his truck.

name on it?”

The challenge of running his own business has been trying to do the mowing work on top of the chores he already has on the family’s 2,000-acre farm. Les irrigates and drives tractor for his folks. He is the second-oldest of five children. His sister Kyla is 20, brother Colby, 14, and his other sisters are Rylee, 12 and Kim, 6.

During the spring and summer, he gets up early to do the irrigation at home, then heads out to do the mowing jobs and works all day. He mows four days a week at each job and makes around \$1,600 per month in the spring and fall.

“It’s been good, but the farm comes first,” Les said. “My parents have been very supportive, and they encourage me to stay on top of things and be the best.”

Most of all, Les says having his own business has taught him to

be responsible. “When I put my name on something, I have to get it done. I can’t put it off.”

The business has helped Les to be independent, have a good work ethic, and to learn money management. For the time being, he is happy with the jobs he has, because they keep him busy.

“It’s been a good experience for me to learn how the real world works,” he said.

Last year Les also received two other local FFA awards: the Star Green Hand and the Star Farmer.

He also enjoys going out for sports at Marsing High School. He plays football, basketball and golf. Bird hunting is another interest, along with deer and elk hunting.

Les would advise any high school student to have their own business.

“I would tell them to go for it,”

he said. “If you can get jobs, it’s the best investment in high school because it’s a good learning process and you can save money for college.”

Even though Les is currently a Boise State University fan, he plans to head up to Moscow after high school in pursuit of an Agribusiness degree at the University of Idaho. So, he will become a Vandal.

His biggest dream is to own his own farm someday. He likes farming because he can work outdoors.

Les received a plaque for the state award and will compete further through interviews at the state convention in Twin Falls on April 9-12.

He may be selected to represent the western region at the FFA national convention in Louisville, Ky., in October.



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Multi-agency HHS drug sweep nets marijuana find

Misdemeanor citation issued to 18-year-old male

A drug dog alerted to the possible presence of marijuana on a backpack and a vehicle during the latest law enforcement sweep at Homedale High School. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the City Council that 4.8 grams of marijuana was found in two different discoveries during the March 11 sweep. “It keeps up a strong message,” HHS principal Dion Flaming said of the latest sweep.


The sweep was a coordinated effort of several neighboring agencies, HPD School Resource Officer Sgt. Mike McFetridge said. Personnel and dogs from Wilder Police, Malheur County Sheriff and Payette as well as HPD delivered sweeps at several schools, including HHS, Wilder High School and the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Regional Technical Center in Wilder. McFetridge said a marijuana cigarette and a paper “bundle” (pot rolled up in paper for storage) were found. The contraband was found in a car and in a trash can, he said.

“It came together just as planned and went smooth without a hitch,” McFetridge said of the operation. Eidemiller continued to sing the praises of the new SRO agreement with the school district during last Wednesday’s council meeting. “I keep bringing you guys roses, but right now there are no thorns,” Eidemiller said of the program, which is in its third month. Earlier this month, a lockdown drill was performed at the high school, and McFetridge helped pull off fire drills at all three schools, Eidemiller said. McFetridge said the middle school portion of the program

has concentrated on security measures. Lock down drills have been carried out there, too. Separate from last week’s sweep at the high school, McFetridge said one middle school student was found in possession of an electronic cigarette. There also has been investigations into several incidents of cyber-bullying since McFetridge began his job in January. “Usually it’s a cooperation between (the police and school district),” McFetridge said of how cyber-bullying is handled. “If it’s happening on school grounds then the school takes

action as well as us.” Some of the cyber-bullying has originated out of the county, he said. “Mainly we try to find the problem and if it persists then the school takes action.” McFetridge said most instances have been resolved after the first report. In addition to fire drills, McFetridge’s elementary school emphasis has been on visiting with the children. He will start watching for instances of double-parking during student drop-off before and after school, he said. —JPB

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✓ District: Teacher retention, longer days' impact on kids are concerns

buses run on those days.

"There wouldn't be district funds for it, but if there were federal funds available, we'd apply for them," Sauer said.

"The expectation is the family has to (provide transportation)."

The fact that bus drivers and school cafeteria staff would lose a day of wages wasn't lost on some of the people in attendance.

"My fear is that we're going to lose bus drivers who need to work five days a week," Homedale Friends Church pastor Luke Ankeny said.

Ankeny outlined his opposition to the idea of a four-day week with three concepts — the loss of bus drivers, the loss of money in the local economy because of one less day per week of high school students getting lunch at downtown stores and restaurants and increased stress on special needs students because of the longer school day.

At the same time, Ankeny said that if a four-day week were adopted, the community would have to band together to make sure that the children were taken care of on the fifth day.

Turnout for the forum was a fraction of what it could have been because the event was scheduled on the same night as a school band concert at Homedale Middle School — a fact not lost on some of the audience members.

Homedale Elementary School second-grade teacher Christine Ketterling, who grew up in Homedale, was near tears when she was making her case for a four-day school week.

"The community has said they won't give any more money to the district," Ketterling said.

"If we want quality teachers, we've got to make a change."

Ketterling, who is married to middle school science teacher Nick Ketterling, said the four-day week is a perk that might help the district retain some of the high-quality teachers who have been leaving for jobs in districts with the ability to pay higher salaries.

"We cannot compete on salary (with other districts), so you have to do something for the teacher," substitute teacher Machele Randall said.

"You have to show us something, and going to a four-day

week would be one of the things that you could show them."

Former school board trustee Tim Quintana, who served one year as chair, disputed the notion that a shorter work week would convince teachers to forego the potential of better pay to stay in Homedale.

"In my years on the board, I don't remember losing a teacher to a four-day school week," the former two-term trustee said. "We lost them to higher pay."

Ketterling disagreed.

"Every teacher on a four-day schedule that I know doesn't want to go back to a higher-paying district because of the five-day week," she said.

Quintana also asserted that the four-day school week would have a negative effect on academic achievement, contrary to some of the testimony that the committee has heard in its meetings.

Quintana also pointed out that the \$40,000 to \$70,000 in savings estimated in a 2011 study of a four-day week in Homedale would have been realized only if the school district was completely shut down every Friday. The new scenario would have

Fridays available for professional development and enrichment activities.

Zell Mertz, a mother with three children commuting into the district for school, has concerns about what the longer school days are going to do to some students' already-hecktic schedules.

Two of Mertz's children are involved in athletics, which extends the day even more, and she worried about the length of a day that would include weight-training in the morning, school during the day, practice after school and then maybe a game and then homework.

"My kids will not be home to relax four days a week until 10 o'clock at night," she said. "I want them home to eat a good meal and relax and be ready for the next day."

Current school board chair Kurt Shanley told the audience that the committee was formed to investigate whether a four-day school week was right for the children in the Homedale district.

"This has to be a student-first decision because 1,200 school-children will be affected by this,"

Shanley said.

He also made it clear that the four-day week idea, contrary to what some people in the audience thought, isn't being approached as a perk for staffers.

"Whatever strategies are necessary to implement a four-day school week, if that is the decision, we'll go back to the staff and ask them to create a plan and then successfully implement that plan."

"Until then, we're not making any deals with employee groups."

The exploratory committee will present its recommendation to school trustees at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 7.

Sauer said the committee's recommendation would be a "thumbs-up, thumbs-down" proposition.

The recommendation will be made without consideration for personnel costs or other budgetary aspects of switching to a four-day school week.

The fiscal angle will be examined by the school board once the recommendation is rendered.

—JPB

✓ Contract: Prosecutor says \$15,000 isn't enough for services city wants

regarding the proposed \$15,000 law enforcement contract. The contract, which would allow sheriff's deputies to enforce city ordinances, was sent to the county in January. Bonney told the council that Emery had "rejected the contract" and complained that he had been prosecuting cases for the city "without compensation" for years.

"That isn't true, of course," Bonney said.

Bonney told the council that the letter did not make a counter offer, so she asked the council how they would like to respond.

"This doesn't really move us forward," she said. "It's just not helpful."

City Clerk Janice Bicandi then printed a copy of the email for council members to review.

Emery began his letter by

citing a \$129,429 agreement between the City of New Plymouth and the Payette County Sheriff's Office, which he thought should be used as an example to address the law enforcement needs of Marsing.

Next, he said that "during the past five years, this office has prosecuted the Marsing City cases without direct expense to the city." He said all the related expenses, such as witness fees, secretarial time, mileage, office expenses, and postage had been paid out of the prosecutor's budget. The expenses, Emery said, "substantially exceed the cost of utilities utilized by the Owyhee County Marsing Annex building." Emery said the services he has provided are "approximately \$1,000 dollars or more per month."

The City of Marsing and county

have an agreement that prosecution of city cases is compensated through a waiver of the county's water bill for the annex building.

Emery states further in the email that he wanted to have "the flexibility of determining which of the available code sections an offense should be charged under." Marsing city code is not always appropriate to use in addressing violations, he asserted.

"I am no longer interested in prosecuting without compensation, the general misdemeanors and infractions arising in Marsing, which are otherwise the responsibility of Marsing City, under Idaho Code," he wrote.

Emery said in the letter that the City of Homedale pays the "required" sum for the criminal prosecution of its cases, and he advised Marsing to do the same.

He did not state what the sum was.

"The Marsing City proposal that 90 percent of all proceeds generated from infractions and misdemeanors occurring in Marsing, is found to be disingenuous, particularly where Marsing City does not reimburse Owyhee County all actual expenses associated with prosecuting its cases," Emery wrote.

"In short, the \$15,000 sum proposed by Marsing City is unacceptable."

The topic of the email, which was sent to Paul J. Fitzer at Marsing's contracted legal counsel firm, created varied and uncertain responses from council members. Green said as long as he has been mayor, he can't recall the county ever prosecuting city cases. Councilman Aron Streibel said the

contract is not intended to create any additional cases.

Councilman Chris Even said he would like to see the contract in place, because it has taken so long to get anything done on it.

"I honestly think we need an agreement, but they are just not giving us a proper response," Green said.

Streibel said it was his impression that the county commissioners already approved of the contract, although no official vote has been taken. He questioned whether the council should consider Emery's email as an official response from the commissioners.

"It seems more like a letter from Emery, rather than from the commissioners," Streibel said.

—KB

✓ Ballot: Millington challenges Nielsen again in District 23 GOP primary

another term as county treasurer.

- Angie Barkell of Givens Hot Springs will seek a full four-year term as county clerk after succeeding Charlotte Sherburn after her midterm retirement.

- Homedale resident Aaron

Tines also wants to continue with a four-year term as county coroner after replacing longtime coroner Harvey Grimme when he retired in the middle of his last term.

The District 23 legislative ballot will be crowded again for the

biennial election.

The one exception is state Sen. Bert Bracket (R-Rogerson), who is running unopposed to keep his seat at the Statehouse.

District 23A Rep. Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) has smooth

sailing in the May primary, but Homedale Democrat Mary Richards will challenge him in the Nov. 4 general election.

For the second time in four years, District 23B Rep. Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home)

will see a primary challenge from Buhl's Steven Millington.

The Nov. 4 ballot will see Oasis Democrat R. L. "Spike" Ericson and independent CJ Nemeth of Mountain Home added to the mix.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Marsing American Legion Post 128 gun show
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$5, adults; \$4 seniors; \$7, two-day ticket, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., public welcome, \$5, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Sunday

Marsing American Legion Post 128 gun show
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$5, adults; \$4 seniors, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

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

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

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

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

Thursday, March 27

Property tax reduction assistance
9 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 495-2817

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Friday, March 28

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

Saturday, March 29

OCHS spring bazaar
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire chili cook-off
11 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. info@mrwfire.org or (208) 495-2195

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

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., public welcome, \$5, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Sunday, March 30

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, March 31

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


Tuesday, April 1

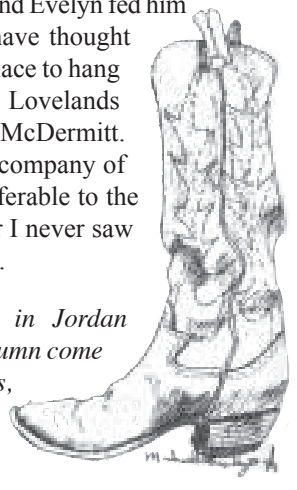
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Then & Now





Tales of the I.O.N. Country

Calvin George

Calvin George, a Paiute Indian from Fort McDermitt, worked for us off and on, several years. He was a lot of fun to have around, and we looked forward to his asking for a job. He didn't stay long and would go on a drunk as soon as he got to town, but he was one of the few drunks I have never found offensive.

One of the first jobs Calvin had in our country was working for John Glover at Spring Creek on Mahogany Mountain and down in the Owyhee Breaks. Glover was selling out and was trying to get a gather on his cattle. In previous years, he just branded his calves and never cared if some of the wild old cows escaped from his corral. His cattle were crossed with Scottish Highlanders and were wilder than heck. Calvin and John had corralled a bunch of cattle, but before they could shut the gate a horned cow made a break for it, ran out and headed up a steep hillside. John said, "Get her, Calvin."

Calvin, who was riding a spooky snaffle bit horse, laid in after the cow. He shook a loop out of his reata and caught the cow on the ridgetop. He then turned and galloped down the hill with the old cow following after, hitting the ground about every 25 feet.

