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Above: Marsing Elementary School principal Tyson Beggs prepares to sit down as school board trustee Michelle Jacobi, third from right, and others begin their discussion. **Below:** Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart delivers opening remarks Thursday night.

Tacos and talking

Marsing School District begins tackling problems with dinner, discussion

Better communication and a stronger trust between the Marsing School District and community were two elements discussed at a community meeting that shed light on the problems in the district.

The school district put together a safety meeting Thursday with the help of state Department of Education student engagement and postsecondary readiness director Matt McCarter.

About 70 people turned up for the event inside the district cafeteria. A taco feed preceded the two-hour discussion.

McCarter said that communities and school districts that hold public forums have "figured it out" when it comes to problem-solving.



McCarter said he came to Marsing for the discussion after phone calls from a parent and school leaders such as superintendent Norm Stewart and security chief Pete Smit.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies, including school resource officer Jaime Wood

and former Nampa Police SRO coordinator Milt Greenwood, were on hand for the discussion as were Mayor Keith Green and school board trustee Michelle Jacobi.

Before the parents, students

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Felony arrest warrants issued in Homedale stabbing

Police on lookout for man, woman

Attempted first-degree murder charges are pending against a 36-year-old man after a recent stabbing.

Homedale Police are searching for Miguel Z. Zavala and Amber Nicole Covert, 26, in connection with the Jan. 6 attack on a father and son in the 100 block of East Montana Avenue.

Felony arrest warrants were issued last week.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Covert is wanted on a warrant for two counts of aiding and abetting attempted first-degree murder.

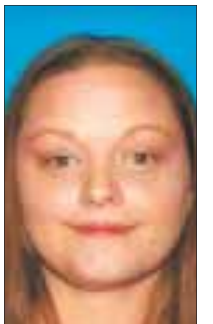
Both suspects were still at-large at press time. Eidemiller urged citizens to exercise caution because the suspects should be considered armed.

"If anyone has any information, please contact the nearest law enforcement agency," Eidemiller said.

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Miguel Zavala



Amber Covert

Woody bio-mass analysis under way

Study seeks to find new uses for juniper trees

Owyhee County officials have taken the next step in finding a use for pesky juniper trees while improving back country habitat.

Owyhee County Commissioners approved spending \$2,300 to purchase juniper logs to initiate a woody bio-mass analysis.

The logs are being bought from Brent Mastre, and Parma Post and Pole will study the wood

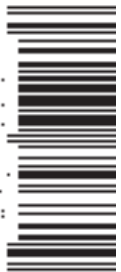
product's viability for commercial use.

The juniper was harvested from the Bruneau / Grand View area.

The University of Oregon, the Bureau of Land Management, the Idaho Department of Lands and several other agencies are also involved with the project.

Justin Boeck is a fire planner for the Boise District BLM. He says if a commercial market developed for juniper, the federal agency wouldn't have to conduct

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District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, left, smiles as he shakes Joe Merrick's hand Jan. 12. The Board of County Commissioners chair; Merrick administered oaths to Hoagland and other Owyhee County elected officers during the second BOCC meeting of the new year in Murphy.

Few changes after reorganization

Merrick appointed BOCC chair for 4th year

Owyhee County commissioners held the annual reorganization of the board during their Jan. 12 meeting.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick will continue as board chair for a fourth year. He was appointed to the position originally in 2012.

Other assignments for Merrick include:

- Serving on the Third District Court commission that selects

new magistrate judges

- Solid waste supervisor
- Planning and Zoning supervisor

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland will continue as Road and Bridge District 1 supervisor

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi will serve as the county's representative on the board of directors for Southwest District Health, the Western Alliance for Economic Development and the Treasure Valley Partnership.

Aberasturi's other duties include:

- Road and Bridge District 3 supervisor

- Weed department supervisor
- Probation department supervisor

The commissioners also made the following annual decisions:

- Declared Owyhee County as a noxious weed extermination area
- Set indigent burial fee at \$750
- Named The Owyhee Avalanche as the official county newspaper
- Set the county employee vehicle mileage and jury mileage reimbursement rate at 55 cents per mile

— SC

Homedale schools plant facility levy vote set for March

Trustees extend superintendent's contract through June 2017

After months of deliberation, the Homedale School District board of trustees have finalized plans for a plant facility levy election.

District patrons will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 10 to cast their votes in an election seeking to reauthorize the 10-year levy the district uses to maintain its buildings and equipment.

"The plant facility levy really is imperative for us," district superintendent Rob Sauer said. "We recognize we have to have the levy, and we also recognize how close it was 10 years ago."

"We have to answer people's questions and get them to participate and get out to vote."

The levy requires a two-thirds super majority to pass, and last time patrons were asked to renew the levy, that majority was achieved by a single vote, superintendent Rob Sauer said.

The property tax levy generates \$150,000 each year. Sauer said the district can use the money to remodel or repair existing buildings or furnish and equip those buildings. None of the money can be used for new construction, however.

The board of trustees passed the resolution setting up the election during its Jan. 12 meeting.

District office employee honored

Assistant district clerk Debbie Denney was awarded the monthly Award of Excellence during the meeting, too. Denney joined the



Debbie Denney

Homedale district in September 2012 after more than two decades of working in districts in California.

"Debbie is an amazing face for the district office," middle school principal Amy Winters said. "She is so friendly, helpful and resourceful."

Sauer called Denney a "true self-starter and problem-solver."

"Debbie is the kind of person who truly has a heart for people," elementary principal Terri Vasquez said. "She is professional yet caring and constantly looks to do what is best for kids and our school district."

Sauer's contract renewed

Trustees added a year to Sauer's contract when they renewed it at last week's meeting.

Sauer moved over from the state Department of Education in July 2012 to succeed Tim Rosandick as Homedale superintendent.

He is now under contract through June 2017.

Coaching changes OK'd

The school board voted to consolidate the track and field programs at the middle school and high school under one program headed up by high school coach Heidi Ankeny.

Four assistant coaches will be hired at a later date, Sauer said.

The superintendent said the move, which is similar to the set up for the schools' wrestling program, will allow event specialization for the coaches.

Former Marsing High School boys' basketball coach JW Chadez has been reassigned to the middle school eighth-grade boys' basketball A team. Raymond Smith has been hired to lead the B squad.

The seventh-grade program will include another former Marsing coach, Lamon Loucks, heading up the A team and Scott Michaelson coaching the B team.

Amber Farris also has been hired as middle school cheer advisor.

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Homedale Highway District may face bleak financial future

Auditor says not enough revenue coming in

Its auditor says the Homedale Highway District could be broke in just a few years if the current financial trend continues. A month after Mike Parker delivered that ominous news, the district’s board of commissioners is still mulling launching an election for a levy increase. Board chair Larry Prow said any decision to put a levy election on the May 19 ballot must be weighed against how the water outlook shapes up for the agricultural producers who will foot a good chunk of the bill. The directors have until March 27 to decide to run a levy election. This is also an election year for Prow, who is from subdistrict 1,

and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui. The district had an ending balance of just \$33,000 when Fiscal Year 2014 closed, according to the audit report Parker delivered during the board’s December meeting. He said he would be more comfortable with a \$100,000 balance at the end of FY 2015. Parker said if the district continues to end fiscal years fund balances as low as \$33,000, it will be broke within three to five years. The auditor said the problem is the level of income the district is receiving not the directors’ spending habits. The district was established in 1916, and the levy rate hasn’t increased since then. Voters defeated a permanent override levy election in 2013 when commissioners sought an increase of as much as \$175,000

that would have filled the 97-year-old gap. Parker has warned the board against seeking a supplemental levy, citing the difficulty that school districts have faced trying to get temporary levies passed. He said a permanent override, which would require a two-thirds majority, could generate \$230,000 in revenue this time around. The state Legislature could provide some glimmer of hope if transportation funding is increased. Any increases passed this year will show up in district coffers this summer. Idaho Association of Highway Districts executive director Stuart Davis recently told the Homedale commissioners that he hopes the Legislature passes a funding bill in the amount of \$262 million before the session ends. That could increase Homedale’s share of the highway user fees by up to

75 percent. According to minutes from last month’s meeting, even a \$150 million appropriation would double the district’s user fees income. The Homedale district received more than \$400,000 in state funding in FY 2014, and commissioners budgeted \$410,000 in anticipated state revenue for FY 2015. Davis also plans to lobby for a plan that would increase fuel taxes by 12 cents gradually over the next four years, which would create \$105 million to be divided among the state’s districts. A hefty increase in vehicle registration could also generate up to \$50 million, he told commissioners. In the meantime, Homedale’s director of highways continues to look to grants in his quest to keep the district’s infrastructure viable. According to the report he gave at last Wednesday’s board meeting,


Stewart Constantine recently began spending a \$26,000 grant to install new signage on the district’s roads. The old signs and metal signposts will be scrapped, Constantine said. Directors also authorized Constantine to spend about \$7,800 for herbicide in preparation to battle weeds within the next two weeks. That will leave about \$3,200 in the budget line for dust suppression, Constantine said. The district also spent about \$1,600 to update tires on assorted equipment, Constantine reported. The tires were purchased from Pruett Tire Factory, where Subdistrict 2 Commissioner Joel Wilson is manager, which had the lowest of the bids solicited by Constantine. In his director’s report, Constantine said he also priced tires at Commercial Tire. — JPB

Plenty of items up for grabs in Marsing Disaster Auction

Although there are several raffle items up for grabs again this year, the Marsing Disaster Auction still has its share of merchandize reserved for the auction block. The 54th annual auction and sale begins at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Some of the items up for bid will include:


- A barbecue donated by Marsing Hardware and Pump
- A Traeger barbecue donated by Campbell Tractor
- A Rossi Trifecta gun donated by Matteson’s
- A 24-gun Rhino safe donated by White Automotive
- A whole pig cut and wrapped donated by Greybell Farms and Rising Star Custom Meats
- Rib-eye steak packs from Three Brothers Cattle Ranchers
- Marsing Fire Department crab feed tickets, and Homedale Fire Department prime rib feed tickets
- Artwork
- Sports memorabilia
- Home-baked goodies and canned foods
- Clothing
- Gift baskets

• Tools
Donations of auction items and volunteers are being sought. For more information, contact Shelia Carter (337-2100), Bobo Carter (880-8770), James Ferdinand (794-7270), Jess Ferdinand (401-4964), Jason and Kelly Ineck (249-4476), Cindy Joslin (830-5560) or Tim Dines (573-3321). Visit www.marsingdisasterauction.org for more information or to see pictures of some of the items available.




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✓ Stabbing: Finding cars helps HPD identify suspect

The chief said although Zavala has a history of deportation and illegal re-entry into the United States, authorities believe he and Covert are still in the area.

Both are in the Caldwell area, but have been known to spend time in Wilder and Marsing, Eidemiller said.

Eidemiller said his officers did a lot of digging to unearth the identities of the two suspects.

Authorities came across both vehicles for which they were looking on the same night shortly after the stabbing, Eidemiller said.

One of the vehicles had run out of gas, and as a Homedale officer was watching it, the second suspect vehicle pulled up behind it. An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy provided assistance and pulled over one of the vehicles, Eidemiller said.

Ultimately, a search of a vehicle the pair was believed to have driven the night of the stabbing turned up a break in the case.

After obtaining a search warrant for the vehicle, investigators found forged resident alien and Social Security cards with Zavala's name as well as a Mexican voter registration card.

Eidemiller said the first-degree attempted murder charges were based on the totality of the circumstances of the incident.

"There are indicators that led us to believe the incident started in another town," Eidemiller said.

Both victims, a 35-year-old father and his 19-year-old son, were treated for severe stab wounds and released from an area hospital. Zavala allegedly cut the father in the abdomen and slashed the son's arm.

— JPB



Left: The damage at the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic. Right: Slight bumper damage can be seen as the husband of the Kia's driver puts on a spare tire. Photos courtesy HPD

Woman drives into vet clinic wall

Police arrest teens with stolen vehicle

A 45-year-old Caldwell woman was unhurt after she drove her vehicle into a Homedale business Thursday.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge said Pamela Beitia mistook the accelerator for the brake pedal and drove her Kia Sportage sport utility vehicle into the wall of the Owyhee Veterinary Clinic around 4 p.m. on Thursday.

While the wall of the clinic caved in, the Sportage received minor damage to the driver's side of the front bumper.

Stolen SUV recovered

Two teenagers from Canyon County were arrested after 6 p.m. on Jan. 12 after Homedale Police Officer Chris Jacob spotted what turned out to be a stolen vehicle.

Jacob first spotted the white 2000 Ford Expedition pulling out of a motel parking lot. After confirming that the vehicle had been stolen just hours earlier out of Meridian, Jacob searched for the SUV.

About five minutes later, he came across the vehicle at the end of South 2nd Street East.

Eron Holbert, 19, of Middleton, and his 16-year-old male juvenile

passenger, both out of Caldwell, were arrested. Holbert was transported to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy, while the juvenile was taken to the juvenile detention center in Caldwell.

Holbert was charged with three misdemeanors — operating a vehicle with owner's consent, driving with an invalid license and a carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. He entered a guilty plea at his arraignment last Wednesday in Homedale, and he's scheduled for sentencing at 1:30 p.m. today before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Homedale.

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✓ Discussion: Suggestions, ideas flow during meeting

and officials broke out into smaller groups to discuss the problems facing the district, Stewart itemized some of the challenges and what has had to be done to protect students and resolve conflicts.

Stewart said bullying isn't always student-to-student. Marsing officials have also witnessed cases of parents bullying students.

He acknowledged that many problems stem from today's technology with Facebook and Twitter and texting and cellphones.

It's difficult to combat the negative aspects of those tools when television, movies and video games promote bullying, violence and harassment, Stewart pointed out.

McCarter said the "big kids" — adults — bear much of the responsibility to lessen the impact negative images have on children, but points out that it's a challenge when many adults haven't mastered the fine art of resolving conflicts without verbal or physical confrontation.

Still, he said that students and adults alike could get involved and point out negative behavior as it happens. It only takes one person to begin the turnaround, McCarter said.

Greenwood agreed. "If we allow bad behavior, then that becomes acceptable," Greenwood said. "So we as a community have to step and say, 'This is not acceptable, and we have to change it.'"

Other hardships for school officials when trying to police the hallways are budget limitations, security issues in buildings and limited staff numbers, according to a Powerpoint Stewart produced.

The meeting could have been seen as reaction to the challenges, but Stewart framed it as the jumping-off point of a coalition to better the district and quell the problems.

"We're trying to ask for input from you to assist us in dealing with those situations," Stewart said.

The district has reacted with security measures and policies:

- Twelve no-contact contracts between high school students to minimize conflict

- A radio communication system between the school buildings was set up in the wake of an incident last winter when a man entered an unsecured door in the high school in an attempt to elude law enforcement officials after a high-speed chase.

- Sheriff Perry Grant instituted an SRO program for Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View schools.

Greenwood said such programs build positive interaction between law enforcement and the community.

"SROs play a key role in building relationships with our kids," he said.

"Jaime is the good guy. He wants to make this school the best it can be, and the way to do that is communicate with him."

- The district's security camera system has been expanded, and the sheriff's office now has access.

There are also proactive programs:

- A social skills group meets twice a week at the high school.

- A Natural Helpers program has been started at the secondary level with state Department of Education safety grant funds.

- Elementary and middle school assemblies recognize positive character traits.

After small group discussions, McCarter asked about the current climate in the district and what improvements could be made. He also asked the audience members to describe their ideal situation.

The community vision included:

- Hispanics in the audience stressed that all district communications must be bilingual.

- Building trust between the community and the school district

- Direct communication when an issue arises

- Making children feel safe and making sure they are excited about coming to school.

