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A new generation helping neighbors



Josie Showalter, left, displays 18 eggs she'll be donating to this year's Marsing Disaster Auction, her brother Gene holds one of their hens.

Fledgling ag operations give to Marsing Disaster Auction

Auction returns Saturday

At just about any grocery store, you can expect to pay a couple bucks for a dozen eggs. That's not the case at the annual Marsing Disaster Auction.

The Hungate family of Caldwell and Showalter family of



State proposal could double grazing fees for some ranchers

BOCC: New formula could hurt economy

For cattle ranchers with larger operations, the price to graze on state lands could increase dramatically if the Idaho Department of Lands draft plan becomes a reality.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners has told the IDL that elements in the new draft Grazing Program Business Plan could have a trickle-down effect on the county's economy.

Commissioners are seeking cooperation in ensuring the plan works for everyone involved.

"It is imperative that IDL meets with Owyhee and other county governments and with industry representatives through a work group process to come to a collaborative resolution of this issue," the commissioners wrote in

— See **Grazing,** page **5**A

BLM hikes grazing fee by maximum allowable amount

The federal government has increased grazing fees more than 25 percent for 2015.

Ranchers will pay \$1.69 per animal unit month (AUM) to graze on public lands the Bureau of Land Management administers.

Last year, livestock producers paid \$1.35 per AUM. The 34cent increase is a 25.2 percent hike.

The new fee goes into effect on March 1.

Even though any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year's level, it appears the 2015 increase is 0.2 percent more than the allowable.

New South Board boss ready for an adventure

Flynn envisions

Marsing know from experience just how much the kitchen staple can fetch for charity.

Cole Hungate is 18 years old; his brother Chad is 16. Their older brother Drake graduated from high school last year and is now 19.

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From left: Chad Hungate holds a package of rib-eye steaks he will donate to the Marsing Disaster Auction, Drake Hungate stands on the front of his hay swather, and Cole Hungate.

higher efficiency

Clancy Flynn isn't the type of guy to back down from a challenge, which is a good attitude to have when you're watching over water in the Owyhee watershed.

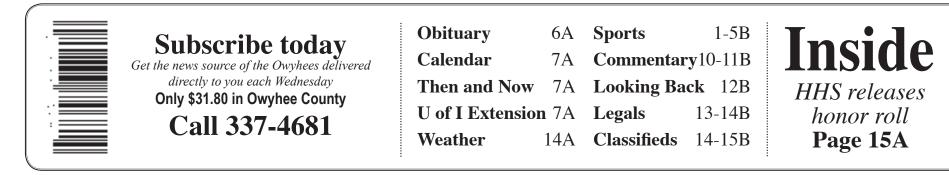
The Montana native recently moved his family to Homedale to

manager job.

The 36-year-old father of four said the prospect of a third consecutive drought year weighed on his mind as he contemplated taking the position.

"It definitely did, but I don't want to be one who backs down

— See South Board, page 3A



Sheriff's deputies conduct rescue

Man injured trying to free ATV

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was sent out on a rescue call last week.

Darrin Quimby, 49, of Boise was riding his four-wheeler on War Eagle Road last Wednesday when he went into a gulley. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Quimby told authorities he thought he could ride out but became stuck.

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Quimby suffered a twisted ankle while trying to get his ATV unstuck.

He managed to find a spot where cellphone service was available to call 911. Quimby contacted the sheriff's office at 8:43 p.m. He was found at 11:45 p.m.

Bowman says Quimby was not dressed for winter weather and didn't have any food or emergency supplies with him.

Bowman says the road is closed this time of year but no sign was posted. He says the sign likely fell down some time ago or was stolen.

Because the road was not marked as closed, the sheriff's office could not charge Quimby for the rescue effort.

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Caldwell resident Terry Dorton Anderson has been sentenced for dumping these tires in Squaw Creek Canyon on Bureau of Land Management ground outside Marsing. Photo by Dan Pease

No prison time, but cleanup deadline issued in BLM tire case

Man also suspected of discarding tires on private ground

A Caldwell man avoided prison time, but must work to clean up hundreds of tires illegally dumped on Bureau of Land Management ground outside Marsing.

Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill sentenced 49year-old Terry Dorton Anderson on Friday in Boise's federal courthouse.

Last year, Anderson entered a guilty plea to two felony counts of illegally damaging public land. During a Nov. 5 hearing, he admitted to dumping hundreds of junk tires on BLM ground in Squaw Creek Canyon below U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing and on a dirt road near milepost 4 on Idaho highway 78.

County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said the sheriff's office is still investigating another incident allegedly involving Anderson that occurred on private property.

Winmill placed Anderson on five years' probation, so he can work to pay mandatory restitution of \$14,500 to clean up the Squaw Creek Canyon tire pile.

Anderson must also pay \$7,157 in restitution to clear the Idaho 78 site, but he can receive credit for the restitution if her cleans up and properly disposes of those tires to the BLM's satisfaction by June 15.

"The creation of this good Earth did not result in any 'trash lands;' the only 'trash lands' are those disgraced areas trashed by some people. And one dump on public lands tends to get replicated by more people dumping there. This abuse of public land has to stop," Assistant U.S. Attorney Marc Haws told the Court last week.

Chief Judge Winmill said that environmental crimes are clearly in the category of actions — like that have serious impact upon our nation. He noted that we live on a planet we can't leave, "so we have an obligation to maintain the environment and protect it."

"Dumping of junk tires or any kind of waste is a scourge on lands used by the public throughout southern Idaho," U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson said.

"Investigation and prosecution of these cases is a priority for the BLM and for this office. We will continue to join with our state and county partners to protect Idaho's precious public land resources."

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was among the agencies that assisted the BLM in the investigation. Also providing help were the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the Canyon County Sheriff's Office.



Irrigation boards to meet Tuesday

New South Board of Control manager Clancy Flynn will sit in on his first board meetings Tuesday.

The meetings begin at 1 p.m. with the Ridgeview district board's confab.

The Gem Irrigation District

directors meet at 1:15 p.m.

The SBOC directors convene at 1:30 p.m.

The meetings take place at the South Board office, 118 S. 1st St., Homedale.

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$\sqrt{$ South Board: New manager wants district to utilize more technology

from a hard challenge or a hard situation," he said. "Not that I'm so arrogant that I think I'm going to have all the answers or I'm going to make everything perfect. It definitely played into the process. I didn't want to back down just because it was rough down here.

"I don't think the farmers want somebody who is going to back down just because it was rough down here."

Flynn's first day on the job was Jan. 20, less than two weeks after he and his wife, Monica, welcomed their first son, Brooks, into the world.

Married 11¹/₂ years, the Flynns also have four daughters — 9-year-old Gracie, 7-year-old Livia, 5-year-old Stella and 2-year-old Colette.

The family moved from Othello, Wash., where Flynn had worked as assistant watermaster for the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District since March 2011.

"I thought it was a really great opportunity to take on a challenge, and the family, we like adventures," Flynn said.

"We came down and checked out the area, and we liked the area and it kind of felt like a nice, little, small town."

Flynn has lived in central Washington since he was a teenager. His first job in the irrigation industry was as a

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season laborer for the Wenatchee Reclamation District 15 years ago. He moved into a ditch rider position before spending a year as the manager of the Selah-Moxee Irrigation District beginning in 2010.

He has a business administration and management degree, and wants to implement technology to help run the day-to-day operations at South Board.

Near the top of that list is firing up the district's geographic information system (GIS), which Flynn says is under-utilized.

"It's going to take years to get that system up to where it's super-useful, but the board and the staff here seem like they're on board with getting that going," Flynn said.

Full GIS implementation will help develop a district parcel map layered with the network of canals and ditches and existing technical drawings.

He said the GIS will help when crews embark on an improvement project.

"We have a starting point if we have all the technical drawings and things already underlaid on that map. So when we're going to put in a pipeline, we're already going to have known elevations, and shooting our grade should be much easier," he said.

"Being more efficient in installing our system improvements, for one, I

think, is a definite plus."

He said organization of information under GIS could improve customer service, too.

"I don't know that being more efficient in the office helps you deliver the water better, but it helps with the farmers' time and things they need from us.

"Information-wise, we can get it to them quicker."

That goal reflects Flynn's first impression of the South Board's leadership.

"I thought the board was really wanting to be proactive and do some things that they think will help the irrigation district and the farmers not only get their water in a timely fashion, but will also make all the information that the board has more accessible and (easier) to utilize," he said.

Although the ultimate challenge for any water manager is, well, having enough water, Flynn has a more immediate concern in his new job.

"Right now, the biggest challenge is knowing where everything is at and getting to know everybody's names and their particular issues," he said.

"Right now, I can't say that I'm looking too far past this year and getting through the water year and getting to know people and getting to know where the problems are." — JPB



New South Board of Control manager Clancy Flynn holds his 2-year-old daughter Collette while surrounded by his family outside the South Board's office in Homedale. Counter-clockwise from left: Flynn's wife, Monica, who is holding month-old Brooks, 5-year-old Stella, 9-year-old Gracie and 7-year-old Livia.

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Rimrock Sr. Center has new director | Meeting to address adding

Valentine's Day dinner on tap

Kathy Chick has stepped from the Rimrock Senior Center after a short stint as coordinator, but she's not disappearing completely.

Chick's last day as coordinator at the Grand View-based center was Friday. Former Jerome resident Sandi Burnett became her successor this week.

Chick said she is retiring to help with family members. The former Eastern Owyhee County Library director will return to the Grand View library on a part-time basis as program director.

She became the senior center coordinator last spring.

Chick said she enjoyed her time running the center, which gave her an opportunity to get to know people who are older than the group she dealt with in her years working for the library and in the Bruneau-Grand View schools.

She would like more people to use the senior center, stressing that the center and the library both should be considered community centers open to folks of all ages.

For example, the senior center will play host to its annual Valentine's Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 14.

The dinner starts at 6 p.m., and tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors 60 and older, and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the senior center.

For more information on the dinner or any other activity, call (208) 968-5430 on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The center is located at 525 Main St., in Grand View.

Chick said she and her husband Mel won't be strangers. They'll both continue to attend senior center activities, and Mel is still a member of the center's board of directors.

Burnett is a relatively recent transplant to Grand View. She married city councilman Jim Burnett

last summer and says she's getting used to "small-town" life after working 261/2 years for the Times-News newspaper in Twin Falls.

Some of Burnett's other work experience lends itself well to the role of senior center coordinator.

She worked as a cook at a golf course in Jerome, preparing meals for various occasions. She also worked at bakeries in Smith's and Albertsons grocery stores.

For fun, she worked as a cocktail waitress and bar maid in the Jerome area.

Burnett says she loves to help organize fun activities, work with the public and plan menus.

Burnett enjoys collecting cookbooks, rubber stamping and card making. She also makes it a habit to spoil her son, daughter and grandchildren, she says.

Burnett is looking forward to helping the senior center be a place of gathering for meals and fun for folks from Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana.



Clarification

Lizard Butte Library Board chairperson Teri Belle Smit says fellow trustee Neil Durham has not contacted her personally by email, phone or otherwise.

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BLM ground to RFPA Bringing the Bureau of Land Management's Bruneau Field Office into the area covered by a local fire protection agreement is the subject of a public meeting.

The meeting takes place at 4 p.m. on Friday inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium, 39678 State Hwy. 78 in Bruneau.

The meeting seeks to clarify the need and benefit to expand the Saylor Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA) to include land in the Bruneau Field Office.

"We are hoping to partner with BLM permittees and local landowners to expand the Saylor Creek RFPA," Bruneau Field manager Tanya Thrift said.

"The field office area currently is not covered in any of the existing RFPAs. We look forward to the opportunity to work closely with the members of the Saylor Creek RFPA to enhance our wildland firefighting capabilities within the field office."

RFPAs are non-profit organizations established to prevent and suppress range fires. The associations include private landowners, the BLM and the Idaho Department of Lands in most cases.

The Bruneau Field Office, Saylor Creek RFPA members and the IDL are hosting the meeting.

Probation for woman with drugs on U.S. 95

A Jordan Valley woman has been sentenced after pleading guilty to a felony drug possession charge.

Angelia K. Smallwood has been ordered to serve three years' supervised probation and pay fines and court fees totaling \$285.50. Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan also ordered Smallwood to pay \$100 in restitution and provided for 180 days in discretionary jail time.

A misdemeanor drug paraphernalia charge was not included in the final judgment.

Ryan sentenced Smallwood on Jan. 23, the same day of her guilty plea.

Smallwood was arrested on Aug. 26 after Idaho State Police troopers found 16.3 grams of meth in her 2011 Toyota Prius.

The arrest came during an ISP drug interdiction operation on U.S. Highway 95.





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$\sqrt{\text{Auction:}}$ Eggs usually get premium price when they go on auction block

and 6, their grandfather bought them six chickens. They then used money they gathered from gopher trapping to buy more chickens.

That led to the creation of the Three Brothers Chicken Ranch. Their father, Wayne Hungate, says at one point, his boys had more than 200 chickens and sometimes sold 50 to 100 dozen eggs a week.

The Hungate brothers donated eggs to the disaster auction for years, and one year, Wayne Hungate says, six dozen of their eggs raised over \$3,000.

Cole and Chad Hungate got out of the egg business several years ago and now focus their spare time on raising cattle.

For the past few years, they've been donating rib-eye steaks to the auction off their butchered calves and are continuing the tradition this year.

Meanwhile, Drake Hungate now has his own hay swather and is donating 30 acres of hay-cutting services for the auction. It would cost \$540 if you hired him for the same job.

Wayne Hungate says he has been involved with the auction for roughly 20 years. He and Dave

When they were ages 3, 5 Cereghino, his business partner at Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance in Homedale, donate a rifle to the charity event every year and will do the same for 2015.

James Ferdinand is a Marsing Disaster Auction committee member and 2014 chair and 2015 advertising chair. He says, "It's a pretty good deal to have those families and that tradition and watch them grow up."

He adds that: "With several families, we have two and three and even four generations that have helped. When you're going for 54 years, you're bound to have something like that."

Ferdinand is also referring to the Showalter family of Marsing. Gina and Chad Showalter have been involved with the auction for years, and now their children are lending a hand.

Gene Showalter is 9 years old while his sister Josie is 6. They started donating eggs to the auction in 2013.

Between the two of them, they have 23 hens and a rooster. Their most successful donation to the auction raised \$120 for just a single pack of 18 eggs.

They'll each donate 18 eggs again this year.

That isn't to say that the

Showalter children haven't had problems with their feathered friends. Last year, their mom says, the hens just weren't laying eggs in the days leading up to the auction.

That prompted Gene to write a note to auction committee member Tim Dines. Gene said he threatened to put the hens in the stew pot if they didn't start laying. Gina Showalter says that did the trick; the eggs started showing up the next day.

In addition to helping with the auction, Gene and Josie sell eggs to several people, and their mom says they even have a couple "steady clients."

The disaster auction begins at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N. It generates funds for local community disaster relief.

In 1961, the first year of the auction, nearly \$6,000 was raised. Last year, more than \$80,000 was generated to aid families with medical or other emergencies. Proceeds also go to Marsing Ambulance and the United Way among other entities.

Marsing Disaster Auction items

Some of the available items and those who donated them: Auction

- Chicago Bears memorabilia Shea McClellin
- Rossi Trifecta Gun Matteson's

• Whole pig, cut and wrapped — Greybell Farms and Rising Star Custom Meats

- 24-gun Rhino safe White Automotive
- Barbecue Marsing Hardware and Pump
- Traeger barbecue Campbell Tractor
- Tole-painted saw blade Mona Lindemann
- Home security safe US Bank
- Monthly flower bouquet for a year Caldwell Floral
- Crab feed tickets Marsing Fire Department
- Prime rib feed tickets Homedale Fire Department

\$10 raffle

• Front-load washer and dryer — Haken Insurance Agency, Emerald Insurance Agency and Parma Furniture

• Gun/security safe — Dasco of Idaho Inc., and Rhino Metals

• Craftsman toolbox and \$250 gift card — Bobo and Sheila Carter

• Savage Trophy Hunter .308 rifle with Nikon Scope - Owyhee County Farm Bureau Agents of Homedale, Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino

• Half a beef, cut and wrapped — Spring Valley Livestock \$1 raffle

• \$250 Marsing shopping spree — American Legion Post 128, Marsing

• Android tablet — Kelly and Betty Ackerman

• Boise getaway — Mason & Stanfield Inc., Engineers & Surveyors

• 51-inch flat-screen television — Usabel family

$\sqrt{\text{Grazing:}}$ Commissioners take exception to plan's assertions, price hike

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their comment letter, which was ratified during a Jan. 26 meeting.

The deadline to comment on the plan passed Friday, and the state land board will receive a final recommendation this summer.