Several years went by and we hadn't seen Calvin and figured the booze had gotten the best of him. One day the Boise-Winnemucca Stage stopped at the Standard Oil Station in town and Calvin got off. He walked in and sat down in a chair in total peace. As he stretched, he commented, "I always like Jordan Valley. The people treat you nice. In McDermitt, even the Bascos treat you like a dog." In the station at that time were Floyd Acarregui, Alfonso Acordagoitis, Joe Amberri, Pete Larrinaga, and Joe Corta — all prominent Basque citizens of Jordan Valley.

After Calvin left the station, he walked up to our place and asked, "Mike, you give me two dollar?" I told him I wouldn't give any money because he would just buy wine with it, but we would be glad to feed him and he accepted. After eating, Calvin went downtown and hit Bill Loveland up for two dollars, but Bill and Evelyn fed him again. Poor Calvin must have thought Jordan Valley a heck of a place to hang out, because when he left Lovelands he took the stage back to McDermitt. He must have thought the company of the McDermitt Bascos preferable to the Hanleys and Lovelands for I never saw him in Jordan Valley again.

— Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale.

Representatives from the Assessor's office will be at the Homedale, Marsing, and Grand View Senior Citizens centers, plus the Bruneau Library to help anyone fill out their applications for the Property Tax Reduction Program (Circuit Breaker).

The schedule will be as follows:

Homedale.....	March 13 2014 from 1:00-4:00
Homedale.....	March 18 2014 from 1:00-4:00
Homedale.....	March 25 2014 from 1:00-4:00
Marsing.....	March 27, 2014 from 9:00-12:00
Marsing.....	April 1, 2014 from 9:00-12:00
Grand View.....	April 3, 2014 from 10:00-12:00
Bruneau.....	April 2, 2014 from 1:30 -3:00

We will also be available to make home visits to those citizens unable to attend. Please call our office at 495-2817 to make arrangements or if you have any questions. The applications need to be filled out and turned in by April 15, 2014

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

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

Luke Ankeny teaches lessons from the heart

Hometown product is pastor of Homedale’s Friends Church,
JV basketball coach and new vice-president of the Chamber

Story and photos by Karen Bresnahan



Luke Ankeny remembers the days, not so long ago, when he rode his bike around town in the morning and then spent the rest of the afternoon at the Homedale city swimming pool. He has nothing but good memories of the town he grew up in, and all the people he grew up with. “This was a great place to grow up in,” he said.

Both his parents were educational leaders in the community. Dennis Ankeny coached junior high football for more than 20 years, taught business at the high school and was varsity basketball coach. His mom, Susan Ankeny taught economics at the high school for many years. His parents are now retired and live in Caldwell. Luke has an older brother, Andy, and younger sister, Tammy. Andy is a college football coach, who lives in Caldwell, and Tammy lives in Portland, and works for an overseas ministry called Word Made Flesh.

And now, Luke is “stepping up to the basket” by investing his time as a leader in the church, the school, and the community. It all fits into the bigger picture of a family tradition of caring and serving others.

Luke describes his childhood as wonderful, but “the only problem he had, was when he got into trouble, his parents always found out about it right away.”

As a boy, Luke says he was “mischievous,” but was fortunate to have a lot of people from the church and school who continually guided him. They were his mentors, many of whom “still walk beside him” in the church. “They helped shape me into who I’ve become, and what they did the most, was point me toward God,” he said. Ankeny hopes he can somehow “pay back” all those who guided him by being a mentor to young people in the church, school and community.

At a very young age, Luke enjoyed going to church on Sunday mornings and listening to the singing. In junior high he became involved as a church youth leader

and helped at weekend retreats.

Then, in his junior year at Homedale High School, Luke attended a church meeting in Portland, and during a silent prayer service, he heard a voice whisper in his ear, “You’re supposed to be a pastor.” He knew in that moment

telling me to stay here and serve as pastor, and to be involved in the community.”

After leaving Homedale for college and living in a variety of places, Luke came back to his hometown a couple of years ago and wants to “dive into” city

such as a park or farmers market. He “likes the direction” the city is going in, with the clean-up-the-town project and the talk about “city pride” that happened at the last Chamber meeting.

Luke’s quiet demeanor and relaxed attitude are magnetic

that it is important for me to be involved in the community.” The Friends Church contributes to the Angel Walk event every year, with all the proceeds going to help children suffering from illnesses.

His goal as a pastor is to continue to improve his public speaking abilities, and to “always remember to ask for help.” He keeps in mind, “I can’t do it all on my own.”

Luke also enjoys writing and he is currently writing a book on parenting, which he hopes to publish.

As for personal goals, Luke says he and his wife, Heidi, are “very passionate” about encouraging people to live healthier, through eating healthy and exercising. This year, they plan to turn one-half of their front yard into a garden. Heidi is HHS’ varsity track and cross country coach, and also serves as secretary of the church. They have three boys, Samuel, 13, and Jacob, 11, and Braden, 8.

Luke is junior varsity coach of the high school basketball team, and assistant to the varsity coach. He talked briefly about last weekend’s loss to Buhl in the championship game.

“It was a gut-wrenching experience,” he said.

Luke commended coach Casey Grove on a job well done. “He said everything that needed to be said,” Luke said.

At the game, Luke thanked all the boys on the team for doing their best and bringing the team that far. “Losing is an important lesson in life,” he said. “As parents and coaches, all we can do is step up and be mentors to our children.”

Both Luke and Heidi are strongly committed to coaching. She calls her track students “my kids,” and he calls his basketball players “my boys.”

Here is one Homedale boy who grew up, and moved away, but has come back as a leader and teacher and servant of God in a town he really knows and appreciates.



Heidi and Luke Ankeny of Homedale, take time to relax near the Friends Church.

his life would take on a new direction. Today, he still follows the same path, because he believes the conversation that God began with him is continuing.

About three years ago, when he and his family were living in New York, he heard the whisper again: “Come to Homedale.” The very next day he was contacted by a friend here who told him the pastor position just became open.

“I feel like I was called here,” Luke says. “And the more I stay here, the more I realize that this is the best place for me and my family.” His kids tell him this is their favorite place they have ever lived. “I feel like God is

events in a big way, most recently by taking on the president position on the Chamber of Commerce.

He has enthusiasm about the possibilities for the city’s future. “Right now, we are a pass-through-town,” he said. “If Homedale can bring in businesses to improve our lifestyle, let’s do it. What can we do to draw in more businesses and attract people to stay here?” he asked.

One idea Ankeny suggests is for Homedale to build a hotel in town, so people who stay here can visit the businesses. He would also like to see the area where the beet dump is located to possibly be utilized for something else,

qualities that compel people to listen to this lanky, 6-foot-4-inch-tall man. He is a natural leader, but he does it humbly, always keeping in mind that his true leader is Jesus Christ. His goals as pastor of the Friends Community Church are to help people have an understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, and to share with them how relevant the Bible verses are in today’s world. Luke describes his style as “very laid back” and he and church members are currently talking about “what it means to be a church and a community of faith.”

“I have an awesome church,” Luke said. “They understand

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Jeffrey Garcia, welcomes visitors to his “Magnetic Fields and Temperatures” experiment station at the sixth-grade science fair, which took place March 11 at Marsing Middle School.



Below: Adam Marcial talks about his “Speedy Inferno” science project. He won first place in the electricity category.

SCIENTIFIC MINDS



Kyle Olsen stands ready to explain his “Springs vs. Rubber Bands in a Catapult” experiment to younger students who are visiting his display.



Jaden Kinney shows enthusiasm for his “Thermal Shock” science experiment. Kinney won first in the Best of Show category. See results, **Page 11A**

at Marsing Middle School



Tannery Hardy stands by his “Bulletproof Ice” experiment display at the Marsing Middle School Science Fair last week. He won honorable mention.

Photos by
Karen
Bresnahan



Katie Hobbs converses with students at her booth about her “Mellifluous Mentality” experiment. She won first in the behavior and memory category.

Right: Marcus Allen stands ready to demonstrate the results of his experiment comparing “White Rosin and Black Rosin,” materials that he uses in bull riding.



Anniversary



Roy and Carol Taylor; 1964



Carol and Roy Taylor; today

Homedale party planned for Taylors’ 50th

The children of Roy and Carol Taylor will serve as hosts for a 50th wedding anniversary celebration later this month in Homedale.

The party takes place between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Owyhee Lanes

and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The Taylors were married on March 27, 1964 in Nampa. They’ve lived in Homedale for 42 years.

Their children — Rusty and Shauna Osborn — also live in Homedale.

Wedding

Hailee Garrett, Troy Vernon marry at Garrett Ranches

Hailee Renee Garrett of Homedale and Troy Samuel Vernon of Maybell, Colo., were married Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, in the rustic Garrett Ranches Warehouse of Central Cove.

Pastor Luke Ankeny of Homedale Friends Community Church officiated the ceremony. He welcomed more than 400 guests to Troy and Hailee’s “church wedding,” as he recognized that the place God’s people choose to gather becomes the church for that time.



Hailee Garrett and Troy Vernon

Hailee is the daughter of Gregg and Randee Garrett of Homedale, and the groom is the son of Bob and Janis Edwards of Maybell, Colo., and Troy Vernon, Sr. of Sandpoint.

The bride’s grandparents are Kenne and Darlene Metzger and Frankie and Dot Garrett, all of Homedale. The groom’s grandparents are Darryl and Sharon Steele of Maybell, Colo.

The bride was attended by her maid of honor and friend, Cheyanne Andrade, as well as her cousins Whitney Uria, Ashlynn Gabiola, Nikaya Johnson and friend, Amanda Brown.

Standing up for the groom was his cousin and best man, Jory Steele, his brother Trent Vernon, friend Cayd Kluesner and the bride’s brothers Cody and Ryan Garrett. Cousins of the bride Kambell and Kinlee Garrett served as flower girls and the groom’s cousin, Cactus Barnes, was the ring bearer.

Ushers for the evening were

the bride’s cousins, Cory Uria and Jace Johnson, and the groom’s cousins, Denton and Dusty Taylor and Casey and Cutter Barnes. The bride’s friend, Jessica Kautzsch, attended the guest book.

The bride carried a bouquet of red apples and golden wheat down the aisle lined with bushel baskets of Red and Golden Delicious apples. The bridesmaids carried small baskets of red apples. Rings were carried on a bible belonging to the bride’s great-grandmother, Lenora Garrett.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed dinner and dancing among apple trees glowing with white lights.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to McCall and are currently making their home in Maybell, Colo.

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Homedale Senior Center breakfast returns strong

Above: Folks enjoy coffee during the latter stages of Saturday's fundraiser breakfast at the Homedale Senior Center. The first breakfast of the season drew a crowd that filled every table in the downtown building. The breakfast will be served until fall on the third Saturday of each month. For more information, call the senior center at 337-3020.

Left: Homedale Senior Center board of directors president Frank Ivino washes dishes at the end of the breakfast.

Photos by Jon P. Brown

Marsing Middle School science fair winners announced

Sixth-graders win awards in several categories

The results have been tallied and winners determined for last week's Marsing Middle School sixth-grade science fair.

In the best in show awards, Jaden Kinney took first place for "Thermal Shock"; second place went to Krista Mayer for "Shoot to Thrill," and third place was Landry Villa for "Sticky Situation."

In the engineering category, first place winner was Trinity Wood for "Succulent Science." Honorable mention went to Tanner Hardy for "Bulletproof Ice."

In the behavior and memory category, Katey Hobbs placed first with "Mellifluous Mentality." Honorable mention went to Leanna Miller for "Color and Readability."

In the physics and sports category, Brian Purtell won first place for "Bullet Drop." Honorable mention went to Emerson Sauer for Basketball Bounce.

In the microbiology category, Brooke Labit took first place with "One Slobber a Day Keeps the Doctor Away." Honorable mention went to Emmily Tinchier for "Bacteria vs. Handles."

In the biology category, Toni Marcial took first place for "Music and Heatbeats." Honorable mention went to Jadeyn Armfield for Eye C U.

In the electricity & other types of energy category, Adam Marcial took first place with "Speedy Inferno." Honorable mention went to Amelia Cuevas for "Static Hair Day."

In the chemistry category, Lizeth Aguirre won first for "Clash of the Solvents." Honorable mention went to Alec Gibson for "Temperature, Rubberbands and Wooden Cars."

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An array of photos from last week's science fair, including some of the winning exhibits.

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Friday fun at Homedale library



Story Time for preschoolers draws a crowd

Above: Children’s librarian at the Homedale Public library, Laryssa Takashige reads during Friday’s Story Time hour to (from left) Aly Takashige; Liam Takashige; and Claire Allen.
Right: Kary Takashige, left, and Braden Bell enjoy hearing stories read at the Homedale Library’s Friday morning Story Time for preschoolers. Photos by Karen Bresnahan



Homedale man spends time in jail for DUI

A Homedale man served 10 days in jail after an excessive driving under the influence conviction. Robert Bradley Paasch, 22, received credit for five days in Owyhee County Jail after his arrest on the misdemeanor charge on Nov. 3. Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Chris Even made the arrest. Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced Paasch to 24 months’ probation and one year

in jail during a Feb. 10 hearing. Grober suspended 350 days of the jail term. He also suspended Paasch’s driver’s license for a year. Paasch also had to pay \$1,400 in fines and court fees. Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed other misdemeanor charges including failure to provide proof of insurance, driving without privileges and possession of an open container of alcohol.

Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library receives Idaho Power grant

Money will help implement eBook program

Janna Streibel, director of the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, has received a \$500 grant, which will be used to purchase a number of eBooks for research. She applied for the grant at the Idaho Power Facebook site. Originally, Streibel had applied for \$1500 for the program. She was contacted by the company after submitting the page and they told her they thought it was a good idea, and awarded her the \$500 amount. The check was presented to Streibel by Michael Ybarguen of Idaho Power. The grant is part of a program called Powering Tomorrow, and it for non-profit and educational institutions in Idaho. The Idaho Power Facebook page asks people to share their story about what they would do if they received a grant. The stories are posted on the Idaho Power website, and the public votes for the groups they want to see funded.

Library youth group to study Native American tribes

Boys and girls ages 10-17 can learn about Native American bow hunting Saturday at the Homedale Public Library’s Teens and Tweens program. The group will meet at 4 p.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. This week’s lesson will cover the different tribes that use a bow and arrow, including the various types of bows they use as well as the variety of arrow and arrowheads. The lesson also includes a look at the legends involving the bow and arrow. Participants will take part in an arts and crafts activity related to the legendary stories. Teens and Tweens planning on participating in the bow and arrow shooting clinic to be presented by Lanny Fujishin on March 29 at Sundance Park must return the release of liability forms signed by their parents as well, program coordinator Teasha Harris said. For more information, call the library at 337-4228. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. **Bedtime tale for Story Time** “Dream Animals” by Emily Winfield Martin will be read at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library for this week’s preschool Story Time. The bedtime story deals with animals that live in Dreamland. Along with the story, there will be snacks, crafts and singing. For more information, call the library.

HHS Class of 1964 to hold reunion-planning meeting

Members of the Homedale High School Class of 1964 will meet this week to continue planning their 50-year reunion. Members will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Moxie Java Bistro, 404 S. Hwy 95, in Homedale. Anyone interested in helping plan the event are welcome to attend. The group is also looking for members who are interested in attending the celebration. For more information, contact Darlene (Byington) Stattner at (208) 514-5690, Nancy (Friedrichsmeier) Fricke at nfricke42@cableone.net or Donna (Martin) Talley at talleyd@live.com.



Janna Streibel, director of the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, accepts a \$500 check from Michael Ybarguen, community relations representative of Idaho Power. The grant will pay for an e-Book program. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Streibel said she was very surprised she got the \$500 check because her story did not receive many votes. “Because our district is so large, it is sometimes difficult for students to get to the library to do research,” she said. “By having the eBooks, they can do research wherever they have Internet access.” There are 12 other libraries in the state that are part of the eBook group, so it will benefit other students in other areas as well, she said. For more information on the eBook program, call the library, at 896-4690. —KB

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Grand View Legion Hall workday slated

The Grand View Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help with a workday at the American Legion Post 134 hall.

The work will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the hall, 410 Roosevelt St.

Interior work such as paneling in the main room and sheetrock in the side room of the hall is planned.

Chamber spokesperson Cyndi Fullmer said that even folks who aren't handy with a hammer are welcome to help out. Dishes for lunch also are welcome. Anyone who wants to contribute to the lunch should bring the food to the Legion Hall around noon, she said.

For more information, call Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

The day is part of an ongoing refurbishment project for the Legion Hall. The Chamber's annual dinner on Saturday raised money for the effort.

Saturday's St. Patrick's Day dinner netted about \$900, which Fullmer said was an increase from last year's dinner.

"We had a great turnout and wonderful help," she said. "I think the dinner was a great success."

"The Chamber would like to thank everyone who came down and enjoyed dinner, purchased raffle tickets and donated raffle items."

New airstrip planned near Grand View

Bybee Air Service to build strip, hangar and chemical storage facility

In a Feb. 26, decision, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission approved a conditional use permit for a commercial airstrip approximately three miles south of Grand View.

The permit was obtained by Bybee Air Service, represented by Stan Bybee and David Henninger. The airstrip project will include a hangar with an office, a chemical loading pad, and a chemical storage facility for their crop dusting business.

The property is approximately 12 acres of land located at the intersection of A&A Road and Mud Flat Road, in an area zoned for agricultural use.

The commission found that the proposed use is desirable because the addition of an airstrip will increase the tax base and enhance crop dusting service in the county.

The airstrip is privately funded, and no public funding is required. The Bybee Air Service plans to install onsite utilities, including septic, water and power.

A well for domestic water will be drilled.

Oregon Food Bank returns to JV, Arock

Free fruits, vegetables and bread will be available to the public Thursday in Jordan Valley and Arock.

The Oregon Food Bank-Southeast Oregon Services location in Ontario will start its Harvest Share Project again after a break of a few months.

Unlike the Food Bank's Mobile Pantry, the Harvest Share Project has no income guidelines for people to take advantage of it. The produce and bread is local, and anyone can drop by to check out the selection.

The Food Bank's visit to Jordan Valley and Arock typically takes place on the final Friday of the month, but officials wanted to make the public aware of the change this month to Thursday.

The Harvest Share Project will stop at the W.W. Jones Elementary School, 3513 Arock Road, in Arock at 10 a.m.

Distribution begins at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., at 11:15 a.m.

The Food Bank also will hold a Jordan Valley Community Mobile Food Pantry shift from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

For more information, call OFB-Southeast Oregon Services at (541) 889-9206.

Homedale High School Drama delivers the musical "Oz!"



Lauren Craft, as Dorothy (left) and the Scarecrow, Patrick McMichael (right), help the Tin Woodsman, Spencer Mast (center) with his movements in Homedale High School's non-traditional "Oz!" musical. The play was staged March 10-11 inside the old gymnasium.



Above: Kathryn Thatcher played Poppy Flowers, and her brother Todd was a munchkin. Right: Megan Aman in the role of the China Princess.



From left: Dorothy, played by Lauren Craft, Patrick McMichael as the Scarecrow, Jason Buenestro as the Cowardly Lion and Spencer Mast, as the Tin Woodsman, prepare to meet Oz.

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Marsing school’s faulty Chromebooks replaced

Barenberg’s third-grade class experienced problems from start

District loses science teacher, gains track coach

Marsing’s Elementary School principal Tyson Beggs reported to the school board last week that 26 of the HP Chromebooks that were purchased online for John Barenberg’s third-grade class turned out to be defective. The Chromebooks were found to have batteries that did not hold a charge, or had problems with overheating. Beggs told the board that HP has replaced the faulty black Chromebooks, with newer models, which are white. The black Chromebooks have only a four-hour battery, and retail for \$223, while the white Chromebooks have a seven-hour battery and retail for \$299. School superintendent Norm Stewart said the trade-off was beneficial for the district.

In November the school acquired about 34 of the HP black Pavillion Chromebooks, model No. 14-C050. “Pretty much right from the start we had problems with the units,” Barenberg told The Owyhee Avalanche. “One of them began smoking as soon as it was turned on.” Out of the 34 purchased, about 26 of them wouldn’t hold a charge at all, or would not charge completely, he said. “In a school setting, time is golden. We were wasting time dealing with Chromebooks that would run dead in a matter of minutes, or wouldn’t even turn on, even when they had been charging all night,” he said. Most of the units would not last an hour.

Barenberg teamed up with Ken Price, the 21st Century Academy director and they contacted Andy Falk, HP account manager in Boise. Falk came to the school to investigate the problems and resolved the issues by replacing the black Chromebooks with the line’s newest model, No. 14-Q070NR.

The HP officials sent the units by priority shipping directly from the factory in Indianapolis. “The replacement Chromebooks are incredible in every aspect, especially the battery life,” Barenberg said. The new ones are turned on at 7:30 a.m. and by 5:30 p.m., he said they still have about 40 percent battery life left.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better deal than what we ended up with,” he said. “I applaud HP for doing the right thing and replacing the black units with the new upgraded units.”

Barenberg said some of the remaining black units that were performing OK, are being kept at the school for use in the GEARUP program.

The third-grade students are using the Chromebooks for learning through sites such as Discover Education, Khan Academy, Google Docs and others.

—KB

The Marsing school board met last week and accepted the resignation of high school science teacher Greg Stone.

Stone is in his first year in the district and is leaving for personal reasons.

The board has hired Dustin Gochenour as the middle school track coach. He currently teaches social studies, physical education and assists the high school track coach.

Also at the March 11 meeting, representatives of the Class of 2014 asked the board for permission to decorate their graduation caps.

The student representatives informed the board that Middleton High School has been decorating their caps for the past five years.

District superintendent Norm Stewart offered to create a survey that would go out to seniors to see how many are interested in it. High school principal Tim Little volunteered to create a survey to obtain the input of parents on the topic.

In the 21st Century report, the board heard that the RIF program’s Dr. Seuss night was a success, with about 300 attending and 270 books given out.

Parent-teacher conferences are being held in the district today and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The district is also working on gathering data to prepare for a funding need at the library, because of an \$12,000 Accelerated Readers program grant that will be expiring next year. Stewart said several options are being considered to come up with more money, including getting another grant, charging media fees, or allocating additional money for the library.

—KB

COSSA students plan Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser April 4

Health Occupation Students of America chapter members from the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency — some of whom are Homedale and Marsing high school students — will hold a Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser next month.

Advisor Cindy Floyd Joslin says her students have worked on their National Service Project, “Pound Out Cystic Fibrosis,” which will feature a luau dinner, guest speaker, silent auction and children’s games.


The fundraiser, which will serve as the chapter’s entry in the national convention contest, takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4 at the COSSA Regional Technical Center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 children or senior citizens, and \$100 for a table of eight people.

For more information contact Cindy Joslin at 830-5560 or Lisa Rittenhouse at 573-1209.

BLM itemizes Jump Creek construction plans

The Bureau of Land Management will close the Jump Creek Recreation site Monday. During the two-month closure, which will last until May 19, BLM will reconstruct the roadbed, install culverts to improve drainage and resurface the road with reinforced concrete to eliminate washboarding, erosion and rutting of the road. Recreationists use the road to reach the restroom facilities and the walking path leading to the Jump Creek Canyon and waterfall. Photo courtesy of Bureau of Land Management



Open house set for new BLM Bruneau Field manager

Thrift one of two new field managers in Boise District

The public will have the opportunity to meet two new field managers in the Bureau of Land Management’s Boise District at an open house Thursday.

Idaho native Tanya Thrift is the new Bruneau Field Office manager, while Tate Fischer takes over the same position in the Four Rivers Field Office.

The open house takes place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., in Boise.

Thrift, who is from the Bonners Ferry area, joined Boise District in November from the Butte Field Office in Montana, where she worked as a Rangeland Management Specialist and most recently as Assistant Field Manager. She developed an interest in rangeland management from time spent with her grandparents, who were ranchers. Her grandmother still lives on the ranch today and produces hay and harvests trees.

In 2004, Thrift served a senate internship for Sen. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) in Washington DC. After spending three summers as a seasonal employee, Thrift received her first permanent position through the BLM’s Student Career Experience Program. Thrift received her degrees in Animal Science and Range Management from University of Idaho and Montana State University.

“The challenges and opportunities are what drew me to the Bruneau Field manager’s position and the beautiful Boise area,” Thrift said. “My goals are to continue to build relationships, internally and externally, and to develop new partnerships for funding and support, that will allow staff to complete work on the ground.”

Thrift and her husband Brian have 2½-year-old son, Cameron. They enjoy hunting, fishing, riding horses and being outdoors enjoying our public lands.

Fischer joined the Four Rivers Field Office in March from the National Interagency Fire Center, where he has been a fire planning specialist since 2009.

“I grew up in north-central South Dakota, living every kid’s dream — hunting, fishing, exploring and just loving the outdoors,” Fischer said.

After time in U.S. Army, his love of the outdoors led him to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Fisheries Sciences and a Master’s in Wildlife Biology from South Dakota State University.

He began his full-time career as a wildlife biologist at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge near Eagle Lake, Texas.

He served as a fuels specialist and assistant district fire management officer in the Walker Ranger District, and fire management officer for the Blackduck Ranger District, both on the Chippewa National Forest in north-central Minnesota.

Fischer worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Wisconsin as the fire management officer for the Necedah, Trempealeau, and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges.

Fischer plans to continue focusing his efforts on the integration of land and resource use, building relationships, and strengthening partnerships for all interested parties.

Fischer and his wife Stacie have two teenagers, Ellie and Carson, and all share the love of their 8-year-old yellow lab, Bella.

“The open house will give folks the opportunity to share with us their views on our current working relationship and identify areas where we can strengthen our working together in the future,” Thrift said.



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Marsing council bans roosters in city limits

Officials hear updates on ongoing projects

After listening to a couple of citizen complaints about the proposed ordinance banning roosters within the city limits, the Marsing City Council voted without hesitation to approve it at last Wednesday’s meeting.

