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Homedale trustees to hear 4-day yea or nay

Special meeting
set Monday

The recommendations of the 17-person panel studying the feasibility of a four-day school week in Homedale will be revealed Monday in a special meeting.

The Homedale School District board of trustees will convene the meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday at the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

After the recommendation is rendered, the school board will make the final decision on whether to switch the district to a four-day schedule beginning in August for the 2014-15 school year.

District superintendent Rob Sauer reminded business leaders of the special meeting during last

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Spring swing



Having a blast being out of class

Fifth-grader Destiny Wood flies high on the swings at the Marsing City Park during spring break last week. Her mother, Jennifer Wood, on left, and sister Jonie watch children play at the park. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

County offers Marsing \$72K pact

County officials have made a new \$72,000 proposal for a law enforcement contract between the City of Marsing and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office. A contract would allow deputies to enforce city ordinances.

The proposal is significantly higher than the initial \$15,000 contract drawn up by the city and sent to the county in January.

Marsing Mayor Keith Green said he had not seen the new proposal as of press time Monday. Green said it was not necessary for him to go to Murphy to meet the commissioners because his

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County prosecutor responds to Marsing officials' assertions.



Clockwise from left, Tristen, Stephenie, Kade and Wyatt Thomas of Homedale. Tristen is the 2014 recipient of the Angel Walk benefit, happening on May 10 in Homedale. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Angel Walk recipient chosen

Homedale girl has battled heart problems since birth

by Karen Bresnahan

There's a little angel living in Homedale. She's 21 months old, with light brown hair, big blue eyes, and a smile that can brighten anyone's day. She's seems to be a gift from heaven and a light that shines bright in the lives of everyone who has met her.

Tristen Thomas is a tough little "cowgirl" who is facing some tough problems, and none of them are small. She suffers from a multitude of problems relating to a congenital heart defect called Hypoplasti Left Heart Syndrome, commonly referred to as "half-a-heart." Her tiny heart has only two chambers, whereas a normal heart has four. And that is just the beginning of the troubles she

has, including lung and circulation problems. She has what is called Blue Baby Syndrome, a result of lung underdevelopment.

Tristen has been selected as the recipient of this year's Angel Walk benefit happening on May 10 in Homedale. Proceeds from the 5-kilometer walk/run and the car show will go toward her medical expenses.

Although the odds have always seemed to be stacked against her, Tristen has shown repeatedly that she is tough and has a strong will to live. She makes that fight every day, as she struggles to live, to move, to breathe and to eat—all the things that a normal 2 year old takes for granted. Tristen's condition is so fragile that she requires oxygen, nursing homecare, and continual physical, speech and eating therapy.

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Homedale city council reappoints P&Z chief and commissioner

Two long-standing figures in Homedale Planning and Zoning were retained Thursday night.

The Homedale City Council reappointed Sylvia Bahem as the P&Z administrator.

Longtime P&Z commissioner Gypsy Jackson was reappointed for another four-year term.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said another P&Z commissioner, Travis Kerbs, will be the subject of an reappointment during the council’s meeting next Wednesday.

Bahem has been the P&Z administrator since the early 2000s, and Jackson has served on the board for decades.

On other topics at Thursday’s meeting, the council approved the reappointment of Planning and Zoning Administrator Sylvia Bahem and P & Z board member Gypsy Jackson to the planning and zoning commission. Bahem is appointed annually and Jackson will serve another four years.

City attorney Paul Fitzer reviewed the on-call contract proposed by Riedesel Engineering and asked that a paragraph regarding “risk allocation” be deleted from the document. The council then voted to have Christoffersen sign the contract.

The council has approved work by the firm to create a master plan for the airport. The maintenance project will include asphalt patching on the airport property. A representative of the company said Homedale is now on a list to receive FAA funding.

Bret Smith made a public works report and said the city has already begun mowing and weed spraying. The Homedale Armory will be sprayed on April 12. He said the city is looking at some equipment repair needs. Also, flooring repair at city hall should be completed by Thursday.

On personnel changes, Bret Smith said Steve Smith will be vacating his position and move to central Oregon, and the city will be looking at applicants to fill his job.

The city recently hired Kent Curtis to fill another city maintenance position.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the city dog tag program is going well. 163 tags have been purchased this year, compared to the 59 that were sold last year. The goal is to make it easier to identify dogs and return dogs to their proper owners he said.

Also at the meeting, Eidemiller called attention to the financial crisis facing the senior center. He suggested the city sponsor one of the weekend breakfasts to help with funding.

“Each year, they are getting less and less federal funding,” he said. “It is a vital program to this community and it would be devastating to lose any part of it. These are the pioneers of our town.”

Christoffersen agreed that the city needs “to help them if we can.”

The senior center topic was placed on the next meeting agenda. —KB



Last Wednesday’s wreck was located in rough terrain about half-mile off Upper Reynolds Creek Road in the Hemingway Butte off-road area. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Owyhee woman dies in off-road wreck near Hemingway Butte

Three others injured when vehicle rolls down hill

A 21-year-old woman from the Givens area died and three other people were injured when an SUV rolled over a cliff in the Hemingway Butte area last Wednesday.

Sara Bronson was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash about one mile west of Hemingway Butte. The wreckage was found down a cliff off a dirt roadway about a half-mile from Upper Reynolds Creek Road.

The driver, 35-year-old Jacob Howard Canoy, also of the Givens area, was released from the hospital a couple days after the accident. Two young boys, 5-year-

old Kulten Rankin and 8-year-old Tiger Canyon — identified as Canoy’s sons — were treated and released at the hospital, according to Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman.

Sheriff Perry Grant said the crash was still under investigation and he couldn’t say whether Canoy would face charges.

Air ambulances located the wrecked white 1999 Chevrolet Blazer at about 10:40 a.m. Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch called in the air ambulances immediately after receiving a frantic 911 call from Canoy, who has been identified as Bronson’s boyfriend.

“It was very difficult finding the wreckage,” Sheriff Perry Grant said. “The air ambulances were there pretty quick, and they assisted in the search.”

All were transported via air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus

Regional Medical Center after emergency personnel had to hike in to the crash site, which was about four miles from Idaho highway 78.

Authorities said it appeared that no one was wearing seat belts while the group went off-roading.


“It appears they were on top of the hill and drove down the hill and lost control,” Grant said.

Grant said the vehicle overturned “at least a couple times.” Canoy reported that Bronson was pinned under the vehicle when he called 911.


As of Monday afternoon, more than \$1,500 of a \$2,000 goal to help pay for Bronson’s memorial service has been reached. A neighbor of Bronson’s has set up a gofundme.com site in her name.

Bronson left behind a 2-year-old child. — JPB

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Marsing Ambulance explores paid EMT idea

Volunteer shortage triggers tax district examination, but nothing's imminent

Marsing Ambulance officials can see the writing on the wall, so they are taking a look at what the future might hold for the volunteer service.

Service volunteer Pete Smit recently informed the Board of County Commissioners that the organization was investigating what it would take to create a taxing district. The move isn't imminent, though, according to training officer Betty Ackerman.

"It is just a proactive look down the road," she said. "When we get all the facts in and can look at all the facts and all the things that we pulled in, we might have some kind of better idea."

There are no immediate plans to try to form a taxing district, and circumstances that brought up the discussion have little to do with the economics of running a volunteer ambulance service.

The service is funded by patient billing and community donations.

The primary reason for the inquiry is the dwindling volunteer work force.

"We're looking to the future because it's a constant struggle just because people's lives are so busy," Ackerman said.

"You have times when you have

plenty of volunteers that have the time to volunteer, and then there are times when you don't. All the sudden, you just find yourself with a core of three or four people, and that burns people out."

A district would provide a property tax base and create a professional full-time crew that would receive salaries. According to state law, a district can be formed if organizers get a petition signed by 50 people who own property inside the district boundaries — which encompasses parts of Owyhee and Canyon counties.

Ackerman said the modern dynamic for a volunteer service has created the personnel crunch. It's not just people wanting to spend time with their families and needing work, but also the time and money it takes to keep up emergency medical services training.

"The costs of the classes are much more expensive," Ackerman said. "The time to keep your continuing education going is more intense."

"All these things are moving it away from a total volunteer system."

At the moment, the Marsing crew is "a little short on personnel,"



Marsing Ambulance crew-member Betty Ackerman hikes into the scene of last Wednesday's fatal accident near Hemingway Butte. Ackerman says the ambulance crew is about half the size of where she'd like to see it.

Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Ackerman said. Anyone interested in becoming an ambulance volunteer — either as a driver or an emergency medical technician — can contact Ackerman by phone at 896-4562 or 407-4562 or by email at marsingambulance@cableone.net.

She said if there is enough interest, an EMT training class may be offered.

Marsing has five EMTs on call throughout the month now. Some volunteers are out on medical leave or have taken leaves of absence from the service, she said. There is a lot of pressure on the small group of EMTs.

"Just to ask five people to put themselves on the schedule to cover 24/7 is a bit much to ask," Ackerman said.

There are a total of 21 volunteers on the active roster. Eight of those are drivers.

"We do have shifts, but it's very difficult to fill them all," Ackerman said. "We have our radios, so when the radio goes off, whomever is available answers."

Ideally, Ackerman would like to see 15 EMTs on staff, which would bring the commitment down to just 48 on-call hours per month per volunteer. Likewise, a crew

of 15 drivers would only have a commitment of 48 hours each per month.

The ambulance service logged an average of 30 runs per month in 2013.

A crew of 30 would eliminate a lot of the on-call headaches, Ackerman said.

"If you had a crew of 30, the rest of the time (not on-call) you could monitor the radio," she said. "You would have the freedom to not worry about the ambulance (being short-handed and needing immediate assistance)."

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✓ Trustees: Board to decide after panel recommendation

week’s Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

“If we go down this road, I don’t want to look at it as what’s wrong but what’s possible,” Sauer told the Chamber crowd on March 25 at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Tina Wilson, the executive director of the Western Alliance for Economic Development, weighed in on the four-day school week issue during the Chamber meeting.

Before moving to the Treasure Valley, Wilson served on the Boundary County school board when that district decided to go to a four-day school week.

She told the Chamber members that the move resulted in higher

attendance for both students and teachers as well as higher test scorers and lower utility bills.

Sauer said freeing up Fridays for professional development days would help the district prepare teachers for the implementation of Common Core standards.

He pointed out that the longer school days mapped out in proposed schedules are necessary because Homedale is still working under teacher contracts that has eight furlough days built in for budgetary reasons.

The panel that has been meeting since December is comprised of Sauer, school board members Shelley Shenk and Stacy Woods, high school principal Dion Flaming, district employees Vicki Eby, Tonya Garrison, Sally Gonser, Mike Greeley, Lori Idsinga, Mary Jo Larzelier, Michelle Larzelier, Gloria Lejardi, Shirley Martinat, Mabelle Randall and community members Rutilio Bautista, Oscar Evans and Heidi Nash.

— JPB

As the weather changes, so does sheriff office’s Waterways force

Soon-to-retire Nampa cop will join deputy in Level 1 training

The look of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office waterways program is changing.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the immediate hiring of county resident Mike Beavers at an elevated part-time salary during its March 24 meeting in Murphy.

Although Beavers serves on the Owyhee County Waterways Committee, Sheriff Perry Grant received assurances from Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery that there is no conflict of interest. The county commissioners make final monetary decisions regarding the Vessel Fund based on recommendations from the citizens’ committee.

Beavers will be part of a three-man Waterways deputy crew that currently includes Justin Bekker. Milt Greenwood will be added to the force after he retires from the Nampa Police Department on May 29.

“Mike is a Posse member, and he is currently taking the Level 1 reserve peace course (through Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training),” Grant said.

“Mike’s primary duties will be doing boat inspections, and later this summer he will be able to spell Milt or Justin.”

Bekker will alternate weekends as part of Grant’s plan to keep one deputy from burning out during the hectic summer months.

A certified peace officer, Bekker has been a part-time or reservist with OCSO for about four years, but he filled in full-time last summer after Brent Boster’s serious motorcycle accident.

“Justin is currently looking to be hired as a full-time patrol officer in the Treasure Valley, so he will be available until that happens,” Grant said. “To be safe, I may rehire a boat inspector from last season to help with on-board inspections and dock inspections when alternating weekends with Mike Beavers.”

Inactive waterways deputies John Nagel and Boster are still on the county payroll, Grant said.

“But Brent is still unable to return to duty and John is using this year to enjoy his retirement,” Grant said. “He may become available to assist with the Idaho Power contract and the Waterways program in the future.”

Rick Wiley and Mike Stoddard will serve as the CJ Strike Reservoir deputies financed by the Idaho Power contract, but

Grant said Charlie Justus and Greenwood will be the primary substitutes for vacation and sick leave.

“With Owyhee County working to improve the docks on the east end of the county and a full waterways staff, the waterways program will continue to grow in our county,” Grant said.

The county has launched plans to refurbish a dock on Bureau of Land Management ground near Black Sands Resort, and the City of Grand View continues to work on its near Riverside Park along the Snake River. There is also a boat dock in Grand View.

The county’s program is working with about \$6,000 less for boater safety than a year ago.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation recently awarded a \$25,599 Recreational Boating Safety grant to help finance the program in fiscal year 2014. Grant said the county must kick in a minimum match of 50 percent, which creates a \$38,399 budget.