The IDL wants to change the fee for grazing on state lands to 70 percent and 85 percent of private lease rates. The average private grazing rate in Idaho for 2014 was \$15.50 per Animal Unit Month. An AUM is the measurement for the amount of forage it takes to feed one cow and a calf for 30 days.

This means the state grazing fee would increase to \$10.85 and \$13.13. By comparison, the cur-

area in Owyhee County is state or federal public lands, which reduces the property tax base. How the state and Bureau of Land Management allows the land to be used impacts the economic benefit to the county, Hoagland said.

"If restrictive management harms the viability of key components of the county economy, we are forced to reduce or eliminate certain county services," he said.

Hoagland also reiterated the commissioners' resolve to protect county cattle producers' livelihoods.

"We have been and will continue to be, very vocal in making sure that any proposed changes in fees or management of grazing on the state or federal lands does not place such a burden that the ranching or ag operation becomes unprofitable," he said. In the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis section of the plan, the IDL also says reductions in grazing on federal lands will likely continue into the future. Commissioners say the grazing industry is the most significant factor of Owyhee County's economy. In addition, they say "the ranching families which form many of our rural communities, bring to those communities, and to the county, a stability and cohesiveness not found in other communities."

other groups of people, such as environmental extremists.

The BOCC pointed out that anti-grazing factions have repeatedly leveled direct threats at the IDL yet ranchers — the agency's working, proven partners — are targeted in the plan.

The commissioners' letter states that Idaho's ranchers and representative groups have always worked to maintain a positive working relationship with IDL and its staff.

Commissioners say there is greater disparity between the private leases and state leases than what IDL has considered. For example, the private leases occur has overlooked the significant dif-

as a threat but failed to point any for shorter time periods than the state leases.

> In their comments, commissioners also say the IDL has no credibility to say that grazing lease rates aren't high enough because the draft plan admits that grazing program expenses have not been tracked and accounted for appropriately.

The commissioners also dispute the IDL's claim that grazing leases should be valued higher than current rates because of the number of conflict auctions. The BOCC says that only three percent of state-grazing leases are conflicted.

Commissioners say the IDL

ferences between at private lease and a state lease. County officials say that private leases typically provide more in the way of fencing, water and management.

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rent grazing fee is \$6.77.

If a lease has greater than 400 AUMs and 2,500 acres, the rate of 85 percent will be charged. Smaller leases would be subject to the 70 percent rate.

Idaho's grazing fee formula was last updated in 1993.

In their comments, commissioners took exception to the IDL listing the livestock industry and its stakeholder groups as the top threat to the state lands grazing program. The BOCC called that statement completely inappropriate.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland says the threat the IDL perceives refers to the political influence the county and stakeholders could wield.

All but 17.2 percent of the total

Commissioners questioned why the SWOT section listed ranchers



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Obituary Cleva Marie Apel

Cleva Marie Apel, 97, of Wilder, died on Saturday, January 31, 2015. Cleva was born on February 13, 1917 in Lancaster, Missouri to Arley & Grace Gray.

She married Pete Apel in 1940 in Vancouver, WA. They were blessed with two children: Phoebe and Peter. They moved to Wilder, ID in 1971. They farmed for many years and would retire in Wilder. They loved to travel, spending time in the outdoors; she also en-

joyed gardening, growing flowers, and sewing. Cleva is

survived by her daughter, Phoebe

Stone, her son, Peter Apel. Grandchildren: Phyllis Stone, Aaron

Stone, Heidi Apel, and Jason Apel, 9 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and all of her siblings. Cleva's graveside service will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wilder Cemetery, Wilder, ID. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Condolences may be given at www.Flahifffuneralchapel.com

Wedding Whitney Uria, Casey Christoffersen wed

Whitney Ann Uria and Casey George Christoffersen of Homedale were married on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene in Wilder. Jeff Blodgett of Homedale officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Teri Uria. The groom is the son of Gheen and Devra Christoffersen.

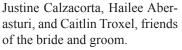
Ashlynne Gabiola, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Jason Christoffersen, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Bridesmaids were Hailee Vernon and Nikaya Johnson, cousins of the bride, and Rachelle Ellis, sister of the groom.

Groomsmen were Tyler Christoffersen, brother of the groom, Cory Uria, brother of the bride, Trey Corta, friend of the bride and groom.

Ushers were Cody and Ryan Garrett and Jace Johnson, cousins of the bride; Curtis Stansell, cousin of the groom; Kyle Purdom and Lane Matteson, friends of the bride and groom.

Flower girl was Blakley Bish-



The wedding was a red and silver winter theme. The bride carried red roses, and the bridesmaids carried white roses.

The rings were carried on a family bible given to Whitney's mother by Whitney's great-grandparents, Harold and Irene Markley.

The bride sewed her grandpa Kenne Metzer's dog tags from the Air Force and her late Grandpa Vic Uria's cross under her dress. She wore her grandma Darlene Metzer's gold bracelet and her late Grandma Roma Uria's pearl necklace.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom were escorted to the reception at the Homedale Basque Center in a firetruck by firemen in the family, Chief Dennis Uria, Cory Uria, and Kenne Metzer. Casey is also a Homedale fireman.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Cancun Riviera Mayan Mexico. They have made their home in Homedale, Idaho.



Homedale Elementary

Feb. 4: Chicken burrito, corn, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk

Feb. 5: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk Feb. 9: Hamburger, French fries, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk

Feb. 10: Pork Chop, scalloped potatoes, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk Feb. 11: Orange chicken, rice, steamed broccoli, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk

Homedale Middle

Feb. 4: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad bar, fruit bar, milk

Feb. 5: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, salad bar, fruit bar, milk

Feb. 9: Nachos or ham/cheese hot pocket, salad bar, fruit bar, milk Feb. 10: Hamburger or spicy chicken sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk

Feb. 11: Chicken or beef nuggets, cookie, salad bar, fruit bar, milk

Homedale High

Feb. 4: Spaghetti & bread stick or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Feb. 5: Chicken taco or fish sticks, corn, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Feb. 9: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Feb. 10: Chicken tenders or beef nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Feb. 11: Enchilada, burrito or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Marsing

Feb. 4: Cheeseburger, chicken nuggets, roll, potato wedges, salad bar/soup

Feb. 5: PB&J w/chips, pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, salad bar/ soup

Feb. 9: Hot dog, baked beans, egg roll & fried rice, mixed vegetable, jello w/topping, salad bar/soup

Feb. 10: Orange chicken & rice, ham/cheese sandwich w/chips, steamed carrots, salad bar/soup

Feb. 11: Spaghetti w/Italian breadstick, meat loaf w/roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar/soup

Bruneau-Grand View

Feb. 4: Orange chicken, stir fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit, milk Feb. 5: Nachos, chips, salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk

Feb. 6: Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk

Feb. 10: Chicken & noodles, salad, steamed carrots, fruit, milk

Feb. 11: Chicken patty, seasoned black beans, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk

Senior menus

Marsing Senior Center

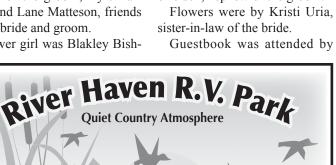
Feb. 4: Sandwich & soup bar, potatoes, green beans, salad, pears, milk

Feb. 5: Hearty beef stew, corn bread, tossed salad, oranges, rice salad, milk

Feb. 9: Pancake, sausage or bacon, egg, fruit, juice, milk

Feb. 10: Hawaiian pork over rice, vegetables, spinach salad, bread, milk

Death notice LAURA B. SETTLE, 86, of 2 Miles South of Marsing Homedale, died Thursday, Jan.





Whitney and Casey Christoffersen. She was Whitney Uria

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Feb. 11: Baked fish, or chef's choice, potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit & rice salad, pears, milk

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Feb. 5: Cooked chicken, rice, veggie salad, peach cobbler, roll, milk, juice

Feb. 10: Lasagna, tossed salad, fruit mix, garlic bread, milk, juice



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Recipes to make Valentine's Day meals family friendly

Looking for something quick, easy and fun to make with the kids this Valentine's Day?

You can start the day of with this breakfast just for them – and it is so

simple to prepare and plate that you could even have the kids help!

All this breakfast requires is your favorite homemade or store-bought pancake mix, pancake topping (fruit, yogurt or syrup),

bacon (two slices Surine Greenway per person), eggs (one to two per person) and graduated heart-shaped cookie cutters.

Step 1: Cook up the bacon, pancakes and egg omelet as usual.

Step 2: Arrange one slice of bacon on the plate horizontally. Break the second strip of bacon into pieces to create the "tail" of the arrow.

Step 3: Use your largest heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut out your pancake and place it in the middle of the arrow. Step 4: Use a slightly smaller cookie cutter to cut out your egg heart and arrange on the plate as the arrow tip.

Tip: Do not try to cook the pancake and the egg in your cookie cutter, even if they are metal – this can become a very big mess. It is much easier to just cut the shapes out after they are cooking.

This could be a very easy and fun breakfast to start Valentine's Day off right. You could even have your kids help with the arranging of the heartstruck arrow after you are done cooking. You can serve with a glass of milk to create a nearly balanced meal. If your mornings are chaotic, this could be made for a "breakfast for dinner" instead.

A treat to make together is Friendship Mix.

This recipe makes enough to share

University of Idaho Extension

with the entire class in small treat baggies - or to have around the house for fun.

Ingredients:

- 8 cups Corn Chex
- 4 cups pretzels
- 2 cups M&M's
- 2 cups Red Vines, chopped

• 16oz. white, pink or red candy melts

• Parchment paper

Step 1: In a large bowl combine Chex, pretzels, M&M's and Red Vines

Step 2: In a separate bowl melt the candy melts until smooth (can be done with a double boiler or in the microwave)

Step 3: Pour the chocolate over the Chex mixture and mix completely to cover

Step 4: Place in a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper, to harden.

The great thing about this recipe is that your children can help with the stirring as well as the measuring of the different ingredients. Just make sure they are safe when handling the hot candy melts.

And ingredients can be substituted depending on your preference. Don't have Chex? Use a different whole-grain cereal instead!

— The heart-and-egg pancake recipe and directions can be found at www. thejoysofboys.com. The Friendship Mix recipe has been adapted from "Friendship Bark" found at www.momtastic. com. 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*(*a*) uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



Buck Knight lived in New Plymouth, Idaho and while going to high school spent his summers working on the Malheur River. For the first two years, he worked at Spurlock's, then wanting to change, went across the river and asked Jim McEwen for a job. "Can you herd sheep, Lloyd?" "Yes I believe I can." "Have you ever herded sheep, Lloyd?" "Nope." "Well, Lloyd, I'll send you with the buckaroos."

My grandfather sent Buck to Swamp Creek where he met the buckaroo boss, Sam Glaspie. Sam was a crusty old man who had learned his trade from years of working with oldtime outfits. He had worked for Peter French, Riley and Hardin, and the PLS Company at one time or another. Like most old buckaroos, he had little time for kids but those who endured learned.

Buck said Sam would set the alarm clock for 3:30, but would be up before it went off. Buck would get up, and Sam would say, "Mornin', Lloyd." Sam would get breakfast while Buck rangoed then they would pull out at a long trot.

Sam would keep the same pace uphill and down, never saying a thing to his partner. Finally he'd pull up and ask me, "Are you hungry, Lloyd ... I am." Then Buck said he would turn around and they'd line out for camp.

After supper, Sam would say his final words for the day, which were "Good night, Lloyd." This procedure went on everyday, and before long he was hardened in, but he felt sorry for Jim McEwen's son Walter, who came straight to the buckaroo camp from college. He was soft, and Sam didn't show any mercy and if anything, made it as tough on him as possible. Sam would pull up after we had trotted miles and ask, "Walter, are you sore? ... Throw some alkali dust on it, and you'll be just fine."

During the fall of 1980, I was visiting with my Uncle Walter. He just had a bad

experience with a young cowhand who felt too much was expected of him. He didn't want to rango his horses, so he kept them in and fed them hay. There was also a difficulty over using a pickup and trailer to cowboy with. Remembering those school vacations of years past, my uncle said, "What the cowhand needed was five or seven years with Sam Glaspie, and if he could stick it out, he would likely learn the trade of a buckaroo."

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.

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

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., 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

W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons except Sunday Young Life meeting

6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208)

Today

Military veterans coffee

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

Story time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 Let's Talk About It book series

12:45 p.m., soup lunch, 1 p.m., discussion, free. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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

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Marsing P&Z meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1 Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting 7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431 or homedalegunclub. com

Owyhee County Fair board meeting

7:30 p.m., U of I Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 337-3888 or (208) 546-1514

Friday **Story Time** 10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208)

through Saturday

Saturday

Marsing Disaster Auction

10:13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Free lunches

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

Sunday

Bruneau Valley Library board 2:30 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 Homedale Public Library board 5:30 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125

764-1048 or (817) 229-6850

Monday **Board of County Commissioners**

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

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

Owyhee County Democrats meeting

1 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-2458

Homedale School board meeting

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

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail to jon@owyheeavalanche.com

Homedale finds gateway flag donor

A local business family has stepped up to fund the ultimate vision of Homedale gateway sign proponents.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced that Matteson Family Trust directors have agreed to provide the money to erect three flagpoles near the Welcome to Homedale sign at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and East Idaho Avenue.

The announcement was part of the gateway sign news shared during the first Chamber of Commerce meeting of the year, which was held Jan. 27 at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant. The Chamber meets there at noon on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Chamber president Gavin Parker says they're still deciding whether to go with the three-flagpole plan or to opt for a single flagpole.

He's asking for input from Chamber members and the city's business leaders. Parker also welcomes comments from community members. You can email him at parkerg@hdvest.net.

Parker says they're just waiting on the weather to finish stonework

around the base of the sign. Landscaping on the grassy triangle where the sign sits will be provided by the Owyhee Gardeners, too.

The poles Eidemiller has chosen for the project have a price tag of \$3,000. They have internal lanyard systems, so the ropes to raise and lower the flags will be invisible and won't whip in windy conditions.

Under the three-flagpole plan, the center pole will be 35 feet tall and will fly a 6-foot-by-10-foot American flag. The 30-foot smaller poles will sit just behind it to the right and left.

If the Chamber opts for a single pole, it would be the 35 foot tall model.

Each smaller pole will fly two flags — the State of Idaho flag, the POW/MIA flag, a Homedale city flag and a Chamber of Commerce flag.

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen says "the way I envision it, it's going to be a stunning entrance to our town."

Homedale doesn't currently have a flag, but Eidemiller says a contest is being organized to come up with a design for the flag. Parker also says a Chamber flag will have to be designed.

Also at last week's Chamber meeting, Homedale Farmers Market president Denise Dixon told business leaders that the market is now with the Idaho Preferred program. She says that gives the organization new advertising opportunities headed into the new year.

Right now, Dixon is focused on expanding the market's customer base. She says they've had problems keeping vendors who often choose a farmers market elsewhere in the valley.

After some discussion about moving the farmers market from Saturday to Thursday evenings, Dixon said she would create a survey about that idea and distribute it to both producers and market customers.

June 20, the Beginning Homedale Farmers Market is scheduled for every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park. It wraps up for the year on the last Saturday in September.

-SC

Comments requested on juniper removal

Scoping meeting set Thursday in Murphy

The Bureau of Land Management has announced a plan to remove western juniper on public lands in a 1.7 million-acre area of Owvhee County.

A public scoping meeting on the Bruneau-Owyhee Sagegrouse Habitat (BOSH) Project will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

The project reflects the federal government's ongoing cooperative efforts with western states to develop and implement a landscape-level conservation plan for the greater sage-grouse, which has been listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service precluded the bird from a listing as the states worked on their own conservation plans.

project is to eliminate juniper that is in the early stages of encroachment and convert the area into otherwise suitable and functioning sage-grouse habitat.

In most areas, treatments would consist of cutting juniper using chainsaws or masticators and leaving the material on site.

Comments on issues to be analyzed in the Owyhee County juniper removal plan should be received by Feb. 20.

Email comments to blm id bruneauowyheesagegrouse@blm. gov or by mail to the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise Idaho, 83705-5339, attention: Michael McGee.

After the 30-day comment period, the BLM will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzing a range of alternatives for the project.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Owyhee Local Working Group, Pheasants Forever and the Nature Conservancy are also involved with the project. -SC

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Homedale library starts Acts of Kindness raffle

A new raffle at the Homedale 337-4228. Public Library is encouraging folks to perform acts of kindness.

This month, the library will hold the "100 Acts of Kindness" raffle, which open to anyone in the community. The prize is an oversized chocolate bar.

In order to receive a ticket, a person needs to visit the library and write down on a heart one kind thing they did for another person recently.

People will receive more tickets - and get more chances - with each kind thing they do.

Three winners will be announced at the end of the month.

A tree decorated with filled-out hearts as leaves will be on display at the library to promote the "100 Acts of Kindness" program.

For more information on the

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. It's 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.