One person argued that no one ever complained about her rooster, and she asked the city to limit roosters to one per family.

“I don’t care if it’s one or a dozen, they are still a problem,” Mayor Keith Green said.

Another person had the opinion that the ordinance was unenforceable and that no one would comply. She compared the issue to gun control laws, where she said only the criminals would have guns.

“If you outlaw roosters, only the outlaws will have them,” the woman said.

Councilman Aron Streibel dis-

missed her argument, saying “a gun doesn’t walk around and crow all night.”

Green reminded the council of the incident last summer in which a young child was injured by a rooster, and he said he didn’t want the possibility of cockfights happening in the city.

Streibel clarified the issue, saying “This is not a new law. This is an amendment to an existing law.”

Councilman Chris Even said in his opinion the roosters are a problem because 95 percent of them are running loose.

In answer to a question, Green said there is a part of the existing city ordinance that allows 4-H children to have roosters.

Next on the agenda, city engineer Amy Woodruff reported on the Waterways Improvement Grant for Island Park. The grant application was submitted in January, and she asked the council to “keep your fingers crossed” that it will be approved.

On the Family Dollar Store

topic, Woodruff reported that the company has removed some of the concrete curbing and plans to do a re-pour in order to get “a more positive flow” of water in the area. “That should fix the problem,” she said.

The Family Dollar Store will also need to install some pavement on the entrance to the parking area, Woodruff said.

The Idaho highway 78 Sidewalk Project is still awaiting the approval of a Community Choice Grant, she said. The sidewalk is planned for the west side of Idaho 78 (8th Avenue West) extending from Logan’s Market to the Labor Camp. If the grant is approved, it will require a \$17,000 match from the city.

The East Bruneau Trunk Line Sewer Rehabilitation Project is “still on track,” Woodruff said. Pipeline Inspection Services Inc. of Nampa was awarded the contract.

She said the main lines have been cleaned and the company plans to replace a manhole

near the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, she said.

Public works maintenance superintendent John Larsen received permission to apply for a \$50,000 Gem Grant for the city’s methane gas project.

“I’d like to save the city some money,” Larsen said.

The city’s match for the grant would be \$22,000. The city has already estimated the work would cost at least \$60,000. The project goal is to siphon naturally occurring methane gas from city water and convert it to electricity.

City maintenance superintendent Ed Lowder said he has received a bid of \$1,600 to have all the city’s streets swept. He recommended the city approve the bid because “it’s a good deal.” The council approved the bid.

Green also reported to the council that Hewlett-Packard has chosen to help Marsing through the company’s volunteer work program.

He said he plans to meet on

Friday with HP representatives, a Chamber of Commerce member and school superintendent Norm Stewart to make plans for the volunteer work. Employees of the company are required to do the work, Green said. He estimated there will be from 10 to 50 workers that will help through the summer. They will assist with such projects as building a gazebo at the park, helping elderly people with yard work, and working in the garden at the school grounds, the mayor said.

He also said he would like to see a city clean-up day set for about May 1, involving 4-H kids, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

The council approved a \$500 donation to the Marsing Lions Club for its children’s Easter Egg Hunt set for April 23 at the Marsing High School football field.

Finally, the council cited Code 672345-1C for going into executive session to discuss the acquisition of property.

— KB

Hit-and-run driver destroys Marsing health clinic sign

A 21-year-old California woman has been cited for leaving the scene of an accident after she allegedly plowed through the Terry Reilly Clinic business sign on Main Street in Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman

said Hannah Zeigler was cited for the misdemeanor after Deputy Terry McGrew located the 1991 Honda Accord she was driving in the Family Dollar Store parking lot nearby.

There were two other people in the car at the time of the accident, which was reported to dispatch at 9:50 p.m. last Wednesday — 56-year-old Derek Zeigler of Sebastopol, Calif., and 23-year-old Nampa resident Sterling Cheyenne Toma.

Bowman said the group was trying to change a tire on the Honda, which had Idaho plates, when McGrew contacted them.

The sign has been removed from the Terry Reilly Clinic property and no replacement was installed as of press time.

Bowman said Zeigler told McGrew that she swerved into the sign to avoid hitting another car that had come close to the Honda as it traveled north on Main Street.

Man arrested on warrant during civil paper service

A man wanted in connection with an assault at a Homedale rodeo in June was arrested outside Marsing last Wednesday when a OCSO deputy was serving civil papers.

Raymundo Ornelas Estrada, 35, was wanted on a \$100,000 Homedale Police felony arrest warrant for aggravated assault.

A June 23 melee hurt two people, including a woman who was sent to the hospital after being hit by a car as a suspect fled the scene.

Murphy man arrested for domestic battery

Bradley Neil Evans, 27, of Murphy was arrested for misdemeanor domestic battery last Wednesday after allegedly hitting his 26-year-old wife in front of their 4-year-old son.

Bowman said McGrew was responding to the Murphy residence for the second time in the evening when he arrested Evans. The altercation apparently began as an argument and allegedly escalated.

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Emry finishes 12th at NCAA Indoors again

After sitting as high as 10th, Homedale High School graduate Austin Emry placed 12th during the heptathlon at the NCAA indoor track and field national championships Saturday.

The University of Montana senior's finish mirrored his result in the 2013

national championships.

"To finish 12th in the nation in something is pretty good," UM coach Brian Schweyen said. "I think he came in wanting to do better and do more than he did, but he's pretty satisfied, so as his coach that's all I can ask for."

Emry's performance Friday and Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M., earned him second-team All-America honors for the second consecutive season. It also closed out the indoor portion of his collegiate career.

Emry was in 11th place after Friday's four events. He moved up to 10th after opening

Saturday's action with an 8.09-second result in the 60-meter hurdles, the fastest time of any one in the field for that event.

He slid down three spots with marks of 14 feet, 3.25 inches in the pole vault (13th place)

— See *Emry*, back page



Homedale High School senior pitcher Shelby Lee, right, and the rest of the Trojans' infield meet before an inning starts Saturday against McCall-Donnelly at Sundance Park. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Trojans look to repeat as state champs closer to home

Experienced HHS softball
has deep pitching staff

The 3A softball state tournament is finally coming to the Treasure Valley in May, and the Homedale High School softball team plans to be there.

For coach Larry Corta, who is in his 11th season at the helm, it's a matter of convenience for the loyal fan base that spurred the Trojans to the 2013

state title.

"This team is just well-rounded, and we have a lot of close-game experience," Corta said. "We are excited to get playing to see what this team is all about."

"With State being in Nampa this year, our goal is to get there so we can represent our community of Homedale."

The Trojans, who beat Fruitland 2-1 before securing the school's fourth state title with a

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Seasoned roster ready to change Huskies' baseball fortunes

Marsing fell one
win short of state
tourney in 2013

Jerry Stacy is hoping that his Marsing High School baseball players have long memories.

The Huskies were one win away from another 2A state tournament appearance, but an ineffective offensive outing allowed Melba to end Marsing's season in the final game of the 2A District III tournament.

"We left 15 runners stranded on base in that game," the fourth-year coach said. "Hopefully the returning kids will remember that they have to get those clutch base hits and plate some runs when the opportunities are there."

Among the returners are a slew



Charlie Galvez

of seniors led by three-time first-team all-conference selections Austin Williams and Charlie Galvez.

"We are expecting them to have their best seasons yet," Stacy said. "They will both contend

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Austin Williams

Oviedo tabbed conference Player of Year

Trojans' starters
get all-conference
honors

Casey Grove's colleagues agreed with his assessment of Caleb Oviedo after Homedale High School rolled through the 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball season.

Oviedo and Grove led the accolades when the all-conference team was announced last week after the Trojans finished second in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout

state tournament.

All five HHS starters were lauded after the Trojans became the first team other than Fruitland to win the conference and District III championships in more than a decade.

Early on in the season, Grove called Oviedo the best player in the conference, and that outlook was verified when Oviedo was named the 3A SRV Player of the Year after averaging a double-double during the season. Oviedo scored 11.7 points and snagged

— See *Conference*, page 2B



Homedale High School's Caleb Oviedo tries to get to the basket against Buhl in the 3A state championship game. Oviedo has been named the 3A Snake River Valley conference Player of the Year. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Sports

Trojans tennis may be a player away from breakout year

Young nucleus with state tournament experience spearhead 2014 squad

There's reason for optimism as the Homedale High School tennis team opens the season with two young players returning with state meet experience.

Hattie Mertz and Kincade Kincheloe both competed in the 3A state tournament as sophomores last spring. After fifth-place finishes at the District III championships, the pair pulled top-eight showings in the state tourney.

"Hattie Mertz and Kincade Kincheloe should play with confidence from a successful year and state tournament as well as an active summer of tennis,"

fourth-year tennis coach Scott Michaelson said.

Mertz and Kincheloe went it alone at the district and state tournaments last year after foreign exchange player Lena Jokanovic was required to play for Wilder after competing with the Trojans during the regular season.

Michaelson expects the two returning juniors will only be the tip of the roster for Homedale this spring.

"We will have better depth this year, which will help in matchups and competition for positions, however, we still won't have the depth and experience of Parma

or Fruitland," Michaelson said.

Foreign exchange student Michael Bethge will be one of the newcomers adding depth to the boys' singles ladder. Michaelson said he possesses a good serve and hits with power.

Two players who will make potential impacts aren't strangers to the program but are returning after a year off.

"Edmy Vega is playing well after missing last season due to surgery," Michaelson said.



Kincade Kincheloe

He said Vega could reunite with Andrew Randall at No. 1 mixed doubles, the same assignment they had two years ago, or she could team up with Marissa Guzman at No. 1 girls' doubles. Guzman also is returning to the program after a year away.

There are 19 players out for the team this season, including six girls.

While Michaelson acknowledges the powerful Fruitland and Parma programs,



Hattie Mertz

after last season he is aware that the emergence of a key player at the right time could make a world of difference for Homedale in the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

"Fruitland and Parma are strong favorites and our conference is very strong, but we saw last year that with a second person at State for eight boys or girls could result in a third-place finish, so we will try to qualify as many as possible," Michaelson said.

— JPB



Scott Michaelson

✓ Conference: Grove named coach of the year after SRV, district crowns

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10.2 rebounds per night – both tops on the team.

He had nine double-doubles during Homedale's 22-3 season, which featured a 16-game winning streak.

He scored a season-high 22 points on Jan. 28 against Nampa Christian and pulled down a season-best 15 rebounds in a Dec. 20 loss to Class 4A Skyview in the Buffalo Wild Wings Elite Eight Invitational in Nampa.

Grove was named Coach of the Year, which is customary when you win the conference title. But Grove's peers recognized the third-year coach's ability to wring every ounce of potential out of his

team and turn around a club that finished last in the conference standings in 2012-13.

The Trojans posted one of the highest win totals and best winning percentages in program history and also established what is believed to be the second-longest boys' basketball winning streak in school history.

The run was topped with the program's first state championship game appearance since



Lane Sale

1970 and the third runner-up trophy in school history.

Senior Lane Sale and junior Dillon Lowder were first-team all-conference. A 6-foot-6 frontcourt player, Sale established the school record with 91 blocks (3.6 per game) and also led the team with 87 assists. He averaged 8 points and 8.2 rebounds per game and also came away with 52 steals.

Lowder led the team with 64



Dillon Lowder

steals while averaging 10.7 points per game (second on the team). He drained 23 three-point goals, which was second on the team to all-conference second-teamer Trey Lane.

A senior, Lane nailed 35 three-point shots and averaged 8.8 points a night. He had 59 assists.

Senior Talon Frelove, who transferred from Vallivue with Lane Sale prior to the 2013-14



Trey Lane



school year rounded out HHS' all-conference players with a second-team selection.

Frelove's crowd-pleasing shot from beyond half-court was ruled too late to count at the end of the Trojans' 59-56 state final loss to Buhl, but the senior connected on 14 treys throughout the season and average 6.1 points per night.


He also collected 4.6 rebounds a game and blocked 23 shots. He also had 48 assists.




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Homedale Trojans

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Nash Johnson, so., baseball

The Play -- Johnson knocked in five runs Saturday as the Trojans swept McCall-Donnelly for their first wins of the season. He struck out four in two innings to kick off a three-pitcher no-hitter in a 12-0 Game 2 victory.


Baseball Varsity
Baker (Ore.) Spring Tournament
Tuesday, March 25 vs. LaGrande, Ore., 1 p.m. MST
Tuesday, March 25 vs. Baker, Ore., 3:15 p.m. MST
Junior Varsity
Friday, March 21, home vs. Wilder (2), 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, April 3 at Parma, 4 p.m.


Tennis
Thursday, March 20, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 4 p.m.

Softball Varsity
Saturday, March 22, at Baker, Ore., (2), noon
Junior varsity
Saturday, March 22, at Baker, Ore., (2), noon


Golf Girls
Wednesday, March 19 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, Rolling Hills G.C., Weiser, 3 p.m.
Boys
Tuesday, April 1, home 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, TimberStone G.C., Caldwell, 3 p.m.