- Acceptance was a big element of the discussion, too.

- Some said that a higher standard of behavior must be expected and that adults must take collective responsibility for the behavior of the community's youth.

- A more productive and proactive approach to problem-solving

The community vision reflected current problems that were also itemized:

- A need for more supervision on school buses because of bad behavior, inappropriate language and bullying

- Children showing a lack of respect for teachers.

- Some felt the community was not inclusive and that newcomers found it hard to fit in.

- Other audience members want to see a stronger stance against bullying from the district.

- Others said more parental involvement in school life would help.

Among the solutions discussed were regular community meetings to address problems and a language swap. Positive parenting classes produced by the sheriff's office were also suggested.

"We have to cultivate respect," Greenwood said. "To expect respect you have to show respect."

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State Department of Education official Matt McCarter makes a point in his opening remarks Thursday.

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DORIS HOOLEY, 90, of Indian Cove, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2015. Arrangements are through the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 587-0612

GEORGE KOYAMA, 91, former bookkeeper at Homedale Tractor, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015. A viewing will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S., in Nampa. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015 at Alsip and Persons. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell.

VERDEN E. “CORKY” SIMPSON, 82, who worked for Jackson Oil Co., in Homedale, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 in Emmett. A viewing was held on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett. Interment took place on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015 at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell and was preceded by a funeral service at New Life Christian Center in Emmett.

CAROL ANN TIBBETT, 72, who was born in Nampa and raised in Owyhee County, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015. Graveside services for her immediate family will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at Wilder Cemetery. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at the World Harvest Church, 803 Main St., Caldwell. A potluck dinner will follow at the church.

Senior menus

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Jan. 22: Roast pork w/stuffing, potatoes, broccoli, pasta salad, garlic bread, milk
Jan. 26: Breakfast special, French toast
Jan. 27: Ham & beans, spinach, carrots, pineapple salad, roll, milk
Jan. 28: Beef tips, noodles, green beans, beets, fruit salad, bread, milk
Jan. 29: Chicken w/rice, beets, carrots, applesauce, biscuits, milk

Homedale Senior Center

Milk served with each meal
Jan. 21: Chicken patty/bun, macaroni & cheese, bread
Jan. 22: Pork chow mein, stir fry vegetables, rice
Jan. 27: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, bread
Jan. 28: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach
Jan. 29: Baked chicken mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, bread

Find school menus on Page 10A

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Obituaries

Kelli Sue Hooper Hutton

Kelli Sue Hooper Hutton, 51, passed away January 12, 2015, after battling cancer for over 4 years. Kelli was born August 7, 1963 in Reno, Nevada to Jerry and Donna Hooper. Kelli had 3 great kids, Sean Crane and Shelbi and Jacob Ward. Kelli lived her life with a great deal of enthusiasm and high energy. She made friends everywhere she went. Her family and friends will miss her a great deal. We all loved you, Kel.

We would like to recognize and give a special thanks to MSTI in Boise, and all the folks there that took care of and enjoyed Kelli. We would also like to thank Dr. Tim Brininger and the staff at Horizon Home Health Care in Mountain Home. Thank you for all your help and support. There will be an open house memorial, 2 to 5 pm on January 31st, 2015 at the Senior Citizens Center in Grand View ID. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shelbi & Jacob Ward at the US Bank in Grand View.



Marianna George Thomas

Marianna George Thomas, 94, of Homedale, Idaho, died at home on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Mrs. Thomas was born November 26, 1920 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She was a daughter of Emma Boehmer and Nickolas George. Marianna attended Holy Rosary Grade School in Idaho Falls, ID and Ammon High School. She graduated from St. Joseph’s School of Nursing, Tacoma, WA in 1941. She enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps, was called to active duty in January, 1942 and served as an Army Officer in WWII. Marianna married George C. Leasor in 1943 and moved to St. Louis, MO in 1945 where she raised her six children. She was employed as a school nurse and then worked as a Registered Nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospitals. She moved to Homedale, Idaho in 1976, married Steve Thomas in 1980 and retired from the VA Hospital, Boise, Idaho in 1983. Survivors include: daughters, Georgia Leasor of San Antonio, TX; Rosalyn Alambra of Homedale, ID; Marilyn (Ray) Gamero of Wilder, ID; Vivian



Leasor of Gilbert, AZ; Marcia (Duane) Key of Homedale, ID; and two stepdaughters, Nancy (Walter) Silva of Tacoma, WA; Vivian (Jack) Walter of Graham, WA; sister, Ruth (Pete) Genco of Moses Lake, WA; 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by: husband, Steve Thomas and George C. Leasor; son, Gordon Leasor; and stepson, Larry Allen Thomas; and brothers, Leonard and Allen George. A special thanks to Dr. Michael Dee for his many years of medical


care to Mom. The family would like to thank her loving caregivers, Sharon Hall, Cindy Morales, Ann Ordorica and Jo Ann Garcia of Wilder and Homedale and the Legacy Hospice Team. Mom’s feline companion, Annie, was at her side at the time of her death. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 16, 2015 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Interment followed at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Oregon Food Bank staff returning to JV

The monthly Rural Harvest Share stop is planned for Jordan Valley next week, if there is enough produce available. The Oregon Food Bank-

Southeast Oregon Services program provides free fruits and vegetables — and sometimes bread — to anyone who shows up. The next stop is planned for 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95). No stop is planned for Arock. Regardless of produce

availability, the Jordan Valley Community Mobile Pantry will be open from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the same at the Lions Hall. Unlike the Rural Harvest program, there are eligibility requirements for families to receive help from the mobile pantry. For more information, contact the Oregon Food Bank in Ontario at (541) 889-9206.



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3 steps can help shed holiday pounds

So the holidays have definitely come and gone, but the weight that came with them, has not.

Some reports have said that the average American gains anywhere from five to 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas. While this may sound shocking, consider all of the different goodies and treats that were floating around your workspace as well as your home throughout this time.

While this may worry you, it is OK. The New England Journal of Medicine research supports that the average is actually just one pound. Although you may not fall into the average category, it should provide you with some light at the end of the treat-laden tunnel.

You may have made a New Year’s resolution specifically geared towards a weight-loss goal, or you may just be considering it now that you have had time to stop and think. Whatever your

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motivation may be, here are three easy steps to start your plan’s focus in order to work towards a healthier lifestyle.

Drink more water — We hear this all the time, from our doctor or the newspaper, but it still rings true. That increase of hydration can lend to several different things, including the ability for you to listen to your body’s needs so that you do not mistake thirst for hunger. It will also keep your body’s systems functioning properly so that you can help keep your metabolism functioning at its proper rate.

Get those fruits and vegetables in — We say it to kiddos all the time, but are we getting a healthy intake in from these nutrient-dense foods? The best way to incorporate fruits and vegetables is by attempting to pair our main dish with a colorful side dish and to plan our dessert around a fruit. For example, a lean beef main dish option with some roasted green beans with sliced almonds and carrots and dessert of a baked apple with a sprinkle of cinnamon.

Give yourself some room

to indulge — Research shows that individuals that begin a strict diet are more likely to walk away within three weeks. However, those who start small, achievable changes within their diet for an overall healthy lifestyle change are more successful at maintaining the changes long-term. For this fact alone, give yourself the opportunity to enjoy that chocolate chip cookie that you have been eyeing or have the gravy with your main dish and potato side. Just note that even when indulging, moderation will help you stay on track to your ultimate goal.

Start small by pairing these three steps with some light walking each day, and you will see that holiday weight gain (and more) slip away in no time.

— *Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. The website www.healthcastle.com was the source for this column.*



Surine Greenway

Calendar

Today

Story time

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon

Noon, RSVP requested, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282

Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Homedale Elementary School cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

Senior center exercise class

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

Blood pressure clinic

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Friday

Story Time

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

Saturday

Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

Young Life meeting

6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation

available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 764-1048 or (817) 229-6850

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Grand View P&Z Commission meeting

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

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

Senior center pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Wednesday

Owyhee County P&Z hearings

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

Jordan Valley winter weed seminar

10 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000

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12:30 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or plawson@oregonfoodbank.org

Owyhee Then & Now



Michael F. Hanley

Tales of the I.O.N. Country

The Long Wait

(Jack Larsen)

When Reed Larsen went to work for Sam Ross, he had the following experience.

He told Sam that he didn’t know anything about buckarooing and would rather farm. This was agreeable with Sam, but he was moving a bunch of cattle to the C Ranch and told Reed he’d give him a gentle horse to ride out with the crew taking the cattle and when he got to the C Ranch he could take charge of the farming there.

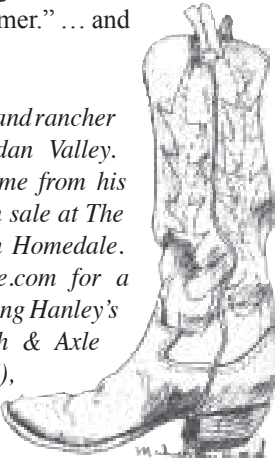
Sam gave him a horse to ride alright, but it was spoiled, and the old, worn-out saddle had long ago seen better days. Reed had only gone down the road a little way when the horse bucked him off, and when he got back to the Lambert he was ready to quit. Sam persuaded him to stay on and give him a truly gentle horse and his own saddle.

When they got to Three Forks, Sam met them and told Reed that he wanted to wait there for him and he would be back the next day with grub and Reed could take it with him by wagon to the C Ranch.

Well, he waited three days and all he had for grub was a little flour, which he made into a paste and fried.

On the third day, Dave Castro stopped by and asked Reed what he was doing there. After Reed told him Castro said, “Get that wagon and go with me to the C Ranch. Sam won’t be back this summer.” ... and he wasn’t.

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



H.G. Wells featured at Teens and Tweens

With inspiration from H.G. Wells, the Teens & Tweens at Homedale Public Library will design their own time machine.

Wells’ classic “Time Machine” will be featured when the group for boys and girls ages 10 to 17 meets at 4 p.m. on Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Attendees will learn about the elements of science fiction. A prize will be awarded to the person who gets the most correct answers during a science fiction trivia quiz.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Bernstein Bears take over Story Time

“Ready, Get Set, Go!” from the Bernstein Bear collection will be read at Story Time at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library.

The Bernstein Bears have organized their own Olympic Games, and Papa Bear is finding it hard to defeat his children in any of the running, swimming, climbing and jumping events. Finally, he finds an event in which he can finish first.

Along with the story, there will be songs, refreshments and crafts.

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Trunk line repair hits Marsing sewer budget

Council mulls changes to P&Z commission

Marsing’s auditor says the city’s finances are: “in a nutshell, doing well,” but the city council still made a move to shore up the sewer fund.

According to a report Jared Zwygart of Zwygart and Associates gave Mayor Keith Green and council members during last week’s meeting, the city ended the last fiscal year with total assets of \$1.2 million.

Income from sewer was \$249,984 with costs of \$382,897. That was a loss of \$132,913 for the city.

Revenue from water was \$407,977 with expenses of \$309,601. Leaving the city with \$98,376.

Revenue from irrigation was \$37,076 with expenses of \$36,392. That left the city with just \$684 in the fund at the start of the new fiscal year.

After reviewing those numbers with the council, Zwygart summarized the situation as; “water is doing fine, sewer is hurting and irrigation is limping along”.

City clerk Janice Bicandi says the sewer fund was hit hard last year because of a trunk line rehabilitation project. Many tributary branches feed into that section of pipe, which then goes into the main sewer line.

The bid for work on the East Bruneau trunk line was \$159,681 and the final cost was \$161,720. Bicandi says the expenditure will be replaced with general funds in the new budget.

The city’s total investments as of Sept. 30, 2014 were \$1,058,844.

Marsing’s Planning and Zoning

Commission was a major topic during the meeting. Green says some new blood is badly needed on the panel.

He asked council members to think about any community members who might be interested in serving on the commission.

Michelle Jacobi’s term recently ended so the board currently only has five members. Green says the commission could operate with just four people.

According to state law, someone can only serve more than two terms on a Planning and Zoning Commission if a two-thirds majority of the city council approves.

He says the problem the city faces is that hardly anyone wants to help with P&Z and he’s considered dissolving the panel. However, upon further thought he says he realized that would be a step backward.

Councilman Aron Streibel voiced concerns about P&Z as well but echoed Green’s conclusion about keeping the commission active.

Just before adjournment, the council also approved Green’s request to spend \$500 at next month’s Marsing Disaster Auction. The money will come from the general fund.

The auction items purchased will be given to Marsing High School’s senior class, which will raffle the items to finance its drug-free graduation party.

Also during Wednesday’s meeting, city engineer Amy Woodruff told the council the town’s new transportation plan has been adopted. The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council approved it, and the city will soon meet with the Idaho Transportation Department to discuss the plan.

— SC

Homedale council could look to feds for water plan, airport funding

City may need \$1M at some point for runway rehabilitation

The City of Homedale will seek federal assistance to complete a water facility planning study, and federal money could be used to shore up the municipal airport runway.

The city council voted unanimously last Wednesday to move forward with plans to obtain a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant to help pay for the water study and heard about ways to maximize federal dollars to carry out a airport rehabilitation that could cost as much as \$1 million.

The water study is the last on a long list of plans that are necessary for Homedale to remain competitive for grants.

The federal funding would be used to help pay the city’s obligation for a planning grant offered by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Matching funds for the Rural Development grant, if Homedale is approved — about \$40,000 — would come from the capital improvements line item inside the city’s water fund.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith told Councilman Aaron Tines that there is between \$200,000 and \$250,000 in the city’s capital improvement just in case the federal grant isn’t awarded.

Homedale will need that funding anyway, apparently, because USDA Rural Development representative Carol Garrison said that the city must complete the

facility plan and DEQ must accept it before the federal government will release the grant money.

The Rural Development grant amounts to a reimbursement, Riedesel Engineering representative Andrew Kimmel said.

Garrison said the approval process, which will take a couple of months, is faster for Homedale because the federal agency has a history with the town. Homedale used Rural Development funds as part of its large-scale sewer and water infrastructure upgrades nearly 10 years ago.

Kimmel said it could take up to a year to complete the water facility plan.

Meanwhile, Marty Gergen — a Kimmel colleague at Riedesel — brought a bit of unsettling news to the council regarding upgrade plans at the municipal airport.

Gergen said a Federal Aviation Administration requirement that all airports submit an Airports Geographic Information System digital file to the federal agency could jeopardize plans to put a slurry seal on the local airstrip’s crumbling asphalt.

Slurry seal would require a re-striping of the runway and related pavement portions, which would alter any AGIS that might be filed beforehand, Gergen said.

It takes about two to three months to create an AGIS, which would have to be added to the scope of work laid out in the airport master plan.

Gergen said any remediation required once the AGIS is filed would have to be added, too.

As with most other FFA-required work, there is a 90 percent federal grant available to create an AGIS map, Gergen said. The

state Division of Aeronautics still has a program to help the city with the 10 percent match, he added.

Tines bemoaned the fact that the airport and the swimming pool have been perpetual thorns in the city’s fiscal side, but he noted progress made in the wake of the major renovation of the municipal pool.

He also pointed out that if the city spent money on maintenance now, the headaches would lessen down the road.

Still, Gergen called the plan to slurry seal and crack seal the airport, “a band-aid,” because complete pavement rehabilitation will have to be done at some point.

He said the lifespan of the runway slurry seal is between four and six years. The lifespan of the slurry seal for the aprons is between two and three years.

But conducting a slurry seal now would buy the city time to bank its annual FFA grants (about \$150,000 each year) and prepare for pavement rehab, Gergen said.

FFA rules allow airport managers to put aside its annual grants for three years at a time before the money must be either spent in the fourth year or returned to the federal agency.

