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PLC, feds return for Owyhee Cattlemen's meeting

Saturday event comes as ranchers get some good news

For the second year in a row, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will see a strong public lands representation at its winter meeting.

But Saturday's semiannual membership meeting at the Oreana Community Hall

may have less of a pall over it than the past two OCA general meetings.

Public Lands Council executive director Dustin Van Liew and Public Lands Council national president Brenda Richards are scheduled to speak during the meeting,

which gets under way at 1:30 p.m.

This is Van Liew's second OCA trip.

"He understands the importance of public lands ranching, and he understands the importance of what's going on here," Richards said.

A Reynolds Creek rancher, Richards became the PLC president in September. She recently returned from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association industry convention in San Antonio, bringing back some uplifting news for the county's ranchers.

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Auctioneer Sam Baker signals to a winning bidder during Saturday's fundraiser. More photos, *Page 8A*

Marsing bidders come through again

Auction revenue
at \$73,000 so far

Organizers are calling this year's Marsing Disaster Auction a resounding success.

Advertising chairman James Ferdinand says the 54th annual event raised \$73,000 and he stresses that is a preliminary figure. He says more donations will trickle in over the next few weeks, including some from people who couldn't attend the auction but instead will send in a check.

An "after meeting" will be held in two weeks, and Ferdinand says they will have a much better idea of how much money came in by then.

Last year's auction raised \$78,000.

Ferdinand says donations were good this year and about the same as in 2014. However, he thinks the crowd cleared out much quicker than at the last auction and "dessert donations were down a little bit."

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Homedale High School evacuated briefly



Above: Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge, left, helps escort Homedale High School students to the field north of the school after an evacuation was ordered Thursday when a natural gas line ruptured nearby. *Below:* Intermountain Gas Co., workers repair the line on North 1st Street West.

City could be on hook for line repair

A city maintenance crew punctured a natural gas line Thursday, leading to the brief evacuation of Homedale High School.

City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said his crew followed protocol while digging as part of an irrigation system project, but a tree root directly above the gas line on North 1st Street East

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Grand View Lions Auction returns

The annual Grand View Lions Auction will be held Saturday with proceeds going to several service projects in the community.

The auction takes place at 1 p.m.

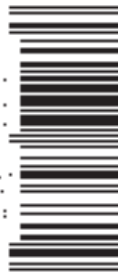
inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 First St.

During the auction the winning tickets in the raffle for a Traeger BBQ pellet grills and smoker and .22-250

rifle will be drawn.

Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or you can get six for \$5.

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Homedale intersection concerns raised

Adequate visibility at city intersections will be a topic during today's Homedale City Council meeting.

Resident Richard Roland is scheduled to discuss the public works department's tree trimming in city right-of-way as well as the issue of large vehicles parked in such a way that they block views at residential intersections.

Roland is scheduled to be the first person to address the council during its 6 p.m. meeting today at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Roland told The Owyhee Avalanche that he's concerned about a city crew trimming trees that sit on private property. He also takes exception to vehicles, such as a semi and trailer, that are allowed to be parked on city streets in such a way that they blocked the vision of motorists and uncontrolled intersections.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith said city crews are responsible for trees that overhang into the city right-of-way on streets, and workers have been out taking care of problem areas.

"If there are visibility or safety

issues, I have to get in there,” Smith said. “I have to make sure that the right-of-way is clear and safe. It’s a clear vision issue.”

Smith said he tries to schedule tree trimming in the winter when trees are dormant to reduce the amount of stress on the trees. This cuts down on the possibility of damaging residents' trees, he said.

The public works angle will continue later in the meeting when Smith brings to the council a proposal to purchase a grader from the state surplus pool.

Smith said the 1994 model has 800 hours on it and is available for \$27,500. He said the amount of use is incredibly low for the age of the machine. In fact, other models from the mid-1990s that Smith has found have 10 times as many hours on them.

"Vintage-wise and hour-wise, it would be a great boon for us," Smith said.

If the council approves purchase of the machine, Smith expects it to remain in the city public works fleet for years. The city's current grader, which is used

to heavy snow removal as well as maintaining alleys and road shoulders, was built in 1969 and has been in the city stable for about 20 years.

"It's just a tremendous value and would be a great upgrade for us," Smith said.

Last month, council members approved up to \$14,290 to purchase a new lawnmower and leaf collection system.

The city also announced it has applied with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to help finance the development of a drinking water system planning study.

According to a legal notice in this week's *Avalanche*, the public is invited to consult with the federal agency about any environmental resources that may be affected. Comments can be sent addressed to Carol J. Garrison with the USDA Rural Development office in Boise at 9173 W. Barnes Ave., Ste. A1, Boise, ID 83709. The phone number is (208) 327-6473.

— JPB

P&Z reappointments before Homedale council

Angel Walk,
Farmers Market
issues also on
tonight's docket

The Homedale City Council will take up the issue of reappointing Planning and Zoning commissioners today.

The reappointment of P&Z chair Jim Packer and commissioner Reed Batt, both of whom are longtime members of the board, is scheduled to take place near the end of the meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Packer has served as board chair for years, and Batt was appointed to the board in 2003. The original date of Packer's appointment is unknown.

Both men agreed to the idea of reappointment during the P&Z board's January meeting. Their terms are set to expire near the end of the February.

Batt has missed only one P&Z meeting in the past 15 times that the board has been convened. Packer has been absent only once since 2011.

The next P&Z meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 23. The board has set a 2015 schedule to meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month.

The February meeting occurs on the fourth Monday because administrator Sylvia Bahem will be out of town the week prior.

Upcoming community events to be discussed

Representatives from Angel Walk and the Homedale Farmers Market will have an audience with the council tonight.

Farmers Market president Denise Dixon is scheduled to

discuss changing the date of the third year of the market at Bette Uda City Park.

During last month's Chamber of Commerce meeting, it was suggested that the market, which will run between June and September, be moved to a weeknight to eliminate competition with other Farmers Markets also held on Saturdays.

Also on hand tonight will be organizers for the fifth annual Angel Walk fun run and the Angel Walk car show, which will be held for the third year.

Both events will take place on Saturday, May 9 in downtown Homedale.

The Angel Walk Committee continues to take nominations for this year's honoree. Nominations will be accepted until March 6. Forms are available at the Homedale Friends Community Church or online at <http://homedaleangelwalk.blogspot.com/>



Above: Homedale volunteer firefighter Tyler Maxwell sprays water into the northeast corner of a house in the 200 block of West Nevada Avenue as his colleagues prepare to battle the blaze from a different angle early in the evening on Feb. 2. **Right:** Smoke can be seen wafting in the upper right-hand corner of the burned-out garage last Wednesday, more than 36 hours after the original fire started.



Homedale house fire smolders for two days

Firefighters visit scene numerous times as flames refuse to go out

Fire crews had a difficult time putting out a house fire in Homedale last week. A woman was displaced by the fire, which destroyed a home in the 200 block of West Nevada Avenue.

Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uria said the amount of debris in the house made it difficult to put the fire out. In fact, crews responded several times over a two-day period as the fire continued to smolder.

The debris made it impossible to fight the fire from inside the home, Uria said. “There was just no way to put it out,” he said. The fire was first reported around 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 2 after the resident called emergency dispatch to report that her bathroom was on fire. Uria said the origin or cause of

the fire was never determined, but no foul play is suspected. Volunteer firefighters worked at the scene until about midnight, but Uria said they hadn’t had enough time to get home from the fire hall before another call came out. In all, crews responded to hot spots about a half-dozen times on Feb. 2-3, Uria said. Uria confirmed reports that

several dogs and cats lived in the house, but he believes all the animals were able to get out unharmed. Proceeds from the HFD burnout fund enabled the woman to find temporary housing, and Uria said the American Red Cross was also working to help the woman.

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Meeting: Cromnibus brings some long-anticipated reform to permits

Richards saw private land ranchers east of the Mississippi move closer to the public lands producers' view on the need for Endangered Species Act reform as the eastern cattlemen begin to feel the effects of ESA policy on their private ground that western ranchers have experienced for years with regulations regarding slickspot peppergrass and sage-grouse.

In the first few months of her two-year presidential term, Richards has visited the state conventions of other grazing organizations, and she has come to understand that innovations from the OCA have been adopted in other areas.

"It's something really interesting because you eat at their banquets and talk to their people and realize the things here in Owyhee County have spread and are being tried in other places in the West," she said.

Having returned only seven days ago from San Antonio, Richards brings back news that elements of the Cromnibus spending bill Congress passed in December also will help public lands ranchers:

- The grazing rider has been codified, ensuring the continuation of ranching operations while new permits are vetted through National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environ-

Saturday's schedule

A look at what's happening for the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting at Oreana Community Hall:

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — University of Idaho Extension winter beef school focuses on beef quality assurance. School sponsors: AgriLines and Select Sires, Hal Harris. Lunch sponsor: Merial, Western Stockmen's and Basin Feed and Fertilizer

1 p.m. — Winter meeting registration

1:30 p.m. — OCA meeting begins, items include:

- Gretchen Hyde on the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission's public opinion survey
- BLM report and update
- OCA website discussion
- Brenda Richards, Public Lands Council national president
- Dustin Van Liew, PLC executive director
- Various reports and updates

Sponsors include Commercial Tire (snaffle bit) and Miller Livestock Solutions and CowBos (bridle)

5 p.m. — Social hour. Sponsors: Anipro (Dana Rutan and Doug Rutan) and North Fork Angus (Seth Thomas and Logan Thomas)

6 p.m. — Potluck dinner

9 p.m. — Dance with music by Runnin' for Cover. \$5 donation with proceeds benefitting the Oreana Community Hall.

mental analysis (EA).

- Categorical exclusions from full NEPA analysis have been established for trailing and crossing permits.
- The environmental analysis process can be tied to the resource and not the permit after the legislation allowed EAs to be applied to allotments and in some cases multiple allotments.

- The Bureau of Land Manage-

ment and U.S. Forest Service has been given more flexibility to create schedules for completing EAs on allotments.

The Cromnibus achievements are only the latest bright moments for the cattle industry in Owyhee County.

In early January, Andrew S. Pearlstein, an administrative law judge with the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Hearings

and Appeals, denied the BLM's attempt to dismiss the OCA, Idaho Cattlemen's Association, Public Lands Council and Farm Bureau from the Owyhee 68 permit appeals.

Pearlstein's Jan. 8 ruling allowed the cattle industry groups to remain involved to support ranchers trying to avoid BLM's substantial reductions in their animal unit month (AUM) allowances.

BLM officials will be in attendance Saturday after no one represented the federal agency at the OCA summer meeting in Silver City.

"It's a better atmosphere than it was last time," Richards said. "We certainly don't have everything resolved, but we have some people at the local level and the state level that give us some hope."

No one from the BLM Idaho office is expected to attend, but Boise District manager Jim Fincher, Bruneau Field manager Tanya Thrift and acting Owyhee Field manager Michelle Ryerson should be there.

Ryerson is filling in for Loretta Chandler as she continues to work in the state office.

Richards calls Ryerson "a breath of fresh air."

But there are always areas of concern.

While the PLC supports the increase in the federal grazing fee, which will become \$1.69 per AUM on March 1, the group once again is voicing opposition to the Obama administration's attempt to add an additional fee of \$2.50 per AUM to the charged to public land ranchers who use BLM and Forest Service ground.

Richards said the PLC feels ranchers can stomach the higher grazing fee because cattle prices are up and the formula used to establish the fee is fair.

President Obama's idea to add a vague surcharge into his fiscal year 2016 budget, however, isn't flying with ranchers. Richards said the president inserted a \$1 surcharge in his last budget, but that never came to fruition.

The \$2.50 fee may never survive the budget process either, but Richards said the ambiguity of how the revenue would be used is a big sticking point.

She said the PLC might not be against the fee if it was clear that the money would come back to the local level to help with range programs in Owyhee County and elsewhere.

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Above: Layth Jenkins holds the rifle that will be raffled during Saturday's Grand View Lions Club Auction. Left: A display of some of the items that will be auctioned Saturday at Grand view Elementary School.

Submitted photos

Lions bingo to help MHS seniors

Proceeds from the Marsing Lions Club bingo night Saturday will benefit the Class of 2015. More than 60 people turned out for the January edition of the bingo night, which organizers said has gained a new-found popularity this winter. The early bird game begins at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday with the regular session starting a 7 p.m. The bingo takes place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N. The early bird game costs \$5, while the first set of cards for the regular session costs \$15. Each additional set costs \$5. Funds will be donated to the Marsing High School senior class to help pay for their drug-free graduation party in May. There is free popcorn, while snacks and coffee or soda can be purchased.

HHS actors prepare for new play

Tickets are now available for the Homedale High School Drama Club's next production. "Holka Polka" by D.M. Larson is a fairy tale mystery from freedrama.net. The high school drama club, under the supervision of advisor DeAnn Thatcher, will hold 7:30 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28 inside the school's auxiliary gymnasium. Admission is \$2 for students, \$3 for adults and \$10 for a family. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from drama members or at the door.

✓ Lions: Proceeds help finance club's community projects

In addition to the auction, lunch will be served beginning at noon. A menu of hot dogs, chili and homemade pies will be available. For more information about the auction, call Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman at (208) 834-2442. One hundred percent of the auction proceeds go back to the community, helping the Lions Club perform several projects through the year. The club plans to complete work on a walkway across the canal on the Grand View Highway (Idaho highway 167). Most of the work was financed through last year's auction, but sidewalks on either side of the entrance to the walkway must be completed this year. The walkway work was part of an Eagle Scout project that the Lions helped fund. The Lions Club will help fund two more Eagle Scout projects at the Riverside Cemetery this year. One project involves building a register and sign for the cemetery. The second project will give the cemetery room to grow by removing a singlewide trailer and fencing from adjacent ground and then leveling off the undeveloped property. In addition to the Idaho 167 crossing and Eagle Scout project last year, the Grand View Lions also tackled their usual community service, including sponsoring insurance for little league basketball in Bruneau and Grand View, eye glasses for the community, 4-H, Little League baseball, Rimrock High School Boosters and more.