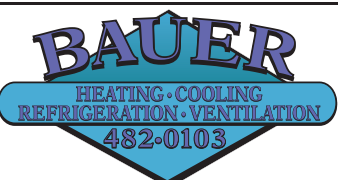
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Sports

Trojans throttle Vandals in Saturday doubleheaders

Baseball, softball teams show off pitching prowess

Homedale High School's baseball and softball teams swept to victory Saturday in doubleheaders against overmatched McCall-Donnelly.

The softball team crushed the Vandals, 27-4 and 20-3, in two five-inning games played as a non-conference doubleheader at Sundance Park.

Shelby Lee and Morgan Nash picked up the victories in the pitching circle.

In the first game, Destiny Long was 4-for-4 with a double, a triple and two RBI.

Gardenia Machuca went 6-for-10 with a double, a triple and eight RBI in the doubleheader.

She knocked in six runs in Game 2.



Homedale shortstop Jake Deal steps on second base to force a McCall-Donnelly baserunner during the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Baseball
Saturday: Homedale 20-12, McCall-Donnelly 1-0 — The Trojans' pitching staff allowed only two hits in the first game to throttle the visiting Vandals.

In Game 2, three Homedale pitchers — Nash Johnson, Caleb

Oviedo and Lane Sale — teamed up on a five-inning no-hitter. The trio struck out 10, including four apiece by Johnson and Oviedo, who pitched two innings apiece.

Jake Deal was 2-for-3 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored in the second game, while Talon

Freelove and Johnson drove in two runs each. Connor Carter also tripled in the second game.

In the first game, pitchers Blake Patton and Carter allowed McCall's only hits during a five-inning game. Carter struck out five batters in three innings of

relief to close the game.

Matthew Thatcher, the middle pitcher, went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a run scored.

John Collett led off the Trojans' six-run second inning with a solo home run, and Johnson and Riley Qualls drove in three runs each.

Last Wednesday: Caldwell 8, Homedale 4 — The Trojans scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but couldn't complete the comeback against the Class 4A Cougars in a game played in Homedale.

Austin VanHorne drilled a two-out solo home run to trigger Caldwell's two-run first inning off starter Connor Carter. It was the only hit Carter allowed as he struck out six in the first three innings.

Collett and Patton were both 2-for-4 with doubles.

William Elordi's sacrifice fly brought home Carter with the game's final run in the bottom of the seventh.

Influx of seniors gives Homedale baseball depth

Oviedo, Connor Carter anchor pitching staff

Burke Deal is an optimistic guy in general, but no one would blame him for added confidence when he looks around at the Homedale High School baseball program these days.

As the coach enters his seventh season, he can take a bittersweet look back on a sub-.500 2013 campaign, but he's probably not wondering "What if?"

The Trojans were 7-15 a year ago but were five one-run losses and two extra-inning setbacks away from a possible 14-8 record.

"We had good pitching, scored a lot of runs, struggled on defense," Deal said. "We were better than our record showed.

"We come in as the underdog, which is always a good spot to be."

The Trojans may be underdogs but one glance at the championship experience on the roster and there's little chance they'll be sleepers this season.

They've lost three All-3A Snake River Valley conference performers (first-team catcher Mike Mavey and second-teamers Trey Lane, a pitcher and first baseman, and outfielder Michael Magdaleno) and others such as shortstop/third baseman Xavier Hernandez and third baseman Drew Beckman, but returning and new players have already contributed to Homedale's magical 2013-14 athletic season.

"It's always very hard to replace four-year starters and guys who have been such great players for us," Burke said.

Back for another season, though, is senior Caleb Oviedo, a pitcher/outfielder who is coming off an emotional loss in the 3A state championship boys' basketball game.

Oviedo figures to be the ace of the Trojans' staff. He was 3-4 with a 3.82 earned-run average as a junior.

"He has matured a lot and has continually gotten better," Deal said. "He has great stuff and throws hard with a really tough-to-see, late-breaking slider.

"I'm looking for big things from him on the hill."

Sophomore Connor Carter is another strong returning pitcher who also played basketball. The Homedale Youth Sports baseball program product was 3-6 with a 3.00 ERA and 82 strikeouts in 53 innings. An infielder on his off-days, Carter hit .338.

"He's a great young player and has lots of baseball experience and baseball savvy," Deal said.

Other returners include sophomores Nash Johnson (catcher/pitcher), Matt Thatcher (pitcher/infielder), John Collett (pitcher/outfielder) and junior Blake Patten (infielder/pitcher)

The Trojans also have a host of newcomers, including a slew of seniors out for the first time.

"We finally have some depth at the varsity level as far as numbers and, most importantly, on our pitching staff," Deal said.

Riley Qualls can play all over the field and is taking a crack at baseball after dealing with knee injuries that sidelined him for most of his high school career. He got back on the field late in the Trojans football team's state playoffs run.

Qualls' football teammates Talon Freelove (IF/OF/P) and



The Homedale High School baseball program is still trying to complete the outfield fence at the ever-improving home field at the corner of North 4th Street East and East Owyhee Avenue. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Lane Sale (OF/P) haven't attended practice because of their basketball commitments, Deal said. Other football players out as senior baseball players include Tyson Furlott (IF/OF) and outfielder Nathan Leslie, who took last year off.

"He's hitting the ball real well," Deal said of Leslie. "He's a good kid. He looks good in the outfield and all the way around."

Another transfer from Vallivue (joining Freelove and Sale) is junior outfielder/pitcher Bo Jenkins.

"He played with our boys in the fall and did well," Deal said. "He has a great arm, and I'm counting on him to contribute on the hill in a big way."

Deal characterizes William Elordi, a sophomore who plays everywhere, as a clutch hitter.

"He's another product of our youth program and has been very solid over the past couple of years in Legion baseball," the coach said. "He has led the team in several hitting categories the past two years."

The coach's son, freshman infielder/pitcher Jake Deal, also has played Legion ball, including 10 games with the big club, Owyhee Rivercats.

Burke Deal is impressed with his team's attitude and will be looking for leadership even with such a youthful roster.

"We have great young men who know the game and are working hard," the coach said. "The heart of our team is young, but we have a number of seniors who can bring special things to the table.

"We have some gelling to do, but enough of these guys have played together that it shouldn't be hard to find our identity."

— JPB

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Sports

For HHS track, distance will be key, depth a problem

This may be Heidi Ankeny’s first year as the Homedale High School track and field coach, but she has a strong sense of what lies ahead.

“Our strengths will definitely be the distance races and the throws,” she said of the 2014 season. “There is potential in the jumps, too, but many of them are new to jumping or are freshmen, so we are watching to see what they will do.”

After helping out as an assistant for Thomas Thomas a year ago, Ankeny has ascended to the top of the coaching ladder. Her husband, Luke, is an assistant coach.

“With a change in head coaches, there is always an adjustment period,” Heidi Ankeny said. “This is a new program with new expectations, and I hope it will pay off.”

She also served as the cross country coach in the fall, where she gained valuable knowledge of the distance runners in whom she has so much confidence.

There are 38 athletes competing this year for the Trojans, who lost state-placers Ali Abbott (long jump runner-up) and Emilee Hann (high jump district champion and fifth place at State) to graduation.

“We lost a few senior girls

who regularly scored for us, but have picked up a few new kids who will also do well,” Ankeny said.

Returning athletes include the distance runners such as junior Riley Portwood and sophomore Maya Correa.

Portwood was district runner-up in the 3,200 meters last spring and was third in the district cross country championships in the fall. Correa was also the district runner-up in the 3,200 a year ago.

Cole Hungate, who won the district championship in cross country earlier in the school year,

will take a crack at the 3A Snake River Valley conference distance season. The junior transferred from Greenleaf Friends Academy prior to the start of the year.

The Trojans’ throwing team is led by junior Kerigan Morris, who was fourth in the shot put at district, and sophomore Richard Symms, who took fifth in the district shot put competition.

Ankeny expects results from junior Jennifer Hernandez in the short sprints. She finished fifth in the 100 at district.

Outside of Hernandez, though, the coach sees the sprints as a weakness for the Trojans. Ankeny

says the same thing about the jumps because of the team’s inexperience.

Senior Luke Flaming could be a returning athlete who bridges the divide and adds a boost to both the jumps and the medium sprints. He was fourth in the district high jump last year and also competes in the open 400.

“Our weaknesses, same as last year, will be our sprints,” Ankeny said. “We have a few kids who do pretty well, but we do not have the depth to score a lot of points in the shorter races or the depth to put many relay teams together.”

— JPB

Trojans’ Portwood, Martin win in track season debuts

Homedale High School started the season with two individual victories Friday in the Parma Ice Breaker track and field meet.

“We approached it as a ‘practice’ because it is still so early in the season,” first-year HHS coach Heidi Ankeny said. “They got out there and had a fun time and overall did very well.”

Junior Riley Portwood sent a message that the Trojans’ distance program will be a force this season

when he won the 3,200 meters by eight seconds, posting a time of 10 minutes, 50.18 seconds.

He was fifth in the 1,600 (5:18.36) as teammate Cole Hungate, also a junior, captured second place in 5:13.49. Hungate was fourth in the 3,200 in 11:13.32.

On the girls’ side, senior Alissa Martin won the triple jump with a 28-foot, 3½-inch effort. Teammate Lexi Doss, a sophomore, finished third in 24-11½.

Martin was also third in the long jump at 13-1.

The Homedale girls finished fourth in the seven-team event with 68½ points. The boys were fifth with 57½.

The rest of the girls’ top-five performers included:

- Kerigan Morris, junior, runner-up in the shot put (31-½)
- MaKenzie Anderson, jr., second in the long jump (13-2½)
- Maya Correa, sophomore,

third in the 3,200 (13:46.5) and fifth in the 1,600 (6:28.07)

- Justine Cornwall, jr., fourth in the 3,200 (16:29.14)
- Jennifer Hernandez, jr., fifth in the long jump (12-9½)

Top-five finishers for the boys where:

- Josh Tolmie, so., runner-up in the 400 (55.05 in his first-ever competition at that distance)
- Luke Flaming, senior, fourth in the 40 (57.49)

- Jed Jones, sr., fourth in the shot put (35-10)
- Bryan Villarreal, jr., fourth in the discus (personal-best 97-7)

Across the board, my returning athletes are starting off with much better results than they had at our first meet last year,” Ankeny said. “All of the ‘new to track’ athletes also did very well.

“We know where everyone is now and this gives us a good place to work from.”

✓ Trojans: Homedale loses only two starters from 2013 state champions

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blowout victory in the winner-take-all state final, return all but two of the starters from last year’s squad.

And Corta has senior starting pitcher Shelby Lee to start the season. She was recovering from anterior cruciate ligament surgery for most of her junior season. She returned to take part in the drive to the state title.

“Shelby got cleared just in time to help us at the state tournament last year,” Corta said. “Her getting state experience last year will help her this year.”

Homedale has seven of the nine starters from the state championship team back in 2014. Second baseman Hailee Aberasturi and center fielder Gabby Nash graduated shortly after winning the title.

Leading the returning starters are a couple of seniors in third baseman Destiny Long and shortstop Katie Deal, who have started at their respective positions for four and three years apiece.

Deal was an honorable mention All-3A Snake River Valley conference shortstop as a junior.

“She brings an outstanding glove and is a threat to go deep every time she steps up to the plate,” Corta said. “She will also be one of our senior leaders.”

Long was an All-3A SRV first-teamer last season and is known for her defensive and offensive abilities.

“We are expecting big things out of Destiny this year,” Corta

said.

Junior Morgan Nash was a first-team all-conference utility player after picking up the pitching slack with Lee’s absence. She’s a three-year starter.

“Wherever we put her, we know the job will be done to the fullest,” Corta said.

Nash will bat leadoff again this season.

“(She) always gets us rolling,” Corta said. “She is a leader by example. She rolls, we all roll.”

First-team all-conference catcher Tori Nash is back behind the plate for her junior season. She is a three-year starter.

“Tori is the heart of our team,” Corta said. “She works harder than anyone on the team just because she is involved with almost every play on the field.”

Two other first-team all-conference players are back this season — sophomore first baseman Makayla Aberasturi and speedy junior outfielder Elise Shenk.

“Makayla improved every game last year,” Corta said. “You could see her confidence level grow every game. By the time we got to State, she was at the top of her game fielding and hitting.”

Shenk creates havoc for opposing teams when she’s on the base paths, her coach said. She’s also an important cog in the field.

“Elise will be playing center field and will be the leader in the outfield,” Corta said. “We expect big things from her.”



Homedale High School softball coach Larry Corta calls catcher Tori Nash the heart of the reigning 3A state championship team. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Another sophomore, outfielder Gardenia Machuca, was the 3A SRV Rookie of the Year last year. Fueled by two grand slams, she shattered state tournament records for RBI and slugging percentage.

“Gardenia swings a big stick,” Corta said. “She is a home run threat every time she steps to the plate.”

Homedale’s varsity newcomers include:

- Tristan Corta, soph. — The coach’s daughter missed her

freshman softball season after tearing up her knee in the last game of the Trojans’ basketball season. She will provide pitching depth behind Lee and Morgan Nash while splitting time between second base and the outfield.