Gergen said that means a potential of \$600,000 for the pavement rehab, which would require a \$60,000 match from the city. But the master plan prices a pavement rehabilitation project at approximately \$750,000 to \$1 million, Gergen said.

“The aim is to preserve and protect the runway,” Gergen said. “You’re buying time on that runway.”

— JPB

Federal agency seeks B2H power line comment

Public comments are being requested on a plan to build a 500-kilovolt transmission line from Boardman, Ore. to a substation in Wilson. It would run through northwest Owyhee County and near Adrian in Malheur County.

Idaho Power first proposed the Boardman-to-Hemingway electrical transmission line in 2009. A proposed route, which for the most part kept the Owyhee County portion of the line off private property, was chosen after a year-long community advisory process.

The Bureau of Land Management held one in a series of public meetings in Marsing on Jan. 13 as part of a process that could lead to final approval of the route.

Idaho Power communications specialist Stephanie McCurdy says the BLM recently released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project. She says that’s a big milestone

for them and is the result of years of work.

While input was taken at public meetings in Marsing and Ontario, Ore., last week, you can still voice your thoughts or concerns by sending an e-mail to comment@boardmantohemingway.com. Mail-in comment forms can be downloaded at www.boardmantohemingway.com and sent to: Boardman to Hemingway, Transmission Line Project, P.O. Box 655, Vale, OR 97918.

Jim White attended the public meeting in Marsing at the senior center. He lives five miles from where the transmission line will cross through Adrian.

White says it’s inevitable that the project will come through the area and he’s only concerned with aesthetics. He hopes it won’t be terribly visible from his property but says the existing line there doesn’t bother him much and this one won’t change things much.

The final EIS could be issued early next year with the BLM’s record of decision scheduled for later in 2016.

The project website includes virtual meetings where you can see all the display boards, maps and draft proposals that you would see in person.

The entire DEIS is also online, and Idaho Power facility siting coordinator Jeff Maffuccio says people should focus on Chapter 3 of the statement. That section details the potential environmental consequences of the transmission line to wildlife, vegetation and fisheries.

Comments submitted to the BLM will be shared with Idaho Power so the utility can update its application this summer.

Commonly known as the “B2H” project, the power line would provide additional capacity for exchanging energy between the Pacific Northwest and the Intermountain West, depend-

ing on which region is experiencing the highest demand.

McCurdy says the line would also improve reliability, interconnect resources and take advantage of how power is generated between the regions.

To cross public and private lands in Idaho, the project must be evaluated and approved by federal, state and local agencies.

Maffuccio says there are many needs for the line, which include enabling Idaho Power to transport low-cost energy from a variety of sources in the Northwest to serve homes, farms and businesses in the region.

B2H would also improve system reliability and reduce constraints that currently exist on the Northwest’s transmission system as demand for energy continues to grow.

With this new line, electricity would be able to flow to where the highest energy demand is occurring at the time.

Regardless of the electric service provider, utilities could access a new supply of low-cost energy from the region, McCurdy said.

The power imported on the line would come from a variety of sources, including hydroelectric, natural gas, coal, nuclear and wind sources.

McCurdy says the line is urgently needed because transmission in the Pacific Northwest is already at capacity and additional supplies will soon be needed for the region.

In the summer, the line would transfer power from Pacific Northwest generation plants to customers of Idaho Power, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, the City of Weiser and the City of Burley.

Alternately, the line would serve western Pacific Northwest electric customers in the winter during their peak usage time.

— SC

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✓ **Analysis:** Coalition searches for answers to Owyhee’s juniper infestation

prescribed burns to control the invasive tree in the Owyhees.

The University of Oregon has already done extensive studies on uses for juniper. The idea is to get companies interested in turning the trees into firewood, posts, furniture or other products.

MJ Byrne with the Boise District BLM says they first started looking into what can be done with the trees in 2005. That year, the district’s Resource Advisory Council hosted a two-day workshop about juniper utilization.

She says last year they conducted a field trip to Owyhee County, which resulted in the formation of a steering committee called the “Southwest Idaho Juniper Utilization Working Group.”

The group has met once since August to define their roles, mission and goals.

Boeck says right now the BLM is focused on trying to get juniper certified as a commercial wood product.

With that official status, the wood could be obtained by the Idaho Transportation Department for signposts. Boeck says that’s just one example of how the state might re-purpose juniper.

Owyhee County District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi says juniper trees are a serious problem for the region.

In addition to being a fuel for wildfires, they also deplete groundwater supplies, take up valuable space in grazing areas and are a detriment to sage-grouse habitat.

Aberasturi says firewood is still the biggest use for juniper because 50 percent of the tree is automatically waste when it is harvested and the remaining wood is difficult to work with.

Mike Sterling at Parma Post and Pole agrees with Aberasturi. He says juniper also has an excessive amount of pulp, is very

BLM taking comment on juniper removal plan

The public comment period is now open on a proposal to remove juniper from public lands in a 1.5-million acre area of Owyhee County.

The Bureau of Land Management will hold two public scoping meetings in February to address the proposal.

The first gathering will be take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., in Boise.

The second public meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Comments on the proposal should be received by Friday, Feb. 20.

dirty and very expensive to log.

In 2007, Sterling’s business wrote a grant through the U.S. Forest Service Products Lab on bio-mass geared toward national forests. With that grant money, they purchased a sawmill designed to cut juniper.

Sterling is cautiously optimistic that the juniper analysis will be a success but says it will be difficult because of how remote the area is where the trees are being harvested.

He also expects a lot of federal entanglement because of all the agencies involved with the project.

Tina Wilson is executive director of the Western Alliance for Economic Development. She got involved with what they’re calling the “Juniper Initiative” more than a year ago.

Wilson says both the BLM and IDL see this as something the private sector should be leading. Aberasturi agrees and says the program will only work if the private sector takes the initiative and allows the governmental entities to pull back.

Wilson’s next step is to help

the various agencies involved apply for more grant money to move the project forward.

Wilson invites anyone who has a large stand of juniper and wants to be involved with the initiative, or someone who works with juniper, to contact her.

She can be reached at (208) 615-6083, by mail at P.O. Box 41, Wilder, ID 83676 or by email at info@westernallianceed.org.

Aberasturi points out that mastication is still another way to get rid of juniper in Owyhee County, but that process isn’t involved with the analysis.

Mastication is the mechanical shredding and chipping of small trees and can be used to reduce the risk of wildfire.

Aberasturi says at one point years ago, the county considered masticating juniper and sending it to Japan where it would have been turned into long-burning fire bricks.

The bricks would have then been sent back to the U.S. as a commercial product, but Aberasturi says the county abandoned the idea.

— SC



Above: Juniper logs sit on the milling device at Parma Post and Pole. **Below:** A stack of juniper lumber is ready for use after being milled at Parma Post and Pole. Submitted photos



This dresser was made from repurposed juniper. Submitted photo

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
01/13	1.2	4	6.6	42	18	29
01/14	1.0	5	6.5	36	14	25
01/15	1.1	5	6.5	37	21	30
01/16	1.4	5	6.6	40	24	34
01/17	1.8	9	7.1	42	19	34
01/18	2.0	8	7.3	49	34	41
01/19	1.8	6	7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
01/13	1.7	3	7.4	35	23	28
01/14	1.6	3	7.4	36	16	24
01/15	1.6	3	7.4	38	14	25
01/16	1.7	3	7.5	38	31	35
01/17	2.3	4	7.9	46	28	37
01/18	1.8	1	8.3	46	33	42
01/19	n/a	1	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
01/13	6.0	20	13.2	37	24	28
01/14	6.0	19	13.1	43	23	32
01/15	6.1	19	13.2	42	31	37
01/16	6.1	18	13.2	40	29	33
01/17	6.7	23	13.9	42	29	37
01/18	6.8	21	14.1	43	32	39
01/19	6.7	19	14.1	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 13 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 480 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 12 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 93,753 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 3 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Last week's weather wasn't available from Helena Chemical in Homedale Monday because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Malheur NRCS meetings planned

Conservation program to be discussed in Jordan Valley

Farmers, ranchers and other stakeholders will have a chance to discuss and learn more about resource conservation in some upcoming public meetings in Malheur County.

Landowners and agricultural producers can get more information on the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Conservation Stewardship Program in a pair of meetings next week.

The first meeting takes place today inside the Jordan Café in Jordan Valley. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Starlight Café in Vale, Ore. Both meetings begin at 6 p.m.

The NRCS says the informational meetings might be helpful for producers who have adopted conservation measures to improve resources on agricultural or non-industrial private forestland or if they are ready to apply new conservation activities.

For more information, call Margaret Smith in the Ontario NRCS office at (541) 889-9689, ext. 123.

The public is invited to the Malheur County Local Work Group meeting from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Feb. 19 in Vale.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will gather input regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to work collaboratively in Malheur County.

According to a press release, input is sought from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations.

The meeting takes place at the Educational Service District building, 363 A St. West in Vale.

For more information, contact Lynn Larsen at (541) 889-7637, ext. 103 or lynn.larsen@or.usda.

Weed seminar slated in Jordan Valley

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area will hold its winter weed seminar next Wednesday.

Pesticide recertification for Idaho and Oregon may be available at the event, which will begin at 10 a.m. at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95).

After JVCWMA coordinator Eric Morrison makes opening remarks, property owners and producers will here a series of presentations, including:

- Large-scale annual grass control from Carl Rudeen of Mountain Home Air Force Base
- Identification and control of high-priority weeds from Bonnie Rasmussen of the Oregon Department of Agriculture

After lunch, presentations will continue:

- Dr. Timothy Prather of the University of Idaho will address the management of ventenata.
- A three-person panel featuring The Nature Conservancy (Art Talsma from Idaho and Jay Kerby from Oregon) and Philip Milburn of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will discuss what ranchers are doing to enhance wildlife habitat.
- Partner and industry updates will be conducted in five- to 10-minute snippets beginning at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the Jordan Valley CWMA by email at jvcwma@qwestoffice.net, by phone or fax at (541) 586-3000 or by mail at P.O. Box 43, Jordan Valley, OR 97910.

The JVCWMA office is located at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Jan. 21: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 22: Personal pan pizza, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 26: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 27: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 28: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 29: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- Jan. 21: BBQ chicken or pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, salad & fruit bar
- Jan. 22: Personal pepperoni pizza or turkey sandwich, salad & fruit bar
- Jan. 26: Beef or chicken taco, salad & fruit bar
- Jan. 27: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, salad & fruit bar
- Jan. 28: Spaghetti or burrito, salad & fruit bar
- Jan. 29: Pizza hot pocket or corn dog, salad & fruit bar

Homedale High

- Jan. 21: Lasagna & bread stick or rib-b-que, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 22: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 26: Pepperoni pizza ripper or ham/cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 27: Chicken tenders or pork chop, scalloped potatoes, roll, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 28: Crispito or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 29: Cheeseburger, hamburger or chicken patty, potato chips, sherbet cup, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Jan. 21: Rib-b-que, macaroni & cheese, Italian breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 22: Pepperoni ripper, baked potato, roll, tossed salad, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 26: Chicken fajita, chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 27: Sub sandwich, beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 28: Teriyaki chicken bowl w/roll, corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 29: Lasagna & Italian breadstick, turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- Jan. 21: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll
- Jan. 22: Beef & bean burrito, romaine/tomato, corn, fruit
- Jan. 23: Ham/cheese on bun, potato wedges, broccoli, fruit
- Jan. 27: Stomboli, garden spinach salad, mixed veggies, fruit
- Jan. 28: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, roll, fruit

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Westowns applies for waste transfer station CUP

County P&Z holds hearing next Wednesday

A Homedale-based garbage contractor once again is looking for a way to streamline its operations.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear Westowns Disposal Inc.'s conditional use permit application for a waste transfer station during its next meeting.

The Westowns application is the second hearing planned when the P&Z commissioners meet next Wednesday in Murphy.

The commission convenes at 10 a.m. to hear a CUP application filed by Tim Gross, who wants to build a single-family residence on a five-acre parcel at the end of Johnston Road in Melba.

Westowns owner Bill Pastoor is scheduled to go before the P&Z board at 11 a.m.

The hearings will be held at

the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy. Related documents for both permit applications are available for review at the P&Z office. For more information, call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2.

Pastoor obtained a CUP to build a transfer station at his location off Industrial Road in Homedale in 2009, but abandoned the plans when the economy soured.

Now, he says he wants to build a smaller transfer facility on a piece of property at the same location, which is south of the Homedale Municipal Airport.

The facility will be used to consolidate trash from route trucks into larger loads to be hauled to Pickles Butte Landfill south of Nampa in Canyon County. Pastoor said consolidating loads will allow his crews to start with empty route trucks every morning and cut down on the number of half-full trucks that are making trips to the landfill now.

"We're trying to be more efficient and save fuel," Pastoor said.



With Homedale Municipal Airport in the background, Westowns Disposal Inc. owner Bill Pastoor points where the proposed building will be built.

The new plan calls for a building that is 100 feet by 60 feet, Pastoor said, which is about half the size of the 11,250-square-foot structure in the original plans.

The metal building, which will stand about 24 feet high at its roof peak, will be fully enclosed to eliminate odor and mess, Pastoor has said.

Trucks would enter the building and dump the trash on the floor where recyclable materials such as metal would be weeded out. Once separation is complete, the garbage would be pushed

off the floor and down a 15-foot embankment into a large rollaway bin.

Westowns plans to utilize a portion of its property that previously has been excavated for fill dirt on the runway at the nearby airport, Pastoor said. That part of the property provides a drop-off that would be shored up with cement walls to create the collection area.

Pastoor has hired J-U-B Engineering of Nampa for the structural engineering, while Rock Solid Civil Engineering is

taking care of other tasks such as topography.

Pastoor said that the project still has to undergo permitting from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's solid waste division, but added the previous project had received preliminary site approval and he is again in contact with the state agency on the new work.

The DEQ process also has a public notice component, DEQ Boise Regional Office technical engineer Jack Gantz said.

— JPB

Brackett, Wills honored

Two District 23 state legislators were named to the Food Producers of Idaho's annual Ag All Stars list.

State Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Seat A Rep. Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) were honored along with 65 of their colleagues during a

recognition banquet at the start of the 2015 legislative session earlier this month.

The recipients are judged on their 2014 session voting record on issues deemed vital to the agriculture and natural resources by the Food Producers of Idaho.