“This is down from \$44,028 last year,” Grant said. “The regression is mostly due to the lack of critical incidents on the water in Owyhee County in 2013, along with our shortage of boat inspections due to us losing Deputy Boster due to injury during the season.”

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✓ Angel Walk: Even with continuing challenges, parents count their blessings

But, in spite of all the daily struggles, she still smiles a lot and plays with her big brother, 4-year-old Wyatt.

Tristen has had a big impact on the lives of her parents, Kade and Stephenie Thomas. They were high school sweethearts in Adrian, Ore. who met when they were 15. As friends through school, the two started dating their senior year, and have been married now for six years. Stephanie grew up on a 320-acre ranch and used to show horses. Kade's family are longtime farmers, who manage over 600 acres of corn, alfalfa, beans and peas. He was quarterback for the football team and used to race dirt bikes as a kid. They had an outdoor wedding at Succor Creek, near both their homes. Kade has been employed five years at Riverside Electric in Parma, where he works as head winder and assistant manager of the motor shop.

Little did they realize the kind of challenges they would face in their life together, but which would ultimately bring them closer.

The Thomases first heard about their baby's heart problem just 20 weeks into the pregnancy, following an ultra-sound. Not only were there only two heart chambers working, but an important blood vessel was also closed, which kept blood from reaching the lungs. The doctors discussed with them the option of abortion, but they refused.

"We both felt the same way," Kade said. "It was never even a question of whether to keep the baby. We told them God gave us this baby for a reason, and we're gonna do the best we can."

After a carefully monitored pregnancy, Kade and Stephenie went to the Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., a month before delivery. They needed a team of 40 specialists to perform a procedure within five minutes of the caesarian birth, in order to save the baby's life.

On June 26, 2012, Tristen was born, and just two days later, she underwent her first open heart surgery.

"I've spent a lot of time being worried and sad that we might lose her, but I felt that no matter what happened, we were grateful to have her," Stephenie said.

Following the surgery, Tristen, who was 8 pounds at birth, dropped to just 4 pounds and was put on a ventilator. Her condition was so fragile, she could not be moved.

"She was just skin and bones, but we just always tried to keep a positive attitude," Kade said. "We have never felt like she wasn't going to make it."

Finally after a second surgery, Tristen recovered enough to be

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able to come home, with a feeding tube, oxygen and 12 types of medication.

But that was only the beginning of the adventure in store for Kade and Stephenie. After being home just two weeks, Stephenie was in the living room with the children when she heard the fire alarm go off in the basement. She barely had time to grab both children, along with the medication and get out the door. The house was engulfed in flames and burned to the ground. They lost everything. Kade said he rushed home from work that day, and when he saw his wife and children, he didn't care about anything else. "I'm fine," he remembers thinking, even though he had no idea what they were going to do.

The house fire was a call for help that was answered by the entire Homedale community. People rushed out to buy them things, churches came together and held fundraisers, and someone even found them another house to stay in. When they arrived at their new home a day later, they were surprised to find it fully furnished and decorated. A huge effort had been made on their behalf. In looking back, they believe it was a miracle that so many people did so much for them.

"There are two ways to look at things," Kade says. "You could say, 'why is God punishing us?' or you can think 'What a blessing it is, that things have happened and so many people have helped.'"

After the fire, Kade discovered that a family friend who had done the paperwork for his house, had gotten him the best possible insurance coverage, so instead of an old house, the family now lives in a brand-new \$350,000 home on the same foundation. They are amazed when they think about how circumstances gave them

exactly what they needed to care for their fragile daughter and her brother.

"We are so very grateful to everyone who has helped us," Stephenie said. "We just want to find a way to pay it forward to others who might need help," she said. Last winter, they heard about a family in Homedale that needed help, so they bought Christmas presents for the children, and sent money to the family anonymously. "If we can help, we want to help others," Kade said.

Tristen has fought for her life since the day she was born. She continues to be fragile and has had repeated episodes of pneumonia, which happens during the winter months. After progressing for a while last year, she suddenly went downhill and was hospitalized at St. Luke's in Boise. As her oxygen levels dropped below 40 percent and her lungs were collapsing, the doctors said there was nothing more they could do for her, but wait. She was not expected to survive.

Kade and Stephenie called out for the prayers of everyone they knew. Then, after a month-long hospital stay, Tristen began to show signs of recovery.

"She's definitely a fighter and she has a feisty personality," Kade said.

Even if she survives long enough to get a third surgery, Kade says his daughter will require a heart transplant eventually. Doctors are now recommending a skill-builder-crawler, a device to help her develop chest muscles needed for a heart transplant. It is very expensive, on top of the already huge debt the couple is facing, from all the medical costs.

Because of the increased risks of pneumonia, Tristen's parents must be vigilant about trying to prevent any illnesses. She has to be kept indoors and away from people. Even grocery shopping is risky, because of the exposure to germs. She has to wear a mask when going outdoors. Even a small cold could cost her her life.

Kade and Stephenie live every day treasuring the moments they have with their daughter. The doctors have advised them that she may not survive another winter and should receive a heart transplant. Tristen and her dad share the rare O blood type, so it could be difficult to find a suitable donor with matching blood type and body size.

But, Stephanie and Kade never rule out the possibility of a miracle these days, because of the many miracles they have seen already.

Tristen doesn't talk yet, but uses her sweet and vibrant personality to win over the hearts of everyone she meets. She and her brother tease and play together. His parents say Wyatt is very protective of her. He worries about his little sister and would do anything for her.

✓ Pact: BOCC backs plan

questions "were all answered" by an email response from Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery, who informed him that the Owyhee County Commissioners were "on board" with his recent communications.

Emery said the newly proposed contract "is consistent with the actual costs of providing law enforcement services to a city the size of Marsing." He told city officials that the new proposal has been signed by Sheriff Perry Grant and that the county commissioners agree with it.

"I want it known that county officials are fully united on this issue, despite claims to the contrary," Emery told the Owyhee Avalanche. "The \$15,000 proposed by the city would not pay for the level of protection and law enforcement being demanded."

Emery also said in a March 27 letter to city officials that he had reviewed Owyhee County payments to Marsing city and found that "the county has consistently paid a Marsing sub-station sewer/water billing since May of 2011." His remark was in response to a statement printed in an Avalanche article that the city waives the county's water bill at the annex building as compensation for prosecutorial services.

"I have received no personal compensation for prosecuting the Marsing city cases, clearly outside of my required statutory duties," Emery said.

"In view of my statutory duties and pending serious caseload, Marsing City needs to arrange for a Marsing City Prosecutor to prosecute the infraction and misdemeanor offenses arising within the Marsing city limits," he said.

Along with the new \$72,000 proposed contract, Emery also included in a letter a list of the types of misdemeanor and infraction cases he has handled for Marsing City over the past several years.

His list included assault, animal control violations, basic rule, battery, carrying a concealed weapon without a license, disturbing the peace, domestic assault and battery, driving while suspended, driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident, exhibition of a deadly weapon, invalid driver's license, operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent, petit theft, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing, vicious dog violations, and willful concealment.

In the March 19th issue of the Avalanche on page 5A, in an article about the Marsing City Council meeting, Mayor Green was quoted as saying—"Green said as long as he's been mayor, he can't recall the county every prosecuting city cases." Mayor Green said this week that in his statement during the meeting, he was referring to the county not prosecuting city ordinance cases.

At the March 12 council meeting, an emailed letter from Emery to Paul J. Fitzer and Stephanie J. Bonney of Moore Smith Buxton and Turcke, Chtd., brought confusion and mixed responses from council members.

In last month's email given to council members, Emery said he has been prosecuting Marsing city cases "without compensation" for "about five years" and that he "is no longer interested in doing that." Emery said his office's expenses, such as witness fees, secretarial time, mileage and other expenses "have exceeded the waiver of the water bill for the annex building by \$1,000 or more."

In the email, Emery called the \$15,000 proposal "unacceptable" and said the idea that 90 percent of the proceeds from the cases should go to the city was "disingenuous."

—KB

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Homedale Middle

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April 3: Beef or chicken taco, corn, baby carrots, pears

April 4: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, tossed salad, grape tomatoes, pineapple

April 7: Nachos or Philly beef/cheese hot pocket, cucumbers, mixed fruit

April 8: Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches

April 9: Spaghetti or burrito, green beans, side salad, apple

April 10: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed carrots, broccoli, mandarin oranges

Homedale High

April 2: Spaghetti w/French bread or corn dog, salad bar/fruit choice

April 3: Hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, sherbet cup, salad bar/fruit choice

April 4: Crispito w/taco salad or hot pocket, corn, salad bar/fruit choice

April 7: Personal pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar/fruit choice

April 8: Chicken tenders or beef nuggets/cheese stick, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, salad bar/fruit choice

April 9: Idaho haystack or hot pocket, salad bar/fruit choice

April 10: Malibu or grilled chicken or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar/fruit choice

Marsing

April 2: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar 6-12

April 3: Lasagna w/breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar 6-12

April 7: PBJ w/chips or cheese pizza, tossed salad, salad bar 6-12

April 8: Pulled pork sandwich or enchilada w/rice, baked sweet potato pie, salad bar 6-12

April 9: Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets w/roll, potato wedges, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

April 2: Chicken patty/bun, seasoned black beans, steamed broccoli, fruit

April 3: Nachos, chips w/salsa, refried beans, fruit

April 4: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks & cauliflower, fresh fruit

April 8: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, carrots, pudding

April 9: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, peas, breadstick, fruit

April 10: Chicken taco, romaine & tomato, seasoned black beans, fruit



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Birthday

Celebration set for Milly Porter's 85th

Friends and family are invited to help celebrate Milly Porter's 85th birthday on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

The party takes place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave.

A Bruneau native, Milly was born the third child of George and Ruth Randall on April 14, 1929, in the home of her grandmother Sylvia. Her grandmother's house used to stand directly across the street from the Legion Hall.

Milly's family is hosting the celebration.

Milly and her husband George Porter will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in August.



S. Mtn. Livestock 4-H appoints officers

Submitted by Cassity Gluch

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club elected officers for 2014 during a Feb. 26 meeting.

Officers include: Stephanie Youren, president; Garrett Youren, vice-president; Becky MacKenzie,

secretary; Don Youren, treasurer; Cassity Gluch, reporter; Kelsey Gluch, tail twister; and Kiana Quintero and Baylee Davis, photographers.

The club has 12 members.

Yard work at the ION Heritage


Museum in Jordan Valley is among the community service projects the group has planned.

The club will next meet at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 inside the Jordan Valley Middle School library, 501 Bassett St.

Death notices

ALVIN "AL" FRED JEREB, 84, of Caldwell, a former Homedale resident, died Thursday, March 27, 2014 of natural causes at an Emmett care facility. Rosary recital and viewing took place on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 31, 2014 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell. A graveside service took place Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell.

DONNA MARIE PHELPS, 79, of Provo, Utah, and formerly of Homedale, died Thursday, March 20, 2014. A viewing and funeral services were held on Friday, March 28, 2014 at Cedar Hollow 3rd Ward Chapel in Lehi, Utah. Interment took place at Lehi City Cemetery.




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Calendar

Today

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

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

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

Thursday

Property tax reduction assistance
10 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 495-2817

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

Property tax reduction assistance
1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Bruneau Valley Public Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 495-2817

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

Bruneau-Grand View school levy meeting
6 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium, 39678 Hwy 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2253

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

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

Friday

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

Marsing FFA dinner and auction
6 p.m., Marsing High School cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

Saturday

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

Cancer awareness fundraiser dinner
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$15 adults, \$10 children 12 and younger, free for 6 and younger, Homedale Middle School cafeteria, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale. (208) 631-6683 or (208) 936-8297

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, April 10

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

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

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


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

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

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

Owyhee
Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley



Tales of the ION Country

A western romance

Orrin Day and George Lanning were building a house for my Uncle Walter McEwen at Swamp Creek. There was a fair-sized crew on hand helping with the house and digging a ditch for a pipeline. The cook was Murt Raider, a fine old lady who had worked for my grandfather and uncle for years.

Orrin and I got to the house first for dinner and sat down at the table. The next man in was “Rim Rock.” Murt was bent over taking biscuits out of the oven and he slapped her on the fanny. She turned around in a flash with a butcher knife in her hand and held it right under his nose and warned, “Don’t you ever do that again you son-of-a-gun.”

Rim Rock, looking dejected, said, “You don’t talk to George Lanning that way.”

“No I don’t because Mr. Lanning is a gentleman,” Murt replied.

As soon as it was all over and Rim Rock had sat down George came in and Murt greeted him, “Hello, Mr. Lanning.”

Putting it on the line

A buckaroo stopped at a large ranch in Nevada and asked the owner if he could give him a job. The owner said, “Heck, they tell me you’re a cow thief.”

The buckaroo replied, “They tell me the same thing about you, Mr. Smith.”

He got the job.