✓ Marsing: Eggs sell several times over to raise \$1,250

In fact, he says they usually have desserts left over at the end of the auction but not this time. Ferdinand adds that volunteer support was "as good or better than normal," but he was surprised that donated quilts didn't sell for as much as they normally do. One of the highlights of the auction was two 18-packs of eggs donated by Gene and Josie Showalter. They first sold for \$500 but were immediately put back up for bid. The eggs fetched \$400 the second time around and were again placed on the auction block. The third time they sold for \$250 and finally went to a fourth bidder for \$100. In the end, the 36 eggs raised a total of \$1,250. Ferdinand says what stands out to him the most about the auction is "how amazing our community is for a one-day fundraiser to make this kind of money for disaster relief. It really chokes me up to think about how our community comes together for something like this." Auction board members will start planning for next year's event during their meeting in two weeks, Ferdinand said. Organizers essentially never stop working on the auction, he said. Marsing schoolchildren also lent a hand at the auction. They sold raffle tickets around the community, and this year Harlee Ferdinand took first place for selling the most tickets. Funds from the annual auction are directed toward relief efforts for fires, funerals, flooding or large medical bills. The money raised also helps the Marsing ambulance crew and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the United Way.

— SC

✓ Repair: Related irrigation project could end this week

complicated matters. "We felt we were far enough away from the marks to dig safely," Smith said. "We felt where we were digging, we were inside the safe zone and outside the critical zone." There were no injuries when the gas line on the east side of the street about midway down the first block was punctured. It's not known yet whether the city will be asked to pay for the repairs. Smith said that aspect is still under investigation. Smith said he called 911 per protocol and contacted Intermountain Gas Co., after the pipe was hit around 9:45 a.m. The Homedale Fire Department volunteers used trucks to close off the first block of North 1st Street East. "We just blocked the road," HFD Chief Dennis Uria said. "We just wanted to make sure no one was driving through there. We told the school and made everybody aware of what was going on." Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Sgt. Mike McFetridge moved students out of Homedale High School briefly before the gas company crew arrived around 10:30 a.m. Fuel service at Jacksons on the corner of North 1st Street and East Idaho Avenue was temporarily interrupted as a precaution. The store was never closed or evacuated. An Intermountain Gas Co. crew shut off the gas by 12:19 p.m., isolating the problem and stopping the leak. Before that, gas could be heard rushing out of the split in the line and the tell-tale rotten-egg stench of the escaping gas had filled downtown. By 3:30 p.m., the pipe was fixed and the pavement replaced, Smith said. The city maintenance crew was trying locate the end of an old concrete irrigation line and the end of a newer plastic irrigation line, Smith said. The project, which Smith hopes to have completed by the end of this week, is part of the work that has for months left a pile of street pavement and barriers blocking the alley on the east side of the first block of North 1st Street East. Smith said the wet weather has complicated trying to get the job done, as did the discovery of more concrete pipe under the street, which led to Thursday's diggings.

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Death notices

LEON C. HAHLEBECK, 72, of Marsing, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015. Arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Home, Caldwell.

LINDA DIANA JOHNSON, 64, a Nampa resident who lived in Homedale briefly in the early 1970s, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. A memorial service was held on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 at Zeyer Funeral Chapel. A funeral Mass was held on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Nampa. Interment followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Nampa.

HAZELJULENE (ZIMMERMAN) MALLEA, 71, of Bremerton, Wash., passed away on Feb. 5, 2015. A rosary will be recited at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. Burial will take place immediately afterward at the Jordan Valley Cemetery. A reception will follow at the parish hall at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Jordan Valley. The full obituary may be viewed at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

VERDIA M. SNELLINGS, 65, of Marsing, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015. Arrangements are under the care of Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City.

Outdoors photographer featured at Marsing library

A Greenleaf photographer who focuses on the outdoors is the featured artist at the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library monthly exhibit in Marsing.

Beth O’Meara specializes in nature and outdoors photography especially scenic views and close-up photography of flowers and plants.

Having lived in this area most of her life, Beth says “I enjoy the beauty around us and enjoy capturing that beauty on film and then sharing it with others.”

Her work is on display through February at the library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing. The library is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. It’s closed Sunday.

All the images that are displayed in the library were taken in Idaho and Oregon with the majority being taken locally. There are a few from around Stanley.

In addition to the framed and matted photos on display, Beth offers scenic greeting cards, book-marks, desk calendars, magnets



The scenic photography of Greenleaf’s Beth O’Meara is on display this month at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing. Submitted photo

and other items.

Beth welcomes inquiries from people interested in photos for home or office and gift items.

Enjoy her website www.OMeara-Photography.com or contact her at beth@OMearaPhotography.com or by phone at (208) 880-8785.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 11: Orange chicken, rice, steamed broccoli, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 12: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 16: No school
- Feb. 17: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 18: BBQ chicken, steamed carrots, roll, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 11: Chicken or beef nuggets, cookie, salad bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 12: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, salad bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 16: No school
- Feb. 17: Hot dog or hamburger, salad bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 18: BBQ chicken or pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, salad bar, fruit bar, milk

Homedale High

- Feb. 11: Enchilada, burrito or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Feb. 12: Spicy chicken, cheeseburger or hamburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Feb. 16: No school
- Feb. 17: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, egg roll, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Feb. 18: lasagna & breadstick or rib-b-que, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Marsing

- Feb. 11: Spaghetti w/Italian breadstick, meat loaf w/roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar/soup
- Feb. 12: Chicken fried steak, oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, roll, salad bar/soup
- Feb. 16: No school
- Feb. 17: Spicy chicken & rice w/roll, burrito, steamed carrots, salad bar/soup
- Feb. 18: Rib-b-que, macaroni & cheese, Italian breadstick, corn, salad bar/soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 11: Chicken patty, seasoned black beans, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk
- Feb. 12: Taco soup, salad, corn bread, fruit, milk
- Feb. 13: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks & cauliflower, fresh fruit, chocolate brownie, milk
- Feb. 17: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, fresh carrots, pudding, milk
- Feb. 18: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, peas, breadstick, fruit, milk

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

- Feb. 11: Pasta primavera, bread, milk
- Feb. 12: Country fried steak, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, bread, milk
- Feb. 17: Baked fish, baked potatoes, gravy, beets, milk
- Feb. 18: Sausage & biscuit, country gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, milk
- Feb. 19: Baked ham, yams, string beans, bread, milk

Marsing Senior Center

- Feb. 11: Baked fish, or chef’s choice, potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit & rice salad, pears, milk
- Feb. 12: Ham, potatoes, peas, gravy, apple salad, bread, milk
- Feb. 16: Closed
- Feb. 17: lasagna, Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, fruit cocktail, milk
- Feb. 18: Chicken patty/bun, coleslaw, potato wedges, carrots, fruit, milk
- Feb. 19: Pork tamales, rice, beans, green salad, peas & carrots, peaches, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

- Feb. 12: Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, cooked carrots, green jello w/pineapple, roll, milk, juice
- Feb. 17: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, pears, roll, cake, milk, juice
- Feb. 19: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, cookie broccoli w/cheese, garlic bread, apple crisp, milk, juice

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Dean’s List

NW Nazarene releases fall list

Three students with local ties earned spots on the fall Dean’s List at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa:

Homedale — Nicole Keller
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Preventing scours in your calves

Calving season is often accompanied by an unwelcome visitor. Calf scours can ride in out of seemingly nowhere and wreak havoc on young calves. Good management practices can help significantly reduce or even eliminate problems with scours in your herd.



Scott Jensen

Calf scours can be caused by different bacteria and viruses that are present in the corral or pasture. As the calving season progresses, the concentration of scours-causing bacteria and viruses increases significantly. This means that calves born after the first few weeks of the calving season are often exposed to a high dose of pathogens. Additionally, calves are generally more prone to developing scours at 2-3 weeks of age. This timing really sets them up to have problems as the timing when they are most susceptible coincides with

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the timing of high pathogen concentration.

The Sandhills calving system was developed to combat this problem. In the Sandhills system, all cows are placed in one pasture at the beginning of the calving season. After about seven to 10 days, cows that have not calved are moved to a fresh pasture. This process is then repeated, leaving behind the pairs born in that pasture until all the cows have calved. Once the youngest calf in each group is about 4 weeks of age, the calves can be co-mingled with other groups. This pattern of movement will minimize exposure of young calves to scours pathogens.

Years ago while I was in college, I did a calving internship at a ranch in Elberta, Utah. We had major issues with scours in our herd. All cows were calved in the same pasture and then pairs were moved out about every week while the pregnant cows were left behind. Little did I know at the time that what we thought

were good management practices were actually contributing to the problem.


If you do have a calf with scours, fluid therapy can be vitally important to survival. Research has shown that prompt and dedicated oral rehydration therapy is 95 percent successful in treating scours. Additionally the research showed that feeding milk plus electrolyte solution did not prolong or worsen the diarrhea.

The most important thing is early intervention when treating a calf with scours. University of Idaho Extension Veterinarian Dr. Jim England recommends alternating fluid therapy of two quarts of milk and two quarts of electrolytes every four hours, through an esophageal feeder if necessary. As the calf improves, the treatments can be cut back.

— Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care. He can be reached at the office in Marsing, 238 8th Ave. W., at (208) 896-4104 or scottj@uidaho.edu.

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael A. Jensen



Owyhee Graffiti

Irrigation and the drought

1 June 1992

The spring of 1992 confirmed the beginning of the seventh year of drought in the Owyhees. Anxious ranchers looked toward nearly snow-bare mountains hoping the scanty clouds that occasionally passed our way would scatter a little snow over them. The snow never came and what runoff there was came early.

Normally laid-back ranchers, who don't get their water on early, were ready for it this time. Upstream Idaho users got the first use and knew they could use it as long as it lasted. However, when the water reached the state line the situation changed.

Our ranch is the first in Oregon and I, naturally, was closely monitored by those below me. By the middle of May, the creek was dropping fast as the Idaho users tightened (chinked) up their dams. Two of my neighbors, new arrivals from California, decided to generate more water by tearing our dam out several times in one day. Each time I put it back in, I became more determined to irrigate. Several days later, the water master, who until that time had hung back, called a meeting on the creek bank at Hanley dam to discuss a solution. Not being one to back down under fire, I faced my neighbors. Several were unhappy with me, but the Californians drew the most attention.

A long time ago, I learned that in a tough situation humor takes the edge off tension, so I told them the following as they kicked the dirt waiting for the water master to act. I told the newest California neighbor that he came here expecting the Garden of Eden but wasn't going to find it by tearing out my dam. Next, I explained that I was at the head of the creek and since gravity sent the water to me first, God willed it. Furthermore, my wife and her lady friends were having a Bible study at our house and were praying for me to have water, further stating God's claim on my irrigation.

The water master, tiring of this, told the Jordan Valley Irrigation District man to raise the head gate and turn the water down the creek. As the pool above the dam dropped, my ditch stopped flowing. As I watched the water rush through the head gate, I noticed a board floating down the creek toward the dam. We have another dam upstream in Idaho that irrigates the north side of the ranch, and it has a catwalk across the top. A strong wind evidently had blown one of the 10-foot boards off.

The water master was trying to explain his position, the State of Oregon's, and the California neighbor's priority when we all heard a loud thump. We went over to the dam and saw that the plank had been caught in the whirlpool, shutting off the hole in the opened head gate. I said, "Look, I told you God was on my side. He just shut off the water and you heard and saw it happen. If you hadn't been here you'd have thought I did it, but we all know who did." Everybody then got in their rigs and drove away. Three days later, the water master and several neighbors were again unhappy with me and this time the water master drained the dam. I told them, "I don't know why you're upset with me. I didn't shut the water off and I told you already who did. The real miracle is that you saw it happen and drove off leaving the board in the dam."

I tried to make light of a serious situation, but it was touchy. Only a good water year can settle drought-related problems. When citizens take it upon themselves to impose the law, as they interpret it, chaos follows. Those of us who have lived in the desert know this and work out our problems. Newcomers usually learn our philosophy of live and let live, making all our lives more pleasant.

Calendar

Today

- Story time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
Noon, Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- 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
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday-Thursday
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
- Owyhee County Sage-grouse LWG meeting**
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Thursday

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee Conservation District meeting**
10 a.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544
- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting**
1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**
3 p.m., U of I Owyhee County Extension Office,

- 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

- Winter beef school**
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 896-4104
- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Owyhee Cattlemen's Assoc. winter meeting**
1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana.
- Valentine's Day dinner**
6 p.m., \$8 for adults, \$7 for ages 60 and older, \$4 for ages 6-12, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430
- Senior center dance**
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$5 at door, bring finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday
- Marsing Lions bingo**
6:45 p.m., early bird game, 7 p.m. regular game, \$15 for one set, \$5 for each additional set, \$5 early bird game, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter dance**
9 p.m., \$5 per person, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Tuesday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Blood pressure clinic**
11 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Marsing Elementary PTO meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing Elementary School, Room 105, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. pto@marsing.k12.idaho.us
- Marsing Lions Club meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 318-3982

54th annual Marsing Disaster Auction



A packed house at the 2015 Marsing Disaster Auction paid attention as items were walked through the maze of chairs during the bidding process.



Abbey Henry serves customers at the dessert table during Saturday's 54th annual Marsing Disaster Auction.



Josh Bowers with his bidder card, ready to get in on the action at the Marsing Disaster Auction.



Left: Volunteer Dana McGee of the Marsing FFA chapter walks through the crowd showing off an archery set that was one of the many items up for bid during Saturday's auction.



Right: Beth McIntyre cooks up another batch of treats in the fryer at the disaster auction's donut station.

Marsing P&Z board appoints new leadership

Comp plan could be finished soon

The Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission took a step toward the future last week by appointing a new chairman.

Cliff Hahlbeck will succeed Michele Jacobi as the board's chair after a Feb. 3 vote.

Both Hahlbeck and Brad McIntyre were nominated for the chairmanship, but the final 3-1 vote put Hahlbeck at the head of the table. McIntyre will serve as vice-chair.

Hayzen Corder and Don Case also attended last week's meeting. John DeOsio was absent.

Hahlbeck and McIntyre said they hoped the P&Z would be a useful advisory panel for the city council. McIntyre said he expressed that concern in a recent meeting with Mayor Keith Green.

"I want to make sure this becomes more productive," Hahlbeck said.

"I agree," McIntyre said. "This past year hasn't been that productive."

The P&Z commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is set for 7 p.m. on March 3 at City Hall.

Jacobi's term recently ended, and Green apparently wants to find two new volunteers to serve on the board.

During last week's meeting, deputy city clerk Annie Campbell shared information on the terms of service for the panel.

According to city ordinance and Campbell, members serve five-year terms. DeOsio was first appointed in 2009, while

McIntyre was appointed in 2011. Case has served since 2013, and Corder and Hahlbeck joined the panel last year.

Campbell said Monday that DeOsio is apparently scheduled to be rotated off the P&Z panel this year.

Work continues on updating the city's comprehensive plan, including assimilating the recently completed transportation plan into the document. DeOsio is currently reviewing the transportation plan, and Campbell said the plan will be circulated to the other P&Z members for their review.