Poetry for Story Time

"Beneath a Blue Umbrella," a collection of poems by Jack Prelutsky, is the basis for Friday's reading for Story Time.

With Mardi Gras approaching, one small poem in the collection is particularly appropriate. It's about four friends visiting New Orleans for the big shindig. Come find out what silly costumes they'll wear as they dress up for the celebration.

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



p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be math games, and everyone receives a prize for attending with a chance to win a larger prize.

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Lawmakers want more funding for roads, schools

by Jeff Myers The Owyhee Avalanche *legislative correspondent*

With the 2015 Idaho Legislative session underway, District 23 legislators are weighing in on the issues they would like to see addressed this year.

One of the biggest topics is the funding of maintenance and repair for Idaho's roads and bridges.

In his State of the State address, Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter identified 785 bridges that are "structurally deficient" and said that Idaho's highway system will require attention within the next 10 years.

State Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), the Senate Transportation Committee chair, agrees repairs are necessary.

"If timely maintenance is done," he said, "it extends the pavement life for years. Failure to do timely maintenance though, at some point we end up faced with reconstruction, and reconstruction is six to 10 times more expensive than timely maintenance."

For Brackett, the only question is how this maintenance will be funded. Some of the most widely discussed methods are increased fuel tax and higher registration fees.

"Everything is on the table," Brackett said, "Fuel tax and registration are the big money items, the traditional ones. I expect that any proposal going forward, those will be components, but there is going to have to be a number of other components also."

Brackett, however, feels that there are problems with these traditional options.

"For example gas tax," Brackett said, "we've relied on it for years and it served us well, but efficiency has increased so fewer

McClure Center intern contributes to Avalanche

Jeff Myers will provide insight from the Statehouse during the 2015 Idaho Legislature.

An Idaho native born in Boise and raised in Middleton, Myers is a senior studying journalism at the University of Idaho. He'll graduate this spring.

He will report on the Legislature for The Owyhee Avalanche and a handful of other rural newspapers around the state as an intern sponsored by the McClure Center.

"This includes regular reporting on important issues as they arise. I will also be providing more specialized columns on topics as they are requested by my editors," Myers wrote.

Myers will submit stories to the Bonner County Daily Bee, the Idaho Free County Press, and the Power County Press

and Aberdeen Times. He will also serve as a correspondent for Moscow Idaho Public Radio, working under the direction of U of I instructor Glenn Mosley.

A 2006 Middleton High School graduate, Myers has associate's degrees in Communications and General Studies from the College of Western Idaho. At U of I, he has numerous courses relating to news media and its production in a variety of formats: Media Writing, Reporting, Broadcast/Cable/Web Programming, and Broadcast TV/Studio Program Production to name a few.

"I have enjoyed my time studying at the University of Idaho and through my education have developed a passion for reporting the news," he said.

gallons are being bought ... in addition to that would be an alternate energy such as electric. It's not a big item just yet, but electric cars use the highway just the same as a gas-powered vehicle but they don't pay a share comparable to what the gas-powered vehicle does."

Brackett said he thinks these vehicles should pay their way through registration but added that he does not think the additional fees should be so great as to discourage the use or development of electric vehicles.

For Dist. 23A Rep. Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry), transportation is also a big issue.

"We're going to have to figure out how we're going to build infrastructure," he said, "and keep it up in the next Bert Brackett few years."

While Wills doesn't like the idea of raising taxes and fees. he said it will be necessary to keep Idaho's roads serviceable. Wills also believes that funding will come from a combination of sources but key components will be registration and fuel tax.

"We're less than most of the western states on registration," Wills said, "and fuel tax is something else. When you fill up your car, it tickles me to pay half of what I paid just a few months ago

... it would be less cumbersome now than it would be if it was around four dollars."

Education is also shaping up to be a major topic of discussion, Brackett is positive about the outlook for education funding.

"There is more state revenue this year; the economy is turning around," he said. "For the past six months or more, we've been told that there will be additional resources, and that is bearing out. Ouestion now is how much and where to spend it."

One of the options is raising teachers' salaries.

"There is recognition and desire to increase teacher pay," Brackett said. "You have to be somewhat competitive with surrounding states with starting salary or you can't even get new teachers."

Brackett also identified teacher pay scales as one problem with Idaho's education system.

it's like seven vears." he said. "They're kind of stuck at that entry Rich Wills level and consequently we're not able to retain the teachers, particularly the good ones."

One of the recommendations from Otter's State of the State was a call for \$20 million in discretionary funding. Brackett said that this kind of funding, which is designated to school districts to spend as they see fit, should be increased.

"At the high water mark in 2009, before we got into the recession, we were in excess of \$25,000 per classroom. It dropped down to \$18,000," he said. "We've worked our way back up to about \$22,000, and I would like to see a bigger chunk this year going into restoring that discretionary money."

Wills agrees that discretionary funding is vital to schools.

"We've got to give more," he said. "We've got to allow the school districts to run their districts the way they need to, and we need to give them the tools to do the job. It needs to be done on a local basis."

- Citizens can keep up with this year's session through the legislative website, www.legislature.idaho.gov/. The site lists contact information for all of *Idaho's legislators so constituents* can voice their opinions on any issues being discussed. There is also a feature that allows citizens to track specific bills through the Legislature.

Reep that smile bright & white for Walentine

Electrical outlet blamed for motel fire

The Homedale Fire Department has completed an investigation into a motel fire last week.

No. 1 of the Sunnydale motel at completely destroyed.

The room's four occupants were not inside at the time of the fire. However, their belongings The blaze broke out inside unit were in the unit and were



Jeff Myers



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2 E. Colorado Ave. around noon on Jan. 26.

Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uriasaystheinvestigationshowed that the blaze was caused by a problem in an electrical outlet. Investigators originally believed a wall-mounted air conditioning unit was the culprit.

A total of three families were temporarily displaced because of the fire. Uria says nine people lived in the next two units in the motel.

Unit No. 1 was a total loss after the fire and Room No. 2 sustained heavy water damage.

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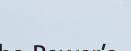
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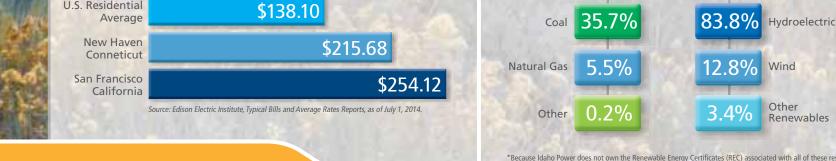
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Darrel Anderson, President and CEO



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Meet the Owyhee County Fair Board

Rachael Criffield

Age 38, Homedale Just started her first four-year term Stay-at-home mom and mother of four Hobbies: 4-H program involvement

Lath Callaway

Marsing Board chair Works as a truck driver No other information available

Kent Curtis

Age 59, Homedale Started on the board six years ago Believes his term is almost up

Has been on the rodeo board since 1991

Employed with the Homedale City Public Works Department

Hobbies include hunting and fishing

Tiffany Hipwell

Age 35, Grand View Started on board in April of 2007 Term ends in 2018 Self-employed as a rancher Hobbies include photography and whitewater rafting



Kenny Tindall

No other information available

Bruneau Rancher Owyhee County Posse member No other information available

Ginger Loucks

Mary Lootens

Age 80, Marsing

Fair manager and secretary Age 33, Homedale Started as manager and secretary in 2013

Calls herself a "full-time mom" Hobbies include being a 4-H leader



County fair board has new member

Commissioners has approved the appointment of Rachael Criffield to the fair board. She fills the position vacated when

Dennis Dines resigned.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell savs commissioners didn't receive the recommendation for Criffield in time to appoint her on Jan. 12 so it was done on Jan. 20.

The county recently

received a resignation Rachael Criffield letter from Dines. Commissioners will now send him a letter thanking Dines for his service.

Criffield will serve a four-year term on the board, but she says she sees herself "in this for the long haul, not just one or two terms." Her first term will expire on the first Monday in January 2019.

She's the wife of Ryan Criffield, an irrigation director and vice-chair for the Gem district board and the South Board of Control.

The 38-year-old mother of four has been involved with the 4-H program at the fair and was coordinator of sheep and livestock exhibits. She says from that experience, she's familiar enough with the fair to know what needs to be done to improve operations.

However, Criffield doesn't see any major changes that need to be made, and says the fair is running pretty smoothly. She would like to see improvements at some fair facilities and hopes to increase attendance, though.

After volunteering to succeed Dines, Criffield was nominated for the position at a fair board meeting earlier this month.

Meanwhile, fair secretary/manager Ginger Loucks says details on what people can expect at this year's fair are just starting to come together. The 33-year-old Marsing resident began working as fair secretary and manager in 2013.

Loucks says when board members met earlier this month, they focused on how last year's fair

The Owyhee County Board of went and lessons learned about what improvements need to be made in some buildings.

> Loucks says they also talked about finding more sponsors for the 2015 fair.

The board gets together at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. In the winter, they meet at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing because there's no heat in the fairgrounds office

She admits they "didn't have anything too exciting" for visitors last year, but for this year's fair they'll have two comedians who she has heard are very good. However, the contracts haven't been signed so she couldn't release their names.

in Homedale.

There will also be a cartoonist from California at this year's fair to draw children or any fairgoer who would like to have their likeness illustrated. Several local musical groups will be coming to the 2015 Owyhee County Fair as well.

As for the inner workings of the fair, Loucks says the board members work together very well and that Criffield will help out a lot with her knowledge of 4-H.

Other board members feel the same way about Criffield, according to Loucks, and are excited about what she will bring to the table.

There are a few deadlines to keep in mind for this year's fair: in order to participate in any 4-H or FFA projects, youth must be enrolled no later than March 1. Boundary exception petitions for 4-H and FFA members living outside the county are due to the fair board by Sunday. Petitions are available online at www.extension.uidaho.edu/owyhee.

Fair entries will open on June 15 and the deadline for entries is July 15.

This year's Owyhee County Fair runs from Aug. 3 to Aug. 8.



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Fair board meets Thursday

The Owyhee County Fair Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. inside the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

The board meets on the first Thursday of every month.

Only three issues of new business are on the agenda for the provements

meeting.

· A discussion about the extension office

· Boundary exception forms, which were due to the board on Feb.1 and regard people who do not live in Owyhee County showing exhibits or selling items at the fair

· Fairgrounds buildings im-

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Power gurney lightens load for Marsing Ambulance

Agency combines grant, county funds to update equipment

An ambulance agency with an aging volunteer force recently got a lift from some new equipment.

Marsing Ambulance has put a motorized, collapsible power gurney in service, and spokesperson Betty Ackerman said the device has made a world of difference for the crew.

With a \$10,000 state grant and \$26,090 from Owyhee County's Hazardous Materials Fund, the ambulance service bought a gurney and a motorized lift system that was installed in one of its rigs.

Ackerman said the cot and track system, which has been in use since late November, has made life a lot easier for the small group of people who go on ambulance runs.

"It is totally amazing because it saves our backs just because we no longer have to worry about how we're going to lift a patient on the gurney," Ackerman said.

With the touch of a button, the gurney can be lowered to ground level or returned to an upright position and moved toward the ambulance. Attendants don't have

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Marsing Ambulance's Betty Ackerman demonstrates the ease with which the new power gurney can be returned to the vehicle.

to lift the gurney or collapse it to receive a patient anymore.

The new gurney system reduces the chances of a Marsing Ambulance crew calling an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy for help to lift a patient on to the gurney. In most cases, if possible, the patient can shift onto the gurney from a seated position.

No additional help is needed to move the gurney into the ambulance either. An attendant aligns the gurney with the receiving dock and, with another button, the track in the floor of the ambulance pulls the gurney into the rig.

The device can accommodate larger patients, too, Ackerman said. It has a 700-pound capacity and a wider mattress.

The oxygen tank even is in a different location than traditional gurneys. It tucks under the headrest on the power gurney, rather than dangling at the foot of an older cot, sometimes requiring a person to make sure the bottle doesn't bump on the gurney as it's wheeled to the ambulance.

The power gurney is heavier

than an old gurney because of the battery, Ackerman said, but with the motorized system, that's not a worry.

The battery is swapped out once a month and replaced with a one that is fresh from the charging dock on the ambulance.

While the gurney has lightened the physical load on Marsing's crew of emergency medical technicians (EMTs), the constant struggle to keep a full roster of volunteers continues to weigh on the minds of the service's leaders.

Ackerman recently led an EMT class in which three Marsing recruits joined three Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson candidates and one for the Homedale crew.

Marsing will have a staff of eight EMTs once the new recruits are certified.

Ackerman said other recruits are welcome to inquire about serving with the ambulance crew. She said they can serve with the crew in non-EMT capacities until the next EMT class is convened in 2016.

— JPB

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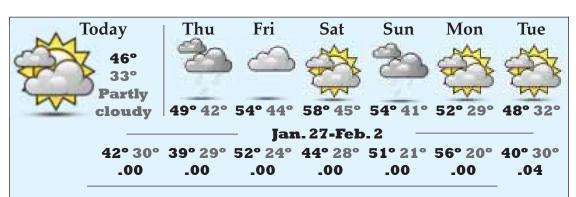
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	Equiv.	Depth	Precip.	Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)			(measure	d in Fahren	heit)
Mud Flat						
01/27	2.0	5	7.4	45	33	39
01/28	2.0	4	7.6	48	31	38
01/29	n/a	4	7.6	37	31	33
01/30	n/a	4	7.6	39	27	33
01/31	n/a	4	7.6	43	22	31
02/01	n/a	4	7.5	40	26	34
02/02	n/a	3	7.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds						
01/27	0.8	0	8.3	46	35	40
01/28	0.8	1	8.3	43	28	36
01/29	n/a	1	8.1	31	26	30
01/30	n/a	0	8.1	38	28	31
01/31	n/a	1	8.0	44	31	37
02/01	n/a	0	8.1	43	34	38
02/02	n/a	1	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mo						
01/27	6.3	17	14.2	51	35	43
01/28	6.3	16	14.5	43	32	36
01/29	6.3	16	14.5	44	27	35
01/30	6.5	16	14.5	40	27	30
01/31	7.0	16	14.5	45	29	35
02/01	6.5	16	14.5	45	34	38
02/02	6.3	16	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 17 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 781 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 13 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 121,825 acrefeet of water on Monday.

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

– Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale





US Ecology grant committee member Elizabeth Schwager, left, presents a grant check to Homedale Senior Center coordinator Shirley McAbee and board vice-president Joan Thomson. Submitted photo

Schools, seniors among **USEI grant beneficiaries**

Grand View library to build coffee nook

Eight Owyhee County organizations received money to close US Ecology Idaho's Helping Hands Grant cycle for 2014.

The majority of the grants were distributed in the Bruneau-Grand View area near USEI's Grand View hazardous waste disposal facility.

USEI wouldn't release the amount of the grants, which were distributed over the past two weeks.

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School received three grants, including two that will help the athletics program.

Rimrock will use some of the money to build new bleachers and an announcer's booth at the football field. Some funds will be used to buy concession stand equipment to provide another revenue stream to support the school's teams.

A third grant to Rimrock will help purchase study guides and videos for the school's Social Studies class.

Three other grants went to elementary schools in the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

a metal arts stand for its youth art program, and Grand View Elementary will purchase art supplies.

Grand View Elementary also will receive sponsorship for its annual healthy kids 10-kilometer run fundraiser.

Grand View Little League baseball received money to buy uniforms and pay for field upkeep.

The Bruneau Valley District Library's grant will be used to help finance a new computer for the library director's business needs.

Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will build a coffee corner for teens and adults.

Senior centers on the west end of the county also received grants.

USEI provided funds to help volunteers remodel the Marsing Senior Center building.

Homedale Senior Center will replace the swamp cooler in its kitchen.

The USEI grant committee will accept 2015 applications in October.

To apply, organizations must submit a letter stating their needs and how the grant would benefit the community.

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From left: Bruneau Valley Library director Carol Copeland, USEI senior operator Rich Theodozio, library board trustees Ginny Roeder and Judy Erwin, and USEI human resource generalist Elizabeth Schwager. Theodozio and Schwager also serve on the company's grant committee. Submitted photo

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Honor roll Homedale High School

First semester Seniors

4.0 grade-point average — Alcantara Perez, Vianey; Bowman, Sierra Kathryn; Castro, Michelle Malee; Egurrola, Alec Joe; Fogg, Isabelle Corinne; Martinez, Andrew; Nash, Morgan Elizabeth; Nash, Victoria Belen; Phariss, Delaney Michelle; Salazar, Miguel Angel; Vincent, Kimberly Shae; and Woods, Melody A.