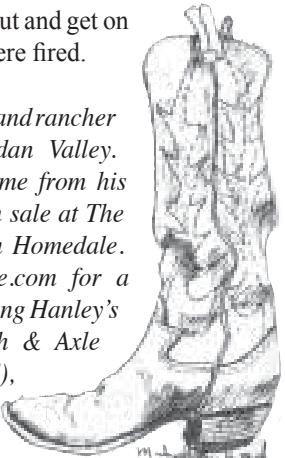
Advice (Duard Terry)

A rancher had a man working for him who was full of advice. He kept telling the boss how to fix fence, when to cut his hay, etc. Finally tiring of this, the rancher fired him and said in parting, “Go get your own ranch and you can run it the way you want to.”

Get on the wagon

Two old brothers owned a ranch and ran it together. When they were working a crew in the fields, one of them would go out and harness the team and drive a hay rack up to the cook house. They other brother would watch the men, and the ones who didn’t go out and get on the wagon by themselves were fired.

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



Melba student graduates Whitworth University

Melba resident Joshua Silver has graduated with honors from Whitworth University.

Silver earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, in Theology, Philosophy from the institution of Spokane, Wash.

Whitworth is a private liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian church. The university, which has an enrollment of nearly 3,000 students, offers 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeeavalanche.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@owyheeeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.



Jack Young grins, as a passerby gets a whiff of his Elk Mexican Red Chili.
Secret ingredient: Barbed Wire cooking wine.



Come and get it ...

... while it's hot, hot, hotter!

The delicious scent of chili and all the fixin's filled the air around the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex on Saturday.

About a hundred people visited the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District's Chili Cook-Off fundraiser and the Owyhee County Historical Society's Spring Bazaar in Murphy.

The atmosphere was warm and the chili was even warmer, as people visited, tasted and voted in the third annual Cook-Off.

Visitors filled their bellies with all the chili they could eat for \$5, as they lined up at each table to sample the homemade recipes.

Inside, the building was filled with craft vendors and more good food including cakes, pies, cookies, popcorn balls and other desserts, and home-canned goods.

Music was provided by Givens resident John Larsen, and tickets were sold for the annual gun and quilt raffles for the upcoming Outpost Days, June 7-8.

The museum and fire district staff extended a hearty thank-you to all those who came out to have fun and sample the chili, including the firefighters, EMTs, auxiliary volunteers of the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District, their families and friends.



Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant, left, and partner Larry Kendrick enjoy the third annual Chili Cook-Off at Murphy on Saturday.

Chili cook-off winners

- Grand Prize People's Choice** — Tim Toomey, Indian Valley, (Indian Valley Fire)
- Texas red, no bean** — James Monson, Boise, (Team U Crazy).
- Texas red, with bean** — Angela Whitnah, LaGrande, Ore. (Team Chili House)
- Chili verde (green)** — Larry Kendrick, Murphy, and Perry Grant, Homedale (Team OCSO).
- Anything goes** — Amanda Monson, Nampa (Team Chili Clan)

Photos
and text
by
Karen
Bresnahan



Madi, 5, and Allison McCoy, 7, help out their parents by taking turns at stirring the pots of chili.



Homemade quilts and crocheted items were on sale at the Owyhee County Historical Society's Spring Bazaar inside McKeeth Hall.



Amanda Allison and Pat Monson work hard on preparing several different types of chili for the Cook-Off.



Mark Bailey hung his sign with a fake rhino horn to attract customers to his table for chili sampling at the OCHS Spring Bazaar and MRW Chili Cook-Off.

OCHS Bazaar and MRW chili feed successful



Rain clouds threatened, but spared cookout enthusiasts during the Saturday event that drew a crowd of about 100 to the Owyhee County Historical Museum.



Nine-year-old Will Brackett, son of author Gus Brackett from Three Creek, helped sell his dad's Badger Thurston books.



Phil Cronk from Nampa sold pens made out of various types of wood.



Joyce's Creations owner Joyce Wright of Homedale sold western purses, hats, belts and accessories at the OCHS Spring Bazaar.



Jesse Jackson, center, of Marsing sold a variety of jewelry and crocheted items at the OCHS Spring Bazaar.



A variety of items were for sale during the OCHS Spring Bazaar.

And while you're here, you might as well buy something!



Stinker Station stickers were available for sale to those attending the chili cook-off.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

April 2: Beef/bean burrito, refried beans, rice
April 3: Noodles & beef w/broccoli, bread
April 8: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, bread
April 9: Beef stew, bread
April 10: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, bread

Marsing Senior Center

(All breakfast orders come with meat & eggs, fruit, juice & milk)
April 2: Hamburger pot pie, pea salad, pumpkin bars
April 3: Teriyaki chicken, oriental vegetables, fried rice, oranges, pineapple upside down cake
April 7: Breakfast to order, biscuits & gravy
April 8: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, carrots, roll, apple salad, cookie, ice cream
April 9: Fish, or chief's choice, coleslaw, potato salad, green beans, sourdough bread, fruit cocktail
April 10: Beef pot roast, potatoes/gravy, salad, carrots, fruit, bran muffin, banana pudding

Rimrock Senior Center

April 3: Idaho haystacks w/ ground beef
April 8: Mexican pie

A welcome sign



Good things to come for farmers?

After last week's storms, a rainbow appears over the rolling farmlands near Homedale. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

P&Z board needs E. Owyhee member

Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff is scouring the eastern half of Owyhee County to find a new P&Z commission member.

Indian Cove-area resident Todd Hayes has been serving as an interim commissioner in place of Clay Atkins, but Huff told the Board of County Commissioners last week that Hayes will no longer be able to attend meetings in Murphy.

"Mr. Hayes recently accepted a new job that was unable to accommodate the once-a-month meeting, so he had to resign the position," Huff said.

Huff told the county commissioners on March 24 that she has a list of possible candidates and will begin contacting them to gauge interest.

Atkins, who lives in Bruneau, is in the midst of a three-year term that ends Dec. 31, 2015. Huff said Atkins is recovering from medical issues that required him to step away from the board and facilitated Hayes' appointment.

"It is still unknown if he will be able to come back before his term is up," Huff said of Atkins.

All board members serve three-year terms, and the BOCC makes appointments:

- Connie Brandau, Wilson (chair), term expires Dec. 31, 2015
- Lori Badiola, Homedale, term expires Dec. 31, 2014
- Scott Jensen, Marsing, term expires Dec. 31, 2014
- Chad Nettleton, Murphy, term expires Dec. 31, 2015

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Cancer benefit planned for HMS cafeteria

A fundraiser to benefit a Homedale woman and to bring awareness to the importance of the early detection of colon cancer will be held on Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Homedale Middle School cafeteria.

The event will include a taco feed and silent auction. Proceeds will be given to Mirna Castro, who was recently diagnosed with the disease.

Tickets for the dinner are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger, and free for children younger than 6. \$100 tickets are being sold for a table of eight people.

The event is being organized by three Homedale High School students Hattie Mertz, Kerigan Morris and Michelle Castro.

For ticket sales, donations, or more information contact Morris at (208) 631-6683 or Mertz at (208) 936-8297.

Marsing FFA dinner, auction slated Friday

Marsing's FFA chapter annual dinner and auction takes place Friday inside the Marsing School District cafeteria.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. inside the building on 8th Avenue West.

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser will help finance the FFA chapter's trip to competitions on the district, state and national level.

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HMS teacher: Science is about learning big concepts



Lindsay Miller discusses the composition of plant and animal cells with Makayla Kelly.

Trustees honor Lindsay Miller for her work

Life just got a little sweeter for Lindsay Miller. The Homedale science teacher recently earned the Award of Excellence by the school district.

“This was a very big surprise,” she said. “I am very appreciative of it.”

During a recent school board meeting, Lindsay heard praise from Homedale Middle School principal Amy Winters, and a few quotes from students.

“It was very touching what the students had to say,” she said.

Lindsay begins her day by teaching a college-level course on environmental science at the high school. In that class, she instructs top grade level juniors and seniors. The rest of her day is spent at Homedale Middle School teaching seventh- and eighth-graders science. Miller is also the advisor for the school’s Future City team.

The middle-schoolers can be challenging to teach because it is “a very trying age,” she said. She noted that kids are transitioning from childhood to adulthood, and they can be very confused. “One moment they can be acting like an adult, and the next moment they can be crying,” she said.

Middle School is the first level in school where students must switch classes, so they are making a lot of adjustments and learning how to be organized. She says that 50 percent of a middle school teacher’s job is helping kids become young adults.

Junior high is a time that kids “can get hooked on science,” she said. “I remember when I fell in love with science, it was in junior high.”

She enjoys the way her students get excited about the science experiments they do in class, and sometimes go home and show their families.

“If I can get them engaged in a project, they will have fun,” she said.

The highlight of her job is experiencing the moments when a student understands what she is teaching.

“It’s fantastic when they have those ‘ah ha’ moments and they get it,” she said.

Her goal as a teacher is to help her students focus on the main topics. The important thing to her is not that her students learn the facts, but to remember the big

concepts.

“If 20 years from now, they understand what photosynthesis is, that’s important to me.”

She wants her students to be “well-informed, inquisitive people who question the world.”

One concept she teaches is “What makes something science”. She teaches life science and they study the needs of living things. Her classroom is also where students are learning how physical traits are inherited. Another big topic for her students is ecology. They study ecosystems and how everything is connected.

Lindsay is in her third year of teaching, but she has 10 years of informal teaching experience.

She was born in Buffalo, N.Y., and she has a younger sister and brother. Her mother worked as a high school special education teacher for 40 years. Her dad is an estate lawyer.

She received her undergraduate degree from a small college in New York State. She has a Bachelor of Science in environmental science and forest biology from the State University of New York’s College of Environmental Science.

Lindsay has a Masters degree in science education, which she earned at Oregon State University. She wrote her thesis on “experiential hands-on learning, both in and out of the classroom.”

While attending school, she lived in Oregon for seven years and worked as an interpretive forest ranger and also with school groups on environmental education.

Lindsay enjoys being outdoors more than anything and is an avid backpacker, cross-country skier and kayaker. She also likes trail running. She currently lives in Boise and makes an hour commute to-and-from work each day.

Lindsay has a partner who is a raptor biologist who does graduate work at Boise State University. She said it is interesting because when they go hiking together, she looks down at the plants, and he looks up at the sky.

Her personal goal is to become more proficient as a teacher by continuing to take graduate level classes.

Another goal she has is to hike the Pacific Crest Trail.

She dreams of traveling to other countries. She has friends in Kenya who do research on Cheetahs. She hopes to be able to go there and see the remote country and wild animals.

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Marsing graduate has gun-building hobby

Story and photos
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Justin Develbiss is a patriot. He’s a strong individual, with solid beliefs, and he’s got the firepower to back them up. Literally. He’s got a table full of weapons and you wouldn’t want to question his ability to use them.

At the age of 34, he’s a master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, a career he has had for the past 16 years. He’s an all-American boy who shines bright—and he comes across as a confident, intelligent and capable person.

Justin is a 1997 graduate of Marsing High School, and visited his hometown last month as a vendor at the Gun Show at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

He brought some of the weapons in his private collection to the show, so he could share his knowledge about firearms. He has a serious hobby of building and customizing AR15s,

his job is. “It’s a huge responsibility,” she says. On a personal level, “he is very protective and dedicated,” she said.

Justin’s sister, Necia Lootens, is a special-education teacher married to a farmer in Marsing, and his brother, Doug, lives in Boise and is in charge of the maximum security unit of the Idaho State Prison.

Being a drone sensor operator is “a very fast-paced job, with no room for error,” Justin said. His group flies combat missions on a regular basis to overseas locations. The drones

are armed with AGM-114 Hellfire missiles and GBU guided bombs. He is in charge of guiding the drone to the proper location, and shooting a laser at the target, so the pilot can release the weapons.

The drones are flown by satellite control and they fly very high and quiet.

“They are undetectable,” he said.

If you ask too many questions, he may not be able to tell you the answer, because it’s classified.

Without hesitation, he will tell you his values are the same as the Air Force core values. “Integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do.” He says he doesn’t feel like being in the military has changed the person he is, but “It has made me the person I am.”

Justin also has a deep interest in history, especially the Revolutionary War time period. “He has a lot of respect for the forefathers of this country,” his mother said.



Justin holds an AR-15 rifle at his gun show table.

which he has been doing for about 10 years.

Justin has been deployed overseas to five different places, including Turkey, Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Qatar. From 1998 to 2005, he was stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, and worked as a jet mechanic for the F-15 Strike Eagles. Then from 2005 to 2009, he was stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska, where he did the same type of work. Since 2009, he has been stationed at the Creech AFB in Indian Springs, Nev., where he works as a drone sensor operator. He and his wife Jamie live in Las Vegas.

“He’s very patriotic and hardworking,” his mother Donna Huntley says. “He puts God first, then his country.” Donna is very proud of her son and understands how challenging



Justin explains about the AR-15 to visitors at his booth.



Justin Develbiss at his booth at the Marsing gun show.

wearing a 100-pound backpack, he would have to drop to the floor when an attack came, and remain there for a while. It was the closest he has ever been to live combat.

“We come from a long line of very good, patriotic people,” his sister Necia said. “We are very blessed.”