Bert Brackett



Rich Wills

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Eighth grade
4.0 grade-point average
— Deal, Drew J.; Downum, Courtney M.; Gonzales, Taylor D.; Hernandez, Monique J.; Nash, Sophia; Rittenhouse, Colton W.; Rose, Jaegar L.; and Taylor, Kelsey L.
3.99 to 3.5 — Mitchell, Taylor A., 3.923; Albor, Cindy, 3.857; Bauer, Madison B., 3.857; Brown, Carson R., 3.857; DeMark, Warren B., 3.857; Hall, Josey L., 3.857; Rupp, Jenna D., 3.857; Cornwall, Nathan G., 3.833; Kraupp, Annie J., 3.833; Phariss, Lindy R., 3.833; Rupp, Kyle L., 3.833; Denney, Ashton E., 3.778; Hernandez, Mellyssa J., 3.74; Atkins, Lane S., 3.714; Campbell, Gunner H., 3.714; Monreal, Melanie, 3.714; Pukhalskaya, Gloria A., 3.714; Rupp, Reigan Y., 3.714; Villa Ojeda, Jose B., 3.714; Carter, Paige D., 3.667; Soto Aguilar, Enrique G., 3.653; Allen, Amber Z., 3.571; Cardenas, Olivia J., 3.571; Grant, Alexandria K., 3.571; Kelly, Makayla G., 3.571; Morse, Tell R., 3.571; Zamudio, Joseph C., 3.571; Carter, Amaya N., 3.5; Pigeon, Kelsie A., 3.5; Villarreal, Mauricia V., 3.5; and Zamora, Dazsha N., 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 — Bowman, Morgan J., 3.429; Glanzman, Hatty M., 3.429; Martinat, Jesse V., 3.429; Navarrete, Edgar, 3.429; Wolfe, Clayton D., 3.429; Rojas, Chelsea, 3.333; Vincent, Michael T., 3.308; Bigler, Peighton E., 3.286; Dobler, Collin R., 3.286; Fruehling, Megan M., 3.286; Kent, Emily M., 3.286; Kincheloe, Mason R., 3.286; Parker, Zion E., 3.286; Schild, Randi D., 3.286; Vega Aguilera, Maria A.,

3.286; Marsh, Elyzabeth H., 3.167; Albor, German, 3.143; Binford, Kaden R., 3.143; Conant, Austin, 3.143; Garcia, Ismael R., 3.143; Mullins, Gwynneth K., 3.143; Sanchez Cortez, Cindy, 3.143; Van Winkle, Courtney A., 3.143; Chase, Ethan S., 3.0; Granden, Thane G., 3.0; Granden, Thane G., 3.0; and Woods, Kari J., 3.0
Seventh grade
4.0 GPA — Farris, Isham B.; Fisher, Spencer D.; Franko, Lexus K.; Hernandez, Ricardo; Johnson, Maggie E.; Larzelier, Juliette C.; Randall, Matthew L.; Schamber, Elizabeth R.; and Uranga, Daniel S.
3.99 to 3.5 — Albor, Lisbed, Zavala, Jazminne A.; Beckman, Amaya L., 3.833; Butler, Kaitlyn L., 3.833; Conner, John A., 3.833; Dorsey, DeLaynie M., 3.833; Freelove, Karsen R., 3.833; Gomez, Julia D., 3.833; Guzman, Christina, 3.833; Johnson, Nyelah T., 3.833; Purdom, Gage C., 3.833; Tayler, Rachel D., 3.833; Trout, Brady J., 3.833; Zavala, Jazminne A., 3.833; Woodman, Kacey L., 3.8; Albor, Yuleydi, 3.667; Ankeny, Samuel J., 3.667; Buckley, Savana R., 3.667; Downum, Brandon M., 3.667; Eells, Bryce D., 3.667; Keisel, Trey R., 3.667; Lomeli, Nelson, 3.667; Martinez-Jimenez, Moises, 3.667; McRoberts, Dominic T., 3.667; Monreal, Graciela D., 3.667; Montejano, Nayeli V., 3.667; Waters, Natalia A., 3.667; Cardenas, Taiz C., 3.6; Albor, Cristina, 3.5; Brady, Kyler C., 3.5; Dines, Grace M., 3.5; Dorsey, Weston A., 3.5; Elordi, Garrett C., 3.5; Garcia, Omar

A., 3.5; Harmon, Elizabeth M., 3.5; James, Wyatt D., 3.5; Orris, Keyana F., 3.5; Robinson-Hopson, Cheyenne J., 3.5; Rountree, Mason M., 3.5; Vargas, Caleb I., 3.5; and Vega, Baldomero, 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 — Corrales, Karina, 3.4; Valenzuela, Jaslin, 3.4; Anderson, Auttm J., 3.333; Beebe, Jake A., 3.333; Infante, Bernardo, 3.333; Koberlein, Brandon L., 3.333; Llamas, Arnulfo, 3.333; Shippy, Liberty I., 3.333; Simon, Zoie M., 3.333; Vincent, Jordyn C., 3.333; King, Grace E., 3.2; Chase, Brandon M., 3.167; Flores, Jose M., 3.167; Kerbs, Austyn E., 3.167; O'Dell, Stephen C., 3.167; Ramos, Marysol, 3.167; Valenzuela-Rico, Carlos R., 3.167; Wilkerson, Adison L., 3.167; Alamilla, Diego, 3.0; Aviles-Rodriguez, Ahtziri, 3.0; Collett, Jacob D., 3.0; Fleming, William J., 3.0; Larzelier, Arianna M., 3.0; Mansisidor, Dustin R., 3.0; Maravilla, Oscar E., 3.0; Milburn, Maicy L., 3.0; Montes, Aliyah, 3.0; Parker, Zayn X., 3.0; Sanchez Linares, Joanna, 3.0; Teller, James M., 3.0; Tuckness, Nickolas L., 3.0; and Villarreal, Sarai, 3.0
Sixth grade
4.0 GPA — Ankeny, Jacob D.; Breshears, John W.; Cardenas-Ritzert, Entenecia S.; Cline, Mayci E.; Kraupp, Emma J.; Mertz, Milo J.; Muir, Shane T.; Pfof, Brooklyn M.; Smith, Ruger D.; and Smith, Ruger D.
3.99 to 3.5 — Bauer, Kylee E., 3.857; Conant, Emalie R., 3.857; McKay, Kenna M., 3.857; Miller, Madison G., 3.857; Parker, Emma P., 3.857; Salazar, Roberto A.,

3.857; Sosa, Yuridia G., 3.857; Symms, Thomas K., 3.857; Turner, Kaydince M., 3.857; Young, Savanna L., 3.833; Baxter, Kaelah M., 3.714; Christensen, Keagen B., 3.714; Christoffersen, Brayden A., 3.714; DeWitt, Makenna R., 3.714; Carter, LouAnn M., 3.667; Grant, Slade F., 3.571; Jaramillo, Dulce N., 3.571; Jeppe, Meagan E., 3.571; and Robinson-Hopson, Alexandra J., 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 — Cornwall, Bryce D., 3.429; Egusquiza, Joseph D., 3.429; Miller, Mackenzie M., 3.333; Rogers, Jannessa M., 3.333; Baez, Fabian M., 3.286; Chavez, Chase A., 3.286; Figueroa, Marisela, 3.286; Hernandez, Aaliyah A., 3.286; Lowder, Jase M., 3.286; Martinez Sanchez, Ventura, 3.286; Mendoza Gonzalez, Donato, 3.286; Nelson, Abigale M., 3.286; Pate, Caitlyn D., 3.286; Rojas, Miriam J., 3.286; Santiago, Julio J., 3.286; Sheley, Destiney A., 3.286; Mendoza, Irma E., 3.2; Neri, Uriel C., 3.167; Atkins, Tye K., 3.143; Campbell, Bowen C., 3.143; Cortez, Anahi, 3.143; Craft, Emily J., 3.143; Hall, Rylan D., 3.143; Jimenez, Francisco J., 3.143; Maravilla, Dulce K., 3.143; Miramontes, Lizbeth, 3.143; Sanchez, Esmeralda, 3.143; Turner, Savannah R., 3.143; Villa Ojeda, Eloisa, 3.143; Badiola, Skylr J., 3.0; Briano Rivas, Joaquin A., 3.0; Cole, RanDee L., 3.0; Domme, Markus M., 3.0; Hernandez, Erik, 3.0; Ramirez Lomeli, Cesar A., 3.0; Strack, Barton R., 3.0; and Zavala, Jesus A., 3.0
Fifth grade
4.0 GPA — Aberasturi, Amiya

L.; Brown, Joshua D.; Durrant, Alexa L.; Farris, Aleah A.; Fink, Breanna N.; Guzman, Cassandra; Heck, Eli J.; Henry, Abigail C.; Hergesheimer, Elizabeth R.; Kincheloe, Hayden S.; Larzelier, Belisia D.; Lejardi, John M.; O'Dell, Michael C.; Parker, Zaria R.; Serrano, Daniela K.; Suarez Neri, Enrique; and Uranga, Tea A.
3.99 to 3.5 — Stafford, Sheali A., 3.909; Tejeda Marroquin, Katherine A., 3.909; Haun, William G., 3.833; Pukhalskaya, Nadia A., 3.833; Johnson, Ryker K., 3.821; Franko, Austin M., 3.8; Chase, Aaron C., 3.727; Martinez, Leonel d., 3.727; Rose, Jayden D., 3.727; Sheaffer, Domanique J., 3.706; Diaz Hurtado, Daniela, 3.667; Aguilera, Christopher, 3.643; Flores, Rose J., 3.643; Martinez-Hernandez, Michelle, 3.6; Martinez Jimenez, Natalia, 3.545; Elordi, Hallie E., 3.5; Jeppe, Kaedan N., 3.5; and Simmons, Marcus A., 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 — Scott, Bailey M., 3.455; Calderon, Cristian X., 3.4; Liebschwager, Cody H., 3.4; Tuckness, Katerina B., 3.4; Vega, Cristal, 3.366; McBride, Amber L., 3.364; Bullard, Justin S., 3.273; Hockenhull, Billy G., 3.273; Hicks-Daniel, Colton D., 3.25; Fry, Kevin L., 3.222; Vega, Delia, 3.222; Wilson, Landen J., 3.222; Jimenez, Diana, 3.167; Woodward, Tyler L., 3.167; Criffield, Emma S., 3.154; Juan, Jessica L., 3.111; Ashliman, Brooklyn T., 3.0; Garcia, Maribel M., 3.0; Monreal, Silvestre A., 3.0; Osborn, Dagan R., 3.0; Ramirez-Sanchez, Daryl, 3.0; and Ross, Whitney M., 3.0

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First semester
Seniors
Honors — Megan Cheyenne Mondoux, 3.62 grade-point average; MacKenzie Paige Meyers, 3.33; Diego Elizarraras, 3.27; Ana Virginia Gomez-Rangel, 3.0; and Maria de Los An Lino, 3.0
Juniors
High honors — Amanda Lingle, 3.88; Hailey Pearson, 3.86; and Sakota Hall, 3.81
Honors — Analeise Renee Mills, 3.62; Darcia Rahe Shaver, 3.59; Jose Santos Briseno, 3.34; Joey Brooke Jones, 3.32; Nicholas Loren Bennett, 3.29; and Michael Hurtado, 3.25
Sophomores
High honors — Taylor Pearson, 3.84; and Rigo Lino, 3.76
Honors — Madison Rayne Burbank, 3.39; Josh Allen Glaspie, 3.33; Rose Mary Herrera, 3.33; Bailie Marie Jewett, 3.34; and Eduardo Leonardo Sierra, 3.29
Freshmen
High honors — Valeria Lino, 3.96

Honors — Breanna Bybee, 3.53; Sierra Mariah Lawrence, 3.53; Carmela Martinez Bazan, 3.37; and Lewis Mark Rutan, 3.3
Eighth grade
Honors — Ray Donald Draper, 3.66; Samantha Rae Lindquist, 3.38; Todd Jacoby Marvin, 3.12; and Cristian Manuel Garcia, 3.08
Seventh grade
High honors — Hannah Field, 4.0
Honors — D-O Golden Draper, 3.51; Laura Elizabeth Gaspar, 3.61; Ian Kameron Burbank, 3.49; Mirissa Christine Jones, 3.47; Erick Ruben Flores, 3.24; and Shelby Allyn Ward, 3.01
Sixth grade
Honors — Samantha Rae Jewett, 3.54; Yesenia Juarez Juarez, 3.53; Sintia Guadalupe Varela, 3.5; Braxton Crothers, 3.45; Abby Marie Eldridge, 3.38; Laney D. Jenkins, 3.38; Mattie Lea Draper, 3.34; Emma Leigh Eldridge, 3.14; Arlett Banvelos-Elizondo, 3.08; and Justin Lindquist, 3.05

Honor rolls

Marsing High School

First semester		
Seniors		
Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average and above) —Bryant, Courtney, 4.67; Reynolds, Destiny, 4.67; Tank, Emily, 4.67; Clover, Shannon, 4.57; Tank, Ashley, 4.33; Dines, Carey, 4.29; Mitchell, Crystal, 4.29; Welch, Kourtney, 4.29; Briggs, Garret, 4.17; Barker, Wyatt, 4.14; Cuevas, Melissa, 4.14; Dines, Hayden, 4.14; Gibson, Hunter, 4.0; and Morgan, Tinsley, 4.0	Brooke, 3.71; Kendall, Audra, 3.71; Richards, Stephanie, 3.67; Romans, Trevor, 3.67; Newman, Tristian, 3.6; and Ugland, Thea, 3.57	and Kish, Zoe, 4.0
High honors (3.75 to 3.99) — Jacobo, Guadalupe, 3.86; Montoya, Luis, 3.86; Ortiz, Debra, 3.86; Quiroz, Ann, 3.86; Sevy, Jolene, 3.86; Herman, Allie, 3.83; Hill, Aurora, 3.8; and Lankow, Lorenzo, 3.75		High honors (3.75 to 3.99) — Draper, Angela, 3.86; Galligan, Samuel, 3.75; and Garcia, LeAnn, 3.75
Honors (3.5 to 3.74) — Armenta, Brooke, 3.71; Armenta,	Juniors	Honors (3.5 to 3.74) — Sevy, Mercedes, 3.71; Villa, Avery, 3.71; Gauvey, Destiny, 3.57; Thomsen, Dagmar, 3.57; and Robles, Esmeralda, 3.5
	Highest honors (4.0 GPA and above) — Heidt, Alexandre, 4.57; Kent, Rianna, 4.57; Hall, McKenna, 4.5; Goins, Jordan, 4.43; Line, Caitlyn, 4.25; Dines, Shelby, 4.17; Hall, Lisa, 4.14; Meade, Kylie, 4.14; Barker, Sydney, 4.0; Barrett, Cody, 4.0; and Bowers, Brady, 4.0	
	High honors (3.75 to 3.99) — Sevy, Nancy, 3.86; and Salutregui, Adrianna, 3.83	
	Sophomores	
	Highest honors (4.0 GPA and above) — Beagley, Tiffany, 4.0;	Freshmen
		Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average and above) — Cuevas, Amelia, 4.0; Sauer, Emerson, 4.0; Villa, Landry, 4.0; and Withers, Dalton, 4.0
		High honors (3.75 to 3.99) — Mayer, Krista, 3.86
		Honors (3.5 to 3.74) — Ramirez, Octavio, 3.71; Hobbs, Katelyn, 3.57; Marcial, Adam, 3.57; and Wood, Trinity Jo, 3.57



HHS graduate getting plenty of college experiences

Folks familiar with Owyhee County residents may have spotted a familiar face on Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard in Canyon County. Homedale High School graduate Deena Emry, the daughter of Stuart and Lori Emry, is one of three students featured on a billboard promoting The College of Idaho as the state's top college. Also featured in a college-produced photo promoting the Fall term Dean's List of which she is a part, Deena is in Asia with the C of I Study Away Program until Feb. 4. In the fall, she also was a contestant in a football toss between quarters of a Coyotes football game at Simplot Stadium. Submitted photo.