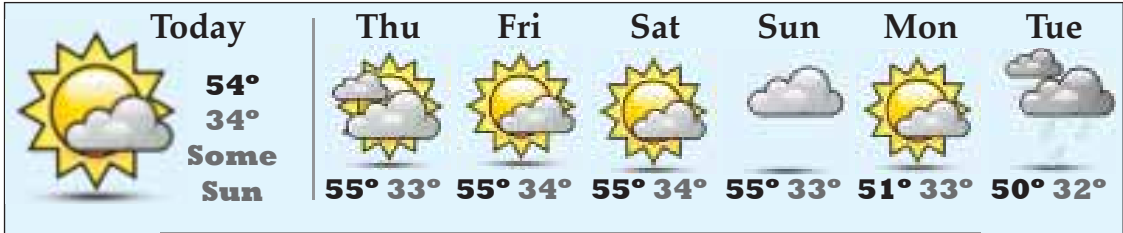
The comp plan has been stuck in neutral for more than a year. In October of that year, Jacobi said she expected the plan to be ready for city council review by the end of 2013, but Campbell said Monday that the plan is to complete the update work in the next few months.

"I think we need to form a committee with some of the city council and get it rolling," McIntyre said last week.

The P&Z commission began examining the departmental budget at last week's meeting. Campbell told the board that \$10,000 was recently transferred from the general fund to balance the P&Z budget. The action was necessary because less revenue than anticipated was received last year. City clerk Janice Bicandi said the transfer is an annual occurrence because the lack of building in town hasn't resulted in fewer permit fees.

There are a few permits currently in the works for this year, Campbell told the commission.

— JPB



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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
(measured in inches)						
(measured in Fahrenheit)						
Mud Flat						
02/03	0.7	2	7.8	45	35	40
02/04	0.5	2	8.1	45	35	40
02/05	0.4	2	8.1	47	37	42
02/06	0.4	2	8.1	56	38	46
02/07	0.4	2	8.1	53	37	45
02/08	0.3	2	8.2	53	34	44
02/09	0.3	2	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/03	n/a	1	8.6	42	36	40
02/04	n/a	1	9.1	49	34	42
02/05	n/a	0	9.3	54	48	51
02/06	n/a	0	9.3	56	41	50
02/07	n/a	1	9.7	49	42	45
02/08	n/a	0	9.1	51	40	45
02/09	n/a	1	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/03	6.5	15	14.9	40	34	38
02/04	6.6	15	16.1	46	34	41
02/05	6.4	15	16.2	49	n/a	47
02/06	6.2	14	16.2	52	39	46
02/07	5.6	13	16.2	47	39	42
02/08	5.0	11	16.2	50	39	43
02/09	4.7	10	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 19 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 962 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 11 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 139,375 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation and Natural Resources Conservation Service
Weather statistics from Helena Chemical in Homedale were not available.

Marsing Council meets today

The Marsing City Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today inside City Hall at 425 Main St.

The only new business on the agenda is a Neighborhood Watch update from Marlene Moore.

The council might discuss planned reconstruction of the Snake River bridge and the methane gas project.

Council members may also hear a report from public works superintendent Jonathan Jarboe.

A discussion regarding Planning and Zoning has been tabled.

Valentine's dinner to help Rimrock Sr. Center

Date night returns to the Rimrock Senior Center on Saturday with the annual Valentine's Day Dinner.

The fundraiser takes place at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the senior center, 525 Main St., in Grand View.

The cost of the meal is \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens 60 and older and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Tickets are available at the door, but can also be purchased ahead of time at the senior center, which is open Thursday.

The meal will include pit-roasted beef, baked potato with extras, green beans with bacon and pearl onions, tossed salad, roll, and red velvet cake.

There will be live music and dancing.

The senior center's Trinket and Treasures Thrift Shop will be open before and after the dinner, too.

For more information, call the senior center at (208) 968-5430. The center is open on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

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Brad McIntyre
32 years old
Vice-chair
Appointed 2011. Term ends 2016
Owner of McIntyre Farms
Main hobby is volunteering with his church



Don Case
45 years old
Appointed 2013. Term ends 2018
Works for the city of Meridian in its water division
Hobbies include camping and singing karaoke



Hayzen Corder
30 years old
Appointed 2014. Term ends 2019
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John DeOsio (no photo available)
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Bruneau library talk to cover wildfire protection

Protecting homes from wildfire is the focus of next Wednesday's Bruneau and Beyond luncheon. Brett Van Paeppeghe from Idaho Firewise will be the presenter for the free luncheon at noon at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau.

A fourth-generation Idaho native, Van Paeppeghe will concentrate his talk on fire protection through the utilization of wise landscaping.

Before becoming Idaho Firewise's Southern Idaho project manager in June, Van Paeppeghe worked as a range technician on the Payette National Forest's noxious weed control team and spent seven years at the Idaho State Bureau of Land Management office as a plant biological tech.

With Idaho Firewise, Van Paeppeghe manages the Firewise Garden, which is a collaboration of the BLM, the College of Western Idaho and the Idaho Botanical Garden and can be found at the Idaho Botanical Garden in Boise.

Van Paeppeghe also has collaborated with various agencies to development several new Firewise Demo Landscapes throughout Southern Idaho.

Next Wednesday's program is sponsored by the Idaho Community Foundation and the Library Board.

Bruneau Valley Library will serve a light lunch at noon, and Van Paeppeghe's program will follow.

While the program is free, organizers ask that anyone planning to attend RSVP by Monday to ensure enough food is prepared. Reserve a spot by calling (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282.

The Bruneau Valley Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Bruneau Booster Club treasurer Ginny Roeder, left, and Boosters president Judy McBride assemble raffle tickets for the portable Traeger grill that will be given away at the Feb. 21 Bruneau Booster Club Auction. Submitted photo

BBQ grill giveaway, various items highlight Bruneau auction

Organizers taking donations for Feb. 21 event

Donations are already rolling in for the annual Bruneau Booster Auction, which takes place on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Organizers are lauding the generosity of community members in Bruneau and the surrounding area who have given auction lots to the fundraiser.

Another fundraiser this year is the giveaway of a portable Traeger grill donated by Jace Prow of A to Z Lumber.

The grill will be given away at the auction, but raffle tickets are available through Booster Club members, local businesses or at the door the night of the auction. Tickets cost \$2 each or six for \$10.

Local auctioneer Kyle Colyer and his assistant, Kirby Isaac, will entertain the crowd and accept bids during the live auction on several items, including:

- A David Stocklein photo of local cowboys, which was taken at Tom and Celia Hall's Ranch in 1994 and has become a staple at the auction.
- This year, Bill Denton has framed the photo in old barn wood.
- Renowned local photographer Jerry Kencke has donated one of his photos.

- Jeremy Mink has made a yak hair McCarty.
 - Lane's Appliance has donated a seven-piece stainless steel cookware set.
 - The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse sent a rifle case, Black Hawk knife and four passes for the indoor shooting range.
 - SavMor Drug gave a Boise State University wind chime.
 - Morning Star Acres contributed a basket of jams, jellies, pickles and salsa.
 - Subscriptions have been donated by The Owyhee Avalanche, the Mountain Home News and Idaho Magazine.
- The auction and dinner will be held at the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., in Bruneau.
- The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with a free dinner consisting of pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans, punch and coffee. A slice of homemade pie, soda pop and bottled water will be available for \$1 each.
- A silent auction will run throughout dinner with bidding closing at 8:30 p.m.
- The live auction starts at 7 p.m.
- Other auction items will include fertilizer, hay, handmade quilts and afghans, homemade cakes, cookies, candy, cinnamon rolls, tools, sculptures, western tack, jewelry, wine, several hand-crafted "one-of-a-kind" items, children's toys, jackets, gift certificates for various

services and several gift baskets and other items.

Auction items can be dropped off at the Legion Hall between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20, and beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21.

All money raised during the event will go to make improvements to the community of Bruneau.

Some of the past major projects include:

- Construction of the picnic shelter in the community park as well as continuing the upkeep of the park
- Bruneau High School graduation pictures were reframed and electronically archived and are on display at the Legion Hall.
- Publication of the book "Bruneau and Beyond"
- An asphalt walking path with benches at Bruneau Elementary School
- Improvements at the Legion Hall
- Money was donated to the Bruneau Emergency Center for construction of the building
- Funds have been donated to local schools to purchase necessary items for classrooms or playgrounds
- Each year, scholarships are available to graduating seniors and Idaho Drug Free Youth Camp.

For more information on this year's event, contact Judy McBride at (208) 845-2842 or Ginny Roeder at (208) 845-2282.

Sage-grouse meeting slated for Murphy

The Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group meets at 7 p.m. today 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 the Bruneau-Owyhee Sagebrush Habitat project scoping meetings will be held, too.

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Marsing district orders new board

Sign could be up by late spring

Five donors have lined up to sponsor a new electronic reader board for the Marsing School District. It carries a price tag of \$25,000 and will replace the non-functioning board in the high school gymnasium parking lot on Main Street. The old sign was put up in 1999. The five sponsors are Logans Market, Showalter Construction, Nancy and Dick Symms, DeRuyter Dairy and McIntyre Farms. Each of them will donate an equal amount for the sign, district superintendent Norm Stewart said. Some of the donors will pay one lump sum while others will make annual payments over the next five years. Stewart says the district simply

isn't in a position to pay for the reader board on its own. He calls the donations "substantial" contributions from the sponsors. There will be a section below the sign listing each business name. Stewart says "when you're talking about illuminated signs, with the reader board component, \$25,000 isn't real excessive." He thinks its money well spent to keep people informed and says it "will be a great means of communication with the community." The reader board will stand 16 feet, 9 inches tall at its highest point and will be 8 feet, 7 inches wide. The district office will be in charge of updating the sign with information provided by individual schools. Stewart said it will take two or three months to complete the project from ordering the sign to construction.

The district is "definitely looking at late spring before the sign would be put up," Stewart said. He's hoping that means before the end of the school year. Meanwhile, Marsing School District Grants Coordinator Pete Smit says they're looking for information on who may have donated a tree that was planted on the berm in front of parking lot where old sign is. Smit says the tree may not work with the new sign and might not fit in when they renovate the berm. If the tree is removed, the district could plant another tree in the donor's name. Anyone with information on who donated the tree is asked to call Smit at 208/896-4111 ext. 108 or email him at psmit@marsing-schools.org.

— SC



Marsing School District grants coordinator Pete Smit, left, and superintendent Norm Stewart stand in front of the non-functioning reader board outside the gymnasium that will be replaced.

Marsing applies for \$700K grant

Money would preserve program

The Marsing School Board is looking at expanding the district's after-school programs. School board members have signed off on a memorandum of understanding to move forward on a \$700,000 21st Century Community Learning Center grant request. District superintendent Norm Stewart says the money would pay for after-school programs at the elementary and middle school. The district is asking for \$160,000 for the first two years of the grant. The funding would then gradually decrease over the next three years. The funding would go down 10 percent in the third year to \$144,000 and 20 percent the fourth year to \$124,000. The district would receive \$112,000 in the fifth year. The current five-year grant for

Trustees' monthly meeting delayed

This week's meeting of the Marsing School District Board of Trustees was not held as scheduled because of a lack of quorum. The regular monthly meeting was postponed until 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Marsing's elementary school is about to expire, and the middle school's grant ran out last year. Marsing High School has three years left for its after-school grant. The CCLC was developed through a partnership with the University of Idaho's Owyhee County Extension Office. The district expects to hear back from the State Department of Education around spring break on which organizations have been selected to receive the grant.

In other district news, Stewart recently told trustees in a Fiscal Year 2015 budget update that the district has done a good job in not needing to go out for supplemental levies. However, he says it's difficult to meet the demands on the district, and they're doing the best they can with the funds they have. Stewart says the board is still evaluating what financial condition the district expects to be in going forward. He adds that more cash from the state Legislature would always be appreciated to sustain programs.

— SC

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Movement on two waterways projects

Grants sought for Marsing, Black Sands work

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell is now waiting to see if the work put into a grant to improve the Black Sands Resort boat dock will pay off.

The Waterways Improvement Grant was submitted to the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department last month.

The plan is to replace the dock and boat ramp at the resort near CJ Strike Reservoir outside Grand View.

The state funding request has been in the works for months.

The grant is for \$161,000 and the required county match is \$40,000. That match includes \$15,000 in cash from the Vessel Fund with the balance to come from in-kind materials and county Road and Bridge labor updating the parking area.

If approved, the grant money would be available by July 1.

The Board of County Commissioners has unanimously approved a letter of support for the City of Marsing's Waterways Improvement Fund grant application regarding Island Park.

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi says the letter was in support of the city's plan to pave and stripe the parking lot at the river-side location.

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County plans another public lands right-of-way hearing in Murphy

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners has set a public hearing for how the federal government should view roads on public lands in the region.

The Canyonlands West meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 2 at the county courthouse annex in Murphy.

In an effort to solidify RS 2477 rights-of-way, commissioners are asking the public to provide information on how roads and trails were used and maintained between 1948 and 1976. The public hearing pertains only to

public land; private property won't be affected.

The commissioners want to establish history on the roads and trails in an attempt to prevent closures that may be written into future travel and resource management plans produced by the Bureau of Land Management.

The area involving Canyonlands West covers most of the southwest corner of Owyhee County. The section in question is west of Idaho highway 51 and south of the county's population centers.

The Canyonlands West section extends south to the Nevada line and west to the Oregon line. The area includes Juniper Mountain Road and Mud Flat Road.

A total of 78 townships and ranges in the region have roads or trails that commissioners are asking about. That involves 161 separate maps.

Maps are available for review at the county Planning and Zoning office, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy. Call (208) 495-2095 for more information.

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County commissioners invest in life-saving equipment

Polling places set for March 10 elections

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has approved the purchase of new pads for the sheriff's office's automated external defibrillators

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman asked for the pads, and commissioners signed off on the proposal during their Feb. 2 meeting.

The pads, which make physical contact with an unconscious person, wear out every year or so. Many models of defibrillator pads also have expiration dates.

The county will spend \$2,388 out of the Civil Defense fund for the replacement pads.

During last week's meeting, commissioners also set the polling locations for the March 10 school levy and bond elections.

Voters in Homedale will be asked to renew the district's plant facility levy. It would raise \$150,000 a year for 10 years and needs a two-thirds majority to pass.

The last Homedale levy achieved the super-majority by only one vote 10 years ago.

The Bruneau-Grand View School District is seeking a supplemental levy in the amount of \$1.4 Million over two years. If approved, the levy will replace the one-year, \$600,000 supplemental levy that is set to expire at the end of the school year.