Donna remembers very clearly a day in her life, not so many years ago, when Justin called her on the phone and said his crew would be flying over Marsing. She got in the car and started to drive and just a couple of minutes later she heard the sound of a jet as her son flew over. She waved her arms, and cried, “That’s my boy,” as she saw the plane turn and dip its wings to say hello. She believes firmly that “this country was founded on Godly principles, some of which we seem to be losing,” she said.

One of her favorite mottos is, “If you don’t stand for something, you’ll fall for anything.”

“Justin doesn’t just talk the talk, he lives it,” Donna said.

His future plans are to stay in the military, until the 30-year mark, and then to find a civilian job that will allow him to continue to defend and serve the citizens of the United States.



Justin and his mother, Donna Huntley, of Marsing.

BLM offers reward to catch road grader vandals

Equipment was parked south of Homedale when damaged

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for vandalizing a Caterpillar 12M2

road grader sometime between March 12 and March 16.

The road grader was located south of Homedale on Poison Creek Road south of the old Poison Creek Stage Stop.

“The road grader was shot with a shotgun multiple times,” BLM Law Enforcement Ranger Stan Buchanan said. “All the glass was broken out of the cab, and a rock was used to break the glass on the instrument panel.”

Several items were stolen from the road grader, including a Bendex King mobile radio, a 10-pound multi-chemical fire extinguisher, the front tool box, which was painted CAT yellow, the exhaust smoke stack, headlights and the left-side steps,

which were black.

The estimated repair and replacement costs are \$10,800. A new Caterpillar 12M2 road grader would cost nearly \$300,000.

BLM Law Enforcement and the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office are working jointly on the investigation to identify and prosecute those responsible for the vandalism.

“We are grateful to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and other local law enforcement departments for their assistance with this investigation,” Buchanan said.

Anyone with information for investigators can call BLM Law Enforcement in Boise at (208) 384-3400.



One last dance before you go: Brenda Watts on left dances with Jim Robertson on Friday in celebration of her 37 years working at Alforex Seeds in Homedale. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Longtime seed plant employee retires

Watts worked at Homedale plant nearly 40 years

Alforex Seed Co.’s Homedale plant has lost a valuable employee.

Brenda Watts, who had worked at her job for 37 years, retired Friday.

A surprise party was held on her final day to honor her longtime efforts with the company. Cakes were made, balloons and paper balls were hung, people gathered, and a video about Brenda was shown.

Brenda is a registered seed technologist (RST), which is a specialized occupation. There are only about 130 other seed technologists in the country, her co-workers said. Brenda’s job has been overseeing the quality of the seed produced by her company.

An RST must complete a course of study and take an exam to be licensed by the government. A licensed RST can practice in both commercial and private labs.

“She is awesome,” friend and former co-worker Pat Jennings said.

The RST work is a very complex process involving lab work with seeds, Jennings said. “They have to know how to test for 450 different weed seeds,” she said.

“If it wasn’t for Brenda, I never would have made it,” Jennings said. “She is a real special person to all of us. She is the best, and we love her to pieces.”

The RST is a type of apprenticeship program, and Brenda helped teach at all the

workshops that were put on by the company.

Brenda was born and raised in Homedale before moving away to California. She came back in 1977 to work at the plant. She spent the first 11 years as office manager and then after some training, moved into her current position.

The plant has been owned by several different companies during her tenure, starting with Whitney-Dickenson.

Brenda has walked to work for more than 20 years, because she lives so close to her job.

“It’s very interesting work, and there was so much to learn,” Brenda said. The thing she enjoyed the most about her job was “just looking at the seeds.”

Brenda has been involved in craft-making as a hobby, both with wood and paper products. She has spent many years pursuing cake-making and decorating.

For her retirement gift, employees gave her a cricket machine that accurately cuts paper, vinyl and cake fondue, so she can continue to be creative.

In addition to her devotion to her job at Alforex Seeds, Brenda also taught computer classes for more than 10 years at the former Boise State University Canyon County Center.

She has two grown children and three grandchildren.

Now that she is retired, Brenda would like to take an Alaskan cruise and do some traveling back east.

But first, she says, “it’s going to take me a year to clean out my closets.”

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Brenda Watts



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Homedale, Marsing students help with luau fundraiser

Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency’s Health Occupations Students of America chapter members will hold a community service project Friday to fulfill a requirement to compete in next month’s state leadership conference in Boise.

Friday’s “Pound out Cystic Fi-

brosis” will include a luau dinner, guest speaker, silent auction and children’s games.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the COSSA Regional Technical Center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder.

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

The purpose of the event is to encourage health science students to work on community service by supporting the goals of a national health care organization. Chapters document their involvement, which is submitted to the state advisor for possible national recognition.

HOSA members, including high school students from Homedale and Marsing, have developed a work in progress time line, handed out flyers, sold tickets, sought

donations for auction and prizes for the games, designed a menu, and secured the facility and event speaker. Group members are making luau skirts, serving dinner, and creating an event portfolio. Guest speaker will be Sandra Sanford, a mother who has a son with CF.

The menu will include bacon wrapped bananas as an appetizer, kalua pork, tropical salad, Hawaiian rice, banana and pineapple bread, and glazed grilled pineapple for dessert.

“I am very proud of all their hard work,” HOSA co-advisor Cindy Joslin said. “We are looking forward to a very fun-filled evening that will bring in donations for a very worthy cause. It is heartwarming to watch students donate for the benefit of others,

from their hearts.”

Silent auction items include: an iron elk cut-out donated by Dylan Cady, Dutch Brothers Basket, Scentsy basket donated by Teresa Armenta, Subway gift certificates, Kohl’s gift card, tow rope from Sonny’s Auto, power sprayer from Wilder Building Supply, sweat-shirts and hats from The Cowboy Store, Del Rio Restaurant gift certificate, king sized comforter set from Rebecca’s Market, (2) queen blankets from Cris y Finas, Haircut coupon from Homedale Men’s Hairshack, gift certificate for an adjustment and new patient exam from Dr. J. Edward Perkins as well as gift certificates from Wahooz, Idaho Aquarium, Big Als, Parma Motor Vu and Flying Pie Pizzeria.

Marsing students who will be participating are: Courtney Rhodes; Taylor Brown; and Taylor Bennett. Homedale students at the event will be: Stephanie Aguilera; Leslie Albor; Vianney Alcantara; Kayla Carson; Maria Castro; Michelle Castro; Lizett Chavez; Lauren Craft; Monique Davis; Magdalena Escutia; Mykal Hill; Julissa Hurtado; Stephanie Hurtado; Haley Kushlan; Yasmin Lomelli; Hattie Mertz; Kerigan Morris; Abigail Rice; Alondra Rodriguez; Cheyenne Steinmetz; Brenda S. Vega and Brenda V. Vega.

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Marsing's Noah Grossman, right, poses with his Team Suples coach Ivan Ivanov after collecting a fourth-place medal in the Northwest Junior Regional wrestling tournament in Battle Ground, Wash. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Grossman wrestles to fourth in NW regional freestyle tourney

Noah Grossman's first big road trip of the season paid off with a big improvement over last year.

The 220-pound Marsing wrestler reached the medal round and finished fourth in the Northwest Junior Regional Tournament at Battle Ground, Wash.

It was the first medal at the tournament in three tries for the Marsing High School junior.

Montana's Jaydn Wilson pinned Grossman in 1 minute, 2 seconds of the third-place match.

Grossman made the medal round with 3-1 record and a second-place finish in the pool

portion of the tournament.

He pinned Washington state's Samuel Lindsey in 44 seconds in the first round and rallied for a 15-4 technical fall over Montana's Collin Hammock in the third round.

He also beat Washington's Austin Wright, 10-3, in the first round of round robin action.

Grossman was unable to capitalize on his fourth-place finish from the 2013 Northwest Regional Greco-Roman Tournament. He didn't place this year.

Grossman competed with Team Suples and coach Ivan Ivanov.

Grossman continues to sell raffle tickets to finance his traveling this spring and summer.

The raffle for two round-trip airline tickets is sponsored by the Idaho Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Stuart Dennis of Uniglobe Travel. Tickets are \$2 each, and the first \$100 raised goes to the Caldwell branch of the wrestling hall of fame.

Everything above the \$100 will go to Grossman, who needs to raise \$3,870 for his tournaments this season. The majority of that — \$2,000 — must be raised by the end of April.

Deal's field of dreams coming together

Scoreboard project fills another need

Baseball fans will be able to follow along easier at Homedale High School games with the addition of a large scoreboard in the outfield.

The new red-and-white scoreboard tracks score by innings, outs and balls and strikes. It replaces a considerably smaller green scoreboard that has been out of operation for the better part of the past two baseball seasons.

"It will be a great addition to our facilities and only the start of hopefully many upgrades to our athletic facilities that we hope to accomplish in the near future," HHS athletic director Matt Holtry said.

The scoreboard was delivered last Wednesday and installed Friday morning. Volunteers unloaded the 918-pound scoreboard with the help of some forklifts in front of the high school ag shop.

It's the latest piece of Trojans coach Burke Deal's ongoing project to turn the HHS baseball field into one of the most attractive complexes in the 3A Snake River Valley conference and beyond.

Efforts continue to enclose the outfield with a green, plywood fence complete with advertising from local sponsors. Deal said that there are still many sponsor spots available on the fence.

The scoreboard project began to materialize after the family of longtime Homedale



Out with the old, in with the new: Ace Sign employees get ready to place the new scoreboard at the Homedale High School baseball field on Friday. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

— See **Field**, page 3B

High school rodeo back in Homedale

Badiola Arena hosts District 2 spring openers

The high school rodeo season resumes Saturday and Sunday with the spring's first events in Homedale.

Badiola Arena will play host to high school rodeo clubs from Owyhee country as well as other parts of southwest Idaho in the first District 2 events of 2014.

The rodeo action starts at 9 a.m. each day.

This weekend's stops are rounds 3 and 4 in the 2013-14 season that started Oct. 12-13 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

The season will continue with Rounds 5-6 on April 26-27 back at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The Marsing club enters this weekend's rebirth of the season with high hopes to send another strong delegation to the Idaho High School State Finals Rodeo at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello in June.

Austin Williams, a senior who last month signed a letter of intent to rodeo at Odessa College in Texas, leads the way.

He's the reigning high school state champion in bareback. He won both bareback rodeos in October and holds a 20-point lead over Marsing teammate Lorenzo Lankow, a junior, in the District 2 standings.

Williams also did well in the 2013 National High School Finals Rodeo.

Seven of the eight Marsing club members attend Marsing High School. The eighth is Tyler

— See **Rodeo**, back page

Sports

Trojans show off offensive muscle in ISG softball

HHS rebounds from first loss with big wins

After seeing its season-opening winning streak end in a rout, Homedale High School softball got back on track during the Idaho Sporting Goods Tournament.

The Trojans (7-1 overall) started a new winning streak after a 13-4 loss to Class 4A Middleton Friday at Centennial High School.

Coach Larry Corta's squad hammered Centennial, 17-8, later Friday before grabbing a rain-shortened 8-2 win over Rigby on Saturday at Borah High School. A

scheduled game against Pocatello was cancelled because of the precipitation.

The Trojans resumed 3A Snake River Valley conference play Tuesday against Payette after deadline.

Homedale plays Fruitland at Sundance Park on Tuesday in a rematch of the past two 3A state championship games. The Trojans won last year's state final for the school's fourth first-place trophy.

Saturday: Homedale 8, Rigby 2 (3) — Tori Nash knocked in two runs with a single to fuel the Trojans' three-run first inning.

Katie Deal smacked a run-scoring double in the Trojans' three-run second inning.

The Trojans added two more runs in the bottom of the third inning — their final at-bat — when Elise Shenk reached on an infield error.

Tristan Corta, who scored on third-inning error, was 2-for-2, while Destiny Long also drove in a run and Gardenia Machuca scored twice.

Both of Rigby's runs against Shelby Lee were unearned.

Friday: Homedale 17, Centennial 8 (5) — In a game that featured 25 hits, the Trojans added on to their 9-8 lead with an eight-run fourth inning.

Machuca led the way with three doubles and six RBI on 4-for-4 hitting. Deal was 3-for-4 with two

RBI, and Shenk knocked in two runs and scored twice.

After Centennial scored six times to take the lead in the top of the second, the Trojans tied the game in the bottom half with a three-run rally with two outs.

Machuca chased home Morgan Nash and Long with a double and then scored on Deal's double.

Homedale rallied for the lead again in the third inning with Tory Lane scoring on a wild pitch and Shenk and Morgan Nash coming home on errors.

Machuca had another two-run double in the Trojans' eight-run fourth. Shenk, Long and Morgan Nash also had run-scoring singles in the uprising.

Long scored three times in the game, while Morgan Nash crossed the plate four times.

Friday: Middleton 13, Homedale 4 — The Vikings drilled seven home runs as part of their 16-hit attack that snapped the Trojans' five-game season-opening win streak.

Long slammed a two-run homer in the top of the fifth inning for half of Homedale's scoring.

Nash doubled with two outs in the third inning to bring in Tory Lane with the Trojans' first run. Nash scored on a throwing error on the play.

Nash was 2-for-4 with two runs scored from the top of the batting order.

Oviedo's gem earns Homedale split in Baker tourney

Caleb Oviedo showed he can dominate on the pitching mound, too, last week.