Marsing Middle School

Second quarter		
Eighth grade		
Principal's list (4.0 grade-point average) —Garcia, Esmeralda; and Heitz, Emma Kay	Curtis; Brown, Moses Philip; Freeman, Caden George; Jensen, Lauren Sedna; Lagunas, Constantino; Loucks, Emily Grace; Shippy, True Rayne; and Wood, Jessie Nicole	Miller, Annie Shundeen; Perci-field, Delaney May; and Sevy, Hannah Francine
Principal's list (3.99-3.5) — Barroso, Calista Hailey; Enrico, Halli Rose; Green, Peyton Mallory; Hahlbeck, Kassandra Erin; Jimenez, Enrique; Metcalf, Louisa; Quebrado, Jenny Karen; Sandoval, Julian M.; and Villa, Landon Levi	Principal's list (3.99-3.5) — Bowman, Megan Dyann; Hall, Merrick Wesley; Ineck, Justin James; Jerome, Amy Joan; Jerome, Lillie; Jerome, Patience Leigh; King, Clancy Edward; Lee, Isaac Curtis; Sevy, Travis Walker; and Van Hout, Natalie M.L.	Principal's list (3.99-3.5) — Anderson, Daphne June; Barroso, Kylie R.; Cuevas, Gabriela; Garcia, Mauricio; Gonzalez, Odezza; Jimenez, Johan; Meade, Benji McCullough; Meade, Ross Thomas; Newman, Emilee O.; and Tracy, Christina Nicole
Honor roll (3.0-3.49) — Anderson, Earl Garrett; Anderson, Katalina R.; Archer, Ethan Arless; Dolan, Mikaela Rae; Gaertner, Brody Logan; Hutchings, Colton Curtis; Jerome, Ashley Kay; Kish, Hayden Mark; Lagunas, Jasmin; Loucks, Ashley Eleanor; Milburn, Heath Dalton; Rodriguez, Gabriela; Sevy, Boone Tyler; Sevy, Dwight Garrett; and Stansell, Logan Robert	Honor roll (3.0-3.49) — Ackerman, Bastion Nathaniel; Aguilar, David; Bennett, Autumn Rose; Dines, Brady Russell; Fisher, Jenatea Lorence; Komakhuk, Desiree Kay; Maynard, Sydnee; Milburn, Noah Layne; Moore, Wylliam Dean; Murillo, Jennifer; Oliveros, Joaquin de Jesus; Sevy, Cashus Daniel; Stelzried, Adonis Damon; Sugai, Anthony Joshua; Villa, Aubrey; and White, Robert Lee	Honor roll (3.0-3.49) — Anderson, Zachary Joe; Archer, Laela Taylor; Arellano, Sierra May; Case, Nicholas Donovan; Chavez, Gunner Lance; Clay, Carter Aaron; Demello, Dakota Sky; Eells, Dalton Gene; Gomez-Pacheco, Xiomara Berenice; Heitz, Chloe Ann; Margarito, Johana Bernabe; Miller, Evan Allan; Montes III, Atanacio; Moore, Tony Max; Prado, Isaac Zachariah; Quinlan, Josiah Chabod; Ramirez Baltierrez, Eddy; Ramirez, Guadalupe Monter; Roper, Mazzi L.; Valladarez, Erica; Wasson, Fallon Shae; and Wood, Destiny Michelle
Seventh grade	Sixth grade	
Principal's list (4.0 GPA) — Ayuban, Joshua Andrei; Beagley, Alli Ree; Berends, Hayden	Principal's list (4.0 GPA) — Christiansen, Hailey Nicole;	

Jordan Valley Middle School and High School

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High honors	Eighth-graders — Emilee Burch, Zeke Quintero, Regann Skinner and Taylor Warn	Juniors — Morgan Caywood, Jaci Larsen and Jett Warn
3.75 to 4.0 grade-point average (No grade lower than B)	Seventh-graders — Baylee Davis	Sophomores — Kasen Skinner, Zoey Warn and Garrett Youren
Seniors — Nick Eiguren, Sharayah Sausser and Stephanie Youren		Eighth-graders — Jaquatta Deen, Skyler Forsythe and Sam Green
Juniors — Chantel Brundage and Sage Raine	Honors	Seventh-graders — Shaianne Keller and Kort Skinner
Sophomores — JJ Echave, Joey Martin and Alisha Rogers	3.25 to 3.74 GPA	
	(No grade lower than a C)	
	Seniors — Breanna Keller, Lee	

Dean's Lists

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Homedale — Becca Schroeder, senior, biology major; Melanie Schroeder, sophomore, English major

Assembly honors Marsing students for character, attendance

Earlier this month, Marsing Middle School celebrated the top achievers of the second quarter with an assembly.

In addition honor roll students, school officials also saluted children with attendance and character awards.

Principa Jacob Skousen said that for the first time parents attended the assembly, with about 15 showing up.

“Our counselor, John DeWitt, does an excellent job organizing an amazing assembly,” Skousen said.

Students with perfect attendance in the second quarter included:

Eighth grade — Seth Andrus, Christopher Even, Manuel Gonzalez Jr., Cyrus Huffman, Mary Jimenez, Hayden Kish, Jasmin Lagunas, Kaden Petersen, Monserrat Ponce and Oscar Valladarez

Seventh grade — Joshua Ayuban, Constance Bowers,

Moses Brown, Merrick Hall, Klohi Hook, Justin Ineck, Constantino Lagunas, Angelica Martinez, Wylliam Moore, Kevin Pena and Isiah Prado

Sixth grade — Fernando Aguilar Montoya, Tylar Burns, Nicholas Case, Hailey Christiansen, Gabriela Cuevas, Matthew Douthit, Johan Jimenez, Annie Miller, Isaac Prado, Josiah Quinlan, Guadalupe Ramirez and Titus Wood

Character trait awards included:

Citizenship — Eighth-graders: Monse Ponce and Logan Stansell; seventh-graders: Alli Beagley and Brady Dines; sixth-graders: Zach Anderson and Hailey Christiansen

Courage — Eighth-graders: Mikaela Dolan and Rafael Jacobo; seventh-graders: Mariah Anderson and Irving Estrada-Gonzalez; sixth-graders: Dalton Eells and Christina Tracy

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Rick Smith to continue as South Board chair

District pays \$1,000 to repair Cat windows broken by vandals

The South Board of Control directors held their initial meeting of the year last week.

The Jan. 13 meeting marked the first time directors had gathered since hiring Othello, Wash., resident Clancy Flynn to succeed Ron Kiester as manager. Flynn started his new position Monday.

During their meeting, commissioners approved giving a credit card to Flynn for district-related purchases or expenses.

The meeting started with the reorganization of the Ridgeview Irrigation District board. Incumbent Mark Aman was sworn in for another term in office. He served as the district's board chair in 2014.

That title now goes to Brett Nielson, while Harold Bruning will be vice-chair.

None of the leadership changed when the Gem district board was reorganized. Rick Smith will continue as board chair, and Ryan Criffield retains his vice-chair position.

Smith and Criffield will retain the same positions with the South Board of Control, too.



Mark Aman of the Ridgeview Irrigation District, left, and Rick Smith of the Gem district began new terms on their respective boards last week.



Watermaster John Eels discussed repairs on two district-owned Caterpillar machines. It will cost at least \$4,000 to replace bearings on one of them.

The district will also pay \$1,000 to replace windows on the other Caterpillar. Children throwing rocks last year broke the windows.

Directors also moved to check prices from local fuel distributors. Nielson said they could save a lot of money by filling up district storage tanks while oil prices are at historic lows.

The meeting concluded with a proposal from district attorney Al Barker. He has drafted new legislation, which could be introduced to this year's state legislature.

His idea is to create a new statute aimed at protecting district facilities. The legislation would allow the district to put in structures to protect district assets that potentially could be damaged by private farmers or ranchers. The law would also allow the district to bill the landowner for the installation of the protective measures.

Idaho Water Users Association Executive Director Norm Semanko would introduce the measure to lawmakers if it passes the association's legislative committee, Barker said.

— SC

Wreck on icy road sends 6 to hospital

Two adults and four juveniles were transported to the hospital after a rollover car crash early last week.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 24-year-old Tina Gallardo lost control of the 2005 Toyota Sienna she was driving northbound on Idaho highway 51 when the vehicle hit ice at milemarker 50 on Jan. 10.

The vehicle rolled once, Bowman said.

Gallardo, her 22-year-old passenger, Darin Gallardo, both of whom are from Owyhee, Nev., and four boys ages 4 to 9 were transported to Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home by Grand View Ambulance.

The Bruneau Quick Response Unit and fire departments from Bruneau and Grand View also were involved with the call.

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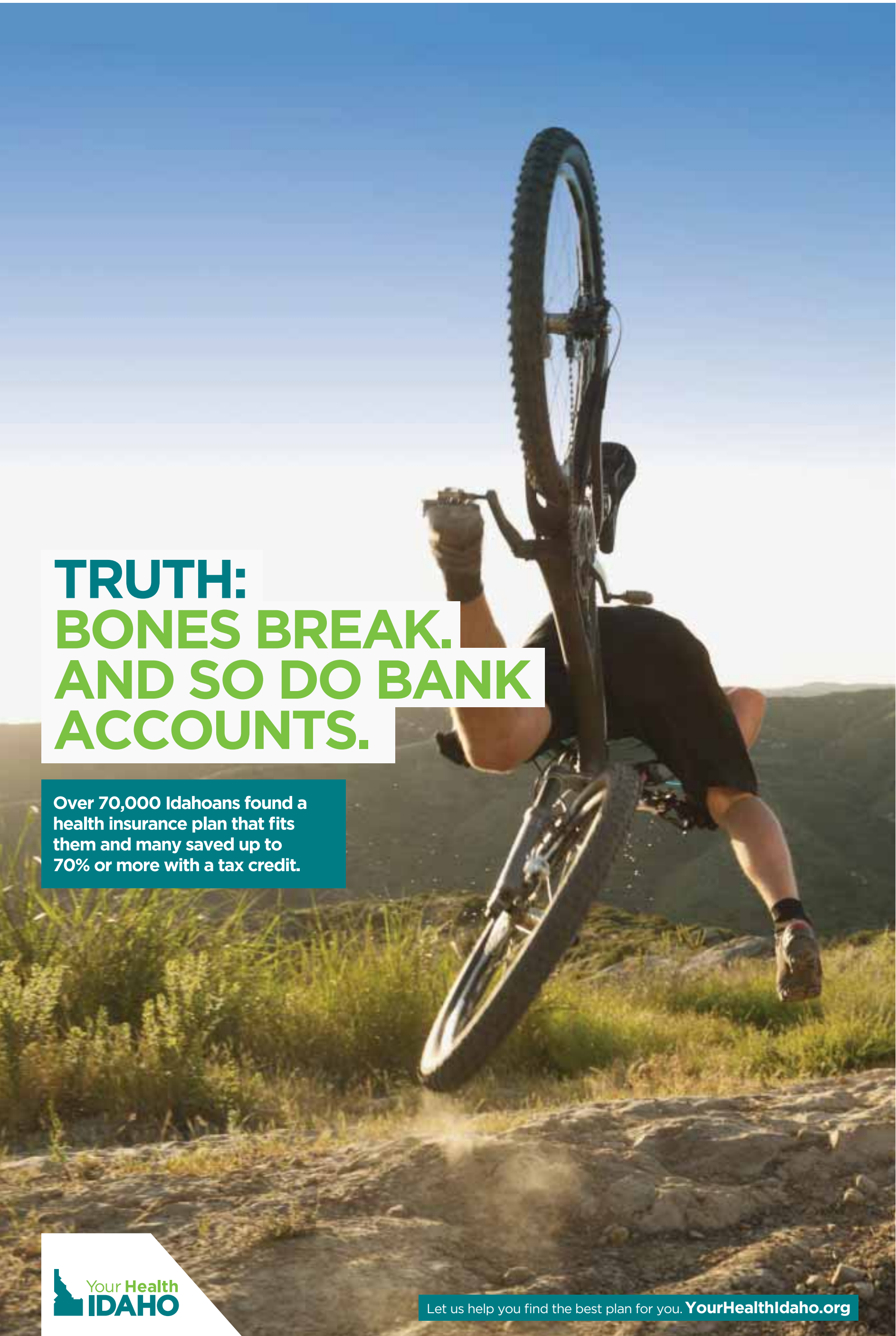
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Cody Liebschwager, left, clutches his championship trophy after beating fellow Homedale student Jaxon Dines for the sectional championship in the Elks Hoop Shoot on Saturday in Caldwell. Submitted photo

Homedale kids move on in Hoop Shoot

Three win titles in Caldwell

Two Homedale competitors battled into overtime Saturday in the Elks Hoop Shoot local championships in Caldwell.

Homedale fifth-grader Cody Liebschwager, 11, beat 10-year-old Homedale fourth-grader Jaxon Dines in the second round of a shootout at Syringa Middle School to win the 10-11 age group. A third Homedale boy, Gabe Shaffer, finished fourth in the division. Liebschwager was one of three

Homedale children to reach Saturday's district competition in Nampa.

Ahna Shaffer won the girls' 8-9 championship, and Entenecia Gardenas-Ritzert won the girls' 12-13 title.

Ventura Martinez-Sanchez was runner-up in boys' 12-13, and Cheyanne Kelly finished second in girls' 10-11.

Andres Garcia was third in the boys' 8-9 group.

Liebschwager and Dines both went 16-for-25 in the free-throw contest to finish tied atop the standings after competing with four others Saturday.

Both connected on three of five shots in the first round of the overtime

shootout then Liebschwager dropped four of five free throws in the second OT while Dines hit only two of five.

Homedale competitors qualified for the Caldwell round on Jan. 10:

At Homedale Elementary, Garcia won the boys' 8-9 crown, and Ahna Shaffer was first in the girls' 8-9 group. In the 10-11 division, Dines won the boys' championship, and Jacy Parker won the girls' title.

At Homedale Middle School, Liebschwager won the 10-11 title, Milo Mertz won the boys' 12-13 title, and Cardenas-Ritzert was the girls' champion.

HHS boys follow big win with key loss vs. SRV leader

Momentum of beating No. 1 doesn't help against physical Huskies

Homedale High School earned a split while facing the teeth of the first half of its 3A Snake River Valley boys' basketball schedule.

The Trojans, rated fifth in the Jan. 13 Class 3A state media poll, knocked off top-ranked Payette, 66-59, on Thursday, but stumbled Saturday against unranked conference leader Emmett, 64-51.

Coach Casey Grove's team (8-5 overall, 1-1 in conference) ended the week in a logjam for second place with four teams, all one game behind the Huskies (7-5, 2-0).

Payette moved up a spot and Homedale dropped from No. 4 to the fifth spot in the poll heading into their Thursday showdown on the Trojans' floor.

Homedale then used its stifling pressure defense and tough second-half rebounding to turn away the Pirates down the stretch.

"It was a good conference win. Payette was a very tough team," Grove said.

"Our kids played hard all game. Everyone contributed in one way or the other."

Connor Carter and Lawsen Matteson came up with key rebounds in the second half as Homedale was forced to protect its lead after the offense went cold.

The Trojans forced 24 Payette turnovers.

Matteson stole a ball and fed Kincade Kincheloe for a layup as part of a rally that put Homedale ahead by 18 points early in the fourth quarter.

Benny Schamber stole the ball after Payette got one of its many defensive rebounds and score on a layup to end a 9-2 run and give Homedale a 57-39 lead with six minutes left in the game.

But the Pirates had one last run in them, capping a 13-0 spurt

— See **HHS boys**, back page



Connor Carter soars to the hoop during Thursday's 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over Payette in Homedale.

Lane's record spurs Trojans

No. 5 HHS girls end 3A SRV week alone in second

Tory Lane set a school record for three-point goals in a game as Homedale High School made a move in conference standings.

Lane broke a record first set 22 years ago with six three-point goals in the Trojans' 59-28 victory over Weiser that created a three-way tie for second place in the 3A Snake River Valley conference on Jan. 13.

Lane's barrage from behind the three-point line (she was 6-for-10) was part of a game-high 22 points.

— See **Trojans**, back page



Tory Lane



Dillon Lowder

Trojans reach Magic Valley finals

Collett's title highlights four medalists

Four top-three finishes pushed Homedale High School to seventh place in the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell.

Junior wrestler John Collett moved his record to 19-1 when

he captured the 160-pound championship by pinning Challis senior Jacob Cutler 32 seconds before the end of their title match on Saturday.

Two other Trojans — junior Nash Johnson at 138 and senior Colton Grimm at 195 — reached championship matches, while 106-pounder Andy Montes was third.