The Melba school district will

hold a special bond election for a new elementary school. The cost for the bond will be \$9.5 million over 20 years.

The March 10 polling places include:

North Homedale — Senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

South Homedale — City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Wilson — Wilson Schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane

Murphy — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78

Oreana — Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road

Grand View — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.

Bruneau — American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

Absentee — Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy

Mail-in — Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek

March 4 is the last day to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot, and the deadline for in-person absentee voting is 5 p.m. on March 6.

All absentee ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's Elections Office by 8 p.m. on March 10.

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Owyhee girls head to Statehouse

4-H conference reveals how government works

Two Owyhee County delegates have been selected to attend this year's Know Your Government (KYG) conference.

Montana Wasson and Cheylah Volkers will represent Owyhee County at the annual state 4-H event for eighth- and ninth-graders.

It's being held Saturday through Monday at the Red Lion Hotel Downtown. The Legislature is in session for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Each delegate pays \$110 to attend the conference and participants will also be involved with workshops at the Capitol building and the State Supreme Court building.

A session regarding the state judicial system will focus on what is involved in bringing a case to court.

During the conference, Montana and Cheylah will meet with government officials including judges, state senators, House of Representatives members and lawyers.

The 4-H delegates will learn more about how their local and state government works and how laws and decisions are made.

Cheylah is with the Wilson Butte 4-H and has been part of the chapter since she could walk. The 14-year-old daughter of Megan and J.J. Volkers is a Melba High School freshman has shown horses, pigs, a lamb and even a cat.

She says the application process for KYG "was kind of complicated." It required a letter of recommendation, and she had to write two letters to state lawmakers.

Cheylah is most interested in the judicial part of the conference and says she's looking to pursue a career in law and justice after graduating high school.

While attending the gathering, she intends to ask legislators about the background behind certain laws and why those statutes were put in place.

Cheylah said "it's a great honor



Montana Wasson, left, and Cheylah Volkers are the Owyhee County representatives for this year's 4-H Know Your Government conference in Boise. Submitted photo

to be chosen to go to KYG" and that she's very excited.

Montana has a background similar to Cheylah's. She started in 4-H when she was 5 and has shown rabbits, horses and market swine. Now 14, Montana is a freshman at Connections Academy, which is a home school institution.

The daughter of Rebecca and Jeff Wasson says going to KYG was mentioned to her and she thought it would be interesting so she applied and ended up being chosen.

Looking ahead to the conference, Montana says, "It will be interesting to see how our state government runs."

She also says she "would like to see how the process works and put a face to some of the names that we hear about."

Montana hopes to ask legislators why hearing aids aren't covered under medical insurance and what could be done to change that because hearing loss is an important issue to her.

She might ask questions about Obamacare as well. Montana says according to the law, a parent can carry a child on their policy until they are age 26. She says some

politicians want to change that, and she would ask what their thoughts are on the matter.

Montana says the 4-H competitions can be challenging. But she enjoys learning new things, and the experience she has gotten has been really fun.

She thinks 4-H helped her get over some of her shyness, and she says while traveling for horse judging was one of her favorite memories, attending KYG may top that.

Montana and Cheylah can also look forward to a motivational speaker and a dance at the conference.

Last year's Owyhee County KYG delegates were Janey Clay and Julianne Mori.

The annual conference is organized by the University of Idaho Extension Office's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Previous guest speakers at the event have included Idaho Supreme Court Justice Daniel Eismann, former Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould and University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Dean John Hammel.

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Ty Roland shows off his 2014 Most Outstanding Buckaroo buckle.

Homedale boy awarded Great Basin 4-H buckle

A first-year member has won the Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H club's Most Outstanding Buckaroo award for 2014.

Ty Roland, 6, of Homedale received the outstanding buckaroo belt buckle from club leaders Nick and Mandi Roland during the first club meeting of the year on Jan. 27.

Ty earned the buckle by accumulating points for a wide variety of club-related activities and projects.

Members compile points for wearing western attire, a wild rag, and bringing their "red book" to meetings and events, attendance and completing and exhibiting western heritage projects at the fair.

During the most recent club

year, Roland completed a bronc style halter for a Leather Craft, Level 1/Cloverbud project and Dutch Oven, Level 1/Cloverbud.

Ty is the son of Nick and Mandi Roland of Homedale.

The club has six members who have started a quest for the 2015 award, including Janae Volk, both of whom are in their fifth year with the club, second-year Beeg Hockenhull and new members Emma Criffield and Heleena Criffield.

There are no other openings in the Great Basin Buckaroos club this year, but anyone interested in 4-H can contact the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 for information on other club openings.

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Fair board focused on facility

The Owyhee County Fair Board has its sights set on improvements throughout the fairgrounds ahead of this year's fair.

During their monthly meeting Thursday in Marsing, board members identified three things that need to be worked on this year.

Board members agreed to purchase some new pens for the upcoming fair. Loucks says in 2014, they were short a few sheep pens.

Second, for a long time the board has wanted to make the goat barn better, Loucks said. She says it is a "really old building and needs repair work on both the floor and roof."

Third, the board would like to put in more RV spaces. Loucks says they frequently run out of room for people who want to camp at the fairgrounds for several days.

Cost estimates for those projects should be available before the board meets again on March 5. She also says the improvements are the board's top priority right now.

Loucks says the board is now in the process of putting out bids for the projects.

The board also spent a lot of time last week going over boundary exception forms.

The documents allow children who reside outside the county to show items at the fair.

Loucks says the petitions are necessary in case fair organizers



Owyhee County Fair Board member Kent Curtis stands under a section of the goat barn's roof that is in need of repair.

run out of space to display entries. However, that's not an issue this year, she said.

There's plenty of room and no boundary exception forms were turned away, Loucks said.

Children can take two projects to the fair but only may sell one.

Loucks says board members approved about the same number of exception forms as last year, or "maybe even a little less."

March 1 is the enrollment deadline for youth to participate in any 4-H or FFA projects at this year's fair, which will be held Aug. 3-8.

Loucks says once the paperwork is submitted, fair organizers will know how many pens will be required this year. The 4-H and FFA entries also indicate how much armory space will be needed.

For information on the enrollment deadline, go to www.idaho.4honline.com or call the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104.

The theme for this year's Owyhee County Fair is "Shootin' for the Stars."

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Auditor to BOCC: Good year for county

Owyhee County Commissioners heard some good financial news from the county's accounting firm.

Jordan Zwygart of Nampa-based Zwygart and Associates says, overall, the board did a really good job budgeting for the year.

His firm didn't find any problems or issues in the report and none of the county's funds had a deficit balance.

The county had total assets of \$9 million when fiscal year 2014 ended on Sept. 30. That figure includes both cash and land values.

The county spent \$100,000 more than it intended to in general fund money. Still, Zwygart says \$2.5 million was left in the general fund at the end of September.

Total revenue was \$3.9 million while the county only expected to bring in \$3.6 million. Overall reserves are now at just under \$5 million.

The solid waste fund was depleted by \$87,000 because of work done by Skyline Construction to close the Bruneau-Grand View landfill. Zwygart says the fund still has \$122,000.

The county had been leasing the property from Kent Kohring, but negotiations to purchase the property bogged down. The county took advantage of an opt-out clause in its lease used solid waste funds to cap the landfill and install landscaping as part of the closure plan.

Zwygart says the County Fair fund broke even, but the fairgrounds saw an increase of \$34,000. That represents what revenue they received and what they spent.

Meanwhile, probation spent about \$3,000 more than it brought in but still has reserves

of \$28,000.

The Owyhee County Historical Society ended the year with \$23,000 more than it had in the previous period primarily because the county saved money on salary after the termination of the museum director in the spring.

The county budgeted \$3.8 million for road and bridge work and spent \$40,000 less than that. Reserves for the fund came in at \$825,000.

The 911 emergency services spent \$42,000 from money that had been carried over for a project. Of those funds, \$36,000 went toward a remodel of the dispatch center. Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell says that was not a loss and the county had the funds available. She says it simply can appear as a spike in the budget when carryover money is used.

Zwygart says Owyhee County's Economic Development fund was down about \$4,000 for the year. That fund is used to hold money for the Western Alliance for Economic Development, for which the county serves as fiscal agent.

In conclusion, he told commissioners that the county received \$1.3 million from PILT funding. That's Payment in Lieu of Taxes and comes from the federal government. In recent years, the county has used that annual windfall in its everyday budget. Previously, some of the money had been placed in a building trust.

All quarterly financial information submitted by the county was certified as being clear and accurate.

County Assessor Brett Endicott also told commissioners that property tax exemption forms and Ag exemption forms are now being sent out to residents.

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HMS Academic Bowl team eyes return to top

Homedale Middle School's Academic Bowl team hopes to make up for a missed opportunity next Wednesday when it competes in Weiser.

The team, which is coached by advisor Jan Silva, narrowly missed a first-place tie by one answer during last month's meet in Parma.

Next up is a showdown at 4:15 p.m. next Wednesday at Weiser Middle School.

During the Jan. 21 meet in Parma, Payette Lakes of McCall scored 130 points to win. Homedale scored 120 points, and 10 points are awarded for each correct answer.

Homedale edged Fruitland for second place by one question.

Silva, a fourth-grade teacher at Homedale Elementary School,

said a large contingent of supporters made the short trip to Parma to back the team.

"We may have had the most spectators in the crowd aside from Parma with at least 20 supporters, including parents, grandparents and siblings," she said.

The HMS crew included eighth-graders Lindy Phariss, Warren DeMark and Mauricia Villarreal; seventh-graders Daniel Uranga, Greg Purdom, Brady Trout and Kaitlyn Butler; and sixth-graders Neci Cardenas and Destiney Sheley.

"Our team was confident and played well," Silva said. "The new buzzers that we have been practicing with are probably a factor, as they help get players used to buzzing in quickly if they know an answer."

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BLM posts reward in search for Jump Creek Rec vandals

The Bureau of Land Management is asking for help to find whoever caused extensive damage to signs and facilities at the Jump Creek recreation site about six miles south of Marsing.

A BLM employee discovered spray-painted vandalism at the site shortly after it had occurred around Jan. 12.

A reward of \$1,000 is being offered by BLM for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for damage.

The graffiti has since been cleaned up, several hundred dollars in taxpayer money, according to BLM.

A sign in the parking lot was vandalized and there were two instances of vandalism in a bathroom.

One painting in the bathroom read "187," which is police code for homicide.

The BLM says Jump Creek is one of the district's most popular and scenic recreation sites.

If you have any information, call Boise District Supervisory Law Enforcement Officer Stan Buchanan at (208) 384-3333.

Top right: A parking lot sign was vandalized. Bottom right: Graffiti was sprayed on a bathroom wall. BLM photos



Rimrock students win cash for good grades

The Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School National Honor Society chapter recognizes senior Megan Mondoux, left, and junior Ariel Lee as the second-quarter winners of the Good Grades Make Good \$en\$e program. Each won \$50 cash prizes for their hard work and grade-point averages. Mondoux is active in track, student council and drama club. An exchange student from Taiwan, Lee enjoys spending time with her American host family. The Good Grades Make Good \$en\$e is sponsored by the Grand View Lions Club, Integrity Factoring and Scott Bennett Farms. Submitted photo

Presidents' Day holiday brings closures

Monday is the Presidents' Day holiday, which means a series of closures for government offices and schools.

Emergency services throughout Owyhee County will remain available.

All Owyhee County government offices in Murphy and Marsing as well as City Halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Adrian and Jordan Valley are closed.

Schools are closed in Homedale, Marsing, Adrian and Jordan Valley. The Bruneau-Grand View School District is always closed on Mondays as part of its four-day schedule.

All but one of the public libraries in the county are closed, including Homedale, Eastern Owyhee County in Grand View and Bruneau Valley in Bruneau.

Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be open noon to 6 p.m.

Marsing Senior Center is closed Monday. The senior centers in Homedale and Grand View all always closed on Mondays.

US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are closed.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be open normal hours Monday, and deadlines for the Feb. 18 edition remain unchanged.

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Big shots lift HHS boys within game of SRV lead

Tolmie's buzzer-beater ignites perfect week

Homedale High School's roller coaster boys' basketball season hit the upswing again last week with huge wins over Emmett and Fruitland.

Homedale (11-8 overall, 4-4 in

conference) rebounded from a sluggish first quarter to beat Fruitland, 75-62, on Senior Night on Friday to inch within one game of the 3A Snake River Valley conference lead with two games left.

"Fruitland is always a difficult matchup because they play really physical and attempt to wear the other team down," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "Fortunate

for us, we were able to hit some big shots and shoot well from the line."

On Feb. 3, junior Josh Tolmie had the ticket for another thrill ride.

With his team trailing by a point, Tolmie corralled the ball and heaved a 25-foot buzzer-beater to give the Trojans' a heart-stopping 53-51 home win over 3A Snake River Valley conference foe Emmett.

"Josh Tolmie had an outstanding game," Grove said. "He came off the bench and gave us quality minutes, especially in the second half when it really counted."

The win, which came after Homedale trailed by five to seven points throughout the second half, put the Trojans one game

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Homedale High School senior linebacker Dayne Jacobs, flanked by his dad David, left, and mom Donna, signs his national letter of intent to attend The College of Idaho to play football. Standing behind the Jacobses are, from left, Dayne's brother Davis, Trojans assistant coaches David Hart and Dan Holtry, C of I assistant coach Justin Torfin, HHS head coach Matt Holtry and Dayne's sister Desiree.

Jacobs stays home to join Yotes

All-conference linebacker ready to make impact

Dayne Jacobs may have lost a season, but he didn't lose a step. And that means more football seasons with The College of Idaho.

The Homedale High School senior signed a letter of intent last Wednesday to play football with the Coyotes in Caldwell.

"It's actually exciting," the son of David and Donna Jacobs said. "As soon as I heard that

they wanted me to be a part of the program and try to make a difference for the team, I thought it was a perfect opportunity, and I get to feel at home, so I'm definitely excited."

Excitement was the furthest emotion from Jacobs' mind four games into the 2013 season when a broken foot sidelined him for the better part of the Trojans' run to the program's first 3A Snake River Valley conference championship and an appearance in the 3A state semifinals.

"Afterwards, it actually motivated me to work harder," Jacobs said of the injury. "And

because of that and doing all the speed training and weightlifting, I've gotten a lot stronger."

"And since that time I've gotten a lot faster as well, so it has definitely actually motivated me to get my goal even more."

Jacobs returned at full strength for his senior season last fall. The 6-foot, 215-pound linebacker parlayed that desire into an all-conference first-team selection and an honorable mention at tight end.