The senior spun a three-hitter as Homedale High School blanked tournament host Baker, Ore., 4-0, on March 25.

Recently named the 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball player of the year, Oviedo shifted gears for spring, striking out six and walking two.

Homedale (3-2 overall) split two games at the Baker Spring Tournament. Earlier, the Trojans fell, 6-3, to La Grande, Ore.

Oviedo was on target against Baker. Of his 102 pitches, 62 went for strikes. He got first-pitch strikes on 18 of the 27 batters he faced. Two of the hits he allowed

were singles to Mason Cline in the first and third innings, while Micah Mesplet doubled with two outs in the seventh inning.

Oviedo's work was needed as the Trojans clung to a 1-0 lead through five innings. Homedale took the lead when Conner Carter scored on a wild pitch with two outs in the third inning.

The Trojans broke through for two runs in the sixth inning on a rally started when Blake Patton led off with a single to left field. Patton scored on Jacob Falls' base hit, and Jakobee Osborn, who had walked, came home on a grounder off John Collett's bat.

Carter led off the seventh and scored on Baker shortstop Keaton Bachman's error.

March 25: La Grande, Ore., 6, Homedale 3 — The Trojans couldn't sustain a seventh-inning rally after taking an early lead.

La Grande snapped a 1-1 tie with two runs in the third inning.


Homedale grabbed the lead when Tyson Furlott singled home Patton with two outs in the second. Patton led off with a line-drive single.

The Trojans' bats awoke in the seventh inning when Furlott doubled and Nash Johnson scored on Matthew Thatcher's base hit. Jake Deal reached on a two-out error to bring in Furlott, but Homedale ran out of opportunities.


Collett went 2-for-4 with a double from the leadoff spot. Furlott was 2-for-3 with an RBI.





Shown during Homedale's opener against McCall-Donnelly, Blake Patton came through with his bat last week. Photo by Jon P. Brown





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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Gardenia Machuca, soph., softball

The Play — Machuca was 4-for-4 with six RBI and three doubles in Homedale's 17-8 victory over host Centennial during Friday action in the Idaho Sporting Goods tournament. She was 1-for-3 in the 13-4 loss to Middleton on Friday, and had an RBI in the Trojans' rain-shortened 8-2 win over Rigby on Saturday at Borah High School.

Baseball
Varsity

Friday, April 4 at Parma, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 5, home vs. Melba (2), noon
Tuesday, April 8, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, April 4, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 5 at Melba (2), noon
Tuesday, April 8 at Fruitland, 5 p.m.

Golf
Varsity

Wednesday, April 9 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, Scotch Pines G.C., Payette, 3 p.m.

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Track and field


Thursday, April 3 at Parma, 4 p.m.


Tennis


Thursday, April 3 at Fruitland, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 5 at Nyssa, Ore., 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8 at Payette, 4 p.m.


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Sports



Volunteers worked to unload the 918-pound sign from a semi-trailer last Wednesday in order to transport it to the Trojans' field. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Terry Hunter, installer for Ace Signs Inc., puts the finishing touches on the new baseball scoreboard that was installed beyond the center field fence at the Homedale High School field Friday. The board is valued at \$8,500. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

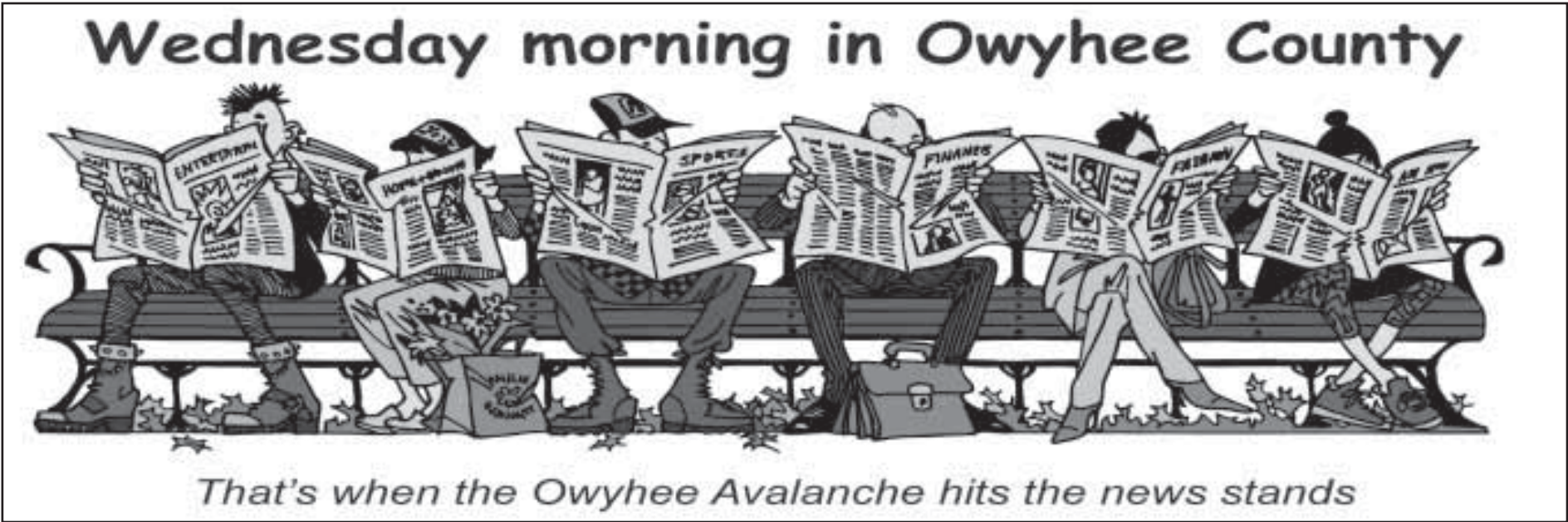
✓ Field: Sponsorships still available at Trojans' ballfield

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resident Tom Arima requested memorial tributes in his name to the HHS athletic fund in lieu of flowers.
“This project was something that we as an athletic department wanted to get accomplished last spring. In our post season meeting Coach Deal and I agreed that a new scoreboard for the baseball field was a must,” Holtry said. “The previous one was well outdated and only worked from time to time.”

Deal then launched a campaign to get sponsorships for additional funding. Four of the five panels that will be on scoreboard have been purchased by Subway, Valli Information Systems, Jim’s Upholstery and W.W. and Joan Deal. One sponsor is still needed, Deal said.
There will be two advertisements on top of the 20-foot-long, 7-foot-high scoreboard. Three panels will be situated on the bottom.

— JPB

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Sports

Homedale’s youth wrestlers continue to rack up titles

The Homedale Wrestling Club’s season continues Friday with the three-day Idaho Rattlers tournament in Eagle.

Folkstyle, freestyle and Greco-Roman meets are planned.

The Homedale club has seen its share of success early in the season, including drawing a large crowd of competitors to its own tournament March 14-15.

Patriot Invitational

The local wrestlers pulled down medals during the Patriot Invitational freestyle tournament on March 22:

- **Intermediate 70** — Jeffrey Layne was fourth. His road to the third-place match included a pinfall against Homedale teammate Zander Hyer in 2:50 and a 12-8 decision over Dominic Gonzalez from Ontario, Ore.
- **Intermediate 65** — Jaxson Kent placed third.
- **Schoolboy/girl 190** — Megan Houser finished second.
- **Schoolboy/girl 160/175** — Sierra Pesnell was runner-up after pinning Cameran Smith of Vallivue in 54 seconds.
- **Novice 70** — Joseph Egusquiza was fourth after losing the third-lace match to La Grande’s Alex Kehr in a pinfall (2:55). Egusquiza had pinned Kehr in 1:12 earlier in the meet and reached the third-place match with a 37-second pinfall over Homedale teammate Devin Kent in the consolation semifinals.
- **Novice 80** — Keagen Christensen beat Garrett Weber of Mat Rat Wrestling Club, 8-7, in the second-place match. Christensen wrestled back from a semifinal loss to American Falls’ Tanner Hansen to pin Kuna Klub’s Jonathan Scherr in 1:53 to reach the silver medal match.
- **Novice 90** — Brayden Christoffersen continued his stellar season with a championship. He beat Dante Roggio of Suples club, 10-0, in a technical fall for the title. Christoffersen also pinned Cameron Kretzschmar (Kuna) and Kaleb Smith of the Idaho Rattlers on his way to the championship final.
- **Novice 105/112** — John Conner finished fourth after losing the third-place match by pinfall to Idaho Rattlers’ Bronson Staley. Conner reached the third-place match with a pin of Patriot’s Michael Bruner in the consolation

- semifinals.
- **Bantam 39-42** — Trell McFarlane pinned Team Bullcatcher’s Samuel Chambers in 12 seconds in the third and final round of matches to secure third place.
 - **Bantam 42-44** — Trey McFarlane finished second with a first-round win over Dawson Clevenger of Grizzly Freestyle and a 9-5 decision over Team Bullcatcher’s Jeremy Bamford in the third round of matches. In between, McFarlane lost to division champion Ryan Hirschert of the Ontario Animals in a 14-4 technical fall.
 - **Bantam 66-67** — Terry Volk placed second after a 9-2 decision over Boise’s Marcus Strate.
 - **Bantam 75-85** — Caden Layne won the championship with a 2-0 outing. He pinned teammate Kyler Morriss in 1:06 in the third round of the tournament and pinned Wyatt Clark of the Idaho Rattlers in 36 seconds in the second go-round.
- Morriss also pinned Clark in 2:32 and finished second in the weight class.
- **Pre-bantam 45 to 48 pounds** — Shayde Volk went 3-0 to win the championship. He pinned Middleton’s Luke Eager in 16 seconds in the opening round, beat Cole Thompson of the Idaho Rattlers, 12-2, in a technical fall in the second round and finished the tournament with a 38-second pin of Miley Juarez of the Mat Rat club.
 - **Pre-bantam 39-42** — Matthew Sheley finished second with a 2-1 record. He lost to champion Ezra Gillette of Team Bullcatcher in the third and final round. Gillette pulled off a 43-second pin. Sheley’s wins came with a 14-4 technical fall against Patriot’s Charlie Savoie in the opening round and a 51-second pin of Nampa Freestyle’s Thomass Castro in the second round.
- The Homedale club also competed in the Patriot Invitational’s Greco Roman tournament on March 21:
- **Schoolboy/girl 175/190** — Pesnell was third.
 - **Novice 90** — Christoffersen swept the tournament with a pin of Roggio in 1:02 of their championship match.
 - **Novice 70/75** — Egusquiza finished third. He beat Ryland Silvis of Nampa Freestyle on a 15-5 technical fall before losing

- the second-place match to Jackson Moon of Patriot.
- **Novice 105** — John Conner finished third.

Homedale Tournament

- Freestyle results from March 15:
- **Pre-Bantam 32-35** — Xavier Uranga was third after pinning Nampa Freestyle’s Ira Hackler in 39 seconds.
 - **Pre-Bantam 35-37** — Quade Christensen placed third after a pin against Cyler Beason of the Idaho Rattlers.
 - **Pre-Bantam 42-44** — Tyce Fisher came away with a championship. His 3-0 run included a 12-1 technical fall against teammate Sebastian Larzelier, a pin of Mat Rat’s Tyler Dahnke and a 12-1 tech fall over La Grande’s Noah Collins.
 - **Pre-Bantam 45-48** — Ty Cooper also grabbed a championship with three pinfalls against Luke Eager from Middleton, Ricky Sutherlin from Kuna and Lincoln Gibbs from Nampa.
 - **Pre-Bantam 46-48** — Shayde Volk beat teammate Justin Kraupp by pinfall in the middle of his three-match march to the championship. Volk also collected a technical fall over Dallin Bridgewater of Grizzly Freestyle and won by forfeit for Kuna’s Wyatt Nelson.
- Kraupp finished third in the weight class.
- **Bantam 38-42** — Trell McFarlane took fourth.
 - **Bantam 41-43** — Trey McFarlane won the championship with an 11-0 tech fall over Takeo Sanders from Nampa, a 12-6 decision against Jeremy Bamford of the Idaho Rattlers and a pinfall in 2:36 against Travis Steiner from Nampa.
 - **Bantam 44** — James Transue finished fourth.
 - **Bantam 51-54** — Isaac Bullard was fourth.
 - **Bantam 53-56** — Mikah McBridge edged Patriot’s Cohen Chapman, 14-13, the third round to capture third place.
 - **Bantam 56-59** — Geoffrey Adams sailed through the championship with a 20-13 decision over Caden Laine of Patriot and pins of Manuel Valdez of Arrowrock and Ryker Harrison of Vallivue.
 - **Bantam 65-68** — Terry Volk was third. He beat Dominick