"The Magic Valley Classic is

always a tough tournament," HHS coach Toby Johnson said. "It's tough to pull a medal there."

No. 2 seed Nash Johnson lost a 7-0 decision to top-seeded John Nunnelee of Declo in the 138 title match. After a first-round bye, Johnson pinned Jeff Kauffman of Salmon (3:35) and Gunner Vasquez of Firth (4:37) before

— See **Trojans**, page 4B



Homedale's Colton Grimm tries to gain control of Salmon's Garrett Jarnagin during their 195-pound championship match Saturday at the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell. Photo by Machele Randall

Sports



Fouls foil Marsing boys against Melba

Huskies pull away from CV for third win

Melba High School took advantage of its opportunities shortly before halftime to build enough momentum to get past Marsing in boys’ basketball on Friday.

The Mustangs stayed a game behind Nampa Christian in the 2A Western Idaho Conference standings with a 56-43 home win over the Huskies, but Marsing stayed with Melba for most of the game.

“We played them even for three quarters, but in the second quarter we put them to the line too many times and had to go deep to the bench due to foul trouble,” Marsing coach Tim Little said.

The Mustangs (8-4 overall, 4-1 in conference) connected on 13 of 24 free throws for the game, but used foul shooting in the second quarter to outscore Marsing, 19-8, and take a 31-20 lead into the break.

Jose Ponce drained three three-point goals and led all scorers with 20 points for Marsing (3-10, 2-3) before fouling out.

Trey Trapett scored 14 to lead Melba, while Nick Fitts had 11.

Rodrigo Acuna led Marsing’s rebounders with five boards,

while Nick Lankow picked up four.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 46, Cole Valley Christian 35 — After falling into an early hole, the Huskies stayed in the conference contest with defense and picked up their third win of the season.

“Again, defensively things are starting to click, and it is a neutralizing factor,” Little said. “No matter how we are playing offensively, if we get stops on the defensive end, we have a chance to win the game.”

Marsing chipped away at an 11-4 deficit after the first quarter and took a one-point lead, 25-24, into the final eight minutes at home.

Jose Ponce, who took more than one-third of the Huskies’ shots, finished with 16 points and nine rebounds. He was 6-for-21 from the floor and grabbed six of his boards on Cole Valley’s glass.

Rodrigo Acuna chimed in with nine points, six rebounds and a team-high eight steals.

Dakota Hardy was 4-for-7 from the foul line for most his seven points. Nick Lankow added six points and seven rebounds (six on his own backboards).

Cole Valley’s James Lamb logged seven points, while his teammates, Ryan DeBlieck and Matt Evarts, scored six points apiece.

Left: Marsing’s Seth Hardy splits a pair of defenders on his way to the hoop during Friday’s game in Melba. Photo by Dan Pease

MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Jose Ponce, so., boys’ basketball

The Play — The sophomore averaged 18 points in two 2A Western Idaho Conference games as the Huskies split the week and won their third game of the season. Ponce scored 20 points in Saturday’s loss to second-place Melba. He hit three three-pointers before fouling out. He had 16 points last Wednesday in a victory over Cole Valley Christian.



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Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 22, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28, home vs. North Star Charter, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 22, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28, home vs. North Star Charter, 4:45 p.m.

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 22 at Vale, Ore., 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 22 at Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Friday, Jan. 23 at Padilla Invitational, Parma, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24 at Padilla Invitational, Parma, 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 at tri-meet vs. Parma and Payette, Parma H.S., 6 p.m.

Sports



Adrian High School's Reagan Shira (20) looks for a way out of a defensive trap as a Jordan Valley defender closes in the waning moments of last week's rivalry game on the Mustangs' floor. Submitted photo

Adrian boys notch milestone victory in Jordan Valley

Three-pointers lift Mustangs girls

More opportunities from the free-throw line helped give Adrian High School its first boys' basketball victory in Jordan Valley in five years.

Reagan Shira put in seven of nine foul shots to lead the Antelopes' success at the line in a 51-46 1A High Desert League victory on Jan. 13.

"Poor shooting and turnovers in the second half kept us from getting things going," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said. "The boys worked hard, but things didn't go our way."

The teams finished tied for the division lead at week's end.

Adrian (10-3 overall, 4-1 in league at week's end) connected on 14 of 23 free throws (60 percent), while Jordan Valley (8-6, 4-1) was just 6-for-11 (54 percent).

The Antelopes picked up their fifth victory in six games while handing the Mustangs their first loss in league play.

Tyler Reay posted a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds and Jett McCoy led Adrian with 14 points.

Jordan Valley's Braden Fillmore scored a game-high 18 points, while John Echave added 10 and corralled eight rebounds. Lee Stanford was held to six points, but came up with 12 boards. Nick Eiguren scored eight points.

Girls

Jordan Valley 53, Adrian 40

— Morgan Caywood drained five



Jordan Valley's Andi Warn (4) puts up a shot against three Adrian defenders. Submitted photo

three-point goals for the majority of her game-high 17 points and the Mustangs won their second consecutive league game.

Andi Warn scored 16 points despite four fouls and also dished four assists for Jordan Valley. Warn scored all her points from the floor in the first half as the Mustangs built a 30-21 lead at the break.

Caywood, meanwhile, scored 15 of her points after halftime for Jordan Valley (9-5, 4-1 at week's end). The Mustangs have won four straight league games.

"Jordan Valley girls played

fundamentally sound basketball," Mustangs coach Kelsi Skinner said. "Every girl contributed something to the win. Our defense won us this game."

Quincy Pendergrass corralled 12 rebounds and scored 10 points for Adrian (11-3, 3-2), which dropped its second straight 1A HDL game. Carlee Morton was the Antelopes' leading scorer with 13 points.

Andrea Catalan Velez was limited to four points, but dominated the backboards for Adrian, pulling down 17 rebounds.

Mustangs scorch Burnt River boys

Nick Eiguren scored a season-high 16 points Friday as Jordan Valley High School rolled past Burnt River in Unity, Ore.

Eiguren hit four of the Mustangs' nine three-point goals in a 60-42 1A High Desert League victory.

"We were able to get the younger boys quite a bit of playing time," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said.

Sophomore John Echave hit a three-pointer as part of his five points, while junior Wyatt Stanford scored seven points and snagged eight rebounds.

Braden Fillmore scored 10 of his 14 points in the first half. Lee Stanford added 10 points and nine

boards, while Russell Stanford collected eight rebounds.

Jordan Valley rolled out to a 21-9 lead after hitting three three-pointers in the first quarter.

The Mustangs (8-6 overall, 4-1 in league at week's end) earned a forfeit victory over Prairie City on Saturday.

Girls

The Mustangs won their fourth consecutive league game Saturday, beating Prairie City, 48-25, at home.

Coach Kelsi Skinner's squad (9-5, 4-1 at week's end) drubbed Burnt River, 75-22, on Friday in Unity, Ore.

Two Antelopes finish in top dozen in Nevada

Two Adrian High School wrestlers finished in the top 12 of their weight classes Saturday at the Spring Creek (Nev.) Kiwanis Invitational.

Although the Antelopes finished 24th out of 29 teams, coach Eddie Kinkade saw marked improvement.

"The guys turned the corner this weekend and really showed themselves what they are capable of doing on the mat," Kinkade said. "I am looking forward to the upcoming weeks."

Marcus Furtado, who won his opening-round match at 106 pounds, pinning Elko, Nev.'s Dylan Ayala in 2 minutes, 58 seconds, finished 3-2.

Adrian 170-pounder Drake Marquez won a pair of consolation matches after losing his opener.

"They were two wins short of placing," Antelopes coach Eddie Kinkade said.

Bryson Shira also picked up a pair of victories in the 145 consolation bracket. Shira pinned his first two opponents in the consolation rounds (Kinardo Campos of Minico in 2:18, and Joe Castleberry of North Valley of Grants Pass, Ore., in 2:32).

Luke Campbell beat Owyhee, Nev.'s Jade Roubideaux with a 44-second pin.

German exchange student Florian Nieder also competed at 285 pounds for the Antelopes.

Adrian wrestler finishes third in debut tournament

The son of Adrian High School's wrestling coach started his career with a third-place finish Sunday.

Jaxon Kinkade, the son of Eddie and Amber Kinkade of Adrian, got a medal in the 45-pound class for the Rookie Division at the Ruby Mountain Invitational.

The Rookie Division is open to 4- and 5-year-old wrestlers.

Jaxon beat Mattix Nelson of Battle Mountain. His 1-2 record included losses to Buckaroo Wrestling Club's Elijah Lange and Bradley Bauman of the Ruby Mountain Wrestling Club.



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Sports



Above: Homedale's Andrew Randall ties up Anthony Dovalina during the 132-pound match of last week's 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet on the Trojans' mat against Payette. Photo by Machele Randall. *Below:* Jacob Furlott works to maintain his hold in an exhibition match against Payette's Nick Ray.

Trojans plaster Pirates to start SRV dual slate

Six Trojans picked up pins as the Trojans opened the 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a 54-15 dual-meet drubbing of visiting Parma.

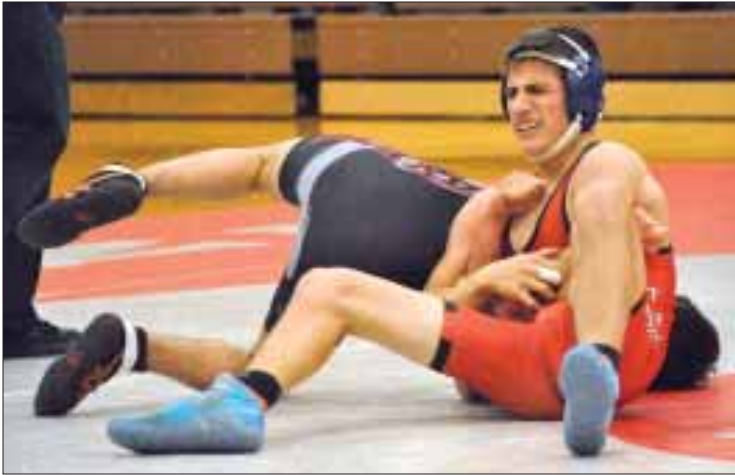
Andy Montes pinned Rojelio Morado at 113 pounds, while other pins came from Jacob Furlott (over Izaiha Demoulin at 126), Andrew Randall (over Anthony Dovalina at 132), Shane Keller (over Derek McGuire at 152), David Villaneuva (over Isaac Morado at 160) and John Collett (over Walker Lambert at 170).

Payette's Nick Ray narrowly defeated Pedro Vasquez, 11-10,

at 120 for one of the Pirates' three victories.

There were a slew of exhibition matches contested after the dual meet:

- Jacob Furlott (126) pinned Nick Ray in 4:40.
- Vasquez (126) edged Demoulin, 9-6.
- Keller (152) pinned Isaac Morado in 5:08.
- Villaneuva (160) pinned McGuire in 67 seconds.
- Collett (170) needed just 39 seconds to beat Cesar Herrera.
- Colton Grimm (195) was just a little faster, pinning Tito Garcia in 37 seconds.



✓ Trojans: Johnson, Grimm finish runners-up in Wendell

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beating Grace's Kade Jorgensen, 7-0, in the semifinals.

Grimm needed just 29 seconds to pin West Jefferson's Makray Sullivan in the 195 semifinals, but top-seeded Garrett Jarnagin was able to pin Grimm in 3:43 of their championship match. Grimm (10-4) also pinned Challis' Zane Corrigan in the quarterfinals.

A senior, Montes lost by a

point in the semifinals when Ririe freshman Brytton Moon posted a 6-5 victory.

Montes rallied to pin Malad junior Dallin Atkinson 28 seconds into the third round of their third-place match.

Pedro Vasquez was 2-2 at 120 pounds for Homedale, while Andrew Randall (132), Coty Ford (138) and Shane Keller (145) also picked up victories.



Homedale's Andy Montes prepares to pin Malad's Dallin Atkinson early in the final round of their third-place match in Wendell. Photo by Machele Randall

Sports

Foul shots fuel MHS girls' win

Huskies spread around offense against Nyssa

Both teams got off to a slow start, but the Marsing High School girls' basketball team gained just enough traction for their 10th victory against Nyssa, Ore. The Huskies held a 4-2 lead after eight minutes and maintained control with a near-perfect foul-line performance in a 42-39 non-conference win over the visiting Bulldogs.

Marsing (10-5 overall) converted 11 of 13 free throws. Shannon Clover knocked down a pair of three-point goals en route to 12 points, while Shelby Dines hit a trey as part of her nine-point performance. Emily Tank and Destiny Reynolds scored seven points each. 3A Oregon school Nyssa, which is led by former Jordan Valley and Homedale coach Jeremy Chamberlain, received 10 points apiece from senior forward Sloane Jesperson and freshman post Kierra Hernandez.



Emily Tank, left, puts up a shot as Marsing teammate Destiny Reynolds blocks out a Nyssa defender. Photo by Dan Pease

HMS boys begin basketball play

The Homedale Middle School boys' basketball season began Tuesday and continues with games against Ontario, Ore., on Thursday. The seventh-graders play their second home date Thursday, while the eighth-graders are on the road for the second straight game. The A games tip off at 4:15 p.m., with B squads playing approximately 10 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. The eighth-grade teams' first home games are Tuesday against McCain Middle School from Payette. The seventh-graders are on the road in Payette that day. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.



Above: Noah Grossman, right, tries to put Declo's Bryson Robison on his back during the Marsing High School 285-pound senior's quarterfinals victory in Wendell. Below: The referee prepares to tap out Malad's Hugo Ramos as Marsing's Mason Hall finishes off a 195-pound match. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Grossman grabs third at MV

Two other Huskies get wins in Wendell

Marsing High School wrestler Noah Grossman's foray into the heavyweight ranks continued Saturday with a third-place finish in the Magic Valley Classic. Grossman received a forfeit over fellow senior Braxton Doman of Declo to capture the bronze medal at 285 pounds. Grossman

(19-6) began the season at 220 pounds. The second-seeded wrestler at 285, Grossman lost to West Jefferson sophomore Tristin Wright after a 96-second pinfall in the semifinals. Grossman reached the semis with a 13-5 major decision over Declo's Bryson Robison after moving through the first two rounds with byes. Other Huskies getting victories during the two-day tournament in Wendell included:

- Mason Hall, who reached the quarterfinals at 195 with a pin over Malad's Hugo Ramos in 2:40. Hall lost to Raft River's Rogelio Gomez by pinfall six seconds before the end of the first round of their quarterfinal match to fall into the consolation bracket. He pinned New Plymouth's Tyler Orr in 1:33 in the consolation bracket for his other win.
- Joseph Ineck, who earned a victory by injury default over Wendell's Brandon Mendoza in a consolation match at 138



Two pins help Marsing tie up Melba

Cody Barrett and Tanner Allen registered pinfalls as Marsing High School wrestled to a draw with Melba. Alexandre Heidt posted a 10-5 victory over Isaac Riley at 160 pounds to round out the Huskies' scoring in a 15-15 decision on Jan. 15 in Melba. Allen and Melba's Clint Svedin were locked in a struggle in the third round of their 132-pound bout when Allen pulled off the pinfall with 20 seconds left. Barrett needed just 70 seconds to pin Anthony

Rowe at 132 for Marsing's other victory. On a night that featured a slew of double forfeits, Melba's Brayden Dunn edged Oscar Gonzalez, 4-0, at 152 pounds. Juan Cervantes picked up six points for the Mustangs with a pin of Mason Hall at the 3:20 mark of their 195-pound match, and 220-pounder Mitchell Olsen had the fastest decision of the night with a 37-second pin of Marsing's Seth Ramirez. Earlier this season, Melba beat Marsing, 42-18, in a dual meet that was part of the Justin Wolfe Invitational in Glens Ferry on Dec. 20.