He made 11 tackles in a game twice as a senior and finished with

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Homedale girls capture frosh-soph 3A SRV title

JVs take second in conference

Rallying from the loss of its leading scorer to injury, Homedale High School frosh-soph girls' basketball team won the conference title Friday.

The Trojans scored 12 of the game's final 14 points to edge

Parma, 36-32, and win the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship in Payette and cap a 15-5 season.

"They improved by leaps and bounds from the start of the season, and we expect great things to continue with them and the rest of the Lady Trojan basketball

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Mustangs boys clinch tie for No. 1

Jordan Valley High School can solidify its position as the top seed for the boys' basketball district tournament this weekend.

The Mustangs beat Monument/Dayville, 54-41, on Friday to clinch the tiebreaker against the Tigers for the top spot in the 1A High Desert League.

"The boys played good this weekend," coach Clint Fillmore said. "They had to play hard to hold Monument off and to stay

in No. 1."

Now, Jordan Valley can sew up the top seed with a home win over Long Creek/Ukiah on Friday.

The Mustangs (15-7 overall, 11-1 in league) own a two-game lead for the top spot over Crane and Monument/Dayville with two games left in the regular season.

Lee Stanford scored 12 of his game-high 16 points in the first half as Jordan Valley knocked off visiting Monument/Dayville. He

also ripped down 19 rebounds.

The Tigers (16-7, 9-3) rallied to trail by three points, 30-27, at halftime, but Jordan Valley's 14-5 run re-established momentum in the third quarter.

John Echave helped the Mustangs by knocking down four consecutive foul shots in the fourth quarter. He ended the game with 10 points.

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Junior post Gardenia Machuca, left, grabs a rebound over the reach of Emmett's Jessica Lyter during the 3A District III Tournament semifinals at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. The Trojans prevailed, 54-40, to reach the district championship game. For the story, see *Page 16B*

Sports

Huskies narrowly miss trip to State

NP holds on to reach district final

Marsing High School couldn't catch New Plymouth in Saturday's 2A District III girls' basketball semifinals.

The Pilgrims seized control in the third quarter and held on for a 33-31 victory in Caldwell.

The winsent second-seeded New Plymouth (17-3) into the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, but the Pilgrims first will play No. 1 Cole Valley Christian for the district championship at 7:45 p.m. Thursday at The College of Idaho inside the J.A. Albertson Activities Center.

The No. 3 seed Huskies (15-7 after the semifinal loss) played host to No. 5 Melba in an elimination game Tuesday after deadline. A win would have put Marsing into Thursday's 6 p.m. third-place game against the winner of No. 4 McCall-Donnelly and No. 6 Nampa Christian.

Second-year coach Jaime Wood's team owned a 14-11 edge at halftime before New Plymouth took a one-point lead into the final period after an 8-4 run in the third.

Marsing senior Shannon Clover hit a pair of three-pointers and led all scorers with 14 points.

Freshman guard Emerson Sauer and junior Shelby Dines scored scored six points apiece.

New Plymouth received 12 points from Taylor Frates.

Thursday: Marsing 42, Nampa Christian 15 — Holding their guests to a free throw in the second quarter allowed the



Senior Destiny Reynolds puts up a shot against New Plymouth on Saturday. She scored five points. Photo by Dan Pease

Huskies to pull away in the opening-round district game.

Marsing put the game away with a 20-3 run through the second and third quarters, including an 11-1 streak into the intermission.

Sauer and Dines scored 10

points apiece for Marsing, which held only a two-point lead after eight minutes.

Four players hit three-point goals, including Sauer, Dines, Clover and sophomore Sheyanne Glorifield.

Rimrock girls keep their season alive

Analeise Mills scored 21 points Saturday night as Rimrock High School stayed alive in the 1A, Div. I District III girls' basketball tournament.

Valeria Lino chipped in 12 points as the Raiders crushed The Ambrose School, 42-18.

Fifth-seeded Rimrock faced elimination against after deadline

Tuesday when it played No. 3 Horseshoe Bend.

A victory would send the Raiders into Thursday's third-place game against the winner of Tuesday's game between top-seeded Notus and No. 6 Compass Honors. The third-place team out of District III qualifies for a state play-in game that will be played Saturday.

Sign up for Marsing rec baseball, softball today

Registration for Marsing Summer Recreation baseball and softball takes place tonight.

Signups will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Marsing Elementary School's main entrance on 8th Avenue West.

Today's registration is for all age levels except tee ball. Signup for that division will be held at a later date.

Parents must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate. All forms must be completed and turned in by Friday, Feb. 13.

Registration prices include: **\$55** — 7- and 8-year-old boys' machine/coach pitch and girls' 8U softball. Boys cannot be 9 before May 1, and girls can't be 9 before Jan. 1.

\$65 — 9-10 boys' Cal Ripken baseball and girls' 10U softball. Boys can't be 11 before May 1, and girls can't be 9 before Jan. 1.

\$70 — 11-12 boys' Cal Ripken,

13-15 boys' Babe Ruth and girls' 12U and girls' 14U softball. For Cal Ripken, boys can't be 13 before May 1 and for Babe Ruth boys can't be 16 before May 1. Girls' 12U players can't be 13 before Jan. 1, and girls' 14U players can't be 15 before Jan. 1.

If you're unable to make tonight's registration, email MarsingRec@outlook.com for an alternate registration option.

Baseball and softball games begin the first week of April.

Donations from sponsors and the Percifield Memorial Softball Tournament helps keep the cost of play low for the Marsing Summer Rec program.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or donating to the program can contact the organization through its email, MarsingRec@outlook.com.

Names of sponsors will be added to tee ball shirts in June.

MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Emerson Sauer, fr., girls' basketball

The Play — The point guard averaged 8.0 points per game as the Huskies split their 2A District III Tournament games. Sauer scored 10 points in the team's 42-15 blowout of Nampa Christian on Thursday and came back with six points in Saturday's narrow 33-31 semifinal loss to New Plymouth.



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Boys' basketball Varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 11, home vs. Melba (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A Wednesday, Feb. 11, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:45 p.m.

Girls' basketball Varsity

2A District III Tournament J.A. Albertson Activities Center The College of Idaho, Caldwell If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 12: Third-place game vs. Nampa Christian or McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity Season complete

Wrestling Saturday, Feb 21, 2A District III Tournament, Garden Valley, 10 a.m.

Go Huskies!

Sports



From left, Homedale High School frosh-soph girls' basketball players Vany Mata, Lauryn Fisher, Lindsey Burks, Gabriella Martell, Mia Sickinger, Lainey Johnson, Kailee DeWitt, Elaine Buenrostro, Eva Symms, Lyndsey Salutregui and coach Perry Grant celebrate their championship Friday night. Submitted photo

✓ Frosh-soph: Scrappy final two minutes carry Trojans to championship

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program,” frosh-soph coach Perry Grant said.
Homedale’s junior varsity squad, coached by Taryn Corta, finished second in its tournament after losing the championship game to Emmett on Friday in Payette.
The Trojans’ frosh-soph squad went 7-1 in conference play to capture the top seed for the year-

end tournament.
Homedale’s only 3A SRV loss was a 43-42 setback in Fruitland as the team won five of their final six games to lock up the top seed.
“This team showed great perseverance towards the end of the season,” Grant said. “In each of their last six games, the girls were either trailing or the opponents were within two points

in the second half before they pulled away.”
Friday: Homedale 36, Parma 32 — Leading scorer Lindsay Burks logged only one point before leaving the game with a fractured ankle. Homedale, which held a 3-0 lead after the first quarter, had to come from behind in the final two minutes to secure the championship.
The Panthers led 30-24 with

two minutes remaining before the Trojans rallied behind the scoring of Eva Symms and clutch free throws from Lainey Johnson and Kailee DeWitt.
Johnson finished with nine points, but her defense at the end helped seal the deal.
With Homedale leading, 33-32, with 28 seconds left, Johnson hit a free throw.
When she missed the second shot,

the ball went out of bounds to Parma. But Johnson stole the inbounds and scored to ice the game.
Symms led the way with 10 points, while DeWitt chipped in nine.
Feb. 3: Homedale 34, Weiser 22 — Symms scored 10 points and Johnson added nine points in the Trojans’ semifinal victory in Payette.
Burks contributed six points.

✓ Jacobs: All-conference two-way pick remained dedicated to Trojans

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101 tackles, including 78 solo stops, and two sacks. He also piled up 413 yards and five touchdowns as a tight end.
“His stats speak for themselves as he had great production all season for us on both sides of the ball,” HHS coach Matt Holtry said. “We are going to miss his presence and example on and off the field.”
During a three-year varsity career, Jacobs had 144 solo tackles, 38 assists and five sacks in 23 games.
Once Jacobs’ high school career ended, he remained focus on the

sport. He only took one day off from training before returning to his regimen.
“I have a high passion for football, so I feel training is the top thing,” he said. “And if I wanted a starting position at C of I then I knew I needed to be training right away like I have been all through high school.”
The 18-year-old will study kinesiology with a minor in business and an eye on becoming a physical trainer.
“I want to continue doing what I love,” he said.
Jacobs said the C of I coaching staff envisions him as a nickelback,

which would take advantage of his safety-like speed and his linebacker tenacity.
“I just have to make sure I work hard and live up to the expectations (Coyotes coaches) would want me at,” Jacobs said. “But I’ll definitely be willing to put in all the work to try to make that position.”
If his impact on the Trojans is any indication, Jacobs could also step into an emotional role with the Coyotes similar to what fellow former HHS player Levi Elsberry has filled for the fledgling program.
“Dayne Jacobs was a great

leader for our program. He always led by example, never missing a single workout,” Holtry said.
“Whether it be morning lifts in the spring or summer workouts, he was always there and always working to be the best.”
The love flows both ways. Jacobs felt such a connection with Holtry and his staff that after his family moved to Nampa during his junior year he commuted 30 minutes each way each day to continue attending HHS and stay on with the Trojans.
“As soon as I came here in my eighth-grade year, (Holtry) and I became attached right away, and

he’s pushed me through all the training and all through football to be a better player, and we’ve gotten so close to where he’s basically family to me,” Jacobs said.
But Jacobs understands there was more to getting him to this point, too.
“I want to thank all my coaches and all my family and the C of I for the opportunity and everyone for sticking by my side, even through junior year, through the incidents, and really pushing me to be a better player on and off the field,” he said.
— JPB



Jordan Valley’s Nick Eiguren, left, drives into the key against Harper/Huntington defender Dakota Allaire during Saturday’s 1A High Desert League game in Harper. Photo by Tara Echave

✓ Mustangs: Jordan Valley cruises as team

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Wyatt Stanford and Nick Eiguren scored eight points each, while Braden Fillmore tossed in seven.
Tanner Moodenbaugh led the Tigers with 15 points, and Hayden Schafer chipped in 10.
Saturday: Jordan Valley 53, Harper/Huntington 38 — Wyatt Stanford fired in six three-pointers

and led all scorers with 24 points on the road in Harper.
“Wyatt shot great, but they all are playing well right now,” coach Clint Fillmore said.
Braden Fillmore hit for nine points and collected seven rebounds, while Lee Stanford had eight points in the first half and corralled eight boards.
Echave scored four points in

the first quarter and finished with eight rebounds.
The Mustangs widened a 36-24 lead to an 18-point advantage in the third quarter with Wyatt Stanford scoring eight points and Braden Fillmore adding four for all of Jordan Valley’s scoring.
Greg Chandler scored 14 points for the LocoNets, and teammate Nathan Joyce tallied 11.

Sports

Alumni Night marks HHS wrestling’s 50th

Trojans face Emmett in 3A SRV dual Friday

Homedale High School celebrates the 50th anniversary of its wrestling program Friday with a full card of bouts.

The current Trojans coaches and wrestlers have invited any former HHS wrestlers to attend Wrestling Alumni Night.

“We would like to celebrate 50 years of wrestling at Homedale High School by honoring the team’s alumni that have formed the foundation and tradition of our program,” Trojans assistant coach Mark Boothby wrote in a press release announcing the event.

The night will feature a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet against Emmett.

Timberline and Skyview will make the trip and wrestle duals against each other as well as Homedale and Emmett.

The wrestling begins at 4:30 p.m. with junior varsity matches.

Homedale and Emmett square off at 5 p.m. on Mat 1, while Skyview and Timberline wrestle

on Mat 2.

At 6:15 p.m., any HHS wrestling alumni in attendance will be recognized in a ceremony.

After the ceremony, the wrestling resumes with the conclusion of the opening duals and more JV matches.

At 6:45 p.m., Homedale takes on Timberline (Mat 1) and Emmett and Skyview square off on Mat 2.

After another batch of JV matches, the final duals of the night will start around 8:30 p.m. with Homedale battling Skyview on Mat 1 and Emmett and Timberline competing on Mat 2.

Feb. 3: New Plymouth 66, Homedale 18 — Three pinfalls accounted for all scoring for the Trojans in a non-conference dual meet on the Pilgrims’ mat.

Andy Montes (98 pounds) dispatched Deveon Rodriguez in 2 minutes, 22 seconds.

Nash Johnson (138) put Ellis Stokes on his back at 3:23.

Keifer Cooper (182) had the fastest pin of the night, needing just 84 seconds to defeat Diego Nunez.

The Trojans also suffered a 60-13 non-conference dual meet loss on the road against Boise on Thursday.

Inaugural wrestlers didn’t take long to win state gold

In the fall of 1964, 16 student-athletes laid the foundation for one of the most successful programs in Homedale High School history.

Ken Langdon led that first bunch of HHS wrestlers, which included two boys who would go on to win three state championships.

Although the 1964-65 season saw its share of growing pains, it wasn’t long before a couple of those Trojans delivered the first glimpses of glory that has become commonplace these days.

Steve Higgins was a freshman on that first squad. He would win district and state championships as a sophomore in 1966 and a senior in 1968.

Dick Watson won district and state crowns in 1966, too.

Higgins and Watson were the first Trojans to place at the state tournament.

After Mike Kelly finished as a runner-up at State in 1969, no other Homedale wrestler would reach a state final until the early 1980s when Steve Nash, Rudy Rodriguez and Jerry Perkins wrestled for championships. Wrestling for and winning championships in 1981 and 1982, Nash and Rodriguez were the first to reach state finals since Kelly.

The rest of the inaugural Trojans on that 1964-65 team, according to the Dec. 10, 1964 edition of The Owyhee Chronicle, were Mark Evans, John George, Joe George, Jerry Holbrook, Ray Hunt, Ken Hunt, Larry Maybon, Dennis Robinson, Jerry Smith, Tom Smith, Lewis Tucker, Dennis Watson, Jack Wolford and Bob Lincoln.