3.99 to 3.5 — Aguilera, Amos Rogaciano, 3.86; Mendez, Fabiola L., 3.86; Morris, Kerigan Jewel, 3.86; Neri, Edgar Albor, 3.86; Calzacorta, McKenna Elizabeth, 3.83; Fry, Quinton Leland, 3.83; Gardner, Orrin Coy, 3.83; Grimm, Colton Wade, 3.83; Zenor, Vanessa Nicole, 3.83; Purdom, Carlie Marie, 3.8; Contreras, Rosa Gloria, 3.71; Cornwall, Justine Nicole, 3.71; Hernandez, Jennifer Miramontes, 3.71; Mertz, Harriet Kathryn, 3.71; Weatherly, Kamryn S., 3.71; Anderson, Makenzie Marie, 3.67; Dickinson, Rishelle Ann, 3.67; Landa, Kyler Julian, 3.67; McLay, Brianna Taylor, 3.67; Montejano, Miguel Valdez, 3.67; Patterson, Tiana S., 3.67; Randall, Andrew Christopher. 3.67; Woods, Samantha Lynn, 3.67; Adams, Bailey Raa, 3.57; Geary, Darcy C., 3.57; Brown, Brady J., 3.5; Fisher, Devin Michael, 3.5; Jacobs, Dayne Paul, 3.5; Pickett, Bowman Harris, 3.5; and Shenk, Elise Ann, 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 — Gonzales, Brett D., 3.43; Goodrich, Jaden Harris, 3.43; Ojeda, Rosio Villagomez, 3.43; Sauer, Abby J., 3.43; Carbone, Katlin J., 3.4; Hungate, Colton Don, 3.4; Riha, Samantha Maree, 3.4; Allen, Jake E., 3.33; Hurtado, Julissa, 3.33; Monreal, Abraham, 3.33; Cortes Vega, Maria Y., 3.29; Harris, Nathanael J., 3.29; Ibarra, Jose A., 3.29; Portwood, Riley Patrick, 3.29; Rodriguez, Adrian A., 3.29; Christensen, Alyx Rose, 3.25; Martinez Jimenez, Jose, 3.2: Juan Ascencio, Rocio G., 3.17; Patton, Blake J., 3.17; Silva, Daniel Stephen, 3.17; Watson, Jesse A., 3.17; Camargo, Jesus, 3.14; Jenkins, Robert G., 3.14; Albor, Jazmin, 3.0; Almaraz, Alexandria Nicoell, 3.17; Miller, Fabian, 3.0; Garrison, Matthew Brandon Lind, 3.17; Alvarez, J., 3.0; Guzman, Marissa T., 3.0; Kincheloe, Kincade A., 3.0; Sanchez Linares, Saray, 3.0; Sotelo, Jaime, 3.0; Trotter, Cody J., 3.0; Vega Martinez, Luis F., 3.0; and, 3.0

Juniors

4.0 GPA — Aberasturi, Makayla Marie; Bautista, Jennifer; Brown, Emma Rose; Burks, Dylan Robert; Conant, Madison Nicole; Doss, Alexandria Sherrie; Fisher, Madison Lynn; Geertson, Brandon; Johnson, Nash James; Lejardi, Michael Josu; Matteson, Lawsen James; Pfost, Derek Eugene; Rose, Justine Belle; Schoonover, Devon G.; Steinmetz, Makayla Rose; Symms, Richard Allen; and Thatcher, Matthew Paul

3.99 to 3.5 — Cooper, Wylee Clinton, 3.86; Correa, Maya Francesca, 3.86; Hernandez, Elizabeth M, 3.86; Sanchez, Noe, 3.86; Tolmie, Josh McLeod, 3.86; Corta, Tristan Ann, 3.83; Hayward, Savanah Kathryn-Rose, 3.83; Hernandez, Myrna N., 3.83; Hungate, Chad Hunter, 3.83; Kelly, Shyanne Rochelle, 3.83; MacLeod, Ezra Dawn, 3.83; Martell, Chase Daniel, 3.83; Moreno, Stephanie, 3.83; Palacios, Raquel, 3.83; Machuca, Gardenia Galilea, 3.8; Smith, Caleb Joseph, 3.8; Buenrostro, Jason, 3.71; Christensen, Jacob Thomas, 3.71; Falls, Jacob Andrew, 3.71; Kerbs, Taylor Ailene, 3.71; Parry, Taylor F., 3.71; Phariss, Dylan Michael, 3.71; Santiago-Martinez, Beatrice, 3.71; Schamber, Benjamin Cole, 3.71; Aman, Megan Marie, 3.67; Gonzales, Carley Marie, 3.67; Martell, Hailie M., 3.67; Westphal, Lena Charlotta, 3.67; Cardenas-Ritzert, Orion Sylvester Eloy, 3.57; Carter, Connor William, 3.57; Cole, Marrissa Jean, 3.57; Egurrola, Kirsten, 3.57; Ford, Coty Alan, 3.57; Hurtado, Jairo A, 3.57; Nery Rodriguez, Maria G., 3.57; Stuart, Jordan Lanae, 3.57; Vega, Alexis Giovanne, 3.57; Jimenez, Nathaly, 3.5; and Mendoza, Nancy, 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 — Edwards, Travis J., 3.43; Reyes, Antonio M., 3.43; Shanley, Sydnee Rae, 3.4; Benoit-Christoffersen, Riley J., 3.33; Macias, Manuel, 3.33; Sams, Jared C., 3.33; Vargas, Elizabeth N., 3.33; Albor, Abran, 3.29; Barbosa, Jairo, 3.29; Carter, Garrett Chad, 3.29; Llamas, Liset, 3.29; Gibbens, Abigayle, 3.17; Jeppe, Rosalinda, 3.14; Calderon, Francisco J., 3.14; Carrillo, Jeffrey L., 3.14; DeLeon, Juan Mark A., 3.14; Garcia Espinoza, Marisol, 3.14; Lane, Victoria Brenna, 3.14; Montes, Andres, 3.14; Nelson,

James Dale, 3.14; Baltierrez, Manuel V., 3.0; Coover, Jessica L., 3.0; Gonzalez Martinez, Diana C., 3.0; Gonzalez, Miguel, 3.0; Luna, Andres F., 3.0; Martinez-Jimenez, Magdalena, 3.0; and Osborn, Jakobee B., 3.0

Sophomores

4.0 GPA — Deal, Jacob William; Jones, Sarah; Romriell, Craig Kenneth; and Vega, Annabel

3.99 to 3.5 - Bedolla, Samantha Janet, 3.86; Chavez, Angel, 3.86; Conner, Alexis Marie, 3.86; Cortez Andrade, Raquel, 3.86; Dorsey, Matthew Wyatt, 3.86; Haun, Riley Elizabeth, 3.86; McMichael, Emma Lee, 3.86; Randall, Ryan James, 3.86; Tayler, Jessica Marie, 3.86; Uriarte, Maria Celeste, 3.86; Kleppinger, Abigail Virginia, 3.83; Lentfer, Tanis Leah, 3.83; Beckman, Alexander Phil, 3.71; Carr, Tyson Joseph, 3.71; Downum, Hannah M., 3.71; Emery, Alyssa Breann, 3.71; Kelly, Fletcher Sloan, 3.71; Tijerina, Aaliyah Raquel, 3.71; Vega, Ariana, 3.71; Burke, Hayden O., 3.6; Estes, Hanna Rae, 3.57; Freelove, Kendall Sage, 3.57; Gomez, John Dillon, 3.57; Keller, Shane Jacob, 3.57; Monreal, Adrian Rubio, 3.57; Riha, Jason Edward, 3.57; and Travis, Colianna-Kay Solanus, 3.57

3.49 to 3.0 — Contreras, Diana Bellen, 3.43; Geertson, Brian Christopher, 3.43; Gierlich, Siri, 3.43; Holloway, Benjamin Nham, 3.43; Li, Chung-Te, 3.43; Mata Lamas, Vany L., 3.43;

Taylor, Drew Allen, 3.43; Van-Winkle, Ambyr Noelle, 3.43; Prado, Carolina, 3.33; Alcantara Perez, Fabian, 3.29; Criffield, Ryan J., 3.29; Ellis, Misty L., 3.29; Figueroa, Christian, 3.29; Fry, Bailey Marie, 3.29; Furlott, Jacob R., 3.29; Trapp, Casandra Marie, 3.29; Meligan, Caleb C., 3.17; Hopson, Taunaya J., 3.14; Kilby, Keaton E., 3.14; Anderson, Andre, 3.0; Beebe, Rian Jennifer, 3.0; Gonzalez Palomino, Edwin Y., 3.0; Maxwell, Megan Spring, 3.0; McMichael, Patrick K., 3.0; Sawyer, Carlie M., 3.0; and Teller, Rachael M., 3.0

Freshmen

4.0 GPA — Burks, Ashley Brianne; Christensen, Ember Edene; Christoffersen, Cobey L.; Flores, Veronica Marie; Henry, Kaden Isaac; Johnson, Lainey Jo; Kelly, Dakota Marie; McKay, Tylee Char; Mertz, Maxwell Walter; Muir, Alexis Shayne; Nash, Kendall Noelle; Packer, Jordan Mathew; Pfost, Dillon Stephen; and Symms, Eva Jane

3.99 to 3.5 — DeWitt, Kaylee Elizabeth, 3.86; Burright, Kennedee Rae, 3.86; Evans, Jessica Marie, 3.86; Gonzalez, Nallely, 3.86; Beckman, Anthony Jordan, 3.86; Granden, Quade Kent, 3.86; Oakley, Meryssa Jean, 3.86; Packer, Jesse Michael, 3.86; Santiago, Julia, 3.86; Turner, Kayden Jay, 3.86; Albor, Carlos, 3.71; Burks, Lindsey Sue, 3.71; DeMark, Miller Bird, 3.71; Fisher, Lauryn Paige, 3.71; Jacobson, Faith Taylor, 3.71; Martell, Gabriella

Mae, 3.71; Salutregui, Lyndsey Nicole, 3.71; Smith, Cortnee Jo, 3.71; Thatcher, Kendra Joy, 3.71; Uriarte, Jose Enrique, 3.71; Durrant, Skyler S., 3.57; Fink, Coltyn Wade, 3.57; Hernandez, Isabel Littleone, 3.57; Hernandez, Maria Inez, 3.57; Vargas, Josue Orlando, 3.57; and Wolfe, Wyatt Duane, 3.57

3.49 to 3.0 — Baltierrez, Antonio, 3.43; Egusquiza, Hannah Rae, 3.43; Elordi, Cody Jordan, 3.43; Milburn, Miely Dawn, 3.43; Villanueva Neri, David, 3.43; Beckman, Ian Shawn, 3.29; Bernabe, MA Carmen, 3.29; Mendoza, Ricardo, 3.29; Neri Rodriguez, Yesenia, 3.29; Hilton, Jaylon Levi, 3.29; Almaraz Castellanos, Salvador Eduardo, 3.14; Beck, Lukas, 3.14; Buenrostro, Elaine Elizabeth, 3.14; Butler, Bradley Dean, 3.14; Cortez, Brenda Yasmeen, 3.14; Dickinson, Cassie Renea, 3.14; Garrison, Hayden Joshua, 3.14; Garza, Lisette Marie, 3.14; Infante, Berenice, 3.14; Matlock, Scott Carl, 3.14; Merino, Alexis Brianna, 3.14; Padilla, Mindy, 3.14; Shenk, Allison Taylor, 3.14; Sickinger, Mia Arelene, 3.14; Bowman, Andrew David, 3.0; Houser, Megan Ray, 3.0; Legacie, James Curtis, 3.0; Sifuentes, Ashley Rae, 3.0; Vega Martinez, Juan, 3.0; and Zamora, Amaya Elena, 3.0

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Banged-up Trojans rally at home

Three wrestlers win Rodger Nash Duals medals

Hamstrung by injuries during a busy week, Homedale High School's wrestlers were glad to get some home cooking Saturday.

"It was rough during the week with so many missing from the lineup, but we got some of our guys back for Saturday and made a pretty good showing," Trojans coach Toby Johnson said. "We wrestled pretty tough in our home gym." The Tro-

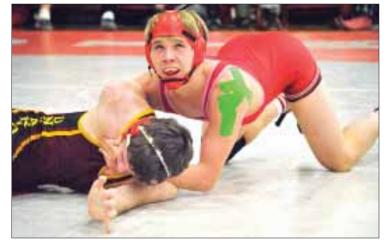
jans split their four *Andy Montes*

dual meets at the annual Rodger Nash Duals on Saturday after going 1-3 in two nights of tri-meet action earlier in the week.

Vale, Ore., went 5-0 on Saturday to win the Outstanding Team trophy at the Nash event, and three Homedale wrestlers were among the athletes to earn outstanding wrestler medals for their unbeaten records Saturday.

Junior Nash Johnson was 4-0 on Saturday at 138 pounds, while seniors Colton Grimm (3-0 at 195) and Andy Montes (3-0 at

— See Trojans, page 5B



Homedale High School junior Nash Johnson glances at the clock during his victorious effort against Ontario, Ore.'s Jason Gissel on Saturday in the Rodger Nash Duals.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL DISTRICT III TOURNEYS BEGIN

Marsing locks up No. 3 seeding

A balanced night of scoring gave Marsing High School a home game to open the 2A District III girls' basketball tournament.

Eight different players scored as the Huskies nailed down the No. 3 seed with a 46-35 victory over Melba in a 2A Western Idaho Conference road game on Jan. 27.

Second-year coach Jaime Wood's squad closed the conference season with a narrow 45-43 win over McCall-Donnelly on Thursday at home on Senior Night.

The Huskies (13-6 overall, 6-4 in conference) will play host to sixth-seeded Nampa Christian at 7 p.m. on Thursday to open the district tournament. The winner moves on to face second-seeded New Plymouth at 5:45 p.m. on Saturday at J.A. Albertson



HHS sits win from another State trip

They may not have won the conference championship this time around, but Homedale High School girls' basketball players find themselves in a familiar position these days.

Just like a year ago, Homedale will start this postseason with an opening-round by in the 3A District III Tournament.

And, just like last season, when the Trojans parlayed their good fortune into a third-place showing at the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, a win in Thursday's district semifinal sends Homedale to the state tournament.

Second-seeded Homedale ended the 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a 48-37 win over Weiser on Friday.

Coach Joe Betancourt's club (14-5 overall, 7-3 3A SRV) will play either No. 3 Emmett or No.

Activities Center on The College of Idaho campus in Caldwell. Melba and McCall-Donnelly both were one game behind — See Marsing, page 7B

Marsing High School Shannon Clover, left, takes a shot as fellow senior shields a Melba defender during the Huskies' victory on the Mustangs' floor on Jan. 27. Photo by Dan Pease

6 Payette at 7:30 p.m. inside John J. Easley Gymnasium on the Treasure Valley Community College campus in Ontario, Ore. — See HHS, page 7B

Jordan Valley boys build best record in 1A High Desert

Red-hot Mustangs sweep weekend

A successful road trip has put Jordan Valley High School alone atop the 1A High Desert League boys' basketball hierarchy.

The Mustangs used a big fourth quarter Saturday night to defeat Monument/ Dayville, 58-48, in a battle of squads beaten only once in league play. Wyatt Stanford hit the last of his six three-point goals in the fourth quarter as Jordan Valley scored 21 points to gain the upper hand in a close game.

"Monument is a solid team we had to work the whole game," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said. "Wyatt shot well.

"They all worked very hard on defense, and that won the game for them. I'm proud of their effort."

Protecting a four-point lead heading into

the final eight minutes, Jordan Valley (12-7 overall, 8-1 1A HDL East Division) limited the Tigers to 15 points. The Mustangs had allowed only four points in the first eight minutes of the second half after taking a slim 28-27 advantage into the intermission.

Stanford amassed a season-high 24 points, while Lee Stanford scored eight points in the fourth quarter to cap a double-double of 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Monument/Dayville and Crane are both one-game behind Jordan Valley in the 1A HDL.

Three of the five Tigers who broke into the scoring column Saturday reached double figures, including Tanner Moodenbaugh with 16 points.

Friday: Jordan Valley 59, Prairie City 41 — Lee Stanford and John Echave

— See Boys, page 4B

Sports

Grossman takes R.D. Brown Invitational crown



The referee prepares to smack the mat and declare Joseph Ineck the winner by pinfall midway through the first round of the Marsing High School freshman's match against Garden Valley's Patrick Hunter on Friday in New Plymouth. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Fast frosh lead way into Husky Duals

6 teams, including reigning champ HHS, in town

Jaden Kinney needed less than 90 seconds to pick up a couple of wins last week as Marsing High School's wrestling team tuned up for its Husky Duals on Saturday.

The Husky Duals begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday inside the MHS gymnasium on Main Street. This is the final tournament of the season for Marsing before the 1A-2A District III championships on Saturday, Feb. 21.

"This is an end-of-season tourney to get kids a few extra matches before districts," MHS coach Jon Nelson said. "This is the second year for this meet, and we're hoping we can grow it to a larger-scale tournament in the future."