- Tory Lane, soph. — The girls’ basketball standout is returning to the diamond after sitting out her ninth-grade season. “Just her athleticism will help us fill the holes in the outfield,” Larry Corta said.
- Sydnee Shanley, soph., and

McKenna Calzacorta — The two junior varsity call-ups gained valuable experience as part of the Trojans’ state tournament roster last season.

“Our strength would have to be varsity experience and State experience, and the never-quit attitude that every girl on the team has,” Corta said.

“We could be down 10 and still come back and win. This team does not like to lose.”

— JPB

Sports



Marsing High School softball is playing without Lacey Usabel this season. She is a freshman outfielder at Treasure Valley Community College now. Photo by John Braese / Malheur Enterprise

Marsing sweeps Orofino to start softball season

Four-year starters Hardy, Kinney lead the way

The team may be low on numbers, but Marsing High School softball looks poised to make the most with a small roster.

The Huskies opened their fifth season under coach Sean Hardy on Saturday with a non-conference doubleheader sweep of visiting Orofino.

In the first game, Marsing (2-0 overall) erased an early deficit with a six-run first inning then closed out a shortened game with five runs in the sixth to cap a 15-5 win.

Marissa Hardy, one of two seniors returning for the Huskies, pitched around five errors by her defense to get the win. She struck out seven and scattered four hits. Batting leadoff, she was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and a double.

Senior shortstop Mariah Kinney was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI from the cleanup spot.

Both Hardy and Kinney are four-year starters and will fill the leadership void left by the departures of center fielder Lacey Usabel, first baseman Kimber Bowman and catcher Kala Hardy, all of whom graduated.

“Mariah and Missy are both four-year starters with lots of softball experience,” Sean Hardy said. “We do have some young

players lacking experience.”

Kinney returned in the second game of the doubleheader with a two-run double that won the game, 6-5, in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Carey Dines, who succeeds Usabel in the outfield, went 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored against Orofino. Another first-year varsity player, third baseman Shannon Clover, drew four walks and scored twice.

Sheyann Glorifield knocked in four runs and picked up one of the Huskies’ five stolen bases. Marissa Hardy also had two thefts.

“We have a lot of speed this year,” Sean Hardy said.

Hardy said he expects the

Huskies to do well in the 2A Western Idaho Conference season while battling with fellow favorites Melba and New Plymouth.

The Huskies proved they could win the close games in the nightcap of Saturday’s doubleheader against Orofino.

Marsing survived eight errors in the second game when Kinney’s bases-loaded double with no one out in the Huskies’ final at-bat scored Marissa Hardy and Clover with the go-ahead and winning runs.

Marsing managed just three hits in the 6-5 victory, but took advantage of five walks by the Maniacs pitchers and five errors.

Alicia Barkell knocked in a run. She and Hardy both had singles.

— JPB

✓ Huskies: Crowded hunt for 2A WIC title

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for player of the year status, and it will be exciting to watch these two kids put up some big numbers this season.”

Williams should emerge as the ace of the Huskies’ pitching staff again. He was thrust into the role last year when Justin Glenn, who has since graduated, missed all but four games of the season because of a torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered in the final game of the football season.

“If he would’ve been able to play last season, he would’ve put up numbers that we aren’t likely to ever see again in a very long time,” Stacy said of Glenn. “He is definitely irreplaceable.”

Marsing also lost mound

workhorse Josh Larsen and solid-hitting and fielding Logan Jarvis, who batted .375 in his senior season as Marsing went 17-5 and rallied late in the season after a frustrating 5-3 run through the conference campaign.

“The conference is very competitive this year, and I’m expecting a four-team race for the title between Marsing, Melba, Nampa Christian and New Plymouth,” Stacy said.

“It’s pretty simple. If we play fundamental ball, throw strikes, stay healthy and catch a few breaks, we’ll have a successful season.”

In addition to Galvez and Williams, Stacy anticipates seniors Lane Sevy, Day-Day

Mack and Junior Gonzalez to make an impact.

“Day-Day, Lane and Junior have been very solid for us the last three years, and I’m expecting big things from them this year,” the coach said. “All these seniors lead by example, and they’ll get this team where we need to be.”

Underclassmen expected to make an impact include juniors Seth Hardy, Hunter Gibson, Hayden Dines and Casey Yienst as well as sophomore Connor Rhodes and freshman Kendall Frelove.

“These guys have looked strong early on in practice and show potential for helping this team reach our goals,” Stacy said.

— JPB

Acuna, Breshears land All-WIC for Huskies

Senior Jose Acuna ended his Marsing High School boys’ basketball career as an all-star.

He was named to the All-2A Western Idaho Conference first team, and also earned a spot in the District III Senior All-Star Game pitting the best players from Class 2A against the top athletes from Class 3A.

Acuna averaged 14.4 points



Jose Acuna



Dylan Breshears

per game for first-year coach Tim Little.

Dylan Breshears, another senior, averaged 8.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per game to nail down an honorable mention selection.

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MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ofelia Herrera, sr., track and field

The Play -- Herrera began her final season for the Huskies at the Parma Ice Breaker. She was runner-up in the 3,200 meters in 13 minutes, 1.44 seconds. Herrera finished fourth in the 1,600.

Baseball

Thursday, March 20, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.

Baker (Ore.) Spring Tournament

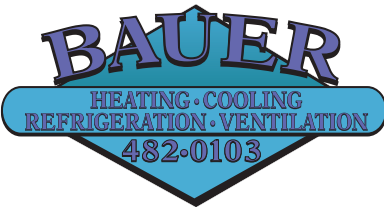
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Softball

Thursday, March 20, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.

Track & Field

Thursday, April 3 at Melba Invitational



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On the edge of common sense
The saga of the spotted skunk

If it weren't so ridiculous it would make you cry. The Endangered Species Act has popped up again like a stinky diaper at day care. This time it is the Plains Spotted Skunk, one of four species of spotted skunks that can be found almost anywhere from Canada to Mexico and coast-to-coast except, apparently, in the backyard of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to the Feds, *"The decline of small farms, the advent of agriculture practices that encourage removal of fence rows and brush piles, intensive use of pesticide, improved grain management practices, and the end of large haystack construction are implicated as potential causes for the species' decline in landscapes dominated by human activity."*

Whew.

There are two ways to look at the bizarre world of government regulations that continually infect our country.

The first option would be to discourage the use of modern agricultural practices. Farmers large and small could let the fields go fallow, let weeds take over. Deliberately leave brush, trash, garbage, dead carcasses, old car bodies and rusty tanks where they lay. Store grain on the ground exposed to nature, limit the size of haystacks to nothing bigger than a small car, eliminate round bales, voluntarily allow rats, gophers, field mice, prairie dogs, feral hogs, white tail deer, and all manner of vermin to take over your farm ground.

The second option in response to the implication that human activity is the predominant cause of the "potential" endangered skunks follows:

To be most efficient we should begin where human activity is at its most damaging. U.S. Fish and Wildlife has five offices in Texas; Dallas is the biggest with 1.2 million humans. So, to be efficient, the U.S. Fish & Game should start in their own backyard. Try the shoe on the other foot, so to speak.

Within five miles of their office there are tens of thousands of people. So instead of reducing miles and miles of good Texas farm ground let's keep it in one spot. Confine it. We start with your neighbors living in the subdivision of Valley Ranch, population 20,000. We must make their environment "spotted skunk friendly."

Calculate how many spotted skunks would be required to take them off the endangered list. Right now, there are 4,445 people per square mile in Valley Ranch. Is that enough human activity? The first step would be to buy out 90 percent of the population. Then those remaining would be instructed to quit watering and mowing their lawn. Landscaping, fencing out vermin and garbage pick-up would be eliminated. Any use of bug spray for roaches, spiders, and bugs will be illegal, as well as spaying or neutering federally protected skunks. If you have any objections, you can petition the Fish & Wildlife office in Laredo and hope. Remember, the two factors that are not allowed in any discussion with the Feds are economic impact and common sense.

Note: The Dallas U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife office will no longer allow Valley Ranch residents within spitting distance of their razor-wired, lock-down, governmental compound (for the safety of the employees). Any communication must go through the North Korean embassy in Baghdad.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
School leaders taken to task



Last week wasn't a very good one for school districts serving Owyhee County children.

First, Bruneau-Grand View School District patrons rejected a proposed two-year supplemental levy that would have generated \$1.2 million in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

Then, the Homedale School District's exploration of a four-day school week met with skepticism from some quarters during Thursday's public forum.

The public's reaction to both issues couldn't be more diverse.

On the one hand, proponents of the Bruneau-Grand View levy must be frustrated that the measure failed by 43 votes as nearly half the voting population turned out. Superintendent Dennis Wilson hinted that the executioner of all ballot measures — complacency — may have played a role.

Wilson said he heard some supporters didn't come out to the polls because they thought the levy would pass to replace the expiring two-year, \$1.4 million levy.

He also heard that others just plain forgot there was an election, despite the district spending money to mail reminders to every voting patron in the district.

In Homedale on Thursday, superintendent Rob Sauer had to deal with some fairly frank feedback on the district's decision to explore a contraction of operations that could mean shrinking paychecks for bus drivers and school cafeteria staff, but a more flexible schedule and the same salary for teachers.

Some of the parents who spoke hinted that the district

didn't do enough homework on how the four-day school week would affect the local economy or how it would affect the poorer families in the area who already have a hard time making ends meet without the burden of trying to pay for a full day of day care.

The socio-economic impact of the four-day school week may be seen as a discussion for liberals, but the bottom line is there may be a lot more research needed before all the facts are developed for the four-day school week.

One key question that remains unanswered: Why didn't the school district figure out the budgetary impact of cutting a day off the school week when one of the reasons the exploration began was to find ways to survive without a supplemental levy (voters have shot down the district's last two tries).

No official at the forum had an answer, other than the \$40,000 to \$70,000 savings that was projected in the district's 2011 study of the idea.

The exploratory committee was not charged with gathering information on the budgetary aspect of the four-day week, officials said.

Apparently, the board of trustees plan to make a decision for the 2014-15 school year after the committee's recommendation and — if the four-day week is chosen — they'll figure out how it might look in the balance sheet.

That's no way to approach a change that Sauer said in his Thursday remarks few school districts come back from.

Involving patrons, staffers, trustees and administrators

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Thank a farmer for his hard work to feed the world



According to data from the American Farm Bureau Federation, in 1940, the average U.S. farmer fed 19 people. The number of people fed by our nation's farmers has steadily risen over the years, and now the average American farmer feeds nearly 155 people worldwide. While we should recognize the hard work that goes into food production every day, a National Ag Day was created to celebrate the remarkable work of American farmers who feed our country and the world.

National Ag Day was established in 1973 to increase awareness of the significant role of American agriculture. We honor family farmers and ranchers and the researchers and businesses with which they work. Idaho farm families have grown Idaho agriculture into a \$7 billion-plus industry that supports Idaho jobs and our communities.

Historically, as America's population has shifted from rural to urban areas, Americans have moved further from our agrarian roots. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that in 1850, only 15 percent of Americans lived in urban areas. This shifted to nearly 40 percent by 1900, more than 50 percent by 1940, and now more than 80 percent of Americans live in urban areas. While many have backyard gardens, the majority of us do not produce enough food to solely rely on a self-produced food supply to support our families. Thus, we rely on the hard work of agricultural producers.

Because farmers and ranchers rise early in the morning and work late at night, we have the food we need without having to dedicate the enormous time and energy required for planting, tending and harvesting. Thankfully, Idaho's approximately 25,000 farms and ranches are producing

more than enough milk, potatoes, wheat, beef, onions, beans, seed and much more to feed fellow Idahoans, Americans and people around the world.

Additionally, farm families are overcoming increasing challenges to provide this food. They face increasing pressures on farm and ranch land, including excess regulations and paperwork requirements, tax uncertainty, high input costs, limited water, emerging pests and plant and animal diseases. We can help create better conditions for agricultural producers to feed the world by staying at the forefront of investment in agricultural technologies and research, ensuring the wise use of water and other limited resources, expanding the use of conservation practices that help enable long-term agricultural production, advancing economic reforms that put American producers on better footing, reducing unnecessary regulatory burden and decreasing foreign trade barriers that limit access to reaching consumers around the world.

Our nation's first president, George Washington, wrote, "I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture . . ." Like the need for clean water, we need food to live. An underrated less than 2 percent of our population is producing the food necessary for millions of Americans and families around the world.

Thank you, Idaho farmers and ranchers for your hard work.

— 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

In-laws' debt won't fall to you when they die

Dear Dave,

My in-laws have lots of debt. In fact, they're always joking that the debt they'll leave us is more than the inheritance. How will this affect my wife and family if they die with all their debt still in place?

— Matthew

Dear Matthew,

You do not inherit debt. Either your in-laws are misinformed, or it's just a bad joke on their part. Now, if you were foolish enough to co-sign on a loan with them, then you'd be liable for the remainder of that loan. But if they ran up \$100,000 in credit card debt on their own before they died, then the credit card companies just don't get paid. It wouldn't cost you a dime, except that you might get no inheritance from them, because what they left behind would be sold to pay off as many creditors as possible.