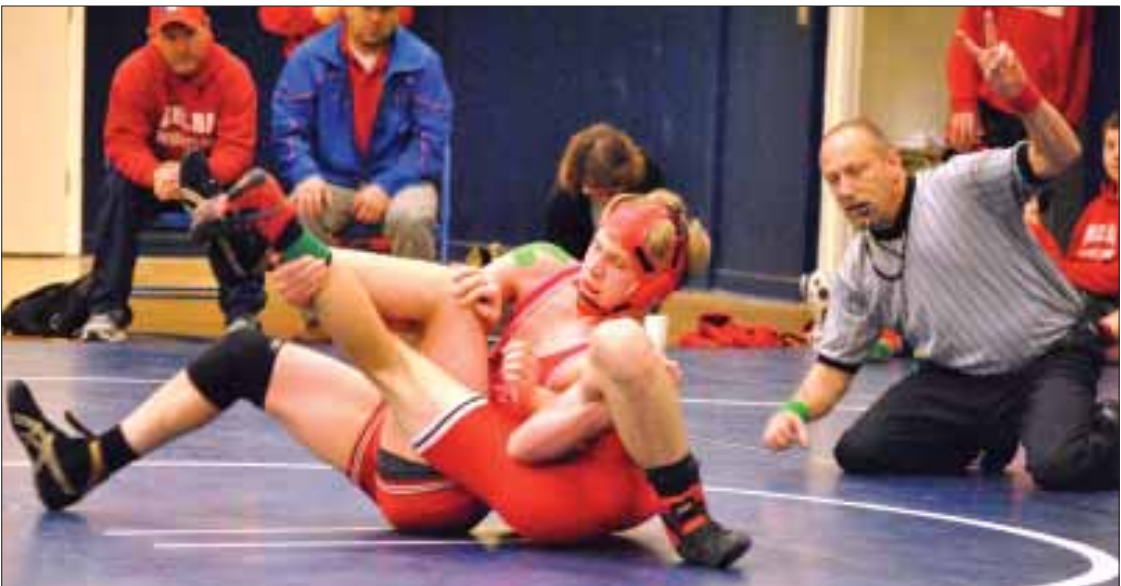
Langdon would leave his coaching post after watching Dick Watson and Higgins win championships at the 1966 state meet. Higgins returned to the program as an assistant coach for Larry Goto in the 1980s.

Steve Nash would serve as an assistant coach under Russ Mitchell and Bob Stancliff between 1989 and 1993. Perkins is listed as an assistant coach with Nash under Stancliff in 1990-91.

Ryan Nash was an assistant for Stancliff and then helped current coach Toby Johnson when he took over the program.

Stancliff stood as the longest-tenured Trojans coach with eight years’ service until Johnson passed him in seniority several seasons ago.

The eighth head coach in program history, Johnson is in his 18th season at the helm.



Homedale High School’s Nash Johnson scores a takedown during his grudge match victory over Melba’s Cody Svedin during the Husky Duals in Marsing on Saturday.

NP piles up wins at Husky Duals

Homedale’s Johnson sets school record, creeps closer to 100

Like seemingly the entire Homedale High School wrestling roster, Nash Johnson has fought through injuries as the season grows longer.

On Saturday, the pain and anguish paid off for the junior 138-pounder with a dose of revenge and a school record.

Johnson capped an 8-0 week with four wins during the Husky Duals in Marsing, but no victory may have been bigger than his second-round pin of Melba’s Cody Svedin during the Trojans’ 36-24 loss.

The win sent Johnson closer to the 100-win mark for his career, and he also broke Adam Duryee’s single-season school record of 84 takedowns during Saturday’s tournament. Johnson finished the week with 90 takedowns.

More importantly, perhaps, Johnson exacted revenge over Svedin, who had beaten the junior

during the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore., in December.

Johnson could become the eighth HHS wrestler to reach 100 career victories and the fastest to achieve the milestone during Friday’s Alumni Night four-way meet.

Johnson wasn’t the only Trojans wrestler to put up an unbeaten week, though.

Senior 106-pounder Andy Montes went 3-0 on Saturday in Marsing and was undefeated in six matches during the week.

He pinned Melba’s Cameron Williams in 30 seconds Saturday.

Keifer Cooper continued to surge at 170 pounds for Homedale, too.

He pinned Melba’s Skylar Erickson in 57 seconds Saturday as part of his 4-1 day.

Anthony Beckman was 2-1 at 113 pounds to cap a 4-2 week.

“We wrestled well. We just didn’t have a lot of kids,” HHS coach Toby Johnson said. “We are going to heal up as much as possible before district.”

Other Husky Duals results included:

Homedale 24, Garden Valley 18 — Nash Johnson pinned Patrick Hunter in 4 minutes, 44 seconds, and Cooper needed just 52 seconds to put Darrell Peppers on his back.

Fruitland 54, Homedale 24 — Four pins accounted for the Trojans’ points against their 3A Snake River Valley conference rivals.

Montes pinned Chance Hayball in 1:04 in a match at 113. Beckman pinned Nick Nitz in 57 seconds at 120. Johnson pinned Scotty MacKenzie in 4:51 at 138, and Cooper pinned Jarom Dahle in 4:15 at 170.

New Plymouth 59, Homedale 12 — Montes pinned Joe Rice in 3:45 of their 106-pound match for Homedale’s only win on the mat.

Huskies’ Hall, Ineck get wins on home mat

Marsing High School wrestling fans may have gotten a peek at another district tournament showdown during Saturday’s Husky Duals.

Freshman Mason Hall pinned Juan Cervantes at 195 pounds in the Huskies’ 39-24 loss to fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference member Melba then extended top-rated Chase Bowen of New Plymouth into the second round before getting pinned in the Pilgrims’ 71-12 victory.

Forfeit victories by Hall at 195 and Seth Ramirez at 220 were crucial in the Huskies’ 30-24 win over Garden Valley during the home tournament Saturday.

Joseph Ineck, a freshman at 138, pinned Patrick Hunter in 1 minute, 42 seconds during the victory over the Grizzlies.

Ineck and Ramirez scored forfeits for the Huskies’ only points against New Plymouth.

According to TrackWrestling.com, the Pilgrims went unbeaten

in five dual meets Saturday for the best record in the Husky Duals. The Pilgrims dominated each of their opponents, including Melba (60-18), Fruitland (69-18), Garden Valley (66-6) and Homedale (59-12).

Results of the Marsing-Homedale dual meet from Saturday weren’t posted.

Noah Grossman, Marsing’s reigning district and state champion at 220 pounds, didn’t compete Saturday.



Marsing High School’s Mason Hall, left, tries to hold off Chase Bowen as the New Plymouth 195-pounder shoots toward the freshman’s legs during their match Saturday at the Husky Duals in Marsing.

Sports



Landa tops in crab feed ticket sales again

Dr. William Jeppe of Owyhee Family Dental Center, right, presents Kyler Landa with a \$100 bill after the Homedale High School senior brought in the most revenue for Homedale Booster Club crab feed ticket sales. Landa sold 42 tickets and raised \$2,090.



Marsing High School guard Rodrigo Acuna slashes into the lane against Nampa Christian. Photo by Dan Pease

Huskies getting defensive at right time

Good week could bring No. 4 seed

Friday's long road trip could solidify Marsing High School's fate for the boys' basketball district tournament.

A late-season surge has given the Huskies sole possession of the fourth seed for the 2A District III, but a stumble at McCall-Donnelly could send Marsing to No. 5.

Coach Tim Little speculates that the outcome of Friday's 2A Western Idaho Conference season finale could dictate whether or not the Huskies are home for their district opener. In either case, they'll probably play the Vandals, the second-year coach said.

"McCall has been playing very well as of late," Little said. "Although they only have three league wins, they have played everyone very close."

The Vandals (5-13 overall, 3-7 in conference) play 2A WIC co-leader New Plymouth tonight, while Marsing (5-13, 4-6) closes the home portion of its conference season against third-place Melba.

Friday: Marsing 50, Cole Valley Christian 44 — Little probably can glean a little confidence about his players' ability to be road warriors from the latest conference win in a hostile gym in Meridian.

"It was CVCS's Senior Night, and it was the loudest venue we had played in all season," Little said. "The team definitely kept their concentration level high, and it was a total team effort."

Seth Hardy had what Little called his best shooting night of the season. He fired in three three-pointers en route to 12 points.

Jose Ponce continued his consistent run, leading all scorers with 22 points. It was the sophomore's seventh consecutive game reaching double figures, and he has scored 20 or more three times in the stretch.

"Jose Ponce is emerging to be one of the better all-around players

in our league," Little said.

Marsing reached its defensive goal of holding the Chargers to just 44 points. Reserve player Jose Gutierrez helped the effort with three steals.

"Even though our starters accounted for all but two points, our bench contributed all game by minimizing mistakes and raising the defensive intensity," Little said. "Juan Garcia, Jose G., and Hayden Dines all contributed positively."

Marsing set the tone earlier, holding Cole Valley to just seven points in the first eight minutes. Marsing is allowing an average of just 46 points per game during the 2A WIC season.

"The boys are taking pride in their defense and believe that it will pay off once the tourney starts," Little said.

Last Wednesday: Nampa Christian 54, Marsing 45 — The Huskies got to within six points early in the fourth quarter after the fifth-ranked Class 2A team in the state had built a 45-30 lead after three quarters.

"The Huskies represented their school and community well, although we came up short," Little said. "NC has a ton of talent and executes very well, but our team understood the game plan and everyone contributed."

The Huskies' Jose Ponce connected on nine of 14 shots and led all scorers with 22 points. He also had six rebounds, including five on the defensive end, despite playing with four fouls.

Dakota Hardy scored nine points before fouling out, while Marsing teammate Rodrigo Acuna added six points and four assists before he left with five fouls. Garret Briggs chipped in five points with four rebounds.

Marcus Waterman scored 16 points to lead Nampa Christian, which took control with a 21-12 run through the third quarter.

Peyton Brothers threw in 15 for Nampa Christian, while Caelen Dennis added 12.

✓ HHS boys: Trojans rally against Fruitland

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behind Emmett and Payette for the conference lead with two games remaining. Homedale would lose seeding tiebreakers to both teams, and the best the Trojans could hope for is a No. 2 seed if they win their remaining games and either Emmett or Payette lose their final two games.

Homedale plays Parma tonight and finishes the regular season Friday against Weiser. Both games are on the road.

Meanwhile, Emmett and Payette close the season against one another Saturday.

Friday: Homedale 75, Fruitland 62 — After scoring just five points in the first quarter, the Trojans fired away for their second-highest point total of the season.

"We played three good quarters," Grove said.

The margin of victory gives Homedale the tiebreaker over Fruitland for a higher seed at the district tournament.

Homedale converted 25 of 35 free-throw attempts and connected on six three-point shots.

Connor Carter and Dillon Lowder scored five of the three-pointers and also combined to sink 11 of their 14 foul shots.

Lowder scored 24 points, but Fruitland's Tyler Eiguren — who formerly attended Homedale schools — led all scorers with 25 points.

"Dillon started off a little slow but kept at it and caught fire in the second quarter," Grove said.

Lowder picked up eight steals and dished four assists.

Carter scored 16 points, including a 6-for-8 showing at the foul line. He grabbed six rebounds and distributed four assists.

Tolmie scored six points and led the team with nine rebounds.

Kincade Kincheloe scored 10 points, while Miguel Montejano and Benny Schamber added six each.

Feb. 3: Homedale 53, Emmett 51 — Kincheloe and Lowder hit clutch three-pointers down the stretch to erase Emmett's lead, but the Huskies hit a pair of free throws for a 51-49 second lead.

Lowder made a steal and hit a free throw after getting fouled to tighten the game further. When he missed the second foul shot,



An Emmett defender ties up Homedale High School's Amos Aguilera during a Feb. 3 game played on the Trojans' floor.

Emmett's Luke Hyde was fouled while grabbing the rebound, but missed the front-end of a one-and-one.

Grove then called a timeout with 4.7 seconds remaining and proceeded to draw up a last-second shot.

"I drew up the old Duke, Christian Laettner play (the shot Laettner hit to beat Kentucky in the 1992 NCAA East Regional championship game)," Grove said. "Of course it didn't work out the way I drew it up."

Tolmie took the inbounds pass and got the ball to Garrett Carter, who lost control when he tried to attack the Huskies' defense.

Carter got the ball to Tolmie, and he fired in the game-winner.

"Just another day in the SRV this year," Grove said.

The Trojans saw a slim lead slip away in the waning minutes of low-scoring first half. With three minutes left, Homedale held a 15-9 advantage, but Emmett went on a 15-2 run. Luc Overton's

three-point goal with 4 minutes, 47 seconds left in the third quarter capped nine unanswered points and gave the Huskies a 24-17 lead.

Lowder stopped and popped a jump shot to get Homedale to within four points, 33-29, with 29 seconds left in the third quarter.

Homedale would score 24 points in the final eight minutes.

Tolmie scored 13 points on 5-for-8 shooting, but no shot was bigger than his only trey of the night. He was also perfect on two foul shots and brought down two defensive rebounds.

Lowder led all players with 19 points.

Carter scored nine points and grabbed four rebounds. His brother Connor had seven rebounds and shared the team assists lead at two with Lowder and Schamber.

Kincheloe scored seven points.

Emmett received 15 points from Overton and 11 points from Ryan Matthews.

Sports

Adrian girls jostle Jordan Valley; Mustangs boys prevail

With a huge regular-season girls' basketball finale against Crane looming, Adrian High School made a statement.

The Antelopes buried Jordan Valley early for a 44-31 win in a Feb. 3 game featuring 1A High Desert League rivals.

Adrian's fifth consecutive victory ended Jordan Valley's four-game winning streak and created a second-place tie in the league between them. Chances are the two teams will meet again on Feb. 20 in the district tournament at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

The Antelopes (18-4 overall, 10-2 in 1A HDL at week's end) and Jordan Valley (15-7, 10-2) are two games behind top-seeded Crane with two games left in the regular season.

Jordan Valley and Adrian split their season series with the Mustangs holding the margin-of-victory edge with their 53-40 win on Jan. 13.

Quincy Pendergrass and Andrea Catalan Velez filled up the stat sheet as the Antelopes started the second-to-last week of the regular season with their fifth consecutive win.

Adrian entertains Crane at 6 p.m. on Friday in the league finale for both teams.

It'll be the third meeting of the season for the Mustangs and Antelopes, who split the other games in the series. Adrian handled Crane, 32-20, in the Alycia Jenkins Memorial Christmas Tournament championship game on the Mustangs' floor then Crane ended the

Antelopes' eight-game winning streak with a 33-25 home win in a 1A HDL game on Jan. 10.