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HMS Future City team heads to Boise State University

Trip to D.C. on the line Saturday

Months of work by a group of Homedale Middle School students will culminate in the 11th annual Future City state competition Saturday at Boise State University.

But considering this year’s theme is raising food and Homedale is a farm community, the local students might have an advantage.

Eighteen sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade advanced science students have been working since the beginning of the school year under the watchful eye of advisor and teacher Kim Portwood.

The national contest was started 22 years ago with an aim to develop in students a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The 2015 theme is “Feeding Future Cities,” and the HMS team has been working on an essay, and a SimCity virtual design of their city, which the students then mold into a physical model.

The group also has developed a presentation, which seventh-graders Daniel Uranga and Juliette Larzelier and sixth-grader Roberto

Salazar will make before judges at BSU on Saturday. Eighth-grader Courtney VanWinkle is an alternate on the presentation team.

The physical model, which will be used during the presentation, had to be constructed out of recycled materials at a total cost of no more than \$100.

In the essay, the teams must choose two foods—one vegetable and one protein—and come up with a way to grow enough of both within the boundaries of their future city to feed all its citizens for at least one growing season. Environmental elements such as light, climate, air quality, water, soil and nutrients are all variables to be considered.

The winning team in the state competition qualifies for the nationals, which will be held Feb. 15-18 in Washington, D.C.

The rest of the HMS Future City team includes:

Eighth-graders — Morgan Bowman, Drew Deal, Jenna Rupp and Isabella Tamura Obregon

Sixth-graders — Jacob Ankeny, John Breshears, Makenna DeWitt, Emma Kraupp, Milo Mertz, Madison Miller, Tommy Muir, Emma Parker and Julio Santiago



The Homedale Middle School Future City presentation team heading to BSU on Saturday includes, from left, Juliette Larzelier, alternate Courtney VanWinkle, Daniel Uranga and Roberto Salazar. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA’ers shine in local speaking contests

Farm Bureau follows up speech contest with essay, art competitions

Sweeping the second annual Owyhee County Farm Bureau speech contest, Homedale FFA members showed off their speaking skills last week.

On Thursday night, Michael Lejardi, Madison Fisher and Jennifer Bautista competed in the Farm Bureau contest, speaking on the theme of “Agriculture, The Foundation of Idaho” at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

Lejardi won the prepared speaking contest with Fisher taking second and Bautista third. Each

received a cash prize.

Students had five to eight minutes to deliver a talk that incorporated the theme.

“This was a close competition, and these students did an exceptional job,” Owyhee Farm Bureau president John Richard said.

Lejardi and Fisher are eligible to compete at the district level for a chance to move on to the state competition.

“We want to get young people involved, feeling that Owyhee County could be top contenders at district,” Richard said.



Homedale FFA members, from left, Jennifer Bautista, Michael Lejardi and Madison Fisher were all smiles after the Owyhee County Farm Bureau prepared speaking contest Thursday. Submitted photo

The county Farm Bureau chapter also has launched an art contest open to sixth- through eighth-

graders. “How Agriculture Affects Me” is the theme for the art contest.

An essay contest with a theme of Idaho Agriculture is open to fifth-graders.

Cash prizes are available in each contest, and March 1 is the entry deadline. Details are available at the Extension Office, school offices or by calling (208) 896-4512.

Madison Fisher won the prepared speech title at the Jan. 12 Homedale FFA chapter meeting.

Lauryn Fisher finished first in reciting the FFA Creed.

Both will represent the Homedale chapter during the Boise Valley District competition scheduled for early February.

— Homedale FFA chapter reporter Jennifer Bautista contributed to this article.



Another big turnout, another successful Men’s Game Feed

Right: Daniel W. Hall, right, was guest speaker at the 11th annual Men’s Wild Game Feed and Auction at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene on Saturday.

Left: Many of the approximately 110 people that church treasurer Ron Saville says attended this year’s event stand in line to sample a wide assortment of wild game and all the fixings.



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 24, 1990

Owyhee County Historical Society program

Tom Hall and Peggy King, both of Bruneau, were among participants in the Owyhee County Historical Society program in Murphy Friday night. Hall, a descendant of “Uncle Abe Roberson,” who settled in the Bruneau area in 1869, exhibited some prized family heirlooms, including old-fashioned sheep clippers with which his uncle, Bud Lewis, world champion sheep shearer, once sheared 255 sheep in eight hours. King presented Owyhee County pioneer family certificates to various descendants present of the Roberson/ Robertson-Butler Clark Lewis families.

Officials mull county landfill decisions

“We don’t know all the answers yet. This is an educational process along the way for all of us,” an engineer cautioned at a briefing in Homedale Jan. 11, called to discuss Owyhee County’s participation in a regional landfill at Pickles Butte south of Lake Lowell.

Cost data currently unavailable, plus evolving changes in federal and state landfill requirements, could alter county and per household costs estimates of maintaining the regional trash dump, Vern Brewer of Holladay Engineering in Payette indicated. His firm is employed by Owyhee and five other area counties attempting to comply with stringent new federal landfill requirements to be issued in final form about May by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Brewer said studies show the regional approach would be cheaper for county residents than if Owyhee County were to try to operate its own separate landfill under the new federal regulations.

It would cost Owyhee County about \$147,000 per year at the regional landfill, but over \$480,000 if the county were to go it alone, under current estimates, he said. The annual cost per Owyhee County household would be \$26 compared to \$85 per household if the county maintained its own separate landfill for non-hazardous trash and garbage, according to Brewer.

He said the \$26 figure for Owyhee County is based on an estimated \$14 for collection and hauling, plus \$12 as each household’s share of maintaining the regional facility. A preliminary report that Brewer distributed at the briefing said that a separate schedule would be required for county commercial/ industrial users, based on quantities of waste generated by each user. However, one county official at the meeting estimated the commercial-industrial fee would be around \$40 per user.

Marshall elected Chamber president

Ed Marshall, local superintendent of schools, is the new Homedale Chamber of Commerce president for 1990 following the annual reshuffling of the leadership of the organization in early January. Marshall had been serving as vice-president and was elevated to the presidency automatically.

Joe Favinger was named the organization’s vice-president and Brenda Sutterfield was reappointed secretary-treasurer at a board of directors meeting Jan. 4. Members of the board this year are: Duane Emry, Mike Parker, Roger Hinton, Kevin Rountree, Larry Bauer, Bernice Rotter, Mike Matteson (immediate past president), Marshall and Favinger.

Marshall said last week that the board is in the process of setting goals as well as examining projects and activities covering Idaho’s Centennial year.

Liz Cuff named Marsing trustee

Liz Cuff was appointed earlier this month to fill out the unexpired term of Charles (Chuck) Kojis on the Marsing School Board. MSB trustees named Cuff to replace Kojis after he resigned as school board chairman and trustee during the heated recent controversy over unsigned teachers’ contracts in the Marsing school system. With her husband, Cuff is the operator of Givens Hot Springs outside Marsing.

Trustees also elected Ron Kiester as the new MSB chairman and Pat McClintick as the new vice-chairman.

50 years ago

January 21, 1965

Arima gets award from Landowner Sportsman group

Tom Arima has received an award of merit from the Landowner Sportsman Council of leadership in promoting good relations between farmers and sportsmen.

Arima was cited for the award during the 30th annual meeting of the Idaho Wildlife Federation at Boise last weekend.

He is secretary of the Homedale Rod and Gun Club and has taken an active interest in activities in the club and problems between sportsmen and landowners for many years.

Arima was unable to be present at Boise to receive the award because he was at Ontario Saturday night acting as master of ceremonies during induction of officers to two valley groups of the Japanese American Citizens League.

He was presented the award at the Marsing duck feed Monday night by Rep. Alvin Benson of Owyhee County, a former president of the Landowner Sportsman Council.

Water softener dealership is established here

L. R. Severance of Lindsay Soft Water of Nampa announced today the installation of a branch dealership of Lindsay Soft Water in Homedale.

This is the first time that this service has been offered on a local basis.

R. L. Royter, manager of Sawtooth Petroleum, was appointed local dealer and will do business from the Farmers Oil station at 1st St. East and Idaho Ave.

Services will include sales and service of new machines, service to existing units, salt distribution, free water analysis and rental service.

As a former Lindsay Sales representative, Mr. Royter is familiar with water problems in this area and is experienced in water analysis and treatment.

Mrs. Harold Doak wins 3rd in soap sweepstakes

Mrs. Harold Doak received word by mail Wednesday morning that she was the winner of 3rd prize in the Tide “Shopping Fling” Sweepstakes contest, which she had entered last summer.

Her prizes include a \$500 check, which she received in a letter, and a “Roger Van S” purse and an “Autumn Haze” EMBA mink stole. The purse has been sent and will arrive shortly. The mink stole will be shipped after Mrs. Doak sends further information.

Mrs. Doak reported that on her way to the post office, she found a safety pin on the sidewalk and stated to her daughter, Mrs. Marvin D. Giles, that it was a “sign of good luck.”

Moments later, she received the letter and check from the Procter and Gamble Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the mail.

Mrs. Doak reported that she is still “in a daze.” She plans to help another daughter, Della, finance her way through college, with the prize money.

Payette men discuss sales tax opposition at Kiwanis

Two Payette men, Toby Masingill and Ron Manser, representing a group opposed to the sales tax, were guests of the Homedale Kiwanis Club at the regular weekly meeting Wednesday noon. They were introduced by Merrill Baigrie, program chairman.

Mr. Masingill spiked the argument that a sales tax will solve the state’s economic problems by pointing out that Washington, Utah and West Virginia, all states with sales tax, are in financial straits and heavily in debt.

He said if Idaho had passed a sales tax two years ago, to meet a \$101.9 million budget for the biennium, the legislature would be faced with increasing or altering the tax today to finance a budget which the governor has already requested of \$137.8 million.

He termed a sales tax regressive, since it puts the burden on low- and middle-income groups, those least able to pay. The per cent of tax is greater on the low-income families.

140 years ago

January 23, 1875

DANCING CLUB. The Silver City Quadrille Band propose to give a series of social dances in Jones’ Hall, commencing to-morrow evening. The arrangement is to dance from 8 o’clock till midnight, once a week for ten consecutive weeks, and the fee charged to subscribers will be one dollar per night, which is certainly very reasonable. The affair is to be known as the “Silver City Dancing Club.” It will afford our young folks, and old folks too, an opportunity to while away the time in social enjoyment, and dispel, in a measure, the monotony of our long, dreary winter.

SNOW SLIDE. A large snow slide came tearing down the east side of the mountain, about a quarter of a mile above Silver City yesterday afternoon, passing within ten feet of the old County Hospital, crossing the road and completely filling up the bed of Jordan Creek. The noise produced by it resembled the rumbling of distant thunder, and the huge mass of snow came with such velocity and force that it dashed quite a distance up the mountain on the opposite side of the cañon.

NIGHT SCHOOL. Prof. Gilbert Butler will commence a night school in the Silver City schoolhouse next Monday evening, 25th instant, to be continued on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week. Hours of study from 7 to 9 o’clock, and students are allowed to choose their own subjects for study. The charge for single nights will be 25 cts, or \$1 for 5 nights. Elegantly furnished offices for learning telegraphy will be available to all students who desire to learn this branch. Reference, as to telegraphy given, to Platte Burr, Esq., who fitted up the offices and provided the Register, and to Messrs. Gojet and Kibler, of Fairview, the operators of the Fairview and War Eagle telegraph offices, who learned telegraphy from Prof. Butler.

The tuition fee is very small, and we should think that a large number would avail themselves of it.

SLEIGHING. The Stage Company is running sleighs the entire distance between here and Boise City, the snow being from one to two feet deep all the way. On the Winnemucca route sleighs are now run as far as the Sheep Ranch, 52 miles from Silver City, and could be run all the way to Winnemucca, if the Stage Company had sleighs. From the Sheep Ranch to Summit Springs the snow is 6 to 8 inches deep, and from the latter point to Winnemucca it is 7 inches deep. It is about ten years since the snow was so deep all over the country.

EIGHTH SESSION LAWS. An Act entitled An Act to empower the Assessor of Owyhee County to collect taxes upon certain moveable personal property within said county.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Idaho, as follows:

Sec. 1. The Assessor of Owyhee County, or his deputy, is hereby authorized and empowered and directed in cases where personal moveable property has been duly assessed, and where the owner or owners of such property, do not own real estate within the county, of an actual value equal to at least three times the amount of all the taxes due and owing from such person or persons, and after demand of the amount of such tax from the owners or such property so assessed, or his or their agents by such assessor, or his deputy, to bring an action in the name of the United States of the Territory of Idaho, for the recovery of all such taxes against such person or persons as shall neglect or refuse to pay such tax, and for the purpose of securing the judgment shall be entitled to use and employ all the provisional remedies provided in the Practice Act of Idaho Territory, when the same would be applicable for the collection of any other debt, and upon execution such property may be seized and sold, at any point within the boundaries of Owyhee County.

Sec. 2. This Act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, Jan. 13th, 1875, T.W. Bennett, Governor

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
The little engine that could



Have you read “The Little Engine That Could” to your kids or grandkids? Dr. Tom told me a story that brought it back to me.

Two good ol’ Nebraska cowboys were given the task of rebuilding a barbwire fence on an 80-acre pasture. First they removed the clips and stays from the old top wire on the long side; a quarter-mile long. Being a progressive outfit, they were using modern agriculture technology. They backed their pickup to the gatepost on the southeast corner of the pasture. That allowed them to hook the ranch’s homemade wire winder to the free length of wire. The homemade winder contraption was secured to the pickup bed and powered by a 5.5 hp Briggs and Stratton gasoline engine they robbed off an old lawn mower.

They jerked the little engine to a coughing start with a few tugs on the manual cord then each jumped up on the tailgate, one on each side of the winder. They appreciated the modern machine marvel that replaced the pain-in-the-buttocks of rolling 1,320 feet of rusty bob wire through the overgrowth, rocks and trash, by hand.

They were daydreaming of goin’ to the Zorn Theater in Benkelman, just takin’ it easy. They were stirred out of the fantasy when the wire began to tighten; the little engine that could was going all out and starting to whine!

To paint a better picture of the situation, it would help to know:

- 1 — The truck battery was weak, so when they parked the pickup in the gate, they left the truck engine running,
- 2— The parking brake, as in most old farm trucks, was broken
- 3 — It was a manual shift
- 4 — The gate was 9 feet wide
- 5 — They had left the doors open and
- 6 — The gate post on the passenger side was an old telephone pole.

Ya know, when you are part of a big wreck, time seems to slow down? The little engine that could dug in, the truck began moving backwards. As our cowboy’s brains began to puzzle this out, looking first at the taut wire, then the straining winder, back to the opened doors, then at the smoking motor ... “I think I can, I think I can, I think I can ...”

The little engine tore off both doors, started smoking then, with a screech, froze solid! The cowboys leaped to safety! The pickup died.

Sigh.

When they recovered they sorted through their options and finally applied another commonly used 21st century technology to save the day; they called the boss on the cellphone.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs. Baxter plans to take a break from live performances in April. The final performance before his hiatus is a benefit for the Trailing of the Sheep Festival in Hailey. He’ll appear at the Limelight Room at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley on Saturday, April 4. Tickets are available online at www.trailingofthesheep.org.

Kelly Aberasturi, District 2 commissioner

Commissioner corner
Be vigilant against bureaucracy’s threat to Owyheeans’ livelihoods



Owyhee County has mining history. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Silver City, Ruby City and the surrounding areas were heavily mined for ore.