Here's an even bigger example. Let's say they owned a home, and

they're behind on the mortgage or upside-down on the house — meaning that they owed more on it than it's worth. You can just hand it back to the mortgage company. You're not legally or morally obligated to accept the house and the situation surrounding it because it was left to you in a will. Just because it's family doesn't make it jump over onto your plate!

Let me say it again, Matthew. You don't inherit debt. Don't let creditors, or anyone else, tell you differently.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

What do you think about land as an investment?

— Tara

Dear Tara,

I'm OK with the idea of raw land as an investment. Someone has to buy the dirt that holds the Earth together, right?

The only problem with this kind



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of investment is that it doesn't really create cash flow, unless it's farmland. In the real estate world, we call raw land an alligator because it eats. You have to pay taxes on it every year, plus you have upkeep and maintenance of some form or fashion, and it doesn't create an income. The only time it creates income is on the back end, when you sell the land.

It's not a terrible investment, Tara. But it's not a great one, either. I buy pieces of raw land here and there, every once in a while. But mainly I stick with income-producing investment properties.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I recently traded in my old truck for a much newer one. I purchased an extended warranty at the time, and now I feel like I was pressured into buying it and that it was a mistake. What do you think?

— Laura

Dear Laura,

Cancel it, if you still can. The reason you felt pressured is because you probably were pressured by a pushy salesman. Seventy-five percent of what you paid for that plan went straight into the dealership's or salesman's pocket as commission. There's even a chance they made more off the extended warranty than the sale of the truck!

Extended warranties are only about 12 percent actual, statistical risk. The other 12 to 13 percent goes to miscellaneous overhead and profit. On top of that, the company that wrote the warranty probably didn't make as much on it as the dealership did. It's weird, but that's how a lot of those models work.

I don't buy extended warranties, Tara. If you buy something and can't afford to fix it if something goes wrong, then you couldn't really afford the purchase in the first place!

—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.

Americans for Limited Government

World debt reaches \$100 trillion, U.S. share 58 percent

by Robert Romano

Global debt outstanding, that is, all debts public and private, reached \$100 trillion in mid-2013, a Bank for International Settlements (BIS) quarterly review revealed.

Credit outstanding has grown by more than \$30 trillion since the financial crisis began in 2007.

When compared to data compiled by the Federal Reserve, the U.S. share of the \$100 trillion is almost three-fifths — with about \$58 trillion credit outstanding nationwide at the end of the second quarter in 2013.

In contrast, the \$17 trillion U.S. gross domestic product only makes up a little less than one quarter the world's total economic capacity, currently at about \$74 trillion.

Consider that: The U.S. makes up about 23 percent of the global economy but owes upwards of 58 percent of worldwide debt. Believe it or not, that is actually down from 2007 when it owed almost 73 percent of debt worldwide.

Despite the drop, as a result, the U.S. has an eye-popping debt-to-GDP ratio of 345 percent compared with the rest of the world's 74 percent.

How can this be? What makes the U.S. so special?

Likely its unique position as being the world's caretaker of the dollar as the reserve currency, which historically has

led to a collapse in interest rates over the past 30 years. As a result, the U.S. has been able to gulp up most of the world's debt.

Although that might be starting to change. While global debt has increased by \$30 trillion since 2007, U.S. debt has only gone up a comparative \$7 trillion — 23 percent of the increase compared to its 58 percent share of total debt.

Why, then, with such a dramatic increase in debt has the economy been so sluggish? The answer may be that while it has been slow in the U.S. and Europe, it has been running rather hot in Asia, the Pacific, and other emerging markets.

This can be seen in the growth of credit worldwide average 7 percent growth each of the past five years, yet in the U.S. it has been tepid at only 2.4 percent. The difference has been fueled by a flight of capital into emerging markets since the 2008 crash.

But, BIS warns in its summary, "Financial development is good for growth, but only up to a point. Leonardo Gambacorta, Jing Yang and Kostas Tsatsaronis (BIS) estimate that growth rates fall once this threshold is crossed."

Putting the lie to the Keynesian-monetarist paradigm that if you simply print, lend, and borrow enough, you can

create prosperity, the BIS adds, "there is a point after which further growth in financial activity no longer contributes to growth but may even slow it down."

Therefore, the party overseas likely will not last forever. Some financial analysts like Forbes.com's Jesse Colombo have been at the forefront of warning of emerging markets credit bubbles.

"The powerful emerging market credit expansions have been propelling economic growth in those nations, but like all low-interest, rate-driven credit booms, they will come to an end when interest rates eventually normalize. Interest rates are already beginning to rise now that EM central banks are hiking their benchmark interest rates to shore up their currencies after their sharp recent declines," Colombo wrote in February.

Meaning, overseas markets may be in for their own rounds of financial chaos sooner or later. Colombo concluded, "Despite this past year's volatility, I do not believe that the emerging markets bubble has truly popped yet. I view currency weakness as a precursor to the ending of the overall EM bubble, but the actual popping will entail disastrous credit and property busts."

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

✓ School: Is Homedale looking at the four-day week for wrong reasons?

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on an exploratory committee is a proper move. So is putting out surveys to gauge the popularity of a four-day week among the district staff and parents.

But asking employees if they'd essentially like to work one less day each week turns the survey into a popularity contest.

And when only a little more than 50 percent of the students are represented in parental survey results received, that leaves a big part of the population without a voice.

Discussion during the forum suggested that the four-day week idea was seen as a way to retain quality teachers (although former trustee Tim Quintana pointed out that no teacher has ever chosen a job because he or she would

work only four days a week; it has always been about better salary).

The four-day week may also be a strategic move to give the district some flexibility when it comes to the plant facilities levy, which comes up for a vote in the next couple years. There are plenty of repairs that need to be made and very little money to pull them off.

For Bruneau-Grand View, the failure of the supplemental levy election means there are some difficult choices ahead, too.

The school board was supposed to convene a special meeting Monday morning to discuss whether or not to put the levy question on the ballot for the next election. There was no word on the result of the meeting before

deadline.

Wilson told The Owyhee Avalanche that trustees hadn't planned on discussing a re-run of the levy election until some supporters urged them to meet again and reconsider it.

What lies ahead for Bruneau-Grand View may not be pretty. There could be layoffs. The high school athletic programs will be affected in some manner either with contraction but most likely with some type of pay-for-play system will be considered.

Wilson has said that building consolidation may be inevitable for the district that is large on area and small on enrollment (read: state funding), but no one is talking about moving students out of any of the schools just yet.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 22, 1989

Owyhee Reservoir two-thirds full now

On Monday, the measured water level in Owyhee Reservoir had risen to roughly 475,000 acre feet in the water storage facility, and the inflow was running at roughly 5,054 cubic feet per second at Rome, Ore. That amounts to a fill of about 10,000 acre feet per day into the reservoir, which has an active storage capacity of 715,000 acre feet, according to Clyde Hutton, manager of the South Board of Control.

Hutton, who obtained the latest measurements from John Ross, manager of the North Board of Control, called the situation “very good for us.” While Hutton cautioned that it’s conceivable that a sudden “Chinook” or rapid melt could create problems, he indicated that the current rate of runoff is working out almost perfectly for this irrigation area.

Hutton said the latest figures show “we’re only about 125,000 acre feet from spilling at the Glory Hole,” which is the dam’s spillway. The SBC manager indicated that by the time that the irrigation season rolls around, sometime in April, it appears likely that the reservoir will be full, on the basis of current data.

Hoffman found guilty of murder

Maxwell Hoffman was found guilty of first-degree murder in the death of Nampa police drug informant Denise Williams, whose body was found buried in Owyhee County.

The jury, which took five hours to reach its decision, also found Hoffman guilty of using a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

His sentencing hearing has been set for May 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Murphy. Idaho Deputy Attorney General Mike Kane, who was in charge of prosecuting Hoffman, has said he will seek the death penalty for Hoffman.

Two Homedale, one Wilder student picked for Girls State

Lori Itano and Kristin Smyth were selected March 6 by Homedale American Legion Auxiliary Unit #32 to represent Homedale at Idaho Girls State, to be held on the campus of Northwest Nazarene College from June 18-24.

Patricia Baker was chosen to represent Wilder High School. All three girls are juniors in high school.

Miss Itano is the daughter of Mabel Itano and the late James Itano. Miss Smyth’s parents are Jim and Karen Smyth. Miss Baker’s parents are Coffee and Jewell Baker.

Wannamaker honored for teaching competency by MSD

Kellie Wannamaker, the petite, 4-foot, 10½-inch, third-grade teacher at Marsing Elementary School, scarcely looks much bigger than some of her students. Nevertheless, she was the big winner during the second quarter of the Marsing school system’s “Brass Bell Award” for her teaching competency and other pleasing attributes that contribute to a quality education for students.

Wannamaker is the second recipient of the award, established just last fall. Parents, teachers or other citizens in the Marsing area are invited to nominate teachers for the honor, and these are then prioritized by school administrators before the winning nominee’s selection is announced at the end of each quarter, explained MES Principal Ron Hutter.

Nine winners in Easter coloring contest announced

The nine winners in the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee’s Easter Coloring Contest have been decided.

In the 5 and Under Age Group, Melissa Chivers of Nampa was the first place finalist, with Jimmy Roberson of Homedale, second; and Allyson Coonts of Stanley, third.

Megan Van Wassenhove of Marsing had the top entry in the 6-8 years old category; while Julie Gammett of Homedale was second; and Lance White of Murphy was third.

Ross Martinez of Parma had the top entry in the 9 & 10 year old category; while Larry Gall of Marsing was second; and Amber Forrey of Homedale placed third.

50 years ago

March 19, 1964

Eiguren is named local chair of Basque trip drive

Joe Eiguren has accepted the local chairmanship of the Idaho Day boosters for the World’s Fair, a statewide group assisting in the raising of funds to send Idaho’s Oinkari Basque Dancers to represent the state at the New York World’s Fair. This celebrated troupe, which danced before thousands at the Seattle World’s Fair, will perform at the New York fair on Idaho Day June 15. Present plans are to send the group to New York by chartered plane.

“The Basque Dancers, because of their colorful costumes and their unique performance, are bound to attract unusual attention at the fair,” said Eiguren. “By performing before the many thousands there, they will be of tremendous promotional value to Idaho.”

Towns agree on route for US 95 at session Friday

Representatives of the Fruitland and Payette communities agreed on a plan for routing U.S. Highway 95 through both towns at a meeting of the U.S. Highway 95 Association held at Payette Friday night.

John Lloyd of Weiser, a member of the board of directors of the association, said the group approved a plan presented by Gus Anderson, District Three highway engineer, and Jack Perring, chief of the planning division of the State Highway Department.

Representatives of the two towns met at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday with the State Highway Department, Lloyd added, to complete the agreement.

In other actions, the group requested that the name of the Palisades Junction of U.S. 95 with Interstate 80N south of Fruitland by changed to Hells Canyon Junction. Lloyd said this would have a tendency to pull people off the Interstate and “keep them in Idaho for a change.”

The agreement on the routing of the highway opens the way for a possible cooperative construction of a new Gayway Bridge between Idaho and Oregon, Lloyd noted. The present bridge spans the Snake River between Ontario, Ore., and the old Highway 30 south of Payette.

24 students are inducted into National Society

Twenty-four junior high students were inducted Friday evening, March 13 at the honor society induction at the junior high building, according to Principal Herb Fritzley.

Members of the 7th grade inducted were: Beverly Eells, Marilyn Curtis, Debbie Kushlan, Rebecca Carter, Kathy Herod, Philip George, Bill Batt, Dale Dickson, Barbara George, Marilyn Cegnar, Linda Cegnar, Linda Kershner and Brent Fry.

Eighth grade members included Diana George, Cathy Phelps, Lana Vance, Sara Brandon, Louis Uranga, Jo Ann Bell, Gail Phillips, Susan Chadez, Claire Jemmett, Colleen Paxton, Vickie Howell and Kelly Leavitt.

This was the first induction ceremony of the Homedale chapter of the National Junior Honor Society held at the junior high school. Sponsor for the group will be Duane Ash.

The purpose of forming this chapter is to develop scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and service in the students.

Supt. Deward Bell gave a brief talk on the obligation of the members to the chapter.

Marsing council sets city budget

The Marsing city council has approved the budget for the coming year of \$25,595, the same as last year.

There will be a 7½-mill levy of assessed valuation to pay off the sewage disposal property bonds and a five-mill increase in the general fund levy, it was said. The general fund is 30 mills as allowed by the Idaho code. The increase will be used for higher salaries for employees to take effect next year.

The council approved a leash law. This will be on the ballot at the Revenue Bond election. Mayor Richard Birmingham also appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of a zoning law. Members are Dean Hodges and Carl Newton.