- Sanchez of Kuna, 10-4, in the second round of action.
- **Bantam 75-85** — Caden Layne beat teammate Kyler Morriss in the first round and finished second in the division after a 12-2 technical fall loss to Grizzly’s Will Phillips.
- Morriss took third.
- **Intermediate 70** — Jeffrey Layne finished fourth. He pinned Elijah Bisenius of La Grande in 45 seconds of their quarterfinal match and reached the third-place bout with a 36-second pin of Nampa Bulldawgs’ Troy Turner.
 - **Novice 70** — Joseph Egusquiza was fourth. He pinned Isaih Adams of Middleton in the first round and reached the third-place match with a 22-second pin of Alakai Macias of Nampa Freestyle.
 - **Novice 85** — Brayden Christoffersen pinned teammate Keagen Christensen in 48 seconds to win the championship. He was 3-0 with pins against Palmer Galloway of Patriot and Hunter Chesley of the Idaho Rattlers.
- Christensen finished second with a 13-3 technical fall over Galloway. He began the tournament with an 8-1 decision against Kuna’s Wyatt Briggs and then beat Jackson Elliot of Suples, 10-8, in overtime in their semifinal.
- **Novice 90** — Tye Atkins finished fourth. He reached the third-place match with a 27-second pin against Fruitland’s Levi Crawford in a consolation semifinal.
 - **Novice 100** — Owen Houser was runner-up.
 - **Novice 105/112** — Spencer Fisher won the championships with a 4-0 run that included a technical fall of teammate John Conner (10-0) in the opening round. Fisher went on to pin Caleb Benson (Ontario), Michael Bruner (Patriot) and Bronson Staley (Idaho Rattlers).
- Conner finished fifth.
- **Schoolboy/Girl 84/91** — Matthew Randall finished third. He rallied from a first-round loss to pin Alexander Steffans (Nampa Freestyle) and Grayson Burgess (Idaho Rattlers) before Tytus Wooford of the Idaho Gold Wrestling Association pinned him in the fifth round of tournament action.
 - **Schoolboy/Girl 105** — Jaegar Rose won the division with a 4-0 run that included pinfalls against

- Cody Bryan (Idaho Rattlers) and Tristan Jones (Kuna) and a technical fall against Giovanni Roggio (Suples). He also received a forfeit.
- **Schoolboy/Girl 128** — Tell Morse finished fifth.
 - **Schoolboy/Girl 175/190** — Sierra Pesnell was second after beating Cameran Smith of Nampa Freestyle. She lost the championship match to Melba’s Ty Bahem by pinfall.
- Megan Houser finished fourth in the division.
- **Cadet 132/138** — Brandon Flores rallied from a first-round loss to finish second. He had a technical fall against Sean Nelson of the Idaho Rattlers then pinned teammate Hunter Thornton and Team Bullcatcher’s Alexander Levinski.
- Thornton was fourth in the division. He pinned Levinski in the first round of the tournament.
- **Cadet 145** — Quentin Thornton was third with an 8-2 decision over Mason Kinzer of Nampa Freestyle and a pin of Suples club’s Matthew Baca in 3:51.
 - **Pre-Bantam 38-41** — Matthew Sheley won the championship with three routs. He had technical falls against Darvis Case of Patriot (16-4) and Thomass Castro of Nampa Freestyle (15-4) before pinning Idaho Bearkatz’s Logan Jordan.
 - **Pre-Bantam 42-44** — Sebastian Larzelier finished third in a day that included a 10-0 technical fall victory over La Grande’s Noah Collins.
 - **Bantam 45-46** — Isaac Silva was second. He beat Fisher Wallgren (Patriot), 10-1, and Chance Hendryx of Kuna, 10-0, before losing to Braeten Jorgensen of Suples, 14-3, in a technical fall.
 - **Bantam 50-53** — Xavier Montez placed fourth.
 - **Intermediate 80** — Trenton Fisher grabbed fourth with a 2-2 day that included two consolation bracket victories (10-0 technical fall vs. Bowdy Heck of Middleton and a 1:52 pinfall of Homedale teammate Chase Cooper).
 - **Intermediate 103/112** — Cameron Breshears was third after consecutive wins over Riley Meyers of Vallivue (8-6 decision) and Camron Wilson of Kuna (3:22 pinfall) after losing his first two matches.



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Looking back...

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25 years ago

April 5, 1989

Efforts to restore Jump Creek rec site receive setback

Irresponsible use of motorcycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles on fragile hillside areas as well as erosion caused by heavy spring runoffs have, in recent weeks, damaged efforts to restore the Jump Creek recreation site, according to John Benedict, outdoor recreation planner for the Owyhee Resource Area in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

“If we’re going to be successful in keeping Jump Creek in reasonable condition, it will take awareness by the people to consider it just like their own front yard,” Benedict said from his office in Boise.

“A year or two down the road, we’d like to have local high schools involved in the care and development of the area,” a step that would help develop a stronger sense of social responsibility and instill a stronger land ethic, he said. In the meantime, Benedict said he intends to keep putting up more barriers to reduce the irresponsible use of off-road vehicles around the mouth of Jump Creek Canyon that have torn up the landscape.

Work at the site this year will include additional “site-hardening” measures, such as shaping and seeding slopes, installing a number of culverts, finishing detail work on roadbeds and campground pads, and establishing a trail to the bridgehead. Benedict said. “We’ll also be working on a couple of staircases adjoining the parking lot, and generally improving the overall visual appearance of the mouth of the canyon.”

Homedale Academic Decathlon team places 3rd

Homedale’s Academic Decathlon team came in third, behind Teton and Arco, among A3 and A-4 schools at the fifth annual Idaho Academic Decathlon meet in Boise on Saturday, after a competition that HHS A.D. Coach Frank Craig called “the stiffest in the four years I’ve been involved.”

Key points for Homedale were chalked up by Tony Freeburg, whose first-place score won him selection as the all-around scholastic decathlete and a \$200 scholarship to the college of his choice; Danny Itano, second place all-around scholastic decathlete; Blas Uberuaga, second place honors decathlete among honors student competitors; and Lori Itano, the first HHS student in the history of the program to score a perfect 1,000 points in the honors essay competition.

Medal winners for Homedale in the honors division were: Lori Itano, first places in essay and interview, third place, fine arts; Blas Uberuaga, first place in fine arts, second places in essay, language arts and science, third place in economics; Kristin Smyth, second place, interview; Joe Malmberg, second places in economics and fine arts; and Roger Edmiston, third place, science.

Medal winners in the scholastic division were: Danny Itano, first places in essay, speech, and language arts, second place in social sciences and third place in science; Tony Freeburg, second place in fine arts and third in language arts; and Dennis Zattiero, third place in math.

Among varsity competitors, Joe Eisenbrant captured second in economics and Kathy Coons took third in math.

Paul’s Markets named national ‘retailer of year’

Paul’s Market chain, headquartered in Homedale, has been named tops among 5,000 retailers in 34 states as “outstanding private label retailer” for 1988 by Fleming Foods, a wholesale marketing firm. Paul Zatica, president and founder of Paul’s Markets, was recently presented with a large marble-based trophy at a banquet in Boise in recognition of the national honor.

Jerry Mahan, a spokesman for Fleming, explained that the award is presented annually for “outstanding merchandising, displaying and sales of private label products, including True Value, Rainbow and Marquee.”

“This honor proves that Paul’s management team is dedicated to providing the quality merchandise well displayed and competitive with all of the food stores in the region,” Zatica said.

50 years ago

April 2, 1964

Outstanding Cub Scouts revealed at banquet

Outstanding Cub Scouts from each of the five dens of Pack 71 were revealed Thursday, March 28, at the Blue and Gold spaghetti dinner and awards night held at the Washington school multipurpose room, which was attended by about 190 persons.

Cub Scouts who received a miniature trophy with a figure of a Cub Scout were: Steve Yamamoto, den 4; Ricky Bidwell, den 2; Monty Duncan, den 1; Jimmy Yamamoto, den 3; and Charles Chadez, den 7.

The boys were chosen by members of the den and the den chiefs and were selected on the basis of several different requirements. Cubmaster, Bill Marston, made the presentations and was assisted by Norval Goodloe, assistant cubmaster, and Bob Paxton, assistant webelos leader.

Boy Scouts receiving their den chief cords were Jim Ross, Jim Robinson, Stanley Zatica and Gary Yamamoto.

Cub Scouts receiving awards from Den 4 were: Steve Yamamoto, bobcat, wolf and assistant denner stripe; Riley Howell, wolf, gold and silver arrows; Fred DeGues, wolf, gold arrow, 2 silver arrows and denner stripe; Gary Godlevsky, wolf, gold arrow and 3 silver arrows, Tim Fritzley, wolf, gold and silver arrow and denner stripe; James Funk, wolf, gold arrow; Doug Pottenger, wolf, gold and silver arrow and assistant denner stripe; Gregg Garrett, wolf, gold and silver arrow.

Mrs. Vance receives word from relatives

Mrs. Barbara Vance received words from a radio ham operator of Boise Sunday evening saying that her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Clymer, and three children of Anchorage, Alaska, had survived the earthquake on Friday. Mrs. Vance received a letter from her sister Tuesday saying that she and the children were in their car at the time of the quake and that little damage was done to their trailer house. Mrs. Vance also received a letter from her mother, Mrs. Andy Hall of Fairbanks, Alaska, telling her that they were fine and that Fairbanks received no damage from the quake at Anchorage. Mrs. Hall also sent a newspaper with stories and pictures of the earthquake.

Residents are reminded — this is cleanup week

Citizens of Homedale are reminded that this is clean-up week and everyone is asked to help give the community a neat and clean appearance.

Kenny Downing, city clerk, reported that the city truck will be at the disposal of the public Friday afternoon. Anyone having trash to be carried off may contact the city hall and the truck will be used to haul trash off the property to the city dump.

Mayor Orville Soper urges everyone to take part in giving their lawns and alleys a thorough cleaning. He proclaimed March 30-April 4 as cleanup week in Homedale.

Fire dept. news

The Homedale volunteer fire department was called Friday evening to Keller’s feedlot, about 4½ miles northeast of Homedale. The Wilder fire department also assisted in extinguishing the fire. Fire Chief John Matteson reported that about 60 tons of hay were destroyed and some damage was done to feed pellets.

Legislation to increase domestic beet sugar introduced

Rep. Compton I. White, Jr., (D-Idaho) Tuesday introduced legislation which would increase the amount of domestic beet sugar during the next three years.

The 1st district lawmaker said the bill would amend the Sugar Act and increase the quota for domestic beet growers, 500,000 tons in 1964 and 1,000,000 tons in 1965 and 1966.

White said the bill would simply transfer 1,000,000 tons from Cuba’s sugar quota to American producers of sugar and cited the important impact its passage would have on Idaho beet growers.

140 years ago

April 4, 1874

FRANK HUNT, proprietor of the Owyhee Exchange, and his barkeeper, Jas. Ryan, sleep upstairs in the northeast room of the building. Frank’s good dog “Sport” is also allowed to sleep in the same apartment. District Attorney Ensign has his office and bed-room on the south side, adjoining Frank Hunt’s sleeping apartment. A stove pipe passes through Mr. Ensign’s office from the saloon below and thence out through the roof. About one o’clock last Monday morning Frank Hunt was awakened by his dog Sport who was whining and scratching at the door in a very unusual manner. Hearing a cracking noise, Frank jumped out of bed, ran out on the balcony and saw the roof in flames immediately over Mr. Ensign’s room, through the glass door of which he also saw the cloth ceiling all ablaze. He pounded on the door till he succeeded in rousing Mr. Ensign who leaped out of bed and dashed a pitcher of water on the flames. By this time several persons had arrived, and Ryan was on the roof tearing off the burning shingles. Water was procured from the saloon and passed up to Ryan who, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in extinguishing the fire. It was a narrow escape, not only of the building in which the fire originated, but also for the whole town, as the wind was blowing a gale from the west at the time. Had it not been discovered until two or three minutes later, it would have been under such headway as to render the subduing of it an utter impossibility. But for the sagacity and intelligence displayed by that noble dog Sport, Silver City would, in all probability, now be in ashes. Sport deserves to wear a gold medal the remainder of his days. It is thought that rust had eaten holes in the stove pipe where it passed through the roof; hence the origin of the fire. This should be a warning to our citizens, who cannot be too careful in seeing that their stove pipes are in a safe condition. The burning of our town would be a calamity from which it could never recover.

EASTER SUNDAY. To-morrow is Easter Sunday, a church festival commemorating the resurrection of Christ. It corresponds with the Passover of the Jews, and most nations still give it this name. Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon or next after March 21st; if the full moon happens on Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after, and may come as early as March 22d, or late as April 25th. In nearly all Christian countries the recurrence of Easter is celebrated with various sports and superstitions. Among the best known is the English custom of making presents of colored eggs, which were often elaborately ornamented; and in the royal roll of the time of Edward I appears an entry of 18d for 400 eggs to be used for this purpose. In some parts of Ireland the legend is current that the sun dances in the sky on Easter Sunday morning. In the northern counties of England, on Easter morning, the men parade the streets and claim the privilege of lifting every woman three times from the ground, receiving in payment a kiss or a silver sixpence. The same is done by the women of the men on the next day. In a part of Oxfordshire, after evening service on Easter Sunday, men and women used to throw great quantities of apples into the churchyard, and those who had been married during the day threw three times as many as the rest; after which, all went to the minister’s house and feasted on bread, cheese and ale. Get your eggs ready for to-morrow.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Silver City husbands are organizing a society to pray the dressmaking and millinery shops out of the country.

Till yesterday the weather of the week was clear and warm, causing the snow to disappear very rapidly. Yesterday morning it clouded up and snowed considerably during the day.