Part of the process of extracting the ore was to use mercury. The use of mercury in this mining process was a standard practice in that time, condoned and accepted by the U.S. Government. The U.S. Government and private businesses prospered. The government took its “share” in the form of taxes. There was nothing wrong with mining then.

Now, approximately 100 years later, the EPA, under the Clean Water Act, has determine that they don’t like Idaho’s TMDL (total maximum daily load) rule, and they have elected to write a TMDL rule for Idaho, even though each individual state has the right to determine their own standards.

Oregon’s standard used to be the same as Idaho’s. In the recent past, Oregon has rewritten their TMDL to be eight times more restrictive that Idaho’s. This new TMDL has not even been implemented in Oregon; however, the EPA is trying to force Idaho to mirror the Oregon TMDL. This standard is so stringent that it is not achievable using today’s science, as the naturally occurring mercury levels are higher in most of Owyhee County than the proposed TMDL allows. Some creeks in the county have had no mining, yet the mercury levels are above the threshold.

If the EPA is successful in their goal, then any state that has waters that flow to another state may be at risk of having to meet a more stringent TMDL. Remember, most of Idaho’s water moves to Oregon and Washington.

When questioned about state sovereignty, the EPA claims they have authority through the Clean Water Act. I have read that act and find no mention of their authority to impose another state’s regulations. When pressed further, they said it was through rule-making (bureaucrats writing rules), not the acts of elected officials representing the interests of their constituents. When un-elected individuals begin making law, our rights to representation are clearly removed.

At this time, the EPA is only going after the mining company as it is the permitted user. As commissioners, we worry that livestock grazing and recreational use will be next. Based on the bureaucracy’s continued attempt to take our rights away, we expect that the Bureau of Land Management will try to use this to continue to limit grazing and recreation by claiming additional disturbance of the soil is hazardous.

The Owyhee County Commissioners and the Owyhee Watershed Council have met several times with EPA, the congressional delegations and the representatives of Delamar Mine to find a solution. We are greatly concerned for the well-being of our private businesses, our county and our state. We all need to be concerned. If they are allowed to proceed on this issue, next it may be sediment, nitrates, phosphorus or other random excuse to take the waters, our livelihood and our recreation away from us by writing a TMDL that cannot be met.

If we don’t watch out, bureaucrats will soon be writing rules to take over the country.

— Homedale resident Kelly Aberasturi is District 2 commissioner in Owyhee County.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Considerable work ahead to protect Idaho interests in 114th Congress



Considerable work is required in the 114th Congress to build the foundation for a competitive, national economy that encourages innovation and job growth. Improving our nation’s economic wellbeing — which includes reforming our badly broken tax code, reforming entitlement programs to ensure their solvency and establishing powerful budget controls — remains my No. 1 priority. In the 114th Congress, I will use my committee assignments on the Senate Budget Committee; Senate Finance Committee; Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to make progress on these and other efforts of importance to Idahoans.

As a returning member of the Senate Budget Committee and utilizing bipartisan answers on debt reduction sought as a member of the Bowles-Simpson Commission and the Senate’s “Gang of Six,” I look forward to working with my colleagues to develop balanced budgets that will stop our unsustainable growth of debt. With our nation’s debt now exceeding a staggering \$18 trillion, Congress must put forth an annual budget — which has gone by the wayside in recent years. Strong budget controls to curb the explosive level of federal spending are needed.

As part of economic reform, we must also dramatically simplify our tax code, eliminating complexity, broadening the base and significantly lowering rates for all Americans. Our tax code is far too big, complex and anti-competitive to serve as the foundation for the economic growth our country needs. As mandatory programs comprise the majority of federal spending, debt solutions must also

address automatic federal spending. Most importantly, we must improve the solvency of entitlement programs — Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — to ensure that they are sustainable for current and future recipients. As the third-ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, that oversees taxes, Social Security and certain health care programs (Medicare and Medicaid), among others, I will continue to press for progress.

I will utilize my position as the second most senior Republican on the Senate Banking Committee to complement this effort. My focus is to protect taxpayers and stop taxpayer-funded bailouts, including reforming our housing finance system and preventing the government from collecting “big data” on private financial accounts. We must also make common-sense changes to Dodd-Frank that will minimize the impact of its hundreds of new rules and regulations on community banks and credit unions so that traditional lending can thrive in all communities.

Additionally, serving on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee provides opportunities to make progress on issues from stopping the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s aggressive overreach into the lives of Idahoans to ensuring that rural areas are fairly considered for highway funding. I welcome the opportunity to promote sensible and effective environmental policies that do not jeopardize the economy and small businesses. I will also continue to advance locally driven collaboration as a best means of addressing many of our environment and public lands issues.

— See Congress, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Umbrella insurance provides extra security

Dear Dave,

I follow you on Twitter, and I was wondering if you recommend buying an umbrella policy. If so, how much?

— Dean

Dear Dean,

If you’ve started to win with money and build some wealth, an umbrella policy is some of the cheapest insurance you can buy. It’s just about the biggest bang for your buck.

Here’s an example. In most states, you can get an extra \$1 million in liability coverage added to your car insurance and homeowners insurance as an umbrella policy for as little as \$200 a year.

There’s no problem if you

don’t have any money. But if you’ve got some cash, and you bump into somebody, it’s a really good thing to have that extra umbrella insurance policy in liability situations!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My son is in his 30s and has been married for seven years to a girl from a wealthy family. Her parents provided them with a lot of financial support over the years, but now our son and his wife are getting divorced and he has come to us for the money to make this happen. On top of all this, when we ask him why he doesn’t have the money he tells us it’s none of our business. We don’t like his



attitude, but we’re not sure what to do.

— Dee

Dear Dee,

This is a grown man we’re talking about, and if he’s going to take on the lifestyle and actions of a grown-up he needs to act like one and take care of his responsibilities. I understand he’s your son, and he’s hurting right now. Still, it takes a ton of arrogance to beg money from someone and tell them the reason they don’t have it is not their business.

If he seriously wants to get into some financial counseling and start becoming accountable for his money — to himself and to you — then you might consider helping him out financially. But at this point, you’re giving a drunk a drink if you just hand him money because he wants it.

Anyone can make a mistake, Dee. But it’s not your job to fund his irresponsible behavior or his arrogance!

— Dave

— *Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. Dave’s next book, The Legacy Journey, is now available. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations.*

Letter

to the editor

South Board must do more to help water situation

I have said for a long time that I thought the South Board of Control and the Gem District are very mismanaged.

Now I look at the Eastern Oregon Teacup and the reservoir is only 12 percent full. There is only 20 inches of snow and 6 inches of water in it on South Mountain.

On Mud Flat where the snow really counts, we have 4 inches of snow with 1.2 inches of water in it. If I depended on the South Canal for all of my water, I would be very nervous.

In other years when the Owyhee Reservoir was in bad shape, the board contracted with some outfit to seed the clouds with silver iodide. It is a pretty well-known fact that seeding the promising clouds increases snowfall. Idaho Power is doing it this year in Eastern Idaho.

I think it is a very high degree of negligence that the board does not use every tool available to help fill the reservoir.

P. T. Rathbone
Marsing

Something on your mind?

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Center for Rural Affairs

Congress slashes conservation funding

by Traci Bruckner

When thinking about the \$1.1 trillion spending bill passed by Congress last month, one might ask, what does Congress have against conservation?

They made huge cuts to conservation programs, such as the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) that supports conservation practices on cropland, pastureland and rangeland, totaling \$402 million over 10 years. This cut means 2.3 million fewer acres enrolled in the program.

This anti-conservation spending bill also cut the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) by \$136 million for this fiscal year.

While the CSP is designed to reward farmers and ranchers who have a history of integrating conservation, EQIP will help them develop a conservation practice for the first time. Both programs support practices such as cover crops, diverse cropping systems, as well as rotational grazing practices on pasture, rangeland, and cropland restored to a grass-based system.

These are the conservation-based farming practices we

need more support for, not less. This is especially true in the face of climate change impacts on agriculture, and the increased need to protect and restore water quality.

So while they cut the conservation programs that help farmers and ranchers integrate risk management through conservation-based farming practices, they left intact the unlimited federal crop insurance premium subsidies and farm program payments that encourage risk-taking and agriculture consolidation by the nation’s largest and wealthiest farms.

This is an anti-farmer, anti-conservation bill that is representative of crisis-driven legislation stemming from a dysfunctional Congress. Join us and fight for annual spending bills that are forward-looking, and create opportunity.

— *Traci Bruckner is senior associate for agriculture and conservation policy at Lyons, Neb.-based Center for Rural Affairs. She and husband used to farm in Nebraska, but she returned to college to study political science and rural sociology. She can be contacted at tracib@cfra.org.*

✓ Congress: Senator sits on committees that are crucial to several issues facing Owyhee County

From Page 8B

Further, serving on the Committee on Indian Affairs gives me the opportunity to work closely with the Tribes in Idaho to ensure that needed changes in critical areas such as education, economic development, land management, health care and others are met.

There are many more critical issues — reducing regulatory overreach, expanding market opportunities for U.S. products, Secure Rural Schools reauthorization; border security and immigration reform; renewable energy promotion; Endangered Species Act improvements; addressing wildlife species concerns; fire management; water, timber and mining complexities; Highway Trust

Fund solvency; 2nd Amendment rights; domestic violence prevention; addressing veterans’ needs; education improvements; and more. I will continue to utilize my committee assignments and advocate for Idahoans’ priorities in the Senate.

— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He 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. In addition to his committee assignments, Crapo will continue his role as Senate Republican chief deputy whip, this time for the majority party, in the 114th Congress.*

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Public notices

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 2004 Thomas/Freightliner Conventional 71-passenger bus (VIN # 4UZAAXDCX4CM24302)

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$5,350.00 (the appraised value) for the 2004 Thomas/Freightliner Conventional 71-passenger bus (VIN # 4UZAAXDCX4CM24302). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on February 3, 2015 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale Idaho from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of January 14, 2015 and February 2, 2015 (Mondays thru Thursdays).

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager
1/14,21/15

CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2016 71-passenger school bus (complete - body and chassis).

Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until day of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on March 3, 2015 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager
1/14,21/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2014-0412

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Ken L. Comontofski has been appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Suzanne M. Comontofski, Owyhee County, ID. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever

barred.

Claims must be provided to the undersigned attorney at 2160 S. Twin Rapid, Boise, ID 83709 (Phone 208-322-8865) and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated January 12, 2015
Robert Montgomery, Attorney at Law
1/21,28;2/4/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On April 23, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Parcel I
A portion of Government Lot 5 of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 5; thence North 0° 17’20” East along the West boundary of said Government Lot 5, a distance of 1,282.57 feet to a point on the Southerly high water line of the Snake River; thence along said Southerly high water line the following courses and distances; South 51° 42’46” East a distance of 338.19 feet; South 64° 31’34” East a distance of 35.05 feet; thence South 0° 17’20” West parallel with the said West boundary of Government Lot 5 a distance of 1,063.33 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Government Lot 5; thence North 88° 58’00” West along said South boundary a distance of 298.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel II:
A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress Over and across the South forty (40) feet of Government Lot 5 in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, 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 the address of **4113 Blue Heron Lane, Marsing, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of

Trust executed by Brad A. Evans and Selina A. Evans, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Grantor(s) with New Century Mortgage Corporation as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 28, 2003, as Instrument No. 244838, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-5 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, recorded November 26, 2014, as Instrument No. 285319, in the records of said County.

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

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

Monthly payments in the amount of \$2,710.97 for the months of July 2014 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$300,127.84 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 6.85% from June 1, 2014, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

Dated this 18th day of December, 2014.

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

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

1/7,14,21,28/15

NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code 25-2301, the State Brand Inspector is holding one red cow, approx 1100 lbs, found on 12/24/14 in Murphy, ID. She will sell at Treasure Valley Livestock Auction on Friday 1/30/15. May be claimed with proof of ownership and paying all expenses. 459-4231

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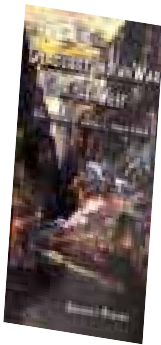


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Sports

✓ HHS boys: Plodding, physical Emmett prevails

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with a three-point goal to cut Homedale's lead to 57-52 with 2 minutes, 14 seconds left.

"I was proud of the way our kids responded to the runs that Payette went on," Grove said.

Miguel Montejano, who had five steals and six assists, scored four of his seven points in the final two minutes to help hold off Payette.

Dillon Lowder led all scorers with 19 points, While Carter closed out a 16-point night with two free throws with nine seconds remaining.

Kincade Kincheloe scored nine points, and Schamber added seven.

Zane Allen scored 15 points for Payette, while teammates Riley McKenzie and Tully Martin chipped in 13 each.

Saturday: Emmett 64, Homedale 51 — The Huskies controlled the second half on their home court to hang on to the conference lead.

"We played OK in the first half and terrible in the second half,"

Grove said. "It was a combination of not rebounding, closing out or being in the right spots on our press."

The Trojans owned a two-point halftime lead, but Emmett clawed back in the third quarter and put the game away with a 22-10 run over the final eight minutes.

Lowder hit a pair of three-point goals as part of his co-game-high 15 points. Montejano scored 10 each, and Schamber chipped in eight. Carter grabbed six rebounds — all on Emmett's end — to with six points, while Kincade Kincheloe chimed in with seven points

Emmett put three players in double figures, too, including Luc Overton with 15, Trent Walker with 12 and Wyatt Smith with 11. Walker had a double-double, collecting 13 rebounds.

"We gave them way too many easy looks at the basket," Grove said.

"We got caught up in the style that Emmett wanted to play, which was slow and physical, and it cost us."



Above: Miguel Montejano (22) and Josh Tolmie slap hands after the final buzzer sounded during Homedale High School's win over Payette on Thursday night. Left: Tolmie eyes the rim during a drive against a Payette defender in the second half of the game.

✓ Trojans: Reigning champs trail Fruitland by 2 games in quest to repeat

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She broke the Trojans' single-game record of five treys previously shared by Stacey Stansell (1993) and Lane's teammate Elise Shenk (2013).

Lane returned to lead all scorers with 12 points in Saturday's 61-19 drubbing of Payette. After

Emmett's 60-40 blowout loss to Fruitland and Parma's 34-24 win over Weiser, both on Saturday, the fifth-ranked Trojans (11-4 overall, 4-2 in conference) had second place all to themselves at the end of the week, trailing Fruitland (10-6, 6-0) by two games as the second half of the season begins.

Lane grabbed five of her team-high six rebounds on Weiser's end of the floor and came away with three steals.

Homedale held Weiser to its lowest point total of the season.

Shenk added a pair of three-pointers and scored 11 points.

Sondee Mink scored six points

for Weiser, which was 11-for-36 from the floor (30.6 percent).

Saturday: Homedale 61, Payette 19 — Already leading by 17 points at halftime, the Trojans racked up 24 points in the third quarter to dust the Pirates in a conference game played in Homedale.

Kerigan Morris collected seven rebounds, and Homedale held a 30-19 edge on the boards (including 18-6 on Payette's end).

Gardenia Machuca added eight points.

Kadee Winn led the Pirates with seven points, and Rosa Ceballos added five.

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Athlete of the Week

John Collett, jr., wrestling

The Play — Collett won his second tournament championship in as many weeks, pinning Challis senior Jacob Cutler, with 34 seconds remaining in the 160-pound championship match Saturday at the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell.

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Friday, Jan. 23, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 23, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 26 at Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23 at Padilla Invitational, Parma, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24 at Padilla Invitational, Parma, 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28 at tri-meet vs. Middleton and Bishop Kelly, Middleton H.S., 5:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball

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Thursday, Jan. 22, home vs. Emmett, 7:30 p.m.
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