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Six teams will compete on three mats, and Nelson said the plan is to get all wrestlers five matches.

The Huskies placed third in their own tourna-

ment last year, posting wins against Melba and the Vallivue junior varsity.

Melba, which finished sixth last year, returns as does 2014 champion Homedale, according to Nelson.

Other teams scheduled to compete are the Huskies' 2A Western Idaho Conference rival New Plymouth, Fruitland from the 3A Snake River Valley conference and Garden Valley, a 1A Long Pin Conference team that will play host to the 1A-2A district tournament later this month.

Kinney and Joseph Ineck will be among the Marsing wrestlers to watch Saturday.

The freshmen combined for three wins during a Jan. 27 tri-meet against Payette and host Parma.

Wrestling at 145 pounds, Kinney pinned Joey Renfro in 46 seconds for one of the Huskies' two on-mat victories in a 54-24 non-conference loss to Parma on Jan. 27.

Ineck pinned the Panthers' Skyler Maiden in 1:14 of their 138-pound showdown.

Kinney's other victory came in a 57-18 loss to Payette on the same night in Parma. He put Isaac Morado on his back 38 seconds into their match.

Marsing's other victories in both dual meets were forfeits with Noah Grossman getting two walkovers. Mason Hall (195) earned a forfeit against Parma, and Seth Ramirez at 285. Marsing gets one win at WIC duals

Noah Grossman prevailed in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown to highlight Marsing High School's stay in the R.D. Brown Invitational on Saturday.

The Huskies' senior 220pounder pulled off a 3-1 decision over top-seeded Brandon Sundquist for his 29th victory of the season and the R.D. Brown championship at New Plymouth. Marsing finished 11th in the 16-

team tournament. Two other Huskies were

eliminated in consolation matches against opponents that went on to finish third in their respective weight classes.

Mason Hall reached the 195pound semifinals where is lost to McCall-Donnelly's Kamron Nay by pinfall at 2 minutes, 54 seconds. Nay went on to win the division championship.

Hall reached the semis with a 95-second pin of Kuna's Trenton Williams. His tournament ended with a pin against Melba's Juan Cervantes (1:24). Cervantes went on to finish third.

Also wrestling at 220, Seth Ramirez went 0-2. Weiser's Gustavo Molina pulled off a pinfall just 16 seconds before the final horn of his quarterfinal match against Ramirez.

Another Weiser wrestler, Kristof Krahn, needed just 33 seconds to beat Ramirez in the consolation semifinals. Krahn went on to finish third.

Melba's Juan Cervantes pinned

Marsing's Mason Hall in 1:24 of their consolation semifinal en route to third place at 195 pounds.

Grossman started his tournament in the quarterfinals, pinning Nyssa, Ore.'s Eian Rust in 1:38. Grossman needed four minutes to pin Krahn and reach the championship match.

WIC pod duals

The Huskies went 1-3 during Friday's 1A/2A Western Idaho Conference pod tournament in New Plymouth.

Marsing 36, Garden Valley 33 — Forfeits in the heavyweight classes allowed the Huskies to eke out a victory against the Grizzlies.

Joseph Ineck pinned Patrick Hunter in 64 seconds at 138 pounds for Marsing's only on-mat victory.

Melba 48, Marsing 18 — A day before losing to Cervantes in the R.D. Brown Invitational, Hall pinned the Melba wrestler in 2:21 at 195 pounds for one of the Huskies' two on-mat wins.

Grossman pinned Mitchell Olsen in 2:51 of their 285-pound match.

New Plymouth 75, Marsing 12 — Ineck pinned Ellis Stokes five seconds before the first round of their 138-pound match ended.

McCall-Donnelly 27, Marsing 18 — Nay edged Hall, 8-6, at 195 pounds, and McCall's Tater Bentz pinned Jesus Duran at 160 in crucial matches during a dual that featured seven double forfeits and three forfeit victories for the Huskies.







Boys' basketball Varsity Wednesday, Feb. 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A Wednesday, Feb. 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B Wednesday, Feb. 4, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.



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Varsity 2A District III Tournament Thursday, Feb. 5, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7 p.m. If win Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 7: semifinal vs. New Plymouth, The College of Idaho, Caldwell, 5:45 p.m. If lose Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 7: elimination game vs. Cole Valley Christian, McCall-Donnelly or Melba, 7 p.m.

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Sports

Homedale boys fall two games off pace in 3A SRV

Emmett, Payette emerge at top after rough week

Anyone questioning the true dog-eat-dog nature of the 3A Snake River Valley conference need look no further than last week for validation.

After Thursday night, four boys' basketball teams sat in first place and a free throw put Homedale High School out in the cold after a hotly contested game. By week's end the number of teams in first place had been cut in half

Weiser beat the Trojans, 73-72, with a foul shot at the end of overtime to stake its claim in a four-way scramble for the top spot Thursday.

"It was a great high school basketball game. Too bad someone had to lose," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "The kids played really hard.

"We had some costly turnovers at the end of regulation that cost us in the end."

The Wolverines ended the pivotal night tied with Emmett, Fruitland and Payette for the conference lead. Parma, which entered the night winless in four previous 3A SRV games, upset Fruitland, 60-45, and Payette beat Emmett, 53-42, in the other pieces of the puzzle.

Homedale (9-8 overall, 2-4 in 3A SRV) slipped two games off the pace during another night of attrition Saturday.

Payette hammered the visiting

atop the standings. The Huskies edged Fruitland out of first place, and Parma toppled Weiser with an impressive victory.

Trojans, 63-37, to join Emmett

"Hopefully we have a short memory after a game like that and bounce back for Emmett and Fruitland this week," HHS coach Casey Grove said after Saturday's loss.

Saturday: Payette 63, Homedale 37 — The Trojans shot just 16 percent (9-for-55) from the field, and the Pirates' Zane Allen erupted for 27 points.

"It was just a bad game all around. We couldn't shoot, and they made everything," Grove said. "Zane Allen had a tremendous game and proved why he is the best player in the league, hands-down."

Dillon Lowder connected on just four of 14 shots for 10 points, while Connor Carter and Kyler Landa scored five points each.

Carter grabbed six rebounds, and Lowder brought down five.

Thursday: Weiser 73, Homedale 72 (OT) — The matchup played on the Trojans' floor stood as a microcosm of the conference title chase.

Both teams kept up a frenetic pace in the first half that was at times sloppy and sensational.

Lowder put on a clinic on both ends of the floor in the second quarter. The Trojans' senior guard blocked a shot and dished several no-look passes to hold the Wolverines at bay during Homedale's electrifying 18-5 run to a 28-23 lead.

Lowder finished with six assists

and three steals.

The Wolverines' Tony Lopez flung in a buzzer-beating jump shot at the end of the first quarter for a 16-10 advantage. The junior's 20 points led everyone on a night when seven players would reach double figures.

After shaking off a rash of turnovers, Homedale used team speed, Lowder and Kincade Kincheloe's clutch three-pointers and powerful rebounding to come back from an 18-10 deficit.

Connor Carter muscled his way to the rim to put back his own missed shot to tie the game, 21-21, moments after hitting a jump shot to end a 9-1 spurt to a 19-19 deadlock. The rebound was part of a 13-board night that fueled a double-double. He also scored 14 points.

The first of Kincheloe's three three-pointers bounced high off the rim twice before going through for a 24-21 lead 3 minutes, 40 seconds before the intermission.

Kincheloe scored seven of his team-high 19 points during Homedale's comeback.

Garrett Carter grabbed a rebound and popped a jump shot for a five-point Homedale advantage before Weiser scored the final seven points of the first half for a 30-28. Carter finished with 10 points.

The Carters — Garrett and Connor — also led Homedale's rebounding effort. Connor snagged 13 boards, and Garrett added nine to go with three assists.

"Connor and Garrett both played outstanding games," Grove said.



Homedale's Garrett Carter goes in for a layup in the first half of Thursday's overtime loss to Weiser.

Lowder notched 14 points, while Jose Ibarra hit a threepointer in the second half to finish with five points. Ibarra's rebound and jumper after Carter Connor's missed shot was another element that fueled Homedale's second-

quarter surge.

Jacobi Beesley hit a jumper in Weiser's 8-2 opening to the game and finished with 16 points. Wolverines teammate Thomas Crawford added 18 points and five rebounds.





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Boys' basketball

Varsity Friday, Feb. 6, home vs. Fruitland (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity Friday, Feb. 6, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Parma, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph Friday, Feb. 6, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling Thursday, Feb. 5 at Boise, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Varsity 3A District III Tournament Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore. Thursday, Feb. 5: semifinal vs. Emmett-Payette winner, 7:30 p.m. If lose Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 10: elimination game vs. Weiser-Parma loser, 6 p.m. If win Thursday: Thursday, Feb. 12: championship vs. TBA, 7:30 p.m.

3A Snake River Valley conference tournament Payette

Junior varsity championship: Friday, Feb. 6 vs. TBA, 6:30 p.m. (if nec.)

Frosh-soph championship: Friday, Feb. 6 vs. TBA, 5 p.m. (if nec.)





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Sports

Marsing boys bring momentum into tough test

Defense has best showing ahead of NC's visit

The Marsing High School boys' basketball improvement plan turned a big corner last week with the possibility for more strides tonight.

Jose Ponce scored 15 points to push Marsing to a 41-36 home victory against North Star Charter last Wednesday, and 2A Western Idaho Conference-leading Nampa Christian comes to town tonight.

"They are playing extremely well," second-year MHS coach Tim Little said of the Trojans. "It is a win-win situation for us with NC coming to Marsing.

"Whatever the outcome versus NC, we know that we will leave that game with specific things to improve upon and come back to work the next day to fix them — making us only tougher as tournament time approaches."

Marsing (4-12 overall, 3-5 in conference) apparently took that approach against North Star after a 51-50 loss to New Plymouth on Jan. 24.

"Since (the New Plymouth loss), we focused on playing with more discipline and focus offensively," Little said. "This definitely helped (against North Star), and will be an area of emphasis for the rest of the season."

Marsing also used defense to stifle North Star and create a tie for the No. 4 seed with North Star, which had entered the game scoring 64 points in four of its previous eight conference games.

"Defensively, our intensity and effort was the best of the year," Little said. "We held them to 14 points in the half.

"Anytime you hold a team to 14 points in a half, you are in the game, and this gave us some confidence going into the second half."

Marsing now owns the tiebreaker for the fourth seed over North Star by virtue of its victory last week. Marsing players ripped down

21 defensive rebounds as North Star struggled at a 15-for-56 clip (26.8 percent).

"The kids filled each of their roles on both ends of the court and our bench contributed specifically Lorenzo Lankow and Juan Garcia — who came in and kept the intensity and effort level high," Little said.

Garcia scored four points and snagged two defensive rebounds. Lankow chipped in a bucket, a steal and grabbed two boards on the offensive end.

Little said that senior Isaiah Ponce, who played two minutes against North Star, is the epitome of what the second-year coach is trying to put on the floor each night.

"Isaiah is the ultimate team player. He understands his role and brings positive energy to each practice and game. There is never a negative word that comes out of his mouth about his role, his teammates or the outcome of games," the coach said.

"He prepares for each game as if he was going to play all 32 minutes and challenges himself and teammates at practice to raise their level of effort. It is players like him that truly make it fun to coach, as he understands the concept of Team vs. Me. He loves being a part of this team and is an inspiration to his teammates."

Another senior, Garret Briggs, had six of his team-high 10 rebounds on North Star's glass.

Marsing limited North Star to just nine free throws, with the visitors hitting only four of them. Colton Winegar came off the bench to grab 11 rebounds for North Star, while teammate Jon Berger had eight boards. The two combined for 14 defensive rebounds.

North Star's leading scorer was Garret Anderson with a gamehigh 15 points.

Seth Hardy and Dakota Hardy hit three-point goals for Marsing, with Seth finishing with 10 points.



Marsing High School's Lorenzo Lankow puts up a shot against a double-team during last Wednesday's home-court victory against North Star Charter. Photo by Dan Pease

$\sqrt{$ **Boys:** Echave notches double-double vs. Panthers

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registered double-doubles in the Mustangs' blowout.

Echave scored 12 points and corralled 10 rebounds, while Stanford grabbed 15 boards and scored 10 points.

"We kind of struggled shooting outside against Prairie City, but everyone stepped up," Fillmore said. "They worked hard on defense." Jordan Valley held Prairie City to single-digit scoring in the first and third quarters and led by 14 points at the start of the fourth quarter.

Braden Fillmore scored 11 points for Jordan Valley.

Prairie City rotated only six players into the game with Wyatt Williams leading the way with a game-high 18 points, including four of his team's six threepointers.

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Jordan Valley girls hold off foes

Jordan Valley High School held on to the second-best record in 1A High Desert League girls' basketball with a weekend sweep. The Mustangs (13-5 overall, 8-1 1AHDLEast) ran their win streak to four games before Tuesday's game against Adrian after deadline.

Only Crane (14-5, 9-0) had a better record among league members after Saturday.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 46, Monument/Dayville 31 — Andi Warn scored 15 points as the Mustangs hit the road for their eighth victory in nine outings. Jordan Valley held a 12-3 lead

after eight minutes, and did the

bulk of its damage on the free-throw line.

The Mustangs converted 25 of 39 foul shots, including 7-for-11 from Warn and 4-for-5 from Alisha Rogers, who finished with seven points.

Zoey Warn scored nine points, and Sharayah Sausser also scored seven points.

Treiquella Osborne scored nine points for the Tigers.

Friday: Jordan Valley 55, Prairie City 47 — The Mustangs turned by their hosts' furious fourth quarter thanks to a hot start to the second half.

Andi Warn scored six points

and Morgan Caywood hit one of her four three-pointers as Jordan Valley built an 18-point lead after three quarters.

Coach Kelsi Skinner's squad would need that cushion, however, as the Panthers rallied in the final eight minutes with a quarter that nearly matched their output for the first 24 minutes.

Brianna Zweygardt scored 11 of her 19 points in the quarter for Prairie City, while teammate Amy Black capped her 20-point performance.

Warn led all scorers with 22 points, while Caywood finished with 12. Zoey Warn added 10.

Sports

Two Antelopes win three matches each at Nash Duals

Marcus Furtado and Bryson Julian Gonzalez in 3 minutes, Shira came away with three wins each Saturday at the Rodger Nash Duals in Homedale.

Furtado earned his school's only Outstanding Wrestler medal by going unbeaten in all his matches at 106 pounds.

The Adrian High School wrestling team combined with "Renegades," or single competitors from other schools to get enough competitors for dual meets.

Shira won three of his four matches at 145 pounds by pinfall.

Shira pinned Wendell's

53 seconds), Emmett's Logan Crawshaw (3:47) and Ontario, Ore.'s Jason Gissel (3:31).

Crane, Ore.'s Corey Jenkins pinned Shira in the first round of their match.

Furtado wrestled at two weights Saturday.

At 106 pounds, he pinned Megan Moye in 1:16 for Adrian's only victory against Parma. Furtado also pinned Ontario's

Alan Chew (1:20) and Emmett's L.J. Hadley (1:27). His loss came at 98 pounds

in a slim 9-8 decision against Wendell's Raphael Roque.

Outstanding Wrestler medals went to those competitors who were able to post an unblemished record in their weight class. Because Furtado was wrestling down at 98, the loss didn't tarnish his run for the medal.

Luke Campbell, a 152-pounder for the Antelopes, picked up two wins in five dual meets.

Campbell pinned Wendell's Andrew Calderon in 3:03, and dispatched Emmett's Logan Sandall in 2:46.

Crane's Austin Roath notched a 12-1 major decision against Campbell in an all-1A Oregon dual meet.

Nash Outstanding Wrestlers

Wrestlers who won medals for going undefeated in their weight class during Saturday's duals in Homedale:

98 pounds — Josh Gallup (Skyview)

106 — Justin Underwood (Skyview), Marcus Furtado (Adrian)

113 — Genario Navarro (Skyview), Jace Hayes (Baker), Zach Matthews (Wendell)

120 — Sheldon Gentry (Parma), Francisco Barrera (Ontario)

126 — Corey Choate (Skyview)

132 — McKay Justus (Vale), James Lutes (Emmett)

138 — Dustin Ramge (Crane), Nash Johnson (Homedale)

- 145 Cole Skramstad (MacHi)
- 152 Lane Cummings (Vale), Brian Heleker (Payette)
- 160 Logan Rohrbacher (Parma), Jeffrey Jones (MacHi)
- 170 Vince Roff (MacHi), Kell Ransom (Payette)
- 182 Sam Williams (Crane)
- 195 Lane Hicks (Vale), Colebee Ransom (Payette), Colton Grimm (Homedale)
- 220 Sage DeLong (Vale)
- 285 Kye Yraguen (Vale)

Trojans: Homedale starts week with tri-meet victory over Bishop Kelly

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106) also earned medals. Johnson and Grimm also earned medals in the 2014 event.