Last Wednesday was “All Fool’s Day,” and, of course, many jokes and tricks incident to the occasion were perpetrated. A box of cigars was presented to us by George Greathouse – in a horn.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
The ag media explosion

How does it strike you that the more concentrated agriculture becomes, the more rural/ag media is available?

Regional farm-, ranch- and equine-oriented publications are still a very strong part of our print media. Many of them have been around for more than 50 years.

Local radio ag programming came along and was able to give farmers a daily dose of the market and information news. Granted, with the coming of civilization most metropolitan radio stations pretty much ignore ag-related subjects, but in the rural world ag broadcasters still have a place. The latest addition to radio ag programming on a national basis is SiriusXM Ch. 80, RFD rural radio.

Ag programming on television has always been regional. The U.S. Farm Report was born in 1975 and became the first real “national” farm program and is still strong. Technology gave us DTN out of Omaha. It was a wireless program you could sign up for and receive news about the weather, markets and some commentary.

Cable and satellite (Dish and DirecTV) began in a big way in the ’90s. They offered channels that appealed to a specific audience. RFD-TV network was devised to offer exclusive programming for ag and rural lifestyles. Its success and growing availability is because of 24-hour programming that is specifically directed to the community of listeners who are interested in collecting tractors, training horses, home cookin’, BBQ, church, raising cattle, the FFA and old country music.

Unlike many cable/satellite network programs that “push the envelope” with coarseness, crudeness, violence, nudity and profanity, the rural media network actually screens every episode of every program to ensure that it represents family values. It is apolitical, though like the U.S. Farm Report, there are programs that examine and comment on government issues that affect agriculture. RFD-TV and Rural TV are growing steadily as urban people move to the countryside, adopt a rural lifestyle and want to raise livestock, a garden or buy a tractor.

Fifteen to 20 years ago when cable and satellite companies began to take over the airways, I admit I had a hard time imagining the explosion in ag media that was to come, much less television, that has occurred. After all, the census keeps saying that less than 2 percent of the U.S. population is active in production agriculture!

An increasing number of consumers want to know where their food comes from. RFD-TV and U.S. Farm Report are places they can go to meet the people who feed them. It has changed agricultural marketing. Advertisers can now reach a significant number of ag buyers on a national basis. It’s good for everybody. But the most useful and satisfying result of vibrant ag media expansion is that it keeps the ag community in touch with each other. And that is an accomplishment in itself.

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

Douglas D. Emery, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney



County business
Marsing law enforcement
issue needs clarified

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery submitted the following to The Owyhee Avalanche as a response to comments from City of Marsing officials that appeared in the March 19 article “Green to visit with BOCC on OCSO contract.”

— Ed.

1. **Statement attributed to Mayor Green:** “I can’t recall the county ever prosecuting city cases.”

While I can’t speak to the Mayor’s memory, the fact is under Idaho Code, an incorporated city (Marsing is an incorporated city) has the responsibility to create and maintain its own police force and to prosecute its own infraction and misdemeanors (e.g., battery, domestic violence, petit theft, DUIs, dog at-large and city code violations) arising within the city limits of an incorporated city. I am on my second term as Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney. Marsing City has never prosecuted the misdemeanor and infraction offenses arising within the Marsing city limits in all of those years.

This office has consistently prosecuted the Marsing City cases and has brought charges (e.g., dog at-large matters) under the Marsing City code.

2. **Statement attributed to city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney:** “Emery stated that neither he nor his office have been compensated directly for the prosecution of the Marsing City misdemeanor and infraction cases. That he has been prosecuting cases for the city ‘without compensation’ for years. ‘That isn’t true of course,’ Bonney said. She then stated “the prosecution of the city cases is compensated through a waiver of the county’s water bill for the annex building.”

Here are the facts:

First, under the code, an incorporated city is responsible for the prosecution of city misdemeanors and infractions arising within the city limits. It is not the responsibility of the county prosecutor.

While Marsing City was supposed to have waived the county’s water bill for the annex building, as part of an offset for the prosecutorial services of the city infractions and misdemeanors, the fact is that since 2011, Marsing City has continued to bill Owyhee County for the sewer/water utilities at the county sub-station and Owyhee County has consistently paid its Marsing substation sewer/water billings since May 2011.

Second, neither myself, nor Owyhee County prosecuting attorney secretarial staff have been personally compensated one dime by Marsing City for prosecuting the city infractions and misdemeanors all of those years. I invite the city officials to establish otherwise through W-2 statements, pay vouchers or other means.

A question of underlying fairness

I am drawn to question the fairness of the practice of insisting that an elected official perform appreciable duties and tasks he or she is not required by law nor precedent to perform, in exchange for the waiver of a regular expense which a governmental entity is legally required to pay. If that practice were to be broadly applicable, then city officials would be obligated to perform janitorial work at the Idaho Power corporate office in exchange for a waiver by Idaho Power of the city’s monthly electric bills. Such is not well-founded.

— See *Marsing*, Page 7B

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington
School nutrition initiatives
benefit state’s children, farms

Getting out of Washington, D.C. and back to Idaho is rewarding enough; it is all the more so when I am fortunate enough to meet with Idaho students. I recently had the opportunity to meet with students at Jenifer Junior High School in Lewiston and join them for some healthy foods made from Idaho-grown pulse crops — peas, lentils, chickpeas and dry beans.

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and I worked to include special provisions for pulse crops in the new farm bill legislation approved earlier this year. Pulse crops are sometimes called legumes. These annual crops are raised primarily on the Palouse and, in addition to peas and lentils, include navy beans, dry beans, kidney beans and chickpeas, a primary component in hummus.

We are establishing a new pilot program that allows schools the opportunity to serve nutritious snack and lunch items made from pulse crops. Consumption of these crops has been linked to reducing obesity and the risk of diabetes. Currently, 17 percent of children aged 2 to 19 are rated as obese, which puts them at increased risk for diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol levels.

Much of the research regarding pulse crops has been done right here at the University of Idaho. Our farm bill provisions will expand that research and add new marketing and classroom possibilities for pulse crops.

Some of you may recall I also worked with Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) to have Greek yogurt approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use in our school

breakfast and lunch programs. Idaho now has the largest Greek yogurt production facility in the world, where Chobani employs more than 200 people at its Twin Falls facility, and it was recently announced that the company plans to expand that by bringing more jobs to the Magic Valley.

These bipartisan efforts are aimed at offering healthier, yet appealing alternatives for our students. They are also proving on the world stage that Idaho is a major player when it comes to the healthy foods we all want our children to enjoy. And, I am proud to note, I’ve also worked to include fresh fruits and vegetables in school lunches and remain driven to get fresh potatoes part of the healthy offerings for our students, as well as their inclusion in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program.

These school nutrition pilot projects are not mandated by the federal government; rather they are a healthy alternative offering with incentives for school districts that partner with the USDA.

If you have children in school, why not take a minute and ask them about these nutrition programs. And, thank your teacher, principal or school nutritionist for watching out for Idaho’s next generation of leaders by offering nutrition choices that are great for the students — and great for Idaho agriculture.

— 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

Cash-flowing reimbursable expenses wiser than taking on debt

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are debt-free except for our home. She travels one week per month and charges her expenses to a personal credit card for reimbursement later. I'd rather we open a checking account with debit card privileges just for these expenses. What do you think?
— **Dustin**

Dear Dustin,
I've got to say I like your idea better. The problem you're both facing now is this: if her company ever shuts down, there's a good chance you guys are stuck with credit card debt.
Years ago, I had a client who was working for a company, and he'd run up travel and business expenses on his American Express card. Like your wife's situation, his company would then reimburse him for expenses. Then, he made a business trip to Europe, and, while he was there,

his company asked him to pick up some computer equipment. The cost of the trip and equipment was about \$22,000. When he returned to the office with all the computer stuff in tow, the front door was padlocked. The IRS had shut them down, and they went into bankruptcy. And guess what else? He never got the \$22,000 from the company!
Credit card companies don't care about the circumstances. They want their money, period. You guys have done pretty well if you're debt-free except for your home. But your wife is playing a game called Financial Russian Roulette, and it could backfire on you both at any time.
Nevertake personal responsibility for company expenses.
— **Dave**

Dear Dave,
I'm considering a career change and becoming a financial advisor. It would mean a 45 percent cut in



salary for three to four years, and I'd have to take on debt in order to survive the cut. Is this a smart move?
— **Travis**

Dear Travis,
No, it's not. You didn't give me a lot of details about what kind of "financial advisor" you're

thinking about becoming, but there are all kinds of people who put themselves in the category of financial advisor. A little voice in my head tells me you're actually talking about life insurance sales. If that's the case, then there are some things you need to understand. One, you wouldn't be a financial advisor; you'd be an insurance salesman. And two, there's about an 80 percent fallout in that world. Eighty percent of the people who start as insurance salesmen don't make it in that line of work.
Now, you could be making \$200,000 right now. And if that were the case, you'd still be making good money while this new career takes root. Still, I'm not going to send you into debt for a career change. There's got to be a way around that, whether it's delivering pizzas at night or beginning your career change on a part-time basis before making the jump.
Travis, I want you to live your

dream. I also have no qualms about you going into the financial world if it's what you really want to do with your life. But I'm not going to tell you it's OK to go tens of thousands — maybe even hundreds of thousands — of dollars into debt to make it happen. Going deeply into debt to become a financial advisor sounds pretty oxymoronic to me. Doesn't it to you?
Don't do something really dumb with money in the name of advising other people on their finances. That just seems wrong.
— **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.*

✓ Marsing: Prosecutor says no county officials support \$15,000 contract

From Page 6B
No attorney or firm wishes to commit to the city prosecutorial work for free for innumerable years.
I am aware of no attorney or law firm in good standing offering their professional legal services and the resources of their office to the city, without personal compensation.
The county prosecutor has his own separate and distinct statutory duties to perform.
The primary responsibilities of the county prosecutor is to advise the elected county officials on continuing legal matters, to handle child protection and juvenile matters, to handle misdemeanors and infraction offenses arising in the outlying non-incorporated areas of the county and to aggressively prosecute serious felony offenses in the county. Owyhee County has been inundated with serious felonies over the past several months (e.g., two homicides, drug trafficking, rape, sexual violence, lewd and lascivious conduct, domestic violence, felony eluding law enforcement, delivery of a controlled substance, aggravated battery, etc.) I have plenty of my own statutory work, which keeps me very busy.

3. **Statement attributed to Councilman Streibel:** It was "his impression that the county commissioners already approved the Marsing's proposed \$15,000 contract" or that Emery's response does not reflect the consensus of the elected county officials.
The fact is none of the county officials support the Marsing proposal at \$15,000. I met with the full Board of Commissioners (last week) and know that each have rejected the Marsing offer. Sheriff Grant and I concur with the Board of Commissioners. This is not even a close call.
Previous efforts to negotiate with Marsing City:
In his letter of June 13, 2013, to the mayor and Marsing City Council, Sheriff Perry Grant spent appreciable time addressing the actual annual expenses associated with providing Marsing City law enforcement protection a minimum of 42 hours weekly.
Sheriff Grant's thorough analysis addressed the related costs of: wages with benefits, partial costs of one vehicle; uniforms/ammunition; training; fuel/vehicle maintenance and

the first-year cost of duty equipment. The analysis reflected that it would cost approximately \$82,000-plus to provide Marsing City with the requested level of law enforcement presence of activity. It was anticipated that the costs would decline to approximately \$79,275.05 next year.
The sheriff made that proposal to the city officials months ago. The efforts of our sheriff were rejected. Thereafter, I was directed to address the matter and to re-work the \$15,000 counter-proposal proffered by Marsing City. No headway was reached.
I am aware of no available certified law enforcement agency which is ready and able to provide the level of law enforcement presence (e.g., Homedale Police, Idaho State Police, etc.) which Marsing City is requesting for the minimum sum proposed by Marsing City.
Very recently, the Board of Commissioners directed that I re-write the proposed agreement for review by the Marsing officials. That seven-page document was provided to Marsing City, Wednesday, March 26, proposing the sum of \$72,000 annually.
— *Douglas D. Emery is in his second term as Owyhee County prosecuting attorney.*

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Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2014

March 3
Approved payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$97,273, Road & Bridge \$23,382, District Court \$1,978, Fair \$1,240, Probation \$4,861, Historical Society & Museum \$4,476, Indigent & Charity \$141, Jr. College Tuition \$10,650, Revaluation \$1,518, Solid Waste \$9,707, Weeds \$982, 911 \$2,997, Waterways \$668, OHV \$700, Economic Development \$847.

Approved 6 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Chris Lootens, Isaac Riley, Kelsey Stimpson, Jazmin Acosta, Ryon Howard and Tina Mancuso.

Approved the deletion of 2 named roads (Martin Road and Ranch House Road). Approved the letter of recommendation for Commissioner Joe Merrick to the RAC. Final Denial of Indigent & Charity case 13-70.

March 10
Approved county road name change from White Eagle Road to Steiner Valley Road.

Approved a public meeting set for April 9, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Owyhee County Annex Building regarding the RS2477 proposed roads in the Triangle Quadrangle.

Approved publishing for public meeting in the Owyhee Avalanche of proposed RS2477 roads in the Triangle Quadrangle.