Last week, Adrian led 35-20 after three quarters against Jordan Valley, which committed 25 turnovers.

Catalan Velez continued her impressive season with nine rebounds and seven steals. She also had four assists.

Pendergrass grabbed six rebounds, doled six assists and collected four steals.

Taking every three-point shot for Jordan Valley, Morgan Caywood was 4-for-10 from behind the line and scored 14 points.

The Mustangs' leading scorer, Andi Warn, snagged seven of her eight rebounds on defense, but was limited to six points.

Boys

Feb. 3: Jordan Valley 60, Adrian 42 — Four of the Mustangs' six scorers reached double figures in a game that solidified Jordan Valley's hold on the league's top spot and dropped the Antelopes into third place and possibly looking at the No. 4 seed for the district tournament.

Adrian finished the week one game behind Monument/Dayville and Crane, who would be seeded No. 2 and No. 3.

"The boys played good they played good D and were aggressive on offense," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said.

Lee Stanford was 8-for-9 from the floor and all scorers with 19 points as Jordan Valley connected on 24 of 51 shots (47 percent). He

also had nine rebounds.

Teammate Wyatt Stanford scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. He hit four three-pointers and did all his damage before halftime. Nine of Stanford's boards came on Adrian's end of the floor as the Antelopes struggled with a 27 percent field-goal shooting clip (15-for-54).

John Echave scored 11 points and snagged seven boards, and Braden Fillmore put in 10 points to round out the Mustangs' top scorers.

Jett McCoy's double-double of 12 points and 12 rebounds led Adrian, which had fallen behind 36-16 by halftime.

Emmanuel Dominguez and Reagan Shira chipped in nine points apiece.

Adrian boys slip to third in 1A HDL

Adrian High School couldn't dig out and lost its share of second place in the 1A High Desert League on Saturday.

Dayville/Monument opened the boys' basketball game on a 16-6 run and held on for a 51-43 victory on the Antelopes floor.

"We started too slow to win," Adrian coach Aaron Mills said. "They shot great, and we were caught playing catch-up."

With two games remaining in the league season, Adrian (15-6 overall, 8-4 in 1A HDL) finds itself in third place one game behind the Tigers and Crane. The Antelopes play Burnt River on Thursday then close the schedule at home against Crane on Friday.

Dayville/Monument (16-7, 9-3) closes with Burnt River on Friday and Harper/Huntington on Saturday.

The Tigers carried the game with their outside shots. Dakota Emerson hit three of his team's five three-point goals and had a co-game-high 19 points. He also collected four defensive rebounds as Dayville/Monument out-boarded Adrian, 13-8, on the Antelopes' glass.

Adrian's Jett McCoy had 19 points and seven rebounds.

"Jett had a great game and

worked hard," Mills said.

The Tigers' Tanner Moodenbaugh scored 12 points.

Tyler Reay and Morgan White scored seven points each for Adrian, while Emmanuel Dominguez added six points.

Friday: Adrian 45, Prairie City 26 — The Antelopes took control of a home league game with a 28-10 spurt through the second and third quarters.

"I thought that we took care of the ball. We didn't start out shooting well but came along," Mills said. "Prairie City is a young team, but they battle hard which is a testament to their coaching."

McCoy scored 11 points, and Reagan Shira added 10 to pace Adrian's balanced offense. McCoy ripped down 10 defensive rebounds to cap a double-double with 13 boards overall.

The Antelopes held a 28-8 edge on Prairie City's glass as the Panthers made just eight of 44 field-goal attempts (18 percent).

Reay had nine rebounds and was one of three starters – with Dominguez and White – to score six points.

Garret Hitz scored 15 points and notched nine rebounds for Prairie City. He was 6-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Antelopes' powerful defense maintains high seed potential

Adrian High School's girls' basketball team maintained its second-place tie with Jordan Valley with a pair of easy, defensive-driven victories.

The Antelopes rolled out to a big lead to beat Dayville/Monument, 32-18, on Saturday in a low-scoring 1A High Desert League game played in Adrian.

"We came out with a lot of defensive intensity and made a good team work hard for every shot. In the first half we had more steals than they had shots," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "The intensity continued into the third quarter and the bigger lead allowed us to play a lot of our younger kids, who battled hard well they were in there."

"When we get to where we can finish at the hoop, we will be a team to be reckoned with."

Adrian (18-4 overall, 10-2 in 1A HDL) is tied with Jordan Valley with two games left in the league season. Both teams trail Crane by two games for the top seed in the district tournament.

Adrian held a 19-4 halftime lead against the Tigers (6-17, 4-8) on Saturday and prevailed despite shooting 24 percent (13-for-53) for the game.

Quincy Pendergrass and Andrea



Adrian sophomore Lauren Barraza puts up her hands to defend against Dayville/Monument's Ravyn Walker. Photo by Bob Radford

Catalan Velez scored 10 points each. Pendergrass had eight steals, and Catalan Velez added seven as Adrian forced 29 turnovers.

Treiquella Osborne scored six points to lead the Tigers.

Friday: Adrian 48, Prairie City 28 — The Antelopes' stifling defense limited the Panthers' chances and set up an blowout on the road.

Prairie City turned the ball over 34 times, and Pendergrass had nine of Adrian's 25 steals.

"We played with a great deal of intensity, especially on the defensive end. I am sure that we frustrated them, because every time they turned around there was a white jersey in there face," Mills said.

Pendergrass led all scorers with 16 points, while Anna Hutchings came off the bench for nine points, 10 rebounds and six steals.

Carlee Morton hit her team's only three-pointer and scored seven points.



Jordan Valley's Morgan Womack, right, slides to provide defense against Harper/Huntington dribbler Mandy Guerri during Saturday's 1A High Desert League game in Harper. Photo by Tara Echave

JV girls light up scoring column

Andi Warn led four Jordan Valley High School girls' basketball players in double figures Saturday as the Mustangs crushed Harper/Huntington on the road.

Warn was perfect on four foul shots in the second half and finished with 20 points in the Mustangs' 66-37 demolition of their 1A High Desert League foes.

Zoey Warn added 15 points, including a 5-for-8 night from the free-throw line.

Morgan Caywood flung in three three-point goals as part of her 11-point first half, and Alisha Rogers had popped three treys in the first half as part of her 11 points.

Jordan Valley led 26-4 after the first quarter.

Shyanne Allaire led the LocoNets with nine points, while

teammates Raynee Jackson and Mandy Guerri scored eight points each.

Friday: Jordan Valley 47, Monument/Dayville 23 — Zoey Warn scored all her points form the foul line on 9-for-10 shooting as the Mustangs scored 19 points on free throws against the Tigers.

Caywood scored 13 points, and Andi Warn had 14 in the home-court victory.

Sports



Jim Briggs, center, receives a football signed by his other coaches and the entire football team during a Jan. 28 ceremony. Presenting the football are fellow assistant coaches Dale Doan, left, and Johnathon Cossel, who is also the MHS athletic director. Photo by Dan Pease

Marsing coaching staple steps away

After nearly a decade on the football field, it’s time for Jim Briggs to head back to the farm.

Briggs recently announced his retirement from the Marsing High School coaching staff.

“With Garret not here, I won’t have the help on the farm,” Briggs said, adding that stepping away from football will give him more time to work on jobs on his land.

Garret is Briggs’ youngest son, who will be graduating from MHS and heading to the University of Idaho later this year.

“With Garret graduating and with both kids up at U of I, if we want to go up for Dads’ Weekend or Parents’ Weekend we can without having to leave Saturday morning after a game,” Jim Briggs said.

Briggs, who turns 50 later this year, and his wife of 27 years Muriel also have a daughter, Deidrie, who is a junior majoring in Biology at U of I. Deidrie is also carrying a minor in Spanish.

Although Garret is leaving for U of I, chances are he’ll come back to help Dad on the farm. Garret will major in agricultural systems management in Moscow.

Briggs spent his final fall with the Huskies helping head coach Brad Hill with his son at his side on the sidelines. Garret shut down his football career after suffering a freak back injury while surfing in Hawaii in November 2013.

While Briggs was keeping an eye on the team through the fall, the thought of walking away was near, too.

“I kept it in the back of my mind all year, then at the end of the season, I felt that I couldn’t give 100 percent to the coaching and the kids with all the responsibilities that are coming up with the fall,” he said. “If I can’t give 100 percent, I need to let someone come in and fill my shoes that can give 100 percent.”

Cutting ties with a team he had helped coach for the past four years – first with Jaime Wood then with Hill – wasn’t easy,

Briggs said.

“The tough part was going out on a losing season and that the kids may have felt I was abandoning them,” he said. “I’m not walking away because we’re not successful. If anything, I’d like to stay to build it back to what it was.”

Briggs began helping out with football in Marsing when Garret started in flag football with the Optimist program.

“Probably the best experience was watching the bigger cities in our league – Boise and Eagle – come out to Marsing to play and having the kids get their names announced and have a big-game atmosphere and then at the end of the day beating them,” Briggs said.

When Garret moved to the high school program, his dad made the jump, too. For the elder Briggs, it meant coaching a team that used to be his rival when he was winning three state championships for Darryl Kellum and Jim McMillan at Homedale in the 1980s.

“From the experience of Coach Kellum and learning from him and his principles, it helped bring those principles and the standards that were expected to Marsing,” Briggs said. “I was glad to bring those philosophies and principles over to make it successful.”

The drive that was cultivated in his high school years helped develop one of the best teams in Marsing history. The 2012 team reached the 2A state semifinals and gave Briggs his best memory as a high school coach.

“I was able to basically watch the kids grow as young men and mature and learn life skills,” Briggs said.

Although Briggs is returning to the cab of his tractor, he will try to keep some involvement on the sidelines or filming games.

“I still want to be involved in the community and sports in general,” the Marsing Lions Club member said. “Maybe I’ll take my time and spread it around a little bit more.” — JPB

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MHS Student Council members put their hearts into it

The Marsing High School Student Council organized the heart health awareness campaign last week. Council members include, from left: President Lorenzo Lankow, vice-president Noah Grossman, treasurer Cassandra Gomez, historian Audra Kendall, sergeant-at-arms Casey Yiengst, host Hunter Gibson and hostess Tristan Jarvis. Not pictured: Secretary Stephanie Richards



Above: Marsing Ambulance crew member Betty Ackerman leads CPR training for a group of Marsing High School juniors. **Right:** Emilee Cook puts what she's learned to work with compression strokes on a dummy during CPR training.



As part of Heart Health Awareness Week at Marsing High School, teachers and staff sponsored a donation jar to raise money for the American Heart Association. English teacher Daryl Lemos, right, gathered the most donations of any teacher at the school and his reward was kissing a piglet. Allan Davis brought the piglet to the school for the event.



Marsing High School student Ben Gerthung posts a paper heart in a hallway. The hearts were sold for 50 cents each, and all proceeds benefited the American Heart Association.



Homedale FFA chapter members attending the annual Day on the Hill in Boise were: **Back row from left:** Riley Christoffersen, Derek Pfost, Wiley Cooper, Trace Cline, Noah Freelove, Ryan Criffield, Wyatt Dorsey, Jordan Packer, Kayden Turner, Cobey Christoffersen and Lyndsey Burks. **Bottom row:** Riley Haun, Jessie Packer, Justine Rose, Lauryn Fisher, Dakota Kelly, Payton Kerbs and Jennifer Bautista. **Not pictured:** Devin Fisher. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA’ers meet state legislators, learn leadership

by Jennifer Bautista
chapter reporter

Last month, 20 Homedale FFA members made their way to the state capital to participate in the annual 212/360 Conference. The two-day event kicked off with the Day on the Hill Luncheon at the Riverside Hotel in Boise where more than 500 FFA members had the opportunity to sit down and have lunch with a variety of leaders ranging from state senators to state House of Representatives delegates. After the lunch had concluded, the Homedale contingent was split

up into the categories that pertained to them and the conference started. The younger members were sent to a different location to start the 212 part of the conference that focuses on chapter development. The older members began the leadership development that 360 focuses on. The members went through different sessions that were based on their respective subjects and were encouraged to build and strengthen relationships with members from other chapters. Employees from this year’s sponsor for 212/360, Helena

Chemical Co., made an appearance to promote the vision the company holds. Bill Haun, father of Homedale FFA officer Riley Haun, was one of the two Helena representatives who made the presentation. Throughout the two days, the members attended the six different sessions. Each session had a different topic that focused on further developing an FFA member’s skills. By the end of the conference, the Homedale attendees were eager to get back home and put those skills to use in our own chapter.

HHS seniors benefit from cake auction

A cake auction raised nearly \$6,500 for the Homedale High School Class of 2015 on Friday. The auction was held during halftime of the varsity boys’ basketball game against Fruitland. Proceeds will help finance the seniors’ graduation party and senior trip. Organizer Kelli Jenkins said the 2014 auction brought in almost \$4,000 for the senior night party. This year, Jenkins called the auction a “huge success,” saying

it exceeded the goal of \$5,000. Students made 26 cakes that were donated to the auction. Jenkins calls the program a “family affair” because moms and dads helped the students bake the desserts. “The community is just amazing, and the kids did an amazing job making beautiful cakes,” Jenkins said. Jenkins intends to pass the torch to someone else to lead the cake auction next year. — SC



The Homedale High School juniors involved in the Four Petals Floral Shop include, from left, Elizabeth Vargas, Tristan Corta, Madison Fisher and Justine Rose. Submitted photo

HHS students open floral shop at school

Five Homedale High School Ag department students are continuing the tradition of a floral enterprise. Four Petals Floral Shop began selling arrangements for Valentine’s Day as part of their advanced floral class. The students will use the experience to prepare for upcoming FFA competitions. Four of the students are juniors, including Tristan Corta, Madison Fisher, Justine Rose and Elizabeth Vargas. Freshman Lauryn Fisher is also part of the operation. The shop is located at the HHS Ag shop. Forms are available at the shop or at various business locations around town. The students will make floral arrangements, wraps, Mylar balloons and latex balloon arrangements. Delivery will be available Monday through

Thursday. Products available for Valentine’s include:

- One dozen roses, \$50
- One dozen carnations, \$25
- Half-dozen roses, \$25
- Three-rose bud vase, \$15
- One-rose bud vase, \$7.50
- Three-carnation bud vase, \$7.50
- Single-rose wrap, \$5
- One-carnation bud vase, \$5
- One Mylar balloon with three latex balloons, \$5
- One Mylar Balloon, \$3
- Single-carnation wrap, \$3

Fresh flowers will arrive each Monday, so customers need to give three days’ notice to ensure the flowers they want will be available. Orders can be placed through email at homedalefloral@gmail.com or by calling 337-4613, ext. 273.