Montes' day included an 11second pin against Alan Chew in Homedale's 36-27 win over Ontario, Ore. Grimm pinned Ontario's Erik Garcia in 34 seconds.

John Collett posted a 3-1 record Saturday at 160 pounds to put a cap on a week in which he won six of eight matches. He pinned Ontario's Gage McAvoy in 3 minutes, 27 seconds.

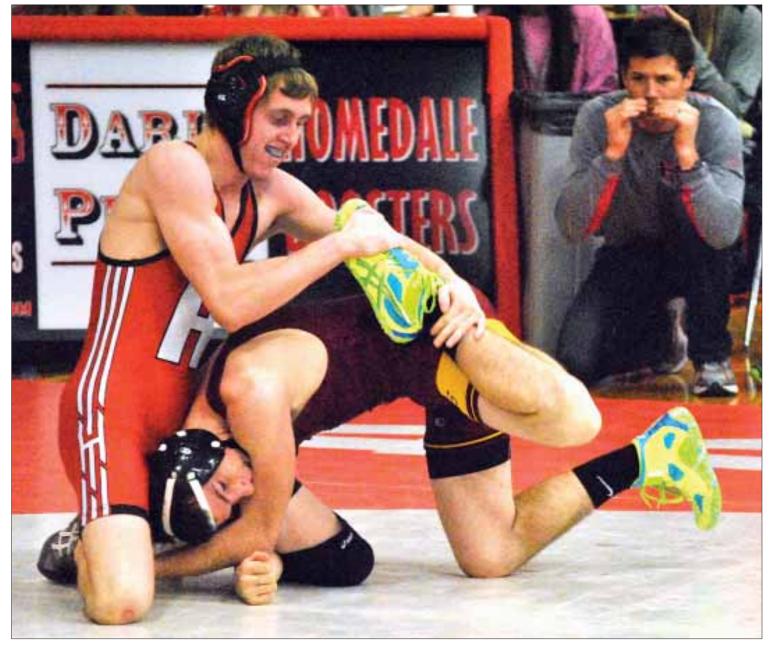
Johnson pinned Ontario freshman Jason Gissel with 45 seconds left in their match.

Jacob Furlott (126) and Devon Schoonover (145) picked up two wins each Saturday, while Shane Keller also won a match at 152 pounds.

Schoonover went 4-4 during the week, and Andrew Randall, who won two of three matches at 132 on Saturday, was 3-3.

Schoonover beat Baker, Ore.'s Sean Stanford, 4-1, as the Trojans mounted a comeback but eventually fell, 36-27.

Five consecutive victories in the dual began with Randall's 5-2 win over Logan Valentine at 132. Also get wins in the run were Johnson (5-1 over Marco Vela), Keller with an injury default over Dylan Feldmeier and Collett with a 12-second pin of Derritt Gwynn. Montes and Collett dominated their opponents and Schoonover, Furlott and Grimm got first-round pins in a narrow 38-33 win over Wendell. Grimm's 21-second pin over Samuel Hansen in the final match of the dual erased Wendell's onepoint lead. Schoonover pinned Andrew Calderon in 1:35, and Furlott put Austin Thompson on his back at 1:47.



As Homedale High School assistant coach Jake Levinski, background, yells encouragement, Trojans 126-pound wrestler Andrew Randall, left, tries to gain control against Ontario's Jeff Kovach during Saturday's second-round dual meet at the Rodger Nash Duals in Homedale. Kovach managed a 5-2 victory in the tightly contested match.

Other wins against Wendell included major decisions from Montes (17-3 over Dale Schoth) and Collett (10-2 over Brandon Drown) and Johnson's pin at 3:02 of his match against Benny Flores.

The Trojans gave up the final two matches by forfeit for the deciding margin in a tournamentopening 42-30 loss to McLoughlin of Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Every match in the dual was decided by a pin with Montes (3:01 against Deazen Zerba), Furlott (1:21 vs. Riley Chester), Randall (30 seconds vs. Isaac Riley), Johnson (5:14 vs. Drew Birwell) and Grimm (23 seconds vs. Joshua Torres) scoring points for the Trojans.

Other meets — The Trojans won all five matches on the mat last Wednesday in a 45-24 win over Bishop Kelly from Boise, but shorthanded Homedale dropped a 45-24 decision to Middleton

on the other half of a tri-meet wrestled on the Vikings' mat.

On Thursday, Homedale dropped a 74-6 3A Snake River Valley conference decision to host Fruitland then got a peek at Vale's power when the Vikings prevailed, 63-0, in another trimeet.

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Steve Nash, father of Homedale High School senior Morgan Nash, flips a coin during a Class of 2015 fundraiser at halftime of Thursday's boys 'basketball game between Homedale and Weiser. The fundraising efforts continue Friday with a cake auction at halftime of the Homedale-Emmett boys' basketball game.

Cake auction to benefit HHS Class of 2015

A cake auction fundraiser for the Homedale High School Class of 2015 will be held Friday.

senior trip and senior night celebration. Cakes will be auctioned at halftime of the boys' Proceeds from the auction will go toward the basketball game against Emmett. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

Homedale Boosters crab feed tickets selling fast

Ticket sales continue for the third annual Homedale Boosters crab feed, which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Tickets are \$45 per person, and a little more than 100 remain. One of the event organizers, Casey Grove, said all tables for the event have been reserved, and he warns that the individual tickets are going fast.

For more information on tickets, call Grove at 340-4611.

The event will be held at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St. The festivities begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the live auction at 8 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Homedale School District athletics. School athletes are selling tickets.

There also will be a live and silent auction and raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the dinner for \$1 each. or 30 tickets can be purchased for \$20.

Businesses and community members can make donations for the auction by contacting Sheila Matteson (337-8575) or Rhonda Pickett (989-1641).

The silent auction will feature a variety of donations and gift certificates as well as sports passes, high school graduation seat passes, gift baskets and more.

The live auction will begin at 8 p.m., and folks must obtain bidding numbers.

Athletes from each sport have created theme baskets, which will be auctioned. Pickett said the selling price for baskets ranged from \$350 to more than \$1,500 last year.

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The middle school is presenting the University of Idaho vs. Boise State University basket auction, which Pickett said was a big hit last year.

Adrian girls pound pair of 1A High Desert League foes



Quincy Pendergrass scored 16 points Saturday as the Adrian High School girls' basketball team picked up its fourth consecutive victory.

Pendergrass also notched teamhighs with seven steals and five rebounds in the Antelopes' 41-25 1A High Desert League win at Prairie City.

Adrian (14-4 overall, 6-2 in 1A HDL East Division) owned a 25-11 halftime lead.

Andrea Catalan Velez and Selina Villarreal scored six points apiece for the Antelopes, while teammate Lauren Barraza added five.

Sarah Ennis led Prairie City with 10 points.

Adrian played through 28 turnovers and forced Prairie City into 30 miscues.

with 13 points and three steals. She was 6-for-6 on field-goal attempts.

"Harper played very hard. They come to work," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "We got to play everybody, and our younger kids got some points.

"Our flow wasn't great, but we got the win."

Adrian led 17-7 after eight minutes and 41-20 after three quarters.

Pendergrass and Catalan Velez scored eight points each, while Villarreal came off the bench for seven. Another reserve, Barraza scored five points, while Morgan Bayes chimed in with three points.

Catalan Velez picked up 11 steals as Adrian's defense came up with 34 thefts to account for all but five of Harper/Huntington's turnovers.

Players get ready to fill the lane as Adrian High School's Quincy Pendergrass, right, lines up a free throw in Prairie City on Saturday. Submitted photo

Friday: Adrian 53, Harper/ Huntington 28 — After a fast start, the Antelopes rolled to a league victory at home.

Rebecca Furtado led the way

Shyanne Allaire delivered 11 points for the LocoNets, while teammate Baily Bundy came through for nine points.

Adrian boys sweep to seventh win in past eight games

A 10-2 run in the second quarter gave Adrian High School the momentum necessary for a road win Saturday.

The Antelopes dominated the third quarter, too, to thrash Prairie City, 46-27, in a 1A High Desert League victory.

Reagan Shira scored 10 points in just 15 minutes of floor time as Adrian won for the seventh time in its past eight games. Shira

connected on five of six shots. The Antelopes (13-4 overall, 6-2 in 1A HDL East Division) received 12 points from their bench players, and overcame 25 turnovers.

Morgan White scored eight points, and Jett McCoy and Eduardo Munoz chipped in six points each. Tyler Reay led the rebounding with nine boards.

Garrett Hitz scored 11 points

for Prairie City.

Friday: Adrian 42, Harper/ Huntington 42 (OT) — The Antelopes needed a big surge in the fourth quarter to force overtime and outscored the LocoNets, 18-10, in the fourth quarter and OT to survive a scare at home.

"It was a hard-fought game. Harper played really well," Adrian coach Aaron Mills said. "The game could have gone

either way.

"I thought our intensity down the stretch is the reason we were able to pull this one out."

Harper/Huntington held a 29-24 lead after three quarters.

Jett McCoy led Adrian with 14 points and 11 rebounds, including nine boards on the Harper/ Huntington backboards. Reay also had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The LocoNets' Nathan Joyce led all scorers with 18 points, and tied for the game lead with 11 rebounds. Joyce had seven offensive boards as Harper/ Huntington held a 10-4 edge on second-chance points.

Adrian benefitted from a 16-for-25 showing on the foul line, including Reay's 10-for-12 performance. Harper/Huntington missed 11 of its 16 free throws.

Sports

$\sqrt{\text{HHS}}$: District finalists qualify for state tournament

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The Huskies and Pirates play an opening-round game today.

A win Thursday puts the Trojans back in the championship game against top-seeded Fruitland, No. 4 Weiser or No. 5 Parma. The Grizzlies play in Thursday's other semifinal against the winner of today's game featuring Weiser and Parma.

The title game will be played at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 at TVCC.

Jan. 27: Homedale 59, Parma 37 — The Trojans pummeled the Panthers behind a double-shot of outside scoring on the road.

Overall, Homedale shooters were 7-for-14 from beyond the three-point line.

Tory Lane dropped in four nine rebounds.

three-pointers, and Elise Shenk put down two other long-range shots to join Gardenia Machuca in double figures. Makayla Aberasturi fired in the Trojans' other trey.

Lane, who shared the team's rebounding lead with Morgan Nash at seven, paced all scorers with 17 points. Six of Lane's rebounds were collected on Parma's end of the floor.

Shenk chipped in 13 points and three steals, and Machuca scored 11 points.

Homedale rolled to a 29-15 halftime lead, holding the Panthers to four points in the first eight minutes.

Jaysee Willmorth and Gabby Bishop scored 10 points apiece for Parma. Bishop led the way with nine rebounds.

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$\sqrt{\text{Marsing:}}$ Thursday win means semifinal at C of I

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Marsing for the No. 3 seed heading into the Jan. 27 slate of games.

The Vandals slipped out of contention with a 46-38 loss to New Plymouth, but gave the Huskies all they could handle on Thursday before Marsing snagged a rebound off a missed free throw in the closing seconds for the twopoint victory.

Junior Shelby Dines scored 10 points, and Destiny Reynolds chipped in eight on Jan. 27 as Marsing ended Melba's hopes with a dominant third quarter. The Huskies had entered the night in possession of the tiebreaker with Melba anyway.

Marsing opened the second half on a 16-4 run that blew open a game that had been tied, 10-10, after the first eight minutes.

The Huskies took a 38-23 lead into the final period.

Senior Anna Quiroz hit a threepoint goal for part of her five points, while fellow upperclassman Shannon Clover drained a trey en route to seven points. Freshman Emerson Sauer and senior Emily Tank added six points each, while senior Taylor Bennett and ninthgrader Mackenzie Farrens both put in two points. was 13-for-23 from the stripe. Sierra Manzer scored a cogame-high 10 points for the Mustangs.

Thursday: Marsing 45, McCall-Donnelly 43 — A Marsing foul on a long-range jump-shot attempt in the final seconds gave the Vandals a shot at sending the game into overtime, but the McCall-Donnelly player was able to hit only one of three foul shots, and Marsing secured the rebound as time expired.

The Huskies had to hold on after building a 28-19 halftime lead.

Dines scored 14 points, and Tank hit a pair of three-point goals as part of her 12 points.

Sauer dropped in a free throw as Marsing converted 18 of 33 foul shots.

Several Marsing upperclassmen were playing their final regularseason home games on Senior Night. Clover canned a threepointer and scored nine points, Bennett chimed in with three points and Destiny Reynolds had two points. According to the Marsing roster, other seniors on the squad this year included Quiroz, Debra Arriaga and McKenna Hall.

Marsing connected on 10 of 11 free throws against Melba, which

Rounding out the scoring was Farrens with four points.

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hen you are looking to serve up a taste of yesteryear, look no further than your pantry for a staple you can incorporate into meals, including snacks, breakfast, dinners and even desserts. Instant white or brown rice and multi-grain blends provide easy ways to put a fresh twist on traditional recipes your family knows and loves.

For a delicious, modern take on classic family favorites, look for ways to integrate current flavors that complement the original recipe. Start new family mealtime traditions with easy recipe makeovers. For example, traditional broccoli, cheese and rice casserole only gets better with bacon, and using quinoa adds a subtle new texture. You can also give your sweet potato casserole a lift with white or brown rice for an updated take on this revered dish.

Using a quick and wholesome ingredient like fluffy Minute Rice saves cooking time so you can transform your favorite recipes while spending less time in the kitchen and more time with loved ones.

These recipes demonstrate how to update recipes from a frittata and casserole to dressing and stuffing for new ways to enjoy the classics.

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Brown Rice Frittata with Bacon and Edamame

Servings: 6-8

- 1 cup Minute[®] Brown Rice 4 thick cut bacon slices, cut into 1/2-inch pieces 4 scallions, thinly sliced
- (whites and greens divided) cup frozen shelled edamame

- 6 eggs 3/4 cup sour cream, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- Preheat oven to 400°F.

Prepare rice according to package directions. While rice cooks, sauté bacon pieces in 10-inch ovenproof skillet over medium heat until starting to crisp, about 5 minutes. Drain off all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat, then add scallion whites and edamame (or if desired, use 1 cup frozen green peas) to the bacon in the pan and

Honey Nut Dressing Servings: 6

- 1 cup Minute® Brown Rice, uncooked
- 1 tablespoon butter or
- margarine
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup chopped celery 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh
- parsley (optional) tablespoons honey 2
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt Prepare rice according to package

directions. Melt butter or margarine in large skillet

Brown Rice Frittata with Bacon and Edamame



Sweet Potato Rice Casserole



sauté 1 minute.

Add cooked rice, and sauté 1 minute. In a bowl, whisk together eggs, 1/2 cup sour cream and salt. Add egg mix-ture to pan, swirling gently to distribute mixture evenly throughout other ingredients. Cook undisturbed for 2-3 minutes, until edges look set. Then place pan in preheated oven until set in center, about 10 minutes.

Mix together scallion greens with remaining 1/4 cup sour cream. Serve frittata in wedges topped with a dollop of scallion cream.

Sweet Potato Rice Casserole

Servings: 6

- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple in
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 1 cup Minute* White Rice or
- **Minute**[®] Brown Rice, uncooked
- large egg, lightly beaten
 can (5 ounces) evaporated skim milk
- 1 can (15 ounces) sweet potatoes, drained 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Measure reserved pineapple juice and add enough water to make 1 cup. Prepare rice according to package directions using juice-water mixture.

In large bowl combine pineapple, rice, egg, milk, sweet potatoes and cinnamon. Mix well. Spread in 2-quart casse-role dish. Top with marshmallows.

Bake 20 minutes, or until marshmallows begin to brown.

over medium heat. Add walnuts; cook and stir until lightly toasted. Add onions and celery; cook and stir until crisp-tender. Stir in rice and remaining ingredients. Heat thoroughly, stirring occasionally.

Cranberry Pecan Multi-Grain Stuffing

Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh celery
- 1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup chicken broth 1 bag Minute[®] Multi-Grain Medley, uncooked
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted Salt and ground black pepper, optional

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and celery, and cook 2 minutes.

Add poultry seasoning, cranberries and broth. Bring to boil, and stir in rice. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and let stand 5 minutes. Stir in pecans and season with salt and pepper, if desired.



Honey Nut Dressing



Cranberry Pecan Multi-Grain Stuffing

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense

Good horse, good dog, and a good ...

A good cowboy should have three things; a good horse, a good dog and_____.

I left the last one blank so you could fill in your own. Some might choose a good woman, others a good banker, a job in town, a silver bit, a full can of Copenhagen or Saturday off.

Now every fall when I go out to work the cows, the neighbors all show up to help. They come drivin' up in a big 4-wheel-drive pickup, a deer guard on the front, mud and snow all around, a couple of spare tires tied to the stockracks and a handy-man jack wired in the back rattlin' like a beer can in a 50-gallon drum! In the back of every one of them pickups is at least one GOOD dog! And two pups!