140 years ago

March 21, 1874

HOW A REPORTER LOST HIS SITUATION. It is said that in a moment of temporary insanity, a Boston city editor assigned a horse-racing, base-ball and aquatic reporter to report in half column the Sunday services at the church of a sensational preacher. This is the report he published, and for which he was discharged:

“The House met at 10:30 a.m. Prayer by the Chaplain. The first race was between the chaplain and the singers, it being a pretty even match the first two heats; but the singers got the best of the last three heats, and came in on the amen two lengths ahead, winning the last three heats and race. Time, 5:02. Petitions were then presented for forgiveness and other similar matters, and notice was given for special assignments during the coming week for various objects. The singers then sailed up to the judges’ stand, and after getting into position sailed away on the course with all canvass set and a spanking breeze from the organ, which drove them along in fine style. The top-rigged flat flying the blue pennant was well ahead at the stake, and came home ahead of all the fleet. The speaker then took the floor and announced his intention to ask that the resolutions of censure that had been heaped upon Ananias should be rescinded, and proceeded to read the records of the case, from which it appeared that Ananias had sold his house and had not given the price to the church. The speaker then went on to say that no reason appeared on the records for Ananias to give any, and much less all, of his property to the church, and he questioned if any of those before him would do any more than Ananias did in the same place. He then went on to show that Ananias had obeyed his wife in the matter, and expressed the belief that a few of those before him could say as much for themselves. After further arguments of similar character, he moved that the character of Ananias be and hereby declared A 1 by the members of the House.”

EUROPEAN WAGES. Sixty cents a day is considered good wages for working men in any of the European countries, except Great Britain, where the wages are somewhat higher. In the Tytol silk region and in Italy they often do not get more than ten cents a day. In the country in Germany ten cents is the common pay. Women there often get but five cents. In Sweden, men often work from four in the morning till nine in the evening, and do not get any more. During the late war many poor women in Berlin were hired to knit stockings for the soldiers for five cents. The profits of the poor who keep petty shops, sell trinkets in the street or net as cutlers, do not average more than three or four per cent. Barbers in Berlin, since the raising of their prices, get five cents for hair cutting and two and a half cents for shaving. Servants at hotels get from three to eight dollars a month. Servant girls in private families often get but ten dollars a year. Sometimes these classes cannot get work at any price.

OWYHEE CO. OFFICIALS. County Seat, Silver City.

Sheriff and Tax Collector, W.J. Hill; Assessor, W.H. Angell; Auditor and Recorder, Geo. Drew; Treasurer, J.H. Gardner; County Clerk, Geo. Drew; Probate Judge, P.A. Tift; Superintendent of Public Schools, Wm. Staget; County Commissioners, James Graham, C.F. Miller, Thos. Walls.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. We still continue to hear of snow-blockades on the railroad, although the mails have arrived with passable regularity during the past week.

Simon Lebrecht writes to A. Lebrecht of this place, that he will be in Silver City by the 15th of April, prepared to re-engage in the banking business.

H. Woodcock and Fred Warnkee returned to Flint District, on snow-shoes, this week. The Rising Star bullion will be brought over to Silver City as soon as the weather settles.

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public meeting will be held on April 9th, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located in Murphy Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed color-coded RS2477 Right of Way map of the Triangle Flat Quadrangle. The color-coding categorizes the right of ways lying on Federal Lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups. No groups and related criteria intend to cover the various rights of way that are shown on the United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey Maps that are located on private lands. The proposed map is available for viewing in the Planning and Zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee county courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy. In addition to the public meeting, there is a sixty-day period open for written comments on the proposed map. The comment period will close on Monday June 9th at 5:00 pm. Written comments can be mailed or hand delivered to the Owyhee County Commissioners. The mailing address for comments is PO Box 128 Murphy, Id. 83650, or you can hand deliver them to the Owyhee County Clerk’s office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:00 pm, or between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

3/19,26/14

ORDINANCE NO. A-1 86
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO AMENDING ORDINANCE A-94; PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF ROOSTERS WITHIN CITY LIMITS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City of Marsing currently provides that fowls are required to be silent from sunset to sunrise, and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that roosters are not able to comply with this requirement of the City and thus, will be banned from city limits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

Section D, Ordinance A-94 shall be amended as follows:

D. Any fowl not kept or maintained in coops or cages, any fowl in excess of twelve (12) in number at any time and any fowl which is not hooded or otherwise kept silent from sunset to sunrise. Roosters are prohibited from being kept or maintained within city limits.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 12”” day of March, 2014.

/s/Keith Green, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
3/19/14

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

INVITATION TO BID BUS MAINTENANCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Grand View, Idaho 83624, P. O. Box 310, Telephone (208)-834-2253, until 5 o’clock p.m., April 16, 2014 for bus maintenance, materials and services.

Please pick up the bus maintenance information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 660 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent Dennis Wilson at 208-834-2253 or 208-834-2260.

The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting, April 17, 2014 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, at 7 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 365, P.O. Box 310, Grand View, Idaho 83624

JayDene Aquiso, Clerk
3/19/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No.: 7441737509 T.S. No.: 13-00758-5 On June 27, 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 Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, 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 17 of Reich’s first Addition to the Village of Marsing, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 71647, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 427 1ST STREET, 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 BETTY STAPLER, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY., as original grantor(s), to ALLIANCE TITLE, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION

SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION., as original beneficiary, dated as of July 26, 2006, and recorded July 31, 2006, as Instrument No. 257472 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: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, (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 July 26, 2006 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$694.92 due from January 1, 2013, 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 \$70,502.69, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.00000% per annum from December 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: February 6, 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-4443212
3/19,26/4/2,9/14

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

55-13916, QUINTANA RANCH LP, C/O TIM QUINTANA, 3876 HWY 95, HOMEDALE, ID 83628

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Date Filed: 11/27/2013

Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE

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55-13917, QUINTANA RANCH LP, C/O TIM QUINTANA, 3876 HWY 95, HOMEDALE, ID 83628

Point of Diversion L2(NWSWNW) L2(SWNW) S30 T06S R03W OWYHEE County Source SPRING Tributary DEER CREEK

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Total Diversion: 0.2 AF

Date Filed: 11/27/2013

Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE

T06S R03W S30 L2(SWNW)

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 4/7/14. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

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3/19,26/14

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
T.S. No. 009433-ID
Parcel No. RPB05410030020A

On 6/27/2014, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
LOT 2, BLOCK 3 MORNING DOVE ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED NOVEMBER 13, 2006 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 258785, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 524 MORNING DOVE WAY, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DOMINGO M ENRICO JR AND MELISSA ENRICO, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor, to BRAD L. WILLIAMS, C/O UPF INC., A WASHINGTON CORP. as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOME FEDERAL BANK as Beneficiary, dated 2/15/2007, recorded 2/20/2007, as Instrument No. 259875, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 5/1/2013 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law.

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 SHANNAN 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
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Sports

Homedale youth
wrestlers leave mark
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The Homedale Wrestling Club held its signature event Friday and Saturday with 300 competitors signing in for Saturday’s freestyle tournament.

A Greco-Roman tournament was held Friday.

Matthew Sheley was named the freestyle tournament’s outstanding wrestler in the Pre-Bantam (38 to 41 pounds) Division. He won the tournament championship with two pins and a technical fall.

Marsing wrestler Noah Grossman received byes through the Junior 220 division to collect a title for Suples Wrestling club.

Homedale’s Brayden Christoffersen won the Novice 85 title with a 48-second pinfall of Homedale teammate Keagan Christensen in the title match.

Christensen then beat Patriot Wrestling Club’s Palmer Galloway, 13-3, in a technical fall for second place.

Spencer Fisher was the Novice 105/112 champion.

Jaeger Rose won the Schoolboy/girl 105 championship.

Other Homedale placers Saturday included:

- Owen Houser, second at Novice 100
 - Sierra Pesnell, second at Schoolboy/Girl 175/190. She lost the championship match to Ty Bahem of the Melba Wrestling Club (pin, 1:37).
 - Brandon Flores, second at Cadet 132/138
 - Matthew Randall, third at Schoolboy/girl 84/91
 - Quentin Thornton, third at Cadet 145
 - Tye Atkins, fourth at Novice 90
 - Megan Houser, fourth at Schoolboy/girl 175/190
 - Hunter Thornton, fourth at Cadet 132/138
 - John Conner, fifth at Novice 105/112
 - Tell Morse, fifth at Schoolboy/girl 128
- In Friday’s Greco-Roman tournament, Jaeger Rose won a Schoolboy Division (105 pounds) championship, and Joseph Egusquiza placed second in Novice (70) to highlight Homedale’s success.
- Egusquiza was fourth in the freestyle tournament.



From left: Coach Raymond Smith, Jaiden Vincent, Courtney VanWinkle, Josey Hall, Alexandria Grant, Emma Heitz, Ashley Loucks, Halli Enrico, Olivia Cardenas and coach Perry Grant. Submitted photo

Homedale AAU team can’t solve
Parma in league championship

But team excels
in all-star, skills
competitions

Homedale’s seventh-grade AAU girls’ basketball team collected second place in the Treasure Valley AAU league after a narrow loss last week.

Parma used a second-half spurt to surge to a championship-game victory, 26-22, on March 10 at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Meridian.

Homedale and Parma were the last two teams standing in the season-ending junior varsity

division tournament. Other teams in the league hailed from Mountain Home, Boise, Eagle and Nampa.

Homedale held a 16-12 lead in the third quarter before Parma reeled off a 10-1 run to take control.

The championship game was just the latest in the Homedale-Parma rivalry.

Parma was the only team to knock off Homedale during its 9-1 regular season, pinning a 25-15 loss on the squad a week before the title game.

The season concluded Friday for a handful of teammates who took part in the AAU League’s

all-star and skills competition at YMCA Homecourt in Meridian.

Perry Grant coached Team Stars, which included Homedale’s starting five, to a 49-24 all-star victory over Team Stripes.

Homedale’s Emma Heitz, Olivia Cardenas, Courtney VanWinkle, Alexandria Grant and Josey Hall saw action in the all-star game.

Homedale players also won four events in the skills contest.

Heitz scored 42 points to win the 60-second Shootout; Cardenas captured the Free-throw Shootout title and Alexandria Grant won the three-point shooting contest and the speed and agility competition.

Golfers finish fourth
in HHS Ice Breaker

Playing without one of its projected top golfers, Homedale High School edged Weiser for fourth place in the Homedale Ice Breaker.

Another 3A Snake River Valley conference team, Fruitland, won the 18-hole tournament at TimberStone Golf Course outside Caldwell by five strokes over Vallivue of Caldwell.

The Trojans shot a 364, one stroke ahead of the Wildcats, despite missing Kyler Landa. Landa tweaked his back, but was expected to return for the Fruitland Invitational, HHS coach Casey Grove said. The tournament took place Tuesday after deadline

at Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette.

“The kids played well, especially for the first tournament of the season,” Grove said.

Connor Johnstone of Vallivue was low medalist with a 2-over-par 74. Fruitland’s Nathan Foss was a shot back at 75.

Gabe Mauer was Homedale’s low scorer with an 83, while Bryan Johnson carded a 90. Noah Frelove shot 98, and Chase Martell shot a 93 in his varsity debut.

“The biggest surprise for me was Chase Martell,” Grove said. “That is a good score for him, especially this early in the season.”



From left: Kyla Jewett, Sami Bachman, Cody Steele, Desi Meyers and Angeles Lino. Submitted photo

Jewett named player of year

Rimrock High School may have gone two-and-out in its second consecutive appearance in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout girls’ basketball state tournament, but the Raiders’ offensive sparkplug finished her career on top.

Kyla Jewett was named the 1A Western Idaho Conference Player of the Year after her senior season under first-year head coach Bobby-Jean Colyer.

Jewett was one of four Raiders to earn all-conference honors.

Fellow senior Sami Bachman was a first-team All-1A WIC

player, while Desi Meyers, another upperclassman, received an honorable mention slot.

The three players finished their careers Tuesday in Payette in the 1A District III Senior All-Star Game.

Junior Angeles Lino rounded out the all-conference representatives for the Raiders. She was an honorable mention selection.

On the boys’ side, senior Cody Steele was placed on the All-1A WIC squad from John Hannah’s team. He represented Rimrock in the senior all-star game, too.

Huskies
seniors
take silver
at Parma

Marsing High School kicked off the track and field season Friday with a handful of runner-up finishes at the Parma Ice Breaker.

Tyler Malmberg was the only Marsing boys’ athlete to finish in the top five of any event.

The senior finished second in both the pole vault (10 feet, 6 inches) and (37-5½).

Another senior, Ofelia Herrera, ran to second place in the girls’ 3,200 at 13 minutes, 1.44 seconds.

She was fourth in the 1,600 in 5:57.85.

Junior Emily Tank finished second in the girls’ 800, clocking a 2:38, and senior Asia Shippy was fourth in the girls’ triple jump with an effort of 22-6.

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and 2 minutes, 59.61 seconds in the 1,000 meters (14th place).

Emry was just 42 points out of eighth place when Friday’s action concluded. He scored 3,133 points in the first day.

Emry finished ninth or lower in the 16-athlete field in Friday’s first three events before tying for sixth in the high jump at 6-8. He went 7.19 in the 60 meters, 23-4 in the long jump and 41-6 in the

shot put.

Emry scored 5,476 points over the two days two weeks after notching 5,568 points to win the Big Sky Conference championship. He holds the Montana heptathlon record with 5,623 points.

Emry begins the final leg of his college career when the Grizzlies’ outdoor season opens March 28-29 with the Al Manuel Invitational at Dornblaser Field in Missoula.