Approved a letter regarding ‘Abandonment of Rights-of-Way IDI-32016 and IDI-34398 to be sent to Jim Fincher.

March 17
Approved payment of bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$70,646, Road & Bridge \$10,009, District Court \$1,166, Fair, Grounds & Bldg. \$863, Probation \$498, Health Dist. \$4,486, Hist. Society & Museum \$219, Indigent & Charity \$500, Jr. College Tuition \$300, Revaluation \$1,989, Solid Waste \$7,557, Weeds \$97, 911 \$1,390, County Vessel \$360, Waterways \$351, Economic Development \$498

Approved Certificates of Residency to College of Western Idaho for the following:
Edmy Vega, Brenda Vega, Kaylee Rupp, Jackie Prow, Jacquelyn Newman, Crystal Mitchell, Abigail Rice, Madelon Maxwell, Alissa Martin, Destiny Long, Esteban Lejardi, Shelby Lee, Trey Lane, Haley Kushlan, Stephanie Kennedy, Tristan Jarvis, Tell Hyer, Shenandoah Hinton, Mykal Hill, Britt Eubanks, Benjamin Cardenas, Angel Cardenas, Megan Betteyon, Lydia Aman, Gage Ramirez, Juan Ramirez, Adam Johnson, Tristen Jacobi, Jennifer Elizarras, Hayden Dines, Carey Dines, Shannon Clover, Garret Briggs, Lily Bowers, Carley Bond, Yesenia Bazan, Sami Bachman, Bernice Arajo, Leslie Albor, Jacob Young, Emily Tank, Connor Street, Myra Shanahan, Kathryn Thatcher, Audra Kendall, Lindsey Love

Approved Resolution 2014-14; Dispose and donate old icemaker in jail.

Approved Resolution 2014-15; Sheriff to donate 10 overhead emergency light mechanisms to Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District.

Approve Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Agreement for State of Idaho Recreational Boating Safety Program.

Approved Resolution 2014-16; Idaho Gem Grant Application

for the Bruneau Quick Response Unit.

Approved to designate Commissioner Hoagland to the Owyhee Initiative Executive Board sub- committee.

Approved the installation of 2,600 feet of fencing at Triangle Road in the amount of \$5,200.00 by Tobias LLC.

Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 14-06. Denied Indigent & Charity case 14-02. Final Denial on Indigent & Charity case 14-01. Approved contract documents and bidding process start up for the aggregate crushing project.

Approved a letter to Loris Schmit with BLM regarding a right-of-way.

Approved a letter to Jim Fincher regarding recommendation of Donna Bennett to the RAC.

Approved a quote in the amount of \$3,811.80 for Coroner’s radios.

Approved the first 2 components of the Socio-Economic Study for Owyhee County, one in the amount of \$20,000 and the 2nd in the amount of \$14,355.

Canvassed ballots from the March 11, 2014 Levy Election.

March 24
Approved Certificates of Residency to College of Western Idaho for Stephanie Aguilera and Mickie Newman.

Approved a letter to Eric Davis appointing him to District #2 Animal Damage Control Board.

Approved new Waterways deputy Mike Beavers. Approved Deputy Clerk grade and pay raise to \$12.41 per hour.

Denied Indigent & Charity case 14-03.

Denied Indigent & Charity case 14-06.

Approved a letter to Jim Fincher and Marsha Buchanan regarding a RAC recommendation of Craig Mickelson.

Hearings held for Indigent & Charity cases 13-64 and 13-69, both cases were denied. Approved the closeout of the 2010 BHS Grant.

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

OWYHEE COUNTY 2014 AGGREGATE CRUSHING PROJECT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County—2014 Aggregate Crushing Project will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 10, 2014, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project involves crushing approximately 22,000 tons of 3/4-in (-) Crushed Aggregate in Stockpile, Type Ia and 8,000 tons of Class 3 Cover Coat Material, at the BLM Cove Rec pit, located on Anderson Loop Road. It is the intent of these documents to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete product shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:
-Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650
-PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna,

ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

Date: March 17, 2014
Joe Merrick, Chairman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave, Homedale, Idaho.

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

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram, Homedale City Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV2014-104 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Maizy Lucinda Downing.

A Petition to change the name of Maizy Lucinda Downing, a minor, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Maizy Lucinda Wagstaff.

The reason for the change in name is: because her father is in jail and hasn’t seen her since she was born I am changing back to my maiden name of Wagstaff and it would be best for the family to have the same last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o’clock a.m. on 4/28/2014 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

DATE: 3/21/14
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
/s/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
4/2,9,16,23/14

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-2014-013 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Xana Sue Downing

A Petition to change the name of Xana Sue Downing, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court of Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Xana Sue Wagstaff. The reason for the change in name is: because I divorced my spouse.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o’clock a.m. on 4/28/2014 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 3/21/14
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
/s/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
4/2,9,16,23/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On July 29, 2014 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 3, 4, and 5 of Block 8, of the Original Townsite of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho, as the same appear upon the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF:

255 Main Street, Grand View, ID 83624, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Teddy B. Pattee a single man , as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Paul A Drake and Dawn Delmore Drake, husband and wife as Beneficiary, recorded October 31, 2011 as Instrument No. 275903, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. 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 failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$50,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10.00% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated October 28, 2011. Payments are in default for the months of November 2013 through and including February 2014 in the amount of \$526.54 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of February 27, 2014 is \$49,795.42 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 10.00% per annum. The per diem is \$13.64258. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$49,795.42, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: March 24, 2014
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer
Phone: 877-947-1553 File No.: 222124 / Customer Ref No. Account 2299

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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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 NAMP, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A UTAH CORPORATION, as original beneficiary, dated as of April 7, 2004, and recorded April 9, 2004, as Instrument No. 247393 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MASTR Reperforming Loan Trust 2005-2, (the “Beneficiary”). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated April 7, 2004 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$575.48 due from February 1, 2012, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses

incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$68,161.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.00000% per annum from January 1, 2012. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: January 24, 2014 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 11000 Olson Drive Ste 101, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-636-0114 Megan Curtis, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 A-4441445 3/12,19,26;4/2/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: February 27, 2014 File No.: 7023.104844 Sale date and time (local time): July 02, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 153 North 1st Street Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Morgan M. Searles, an unmarried person Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. Recording date: March 18, 2002 Recorder’s instrument number: 239015 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 27, 2014: \$40,653.17 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Parcel I: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake at the Northeast corner of Block 2 in the Gentry Subdivision in the Village of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 22 degrees 41’ East a distance of 21.7 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 1 degrees 30’ West along the West side of First Street in said Gentry Subdivision for a distance of 180.3 feet to an iron stake which is the True Point of Beginning; said point also being South 0 degrees 00’00” East a distance of 234.53 feet from the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision as set with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950

for the City of Marsing; thence North 1 degree 30’ West (also of record as North), 50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 30’ West (also of record as West), 125 feet; thence South 1 degree 30’ East (also of record as South), 50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30’ East (also of record as East), 125 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision said corner being monumented with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950 for the City of Marsing; thence South 0 degree 00’00” East a distance of 174.53 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 0 degree 00’00” East a distance of 10.00 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision; thence perpendicular to the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision North 90 degrees 00’00” West a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 26 degrees 30’46” East a distance of 11.17 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00’00” East a distance of 120.01 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.104844) 1002.249565-File No. 3/26;4/2,9,16/14

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 STAPPLER, 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 Thursday, the 17th day of July, 2014, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, 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: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 1 OF MORNING DOVE ESTATES

SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED OCTOBER 15, 1998, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 226300, AND AMENDED BY AFFIDAVIT RECORDED FEBRUARY 8, 1999, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 227448, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor 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 Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 507 Morning Dove Way, Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by VAN R. BRANDON and JANICE E. BRANDON, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded July 11, 2007, as Instrument No. 261670, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS 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 (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated July 1, 2007, in the amount of \$1,005.00 each, for the months of October, 2013 through March, 2014, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.50% per annum from September 1, 2013. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$128,559.68, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.50% per annum from September 1, 2013.

DATED This 18th day of March, 2014
RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
4/2,9,16,23/14

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GARY SPACKMAN, Director
4/2,9/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

At 10:00 o’clock A.M. (recognized local time) on July 01, 2014, On the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at, 20381 St Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho, First American Title Company 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 Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 6 and the East One-Half of Lot 7 of Block 84 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed August 9, 1911 as No. 7284 on file in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee’s records, the street address of 222 East Colorado, Homedale, Idaho 83628 is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust for Idaho executed by, Jody Usabel, a single person, as Grantor(s), First American Title Insurance Company of Idaho, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of, The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department

of Agriculture, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust for Idaho was recorded December 29, 2006 as Owyhee County Recorder’s Instrument No. 259322.

The default for which this sale is to be made is as follows: Failure to make the monthly payment of \$878.46 due for the 28th day of March, 2013 and a like sum of \$878.46 due for the 28th day of each and every month thereafter;

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. As of January 22, 2014 there is due and owing on the loan an unpaid principal balance of \$122,506.87, accrued interest in the amount of \$6,605.28, subsidy granted in the amount of \$8,307.90 and fees currently assessed in the amount of \$1,212.66 for a total amount due of \$138,632.71. Interest continues to accrue on the Note at the rate of 6.00% per annum with a per diem rate of \$20.30 after January 22, 2014. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

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From Page 1B

Cowger, an Owyhee County teenager who attends Melba. The advisors are Darin Miller and Clay Sauer.

Ricky Sullivan rode bulls for Marsing in the fall, winning the Oct. 13 meet, and he is tied for the district lead. Cowger and Marsing's Josh Sullivan, a senior, also are bull riders.

Tanner Fisher competed for Marsing in boys' cutting last month.

Rimrock's Zach Tindall competes in the saddle broncs. No competitors had qualifying rides during the fall rodeos.

Homedale's Bo Pickett and Adrian's Tyler Reay top the boys' all around standings. Pickett has picked up 36 points in the first two rodeos, and Reay is four points back. Williams is fifth in the overall standings.

Pickett and Reay are tied for the lead in the steer wrestling standings. Reay won the Oct. 12 rodeo with a 5.3-second effort, and Pickett captured first on his home turf on Oct. 13 with a time of 10.55.

Pickett also heads up the tie down roping standings with a championship on Oct. 12 and a runner-up showing on Oct. 13.

District 2 rodeo schedule

Saturday-Sunday — Badiola Arena, Homedale

April 26-27 — Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale

May 9-10 — Payette County Fairgrounds, Payette

May 25-26 — Caldwell Night Rodeo arena

Note — May 9 is a nighttime rodeo and May 25-26 are Sunday-Monday events during Memorial Day weekend

Reay is fifth in the standings with 12 points, nine points behind Pickett.

Jordan Valley's Nick Eiguren also shows up in the tie down standings in 11th place.

Marsing's Shelby Dines, a sophomore, Adrian junior Quincy Pendergrass are tied for third in breakaway roping.

Dines won the Oct. 12 event, and Pendergrass finished on top on Oct. 13.

Pendergrass is ranked sixth in

the girls' all-around, and Marsing sophomore Ria Kent is eighth. Homedale's Carlie Purdom sits in ninth, followed by Rimrock's Sami Jo Bachman and Marsing junior Carey Dines. Shelby Dines is ranked 14th.

Kent is 10th in the breakaway standings.

Pendergrass finished third in the Oct. 12 goat tying and sits sixth in the season standings. Dines in 11th.

Other locals showing in the standings without scores from the first two rodeos include Bachman and Marsing's Marissa Hardy.

Purdom is second in the pole bending after an Oct. 12 victory. Marsing teammates Kent and Carey Dines are tied for fifth after both grabbing runner-up showings in October.

Purdom is eighth in barrel racing after placing in the season-opening rodeos nearly six months ago. Kent is ninth and Carey Dines is 10th.

In team roping, Nick Eiguren from Jordan Valley is fifth in the standings with partner Steve Doby. Pickett is sixth with partner Judd Buckingham.

The seventh-place team is Reay and Homedale's Lawsen Matteson.

Williams crushes two more HRs for Huskies baseball

Austin Williams ripped two home runs on separate days last week to helped Marsing High School split its stay at the Baker (Ore.) Spring Tournament.

Williams has homered three times for Marsing (4-1 at the end of the week).

The Huskies began the 2A Western Idaho Conference season Tuesday after deadline against McCall-Donnelly.

March 24: La Grande, Ore., 12, Marsing 1 (6) — Williams allowed three hits and two runs over five innings before La Grande unloaded on the Huskies' relievers.

"The bullpen had a rough time

and walked six batters, which combined with five errors and four hits, turned a tight game into a rout," MHS coach Jerry Stacy said.

Williams' solo homer accounted for the Huskies' only run.

March 25: Marsing 20, Enterprise/Joseph 9 (5) — Williams' third home run of the season fueled a power surge for the Huskies, who had three homers total against the Eagles.

Charlie Galvez and Brandon Perez also went yard in the rout in Baker, Ore.

Junior Gonzalez, Hayden Dines and Daytona Mack split the pitching duties.



Austin Williams

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Thursday, April 3 at Melba, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 5, home vs. Wilder, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

Go Huskies!

Softball

Thursday, April 3 at Melba, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 5, home vs. Wilder, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

Track & Field

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