Now them dogs leap out and commence to fight with one another for two hours! You spend the rest of the day kickin'em out from under yer feet or chasin'em outta the gate! But you can't say nothin'. Oh, no! That's a sacred thing! You can't criticize another man's dog!

Now everybody's got a dog story. Claude had spent all mornin' gettin' a bull off the mountain and was easin'im down toward a trap in the meadow. Tom came drivin' up and got out to open the corral gate. Ring leaped out of Tom's pickup and proceeded to put the bull back up the mountain. Ring come trottin' back, lolling his tongue, a satisfied look on his face. You could almost hear him sayin', "Aren't you proud of me, Dad!" But one look at Claude's face and you could hear Ring thinkin', "Uh, oh!"

Claude took Ring by the collar and proceeded to re-enact the Olympic hammer throw event!

All over cow country, these dingos, curs, hounds, kelpies, blue heelers and border collies go by similar names; Banjo, Badger, Penny, Bingo, Blue, Dally or Dog, but under stress most of 'em git called the same thing! It's a term of endearment that refers to their maternal lineage!

There's probably a heaven for cow dogs where they can sit out on the edge of a cloud and look down at the Earth. If atmospheric conditions are just right they could cock an ear an' hear some ol' cowboy yellin', "Go git in the pickup, you pot licker!"

— 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. trailing of thesheep.org.

Center for Rural Affairs Voluntary conservation efforts vital to ensure sage-grouse survival

by John Crabtree

Tourism and recreation are economically vital in the West. In fact, a 2014 study examining the economic impact of visitors to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sagebrush landscapes found that in 2013, visitors spent in excess of \$1 billion in nearby communities.

Eleven states with sagebrush landscapes — Idaho, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming provided opportunities for nearly 68 million visitors to hike, hunt, fish and witness some of the most beautiful rural places in the world. Those visitors in turn purchased fuel, food, lodging, guiding, licenses, equipment and much more.

Hunting, fishing, birding, hiking, and kayaking depend on strong conservation efforts on public and private land to preserve and protect the healthy wildlife and ecosystems visitors to sagebrush country come to see. But declining populations of species such as the sage-grouse might require action under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

An ESA listing, however, could be disruptive to ranchers, farmers and recreation as well as tourists who visit these landscapes. Voluntary conservation measures that raise sagegrouse populations and benefit the local economy at the same time make more sense. If it makes sense to you too, talk to your U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service about programs such as the Conservation

Act locally

The Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group meets at 7 p.m. next Wednesday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

The group will discuss the process and pros and cons of Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAAs).

A briefing from this week's Bruneau-Owyhee Sagebrush Habitat project scoping meetings will be held, too.

Stewardship Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or other programs that help with conservation and habitat restoration. And talk to your governor and state legislators about supporting voluntary habitat stewardship.

— John Crabtree is media director for the Lyon, Neb.based Center for Rural Affairs. He grew up on a family farm in Iowa. He can be reached at johnc@cfra.org. The private, non-profit Center for Rural Affairs works to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Time for Congress to have tool to stem tide of federal regs



Duplicative, often burdensome federal regulations imposed on the private sector continue to stifle economic growth and discourage innovation. An efficient and accountable regulatory structure is of paramount importance and fundamental to ensuring taxpayer dollars are being used properly. Regulators must make our communities and small businesses — those most impacted — a central part of the decision-making process.

The non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS) reported that 409 "major" final rules were published in the five-year period from 2009 to 2013 alone. A "major" rule is a federal regulation that is likely to result in an annual \$100 million effect on the economy; significantly increase costs or prices for consumers; and adversely affect competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. Given the magnitude of the potential impact, many Americans share my hope that these rules, like other federal regulation, remain rare and well-reasoned. Unfortunately, that is not the case. "Major" rules are just one type of the 2,500 to 4,500 final federal rules that CRS found are published each year. Congress has passed legislation attempting to limit federal regulation. But, clearly, more must be done. An economy cannot get on sound footing while being stymied by federal regulation. That is why I recently co-sponsored Sen. Rand Paul's (R-Ky.) Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act. S. 226 would require that proposed rules and regulations put forth by federal agencies with an estimated economic impact of at least \$100 million be subject to congressional approval before taking effect. Under current law, the Congressional Review Act allows regulation to take effect unless Congress acts to overturn the rule with a joint resolution of disapproval, which the president can veto. In contrast, the REINS Act would require the enactment of a joint resolution of approval before any major rule could be finalized, increasing much-needed transparency in the federal rulemaking process.

Further, the REINS Act would enable better public oversight of "major" rules by requiring longer time periods for Americans to review and comment on new regulations. The legislation would also require delayed enforcement of legally challenged interim final rules, and it would address agencies using rule-making mechanisms to sidestep broad public participation in the development of regulations. Also of significant importance, the legislation would provide for the cleanup of current overregulation by requiring agencies to reassess current regulations and identify for repeal those that are outdated, ineffective or excessively burdensome.

Currently, the federal rulemaking structure provides tremendous autonomy to federal agencies with no real congressional oversight, allowing agencies to propose and finalize thousands of regulations each year, many of them controversial, without a full public discussion or involvement, or disclosure of the data supporting a rule. According to CRS, there were 26,417 pages of final rules published in the Federal Register in 2013. This increasing wave of federal regulations that Americans must sift through and comply with must be controlled. This bureaucracy is an unnecessary drain on our economy that impedes our nation's growth. As part of the solution for improving our nation's economic footing, I will continue to advocate for eliminating unreasonable federal regulation that hinders the ability of American businesses to expand and increase jobs. We must remove the excessive layers of regulation that are not providing benefits but are just bogging down innovation. - 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.

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Commentary

Financial management Full coverage car insurance might be best option

Dear Dave,

I'm following your plan and trying to find different ways to save money. What's a good way to decide whether or not you need full-coverage insurance on an automobile?

— Barbara

Dear Barbara,

I think you should look at a couple of things. First, you need full-coverage or collision if you don't have a lot of money, because you'll end up walking if the car gets totaled. You need this coverage even if it's a \$2,000 car. You might keep the deductible a little high to save on premiums and then, if something unexpected happens, you can cover the out-of-pocket expense with your emergency fund.

Let's say you have \$50,000 in savings. You're driving a \$5,000 car, and you decide to drop collision coverage because you're thinking if you total it you can just write a check and replace the car. You can, but then you have to look at the other side of the coin. What does this collision coverage cost per year versus the \$5,000 risk you're taking?

I've run those numbers a few times, and generally I find collision insurance to be a pretty smart buy!

— Dave

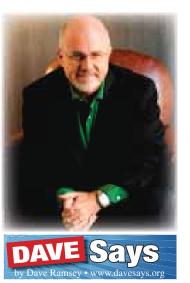
Dear Dave,

I've been following your plan, and I'd like to find a way to make a little more money on the side. Do you have any ideas for generating some passive income?

— Taiwan

Dear Taiwan,

First, I want to make sure you're not getting involved with



some get-rich-quick scheme, like a nothing-down real estate seminar. "Passive income" is a term that's sometimes attached to those sorts of things.

Passive income is pretty simple: It's income off of investments. In other words, it's money you set aside that makes you money. There's not any other income that is *real* passive income.

If you wrote a book and got royalties from the sales, some people would call that passive income. I get royalties from the books I've written over the years, but the people who would call that "passive income" didn't follow me around while I was working my tail off to write and sell those things. To me, it wasn't passive income at all; it was a business. Technically, the government would call it passive income. But they don't have anything to do with reality.

When it comes to passive income, I only invest in two things — real estate, for which I pay cash, and good growth stock mutual funds. Active income usually takes the form of a small business idea or your career. That's income that you, yourself, are literally creating.

But that's how I look at that stuff. Some people may have a different view on it, but I like to keep things simple.

— 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. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government Demographics may contribute to deflating economy

by Robert Romano

Deflation? No, not footballs.

In this case, a growing number of economic observers are becoming concerned about falling prices, in the Eurozone, the Pacific, and elsewhere — and what it means for the global economy.

In the 1930s, falling prices were a scourge. Assets became less attractive over time, since they might be cheaper to get in the future, and so it forestalled purchases. Meanwhile, the economy failed to recover, despite the collapse of the international gold standard and the easing of monetary conditions that brought.

No matter what central banks conjured up, the economy kept on sinking.

So, are we in the same situation today?

For certain, prices are slowing in the Eurozone, only growing at an annual rate of 0.6 percent in 2014, according to Eurostat. So spooked were policy makers, that the European Central Bank is firing up the printing presses, promising monthly purchases of assets totaling \in 60 billion.

The same thing is happening in Japan, where the economy has not grown at all for more than 20 years. Since the beginning of 2012, the Bank of Japan has more than doubled the amount of government securities it holds. Similar fears provoked the U.S. Federal Reserve to engage in unprecedented asset purchases of U.S. treasuries

and mortgage-backed securities since the financial crisis began in 2007, totaling more than \$3.5 trillion.

Despite the easing, prices in the U.S. most recently dropped 0.4 percent in December. But the decrease has been led primarily by a 9.4 percent decline in gasoline prices and a 7.8 percent drop in the price of fuel oil.

So, the current slowdown may just be the price of oil correcting itself, a view taken by Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen who says the current price drops are only "transitory."

On the other hand, there is no question that prices have been trending downward for two decades in the U.S., Europe, and Japan — along with nominal economic growth and jobs growth.

But the real downward pressure may be coming from a different source, namely, the decline of the workingage population. In Europe, the number of people aged 16-64 has only increased an average annual percent of 0.31 percent since 1996. In Japan, as the workforce there rapidly ages, the population aged 15-64 has been in outright contraction, decreasing at 0.52 percent a year.

The U.S is slightly better, with the working-age population growing at about 1.07 percent a year.

Nonetheless, a shrinking number of people entering

In Japan, the quantitative easing does appear to have had some temporary impact, spiking inflation in the past 12 months by 2.4 percent, according to the Statistics Bureau of Japan. Also, in 2013, nominal economic growth poked upward at a whole 1 percent (believe it or not, for Japan that's actually quite significant).

However, that trend may already be reversing, as in the third quarter of 2014, nominal growth in Japan fell 0.8 percent.

So, despite all of the easing by the Bank of Japan, it is not enough to overcome the overall demographic decline there. The central bank cannot print customers, apparently. All it can do is prop up asset prices, which might have some impact on the economy, but then only temporarily.

That may be the lesson to be learned. Throwing money from helicopters does not really have much of an impact over the long haul if nobody's around to spend it. Just as there may be a "demographic dividend" when workingage populations are growing, there appears to be a commensurate decline when they are not. Long-term, couples may start deciding to have more children.

Until then, the world might need to start getting used to slower growth, weakening demand, and yes, falling prices. What is clear is that no amount of quantitative easing has been able to stop the economic slowdown worldwide. — Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.

working age does appear to have a major impact on everything else, largely because of lower demand for goods and services, credit, and everything else.

Letter to the editor Draft legislation would put small-town annexation to vote

Idaho, Tennessee and Indiana are the last three states that allow forced annexations.

Idaho's 50-222 statute has three ways of annexation.

1) Property owners can volunteer their property to be annexed,

2) If 100 or more parcels are being annexed by a city, the property owners get a chance to vote yes or no on the annexation, or

3) If 99 or fewer parcels are being annexed, the city will annex the properties and then the property owners, if not wishing to be annexed, have to hire an attorney and

object to the annexation if they are unable to go through the process on their own.

I have a draft (DRMPN042) that I will be presenting before the Idaho House and Senate committees to add a new section 50-221 A to Statute 50-222 that would have the cities with fewer than 8,000 population that are trying to annex 99 or fewer private properties to make it mandatory that if 25 percent or more of the property owners do not want to be annexed, it would allow them a chance to vote YES or NO on the annexation.

There are 200 cities in Idaho: 23 have more than 8,000

population totaling 800,000 people; 177 cities have less than 8,000 population totaling 200,000 people. My draft would help the people that choose to live in the smaller rural counties and not in the cities.

Please contact your legislators if you would like to see this draft converted into a bill and voted on in the Idaho Legislature.

Ken Harvey

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 7, 1990

County gets \$74,963 from grazing

State Treasurer Lydia Justice Edwards sent \$243,900 to 43 Idaho counties last week. The funds are collected as fees from those holding grazing permits on BLM land in the state of Idaho. $12\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the fees are returned to the counties to be used for range improvements.

Owyhee County's share totaled \$74,963.42, or 31 percent of the total.

"These payments are much smaller than some of the other federal funds I return to the counties, but they serve an important purpose because counties are required to use them to improve the public lands used for grazing."

The amount allocated to each county depends on the number of BLM acres in the county. The county treasurer turns them over to the grazing district. According to Idaho Code, the funds are to be used for range improvements.

Saylor Creek main topic at Cattlemen's meeting

The Saylor Creek Bombing Range was the topic most often referred to by speakers at the annual Owyhee Cattlemen's Winter Convention, held at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy Saturday.

The meeting was conducted by the association's president, Vern Kershner of Flint Creek.

Keynote speaker was First District Congressman Larry Craig, who said the Air Force has slowed down on its push to get the bombing range approved in Congress. "The time frame has been extended. It will be 28 months, at least, before a decision is made," the congressman said. "One thing we've done is to teach the Air Force people they don't assume things," he added.

On another subject, Craig said the authorization of the new farm bill may be some time in coming, He warned that a major thrust in the bill will be animal "rights," and warned the ranchers that this issue is gaining momentum across the nation.

Eric Davis, Bruneau, who serves as the regional vicepresident of the National Cattle Association, stressed that there is no such thing as "animal rights," that the issue is "animal welfare," and that those who raise domestic animals are very concerned about the welfare of those animals.

Referring to the Saylor Creek issue, Davis said that "regardless of what the media may lead you to believe, there's been only one position given on the bombing range by the Air Force, and that is the original one."

Idaho Cattle Association president Bert Brackett of Three Creek updated the group on state association activities, pointing to the three mission goals of the ICA, which are (a) the environment; (b) animal welfare, and (c) beef safety.

Matmen finish 8th in 16 teams

Homedale's Trojan wrestlers came home with an 8thplace finish among 16 competing teams at the Magic Valley Tournament in Jerome over the weekend. But several local slam and pin artists scored major upsets at the event, including Brent Bailey, who landed a second-place finish in the 145 lb. division. Other high-placers for Homedale included Rich Zehr, fourth in the 119 bracket, and Kory Bean, fourth in the 140 lb. class. "Rick beat the No. 1 seed, Shawn Suddeth, from Meridian, last year's runner-up in the A-1 State Tournament." Head Wrestling Coach Bob Stancliff said later, noting the team "did quite well" at the meet.

50 years ago

February 4, 1965

1700 served at annual Smorgasbord Saturday

The 5th annual PTA sponsored "International Smorgasbord" held Saturday at the Washington grade school multi-purpose room passed its "survival test" with flying colors.

Had not the fund-raising event functioned so smoothly, it is doubtful the event would be held another year. However, after Saturday's highly successful day, school officials, PTA executive officers and members and the community believe the smorgasbord is here to stay.

Through the efforts of co-chairmen Mrs. J. C. Jackson and Mrs. John Takasugi and the entire committees, the bottlenecks of past smorgasbords were eliminated.

Among improvements were the two-way serving of foods from both sides of the tables, two different serving times of the noon and evening hours and the arranging of the eating tables in long banquet-style lines for faster and easier clearing of dishes.

Throughout the event it was noted that there never was a waiting line, patrons could leisurely take their time about eating and many took advantage of replenishing their plates. According to the number tags used to account for the total number of individuals served there were 1,700 with gross receipts of \$2,100. Last year the total amount was \$1,800.

Rodeo Board meets to discuss Owyhee Co. event

The Rodeo Board recently held a business meeting to discuss the annual Owyhee County Rodeo, according to Paul Zatica, board member.

Jim Murray and Frank Matteson were named as new members of the board and Robert Basey was elected as this year's president.

Jake Pope was hired by the board again this year to supply stock to be used at the rodeo.

Zatica also reported that they plan for a bigger and better rodeo this fall with many additional events.

The board is also considering sponsoring a spring Jackpot rodeo as a means of having a special rodeo for cowboys and anyone else interested. Funds raised at this rodeo will be used next August for the annual Owyhee County Rodeo.

Members of the board are Bob Basey, Walt Love, John Malmberg, John Wright, Paul Zatica, Alfred Curtis, Walt Adams, and new members, Jim Murray and Frank Matteson.

Homedale City Council meets Monday, Feb. 1

The regular monthly meeting of the Homedale City council was held Monday evening, Feb. 1 at City Hall, according to City Clerk Kenneth Downing.

The council set up the proposed budget for 1965 as follows: General fund, \$62,000; Sewer user's fund, \$10,170; Bond fund, \$3,000; Recreation fund, \$1,600; and Fire fund, \$1,360.

The City Council also held a special meeting Friday

140 years ago

February 6, 1875

THE COUNTY TREASURERSHIP. On the 18th ult. The County Commissioners declared the office of County Treasurer vacant, and appointed Henry Hyman to fill the position. We questioned the legality of this action of the Board at the time, on the ground that the Treasurer holds his office till "his successor is chosen and qualified." Dr. Beckett did not qualify before he died; hence, there existed no vacancy, and the County commissioners have not, in our opinion, the power to create a vacancy. The law contemplates the happening of something to the incumbent before vacancy can ensue. Dr. Beckett never was an incumbent of the office, not having qualified; therefore Mr. Gardner's time had not expired – he was the incumbent and nothing happened to him to cause a vacancy in the office. The legal adviser of the Commissioners, District Attorney Ensign, told them yesterday that their action in the matter was illegal, and that Mr. Gardner was entitled to hold the office. They, however, approved Mr. Hyman's bond, but wisely stipulated that the county should be put to no expense on account of any litigation that might arise. Therefore, if Mr. Hyman feels disposed to contest the matter he must do so at his own expense. We desire that justice shall prevail. If Mr. Hyman is entitled to the office, we hope he will get it; if Mr. Gardner is entitled to it, we want him to hold it.

CHIEF JUSTICE HOLLISTER. We offer our congratulations to the good people of Idaho over the welcome news that Hon. M. E. Hollister is now in possession of his commission as chief justice of our Territory. The Supreme Bench now has its full complement of Judges again, and, from Judge Hollister's acknowledged fitness for the position, our personal acquaintance with Judge Whitson, and the favorable opinion we have formed of Judge Clark, based on information derived from those who know him well, we doubt whether any other Territory in the United States has a better judiciary than Idaho to now boast of. We hope we shall never have cause to change our opinion in reference to the honorable gentlemen who are now to hold the scales of Justice, and preside over the several Judicial Districts of our Territory.

HOME AGAIN. John W. Minear got back last Saturday night from a three months' visit to his native home in the Old Dominion. His aged father and mother came out here on a visit last summer, and he went home with them. He informs us that the old folks stood the trip first rate, and that he left them enjoying excellent health. Mr. Minear says that he had a splendid time back there, and regretted when the time rolled round for him to come away. He didn't bring that "rib" back with him, but, from what we learn, and from the sly twinkle of his eye when the subject is alluded to, we think he made satisfactory "arrangements" to that effect and people need not be surprised to see him making preparations for "keeping house."

A PATENT POKER PLAYER. An incident is related of the charming working of some patent reduction works the other evening in a club room in this place. Several gentlemen were in the room engaged in a sociable game of poker "just to pass away the time, you know," twenty chips for two and a half, when an outsider named Charley Peterson asked to take a hand. His request was not denied. He sat down, and very soon his reduction works accomplished the reduction of the pocket change of all the other players. His luck was regarded as marvelous. He continued to break his competitors and to pass out the chips in exchange for the coin, until he had accumulated as much probably as fifty dollars, when one of the players espied the edge of a card protruding slightly from under his shirt bosom. This let the cat out of the bag, for further investigation showed that he had about his bosom an apparatus which enabled him to throw a card from his bosom into his hand at will. The deck of cards was then counted and found to be six short. The gentlemen who had been roped in felt indignant, of course, but did not more than compel Peterson to disgorge his ill-gotten gains and pay for all the cards bought while the game was going on.

Millie's Café in Marsing changes management

Shari Aevermann has taken over management of Millie's Café in Marsing and is changing its name to "Rubble's Roadhouse Café." Why Rubble's? "It's a standing joke around town," Shari laughed last week. "Lonny's nickname is Barney Rubble."

Lonny, of course, is Shari's husband and Millie's son, so this is one family enterprise where the name change presumably won't matter much. For those puzzled by the Rubbles reference, it should be noted that Barney Rubble is reported to be a lovable character in the cartoon, The Flintstones. evening, Jan. 29, at City Hall according to Mayor Orville Soper. A discussion was held to determine the actual cost of completing the means of financing a complete sewer system and disposal plant.

A contract with Earl Reynolds, Jr., for work on the sewer plan was also examined by the council. Mayor Soper reports that another special meeting will be called in the near future to discuss the sewer further.

Homedale edges Wilder 62-60 in Saturday thriller

Homedale took over first place in the Southern Division of the Snake River Valley B league with a 62-60 win over Wilder Saturday night.

The win, coupled with Fruitland's loss to New Plymouth, left the Trojans all alone at the top. They are now 5-1 in league play. Wilder has failed to win and is now 0-6.

Wilder made things tough for the Trojans all night, leading 20-18 after one period and 38-34 at the half. Homedale finally took the lead at the end of three periods, 52-43.

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public meeting will be held on March 2nd, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed color-coded road categorization on the RS2477 right of way maps within the following townships and ranges:

SE¹/₄ of 09S06W; E¹/₂ of 10S06W; E¹/₂ of 11S06W; E¹/₂ of 12S06W; E¹/₂ of 13S06W; E¹/₂ of 14S06W; E¹/₂ of 15S06W; E¹/₂ of 16S06W; S¹/₂ of 09S05W; 10S05W; 11S05W; 12S05W; 13S05W; 14S05W; 15S05W; 16S05W; S¹/₂ of 09S04W; 10S04W; 11S04W; 12S04W; 13S04W; 14S04W; 15S04W; 16S04W; S¹/₂ of 09S03W; 10S03W; 11S03W; 12S03W; 13S03W; 14S03W; 15S03W; 16S03W; S¹/₂ of 09S02W; 10S02W; 11S02W; 12S02W; 13S02W; 14S02W; 15S02W; 16S02W; 08S01W; 09S01W; 10S01W; 11S01W; 12S01W; 13S01W; 14S01W; N¹/₂, W¹/₂W¹/₂W¹/₂ of 15S01W; S¹/₂ of 06S01E; 07S01E; 08S01E; 09S01E; 10S01E; 11S01E; 12S01E; 13S01E; W1/3W1/2 of 14S1E; W¹/₂W¹/₂NW¹/₄ of 15S1E; S¹/₂, W¹/₂W¹/₂S¹/₂ of 06S02E; 07S02E; 08S02E; 09S02E; 10S02E; 11S02E; N¹/₂ of 12S02E; W1/3 of 13S2E; S¹/₂ of 06S03E; 07S03E; 08S03E; 09S03E; 10S03E; N¹/₄, W1/3 of 11S03E; W2/3 of NW¹/₄ of 12S03E; S¹/₂ of 06S04E; 07S04E; N¹/₄, W1/3 of 08S04E; W1/3 of 09S04W; W1/3 of 10S04W; NWNW¹/4 of 11S04E; SW¹/₄ of 06S05E; W1/3 of 07S05E; and the NWNW¹/₄ of 08S05E.

The color-coding categorizes the right of ways lying on federal lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups. No groups and related criteria intend to cover the various rights of way located on private lands. The proposed maps are available for viewing in the planning and zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

2/4&18/15

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015 January 5

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$75,971 Road & Bridge \$6,316 District Court \$2,790 Probation \$1,441 Health District \$4,531 Historical Society / Museum \$1,042 Indigent & Charity \$9,762 Revaluation \$616 Solid Waste \$5,590 Tort \$1,000 911 \$26,722 County Vessel \$139 Waterways \$66 Economic Development \$116

Approved 3 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Robyn Richardson, Jennifer Ames and Michael Stivers.

Approved the purchase of juniper logs in the amount of \$2,300.00 from Brent Mastre for Woody Bio-Mass analysis.

Approved the Sheriff's grant application to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$32,011.00 for a new patrol boat.

Approved agreement with Clinton Miner, Attorney at Law, as special assignment trial deputy for the Prosecuting Attorney at \$75.00 per hour.

Approved new jail hire of Courtney Gates to begin on January 8, 2015 in the amount of \$13.87 per hour.

Performed the 4th quarter jail

Approved 2015 Indigent & Charity burial fee of \$750.00. Approved the Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of the county. Approved 2015 personal vehicle and jury vehicle mileage reimbursement of \$.55 per mile. Approved saying the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer prior to each Commissioner meeting.

The following newly elected officials were read their Oath of Office: Kelly Aberasturi -Commissioner Dist. #2 Jerry Hoagland - Commissioner Dist. #1 Angela Barkell – Clerk

Brett Endicott – Assessor Brenda Richards – Treasurer Aaron Tines – Coroner

Approved an addendum to the existing Corporate Technologies contract for additional hours.

Approved RS2477 Canyon Lands West public meeting for Monday March 2, 201 at 6:00 pm at the courthouse annex.

Approved a public meeting for the 2012 Building Code adoption for Monday February 2, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Approved Intermountain Communications proposal for remodel of the CEB room at the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$10,938.07

Approved promotion of Steven Crawford as Corporal beginning 1/12/15 at \$15.94 per hour.

Approved promotion of Kyle Pearson as Patrol Deputy, beginning 1/12/15 at \$15.94 per hour.

1st FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2014/2015 % of % of BUDGET Budget Budget FUND AMOUNT Expended to Date Expended Revenue Revenue to Date 01 General \$593,140.00 \$44,439.00 8.00% \$33,983.00 6% \$0.00 0.00% \$0.00 0.00% Law Enforcement \$0.00 02 Roads & Streets \$136,678.00 \$23,614.00 17.00% \$4,681.00 3.40% 03 Parks \$135,954.00 \$6,244.00 4.60% \$1,874.00 5.00% \$23,500.00 05 Planning & Zoning \$3,720.00 2.00% 16.00% \$494.00 \$889,272.00 Sub-Total 78,017.00 0.80% \$41,032.00 4.00% 25 Water \$104.381.00 \$780,600.00 \$167,520.00 22.00% 13.00% 29 Irrigation \$45,925.00 15,026.00 33.00% \$33,820.00 73.00%

Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report

CITY OF MARSING

30 Sanitation \$85,150.00 \$21,516.00 25.00% \$22,734.00 27.00% 35 Sewer \$486,920.00 7,567.00 7.00% \$63,361.00 13.00% Sub-Total \$1,398,595.00 \$224,296.00 16.00% \$211.629.00 15.00% TOTAL (all funds) \$2,287,867.00 289,646.00 12.00% \$265,677.00 11%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours

Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accounting procedures.

4-Feb-15 Publish:

Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer

\$9,155 Tort \$1,967 Waterways \$414 OHV \$3 Taxing Dist. \$140 Econ. Development \$1,118

Approved appointment of Rachel Criffield as Fair Board Member and resignation of member Dennis Dines.

Approved 4 Certificates of Residency to CWI for Carley Bond, Jaclyn Glanzman, Orrie Lowry and Maria Martinez.

Approved the 2014 Annual Audit Report. January 26

Approved a letter to Diane French with Idaho Department of Lands regarding the Draft Grazing Program Business Plan.

Approved the Black Sands Waterways Improvement Grant Application.

Approved a catering permit from Snowbirds, LLC for the February 14, 2015 Owyhee Cattleman's meeting.

Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Camilla Carver and Joshua Young.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www. owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office. 2/4

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

CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report For 3 Month Period - Quarter Ending 12/31/2014 As required by Idaho Code 50-1011

			% of		% of
1st Quarter		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
FY 2015	2015 Budget	Expense	Expenses	Revenue	Revenue
GENERAL					
CITY	\$57,406	\$40,884	71%	\$43,303	75%
ROADS &					
STREETS	\$38,030	\$1,132	3%	\$3,896	10%
PARK	\$9,285	\$1,085	12%	\$0	0%
SEWER	\$185,800	\$21,237	12%	\$19,267	10%
WATER	\$284,332	\$49,766	18%	\$43,907	15%
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TOTAL \$574,853 \$110,373 20% 19% The General Public is invited to inspect all support documents for the above financial statement at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho, during regular

business hours. Tammy M. Payne

City Clerk 01/28/2015

for irrigation in Sects. 19 and 20. The applicant proposes to move the points of diversion to within Sects. 23 and 28, T28S, R46E, WM. The Water Resources Department has concluded that the proposed transfer appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS Chapter 540 and OAR 690-380-5000.

Any person may file, jointly or severally, a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of newspaper publication of this notice, 02/11/2015.

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Call (503) 986-0807 to obtain additional information or a protest form. If no protests are filed, the Department will issue a final order consistent with the preliminary determination. 2/4,11/15

NOTICE

Salmon River Electric Cooperative continually posts a public list of unclaimed capital at http://www.srec.org/MembInfo/ UnclmdCC.pdf. 2/4/15

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inspection.

Withdrew Indigent & Charity case 14-35

Approved Indigent & Charity Assignments.

January 12

Re-Organized the Board: Commissioner Merrick as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Merrick as District Magistrate Commissioner.

Commissioner Aberasturi as Southwest District Health Department, Western Alliance and Treasure Valley Partnership Commissioner.

Declared entire county of Owyhee as noxious weed extermination area. Commissioner Hoagland as Road & Bridge #1 Supervisor. Commissioner Merrick as Road & Bridge #3, Solid Waste and Planning & Zoning Supervisor. Commissioner Aberasturi as Weed Department and Probation Supervisor.

Approved transfer of Liquor License to Thomas Eguilior for the Bruneau One Stop.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for Zachary Dygert.

Approved a letter to Helen Rueda at the Oregon EPA Office regarding the Draft TMDL for Mercury in the Waters of Jordan Creek.

Approved a letter to Governor Butch Otter regarding the Draft TMDL for Mercury in the Waters of Jordan Creek.

January 20

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$58,619 Road & Bridge \$20,496 District Court \$2,050 Fair, County \$23 Probation \$784 Hist. Society \$1,324 Indigent & Charity \$325 Revaluation \$1,407 Solid Waste 1/21,28;2/4/15

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY **DETERMINATION FOR** WATER RIGHT TRANSFER T-11719

T-11719 filed by Cow Creek Ranches Inc, 2155 Pony Rock Rd, Jordan Valley, OR 97910, proposes a change in points of diversion under Certificate 21028. The right allows the use of 0.465 cfs from Cow Creek in Sec. 23, T28S, R46E, WM (Feed Canal)



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Public notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE NO. CV-14-040 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT **OF THE STATE OF IDAHO** IN AND FOR THE COUNTY **OF OWYHEE**

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2003-2, NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-2, Plaintiff,

CLINTEN M. NIELSEN AKA CLINT M. NIELSEN; MARY LINDA NIELSEN AKA LINDA NIELSEN; AND UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION OR CLAIMING RIGHT TO POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S <u>SALE</u>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 19th day of February, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day in the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, I will sell all of the right, title and interest of said Defendants, in and to the below described property, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States, to satisfy said execution and all costs.

The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer the right, title and

interest of the judgment debtors in and to the property at the time the execution or attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.

The judgment debtor or redemptioner may redeem the property from the purchaser within one (1) year after the sale, if the real property sold consisted of a tract of land of more than twenty (20) acres, and within six (6) months after the sale if the real property sold consisted of a tract of land of twenty (20) acres or less, paying the purchaser the amount of his purchase with interest thereon at the rate allowed in Section 28-22-104(1), Idaho Code, from the date of sale to the date of redemption, together with the amount of any assessment or taxes which the purchaser may have paid thereon after the commencement of the action and which are not included in the judgment, and interest at the rate allowed in Section 28-22-104(1), Idaho Code, on such amount.

BY VIRTUE of an execution in my hands, issued out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of Idaho, County of Owyhee, in the suit of THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEÉ TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2003-2, NOVASTAR HOME EQUITYLOANASSET-BACKED

CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-2 v. CLINTEN M. NIELSEN AKA CLINT M. NIELSEN; MARY LINDA NIELSEN AKA LINDA NIELSEN; AND UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION OR CLAIMING RIGHT TO POSSESSION, Case No. CV-14-040, duly attested the 21st day of January, 2015, I levied upon all right, title and interest of all defendants, in and to the following described real property, situated in Owyhee, County, Idaho, to wit:

THE NORTH 318 FEET OF THE WEST 375 FEET OF THE SW1/4SW1/4 OF SECTION 25. TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGÉ 6 WEST, B.M., OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ANY PORTION THEREOF LYING SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTH CANAL AS IT EXISTED SEPTEMBER 13, 1994

more commonly known as 5122 Sage Road, Homedale, ID 83628

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this 22nd day of January, 2015. SHERIFF OF OWYHEE COUNTY By Luisa Basabe, Civil Deputy

Craig Peterson, ISB #9434, Lisa McMahon-Myhran, ISB #8963, Jennifer Tait, ISB #8243, Robinson Tait, P.S., 710 Second Avenue, Suite 710, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 676-9640 Fax: (206) 676-9659, Attorney for Plaintiff

1/28;2/4,11/15



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