Tristan Corta, left, and freshman Lauryn Fisher assemble bud vases. Submitted photo



Adrian High School Tip-Off royalty announced

Adrian High School held a ceremony during a Jan. 30 basketball doubleheader against Harper/Huntington to introduce this year’s Tip-Off Court, including, from left, Rochelle Figueroa, Zach Gifford, Mike Griffin, Brooke Meyer, Queen Quincy Pendergrass, King Emmanuel Dominguez, Daniel Price, Morgan Bayes, Scotlyn Eavenson, Cynthia Mackey, Flo Nieder and Emilia Fiedler. AHS Photography

Mediterranean Chicken Pitas

Prep time: 10 minutes
Servings: 2

- 1 (10-ounce) can chicken breast, drained and flaked
- 1/2 cup finely chopped cucumber
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1/4 cup Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped dill
- 2 whole wheat pitas
- 4 lettuce leaves

In large bowl combine chicken, cucumber, red bell pepper, green chilies, yogurt and dill; toss to mix well.

Cut each pita in half horizontally; carefully open each pita half. Fill each with 2 lettuce leaves and half of chicken mixture.



Mediterranean Chicken Pitas



Pasta e Fagioli Soup



Quinoa Chicken Vegetable Salad



Pea and Corn Risotto



Almond Cherry Tres Leches Cake

PANTRY ESSENTIALS FOR Nutritious Homemade Meals

FAMILY FEATURES

Every parent has been there. It's Thursday afternoon and the kids are asking, "What's for dinner?" Searching for inspiration, you head to the refrigerator, only to realize that the groceries you bought on Sunday have run out or spoiled. But before the panic sets in and you reach for the takeout menus, remember that the solution for a wholesome, homemade meal is right in your pantry — or "Cantry."

"With a well-stocked pantry full of canned ingredients, I know I always have the makings of a nutritious and flavorful meal," said Kelsey Nixon, host of "Kelsey's Essentials" on Cooking Channel and Food Network. "Fruits and vegetables are harvested at their peak of ripeness and canned in just hours, making the can one of the best ways to get food from its source to my family's table. I just open up a can, unlock that flavor and goodness and make it a 'Cantry' Thursday night!"

With canned food staples like canned beans, chicken, green beans and broth on hand, you'll be well on your way to savory meals like Quinoa Chicken Vegetable Salad and Nixon's Pasta e Fagioli Soup.

For more information about the canning process, delicious recipes and to learn how you can get cooking with canned foods, visit [CansGetYouCooking.com](#).

Pasta e Fagioli Soup

Recipe created by Kelsey Nixon
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 ounces chopped pancetta (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 2 (15-ounce) cans cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced fire-roasted tomatoes
- 3 (14.5-ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups ditalini pasta (short tubular pasta)
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish

In large heavy-bottomed pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Brown pancetta bits just until they start to crisp before adding onion, garlic and thyme. Season with salt and pepper, and saute until fragrant and golden brown.

Add canned beans, tomatoes and chicken broth. Bring soup to rapid boil before adding pasta. Reduce to simmer and cook soup covered, stirring occasionally for 8–10 minutes or until pasta is cooked al dente.

Season with salt and pepper to taste before serving. Garnish with Parmesan cheese and serve with crusty bread.

Note: You can substitute bacon for pancetta, if desired.

Quinoa Chicken Vegetable Salad

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 (14.5-ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 cup quinoa
- 1 (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 (10-ounce) can chicken breast, drained and flaked
- 1 (8-ounce) can cut green beans, drained
- 1 (8.75-ounce) can corn, drained
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

In medium saucepan over high heat, heat chicken broth and quinoa to boiling. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In large bowl, combine cooled quinoa, diced tomatoes, chicken breast, green beans, corn, olive oil, lemon juice, parsley and pepper; toss to mix well.

Pea and Corn Risotto

Servings: 4

- 4 cups canned low sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 cup Arborio rice
- 1 (11-ounce) can no salt added whole-kernel corn, drained
- 1 (8.5-ounce) can low sodium peas, drained
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

In 2-quart saucepan over high heat, heat chicken broth to simmering; keep warm.

Meanwhile, in 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, in hot olive oil, cook onion until tender-crisp, stirring occasionally. Add rice and cook for 2 minutes until coated with oil. Gradually add chicken broth, 1/2 cup at a time, until absorbed, stirring frequently. Continue adding remaining broth, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring occasionally, cooking rice until al dente, about 25 minutes.

Stir in corn, peas, Parmesan cheese and butter to heat through. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately.

Almond Cherry Tres Leches Cake

Recipe created by Kelsey Nixon
Servings: 12

- Cake:**
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 5 large eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 - 1 (14.5-ounce) can pitted cherries, thoroughly drained
- Tres leches mixture:**
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
 - 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

- Icing:**
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream, chilled
 - 4 tablespoons powdered sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
 - 1/4 cup chopped almonds, toasted

For cake, preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 9-by-13-inch cake pan.

Whisk together flour, baking powder and salt into large mixing bowl.

Cream butter, sugar and eggs with electric mixer on high until yolks turn pale yellow. Mix in almond extract. Slowly incorporate dry ingredients into wet ingredients until fully combined — avoid over-mixing. Pour into prepared pan, evenly spreading batter out.

Bake until cake has cooked through, 30 minutes. Cool slightly, then pierce surface of cake with fork several times.

Combine heavy cream, evaporated milk and condensed milk in small bowl or pitcher. Drizzle milk mixture over top and allow cake to sit and absorb milk mixture.

For icing, whip together heavy cream, sugar and almond extract. Spread evenly over top of soaked cake. Top with toasted almonds.

Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until ready to serve.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 14, 1990

Friday morning fire damages Murph’s

A fire of unknown origin broke out in a storeroom at Murph’s Bar in Homedale early Friday, according to the local police department. Damage mainly from smoke and water damage will keep the popular bar and dance spot closed approximately two weeks for repairs and cleanup, Dan Murphy, owner of the business, estimated Monday.

But Murphy promised, “St. Patrick’s Day will be a heck of a celebration!” which indicates he expects to have operations going full tilt again by then. St. Patrick’s Day falls on March 17.

All units in the Homedale Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene about 1:30 a.m. Friday to fight the fire. Dennis Uria of the HVFD said firemen remained on the scene until nearly 4 a.m. and contained the blaze to the storeroom and adjacent bathrooms. Homedale Police Chief Mike Moysard reported that the firemen “contained it very well and got it out in a hurry.” Murphy said the fire itself had been very small.

Moysard said that Owyhee County Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Aman and he had checked the premises later for evidence of possible arson. “We did send some stuff to the lab but we haven’t got (results) back yet,” he reported.

Heady receives Scout award

Austin S. Heady of rural Homedale will be presented with the Eagle Scout award in 7 p.m. ceremonies at the Homedale LDS Church on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Heady, 15, is a member of Troop 409 in Homedale and has been involved in scouting since 1985. As his Eagle project, he made improvements to an Idaho Fish & Game Sportsman’s Access on the Snake River south of Homedale.

A freshman at Homedale High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society and active in athletics. He has twice been a recipient of the President’s National Fitness award.

His parents are Kent and Celia Heady of Central Cove.

Bruneau-Grand View

Attending the National Cattlemen/Cattlegwomen Convention last week in Nashville, Tennessee were community members Dave and Celia Tindall, Eric Davis, and Gene Davis. Celia is the 1990 Idaho State Cattlegwomen’s President, and Eric is serving as President of Region 5 for the Cattlemen’s Association.

Grand View Elementary fared well at the Elks District Hoop Shoot competition in Caldwell last Saturday. Jeff Carothers, son of John and Sharon Carothers of Grand View, placed 4th in his division by sinking 12 of his 25 free throws. Michael Basabe, son of Tom and Sue Basabe of Grand View, placed 3rd in his division with 15 out of 25 shots. Tony McDaniel, son of Dixie and Gary McDaniel of Grand View, brought home a 2nd place trophy for his shooting efforts of 17 out of 25 shots. Not to be outdone by her younger brother, Amanda McDaniel shot 21 for 25 from the free throw line to capture the first place trophy in her division and the right to compete in State Hoop shoot contest.

Trojans in A-3 tournament play

The Homedale Trojans basketball hoopsters went into action at the District 3 A-3 tournament last night at Nampa High School seeded No. 2. They played their first tournament game against Parma, the team they left dangling last week on the short end of a 65-62 rope cinched into place at the last minute.

HHS Athletic Director Spencer Rickart said that the Trojans would play again Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. if they won last night’s game. But if they lost yesterday, they’ll play next at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, he said.

After last Tuesday’s win over the Panthers and 75-52 loss to McCall-Donnelly on Friday, the Trojans wound up with a 4-4 Western Idaho Conference record this year, going into tournament competition. They ranked second behind undefeated Fruitland in WIC season play. They won 7 and lost 13 counting non-conference games.

50 years ago

February 11, 1965

Pilgrims edge Trojans 45-41 here Saturday

New Plymouth remained in at least a tie for the Snake River Valley B Southern Division lead with a 45-41 win over Homedale Saturday night.

The Pilgrims sport a 6-2 loop mark, while Homedale now stands 5-3.

New Plymouth, which used the free-throw line to its advantage, led at the half 23-19, but Homedale fought back to knot the count 29-all going into the final round.

The Pilgrims hit 19 of 25 from the line to Homedale’s five of 15. New Plymouth’s Chuck Caba led all scorers with 18 points. Tony Maher paced Homedale with 15.

Legion does improvement work at hall

Improvements made to date on the American Legion hall includes a new roofing job, new concrete steps leading to the hall, and the renovating of the men’s rest room. More improvement work on the hall is being planned for the future, according to Allen Blessing, adjutant.

The American Legion is also presently conducting a membership drive. The organization presently has 58 members, with a potential of well over 200. Anyone interested in joining is urged to do so. This is an organization designed to sponsor and promote Americanism drives, and it also sponsors Boy’s State delegates and is connected with many other local programs and activities.

Zatica wins T.M.’s 2-minute trophy

The regular weekly meeting of the Homedale Toastmaster’s club was held Thursday morning, Feb. 4, at Bicandi’s café with 18 members present, according to Ed McNelis, secretary.

Toastmaster was Tom Takatori and topic master was Mac Parkins. Grammarian was Darrel Reisch and evaluator was Rodger Nash. General evaluator was Ed Mink.

Paul Zatica won the two-minute trophy for his talk on “The Future of Family Size Farms.”

Dave Phelps and Harold Wilson tied for the best give-a-minute speech. Phelp’s speech was entitled, “Man’s Quest for Treasure,” and Wilson spoke on “Population Explosion.” Another five-minute speech, titled “Gun Legislation,” was given by Louis Breshears.

The “ah” monster was awarded to Darrel Reisch.

Adrian school bond issue accepted

David Beebe, chairman of the Adrian school board, reported that the Adrian School District has passed the bond issue for the proposed building of a new cafeteria at the grade school.

There were a total of 236 yes votes and 96 no votes cast at the bond election held at the Adrian grade school on Monday, Feb. 8.

Counting votes at the polls were Mrs. Gloria Holly and Mrs. Francis Worden of Adrian.

Mr. Beebe also stated that the Adrian school board would like to thank the many people for their support at the polls.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “This time the legislature ain’t stallin’ fer time – it’s stallin’ fer money.”

High school news

The Homedale High School “quiz kids” lost on their 4th appearance on the TV program “High School Quiz,” Thursday, Jan. 28. The quartet lost by a close score of 140 to 130 with New Plymouth as the new champions.

A cash award of \$40 was presented to the Homedale High School for three consecutive wins. Included in this sum was \$10 for being ahead of New Plymouth during the first part of the program, which had to be abruptly cancelled of the air because of network difficulties. The match was rescheduled the following week and Homedale lost.

Participating were Mark Evans, Elaine Eidemiller, Ray Hunt and Dennis Robertson. Adviser to the group was Principal Darrel Reisch.

140 years ago

February 13, 1875

GAME. Two mules packed with deer came into town this morning. There must have been 8 or 10 of them, and they were fine-looking animals. Venison steak will now be the order of the day at our hotels and restaurants.

BACK FROM THE STATES. David A. Richardson arrived by last night’s Winnemucca stage from a visit to relatives and friends in Iowa and Illinois. He informs us that times are very dull and money scarce back there. He noticed people hauling wood to market, a distance of ten miles, and then selling their loads for \$2.50, and glad to get it. In this country people wouldn’t walk ten miles for \$2.50, nor even drive a team that distance for that amount of money. The weather is intensely cold in the Western States this winter. Mr. Richardson saw ice three feet thick in Omaha on the 21st of last month. He says that he prefers Owyhee to any place he saw while away.

NOT FRACTURED. In Saturday evening’s Avalanche we had an item to the effect that a falling piece of timber had struck Thos. Jeffreys on the head while he was ascending the War Eagle shaft in the bucket, and fractured his skull. And now comes Dr. Smith, who is attending the patient, informing us that the man’s skull was not fractured at all. Only about sixteen square inches of his scalp was torn off which Dr. Smith sewed on, and will have his patient able to go to work again in a day or two. Jeffreys certainly had a miraculous escape from being hurt, from the fact that a 4-inch scantling fell 500 feet down the shaft and struck him on the head!

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ITEMS. We get the following items from Fred Ryan who came in from South Mountain last night.

Ned came in for doors and windows for a new saloon that he and a man named Maloy have just built. They will give a grand ball at their establishment on the 22d inst.

The new furnace operates splendidly, and the mines are looking well.

The mines assay better in both gold and silver as depth is attained, and it is thought that milling ore will eventually be struck.

There was a grand ball at Bob Begg’s new hall night before last, which was attended by about 20 ladies. The supper was at Josiah Brown’s, and all present enjoyed themselves hugely.

Con Shea has commenced on the foundation of his big hotel.

The saw-mill is turning out an abundance of lumber.

Gus Percheron and Johnny Glenn are building a restaurant.

More lodging accommodations are greatly needed.

Every body is jubilant over the prospects of the camp.

THE WEATHER. We still continue to have bright starlit nights, and mild sunshiny days. The snow is disappearing from our streets and the sunny hill slopes. At 3 p.m. today, the mercury stood at 55° above zero in front of our office. Thus far, we have had an unusually mild and pleasant winter, but there is plenty of time yet for some huge old storms between now and the first of May.

THE OYSTER STAND. Silver City, Feb. 12. EDITOR AVALANCHE: Permit me through the columns of your interesting paper to say that the Oyster Stand, in connection with our Club dances, is a nuisance, and will have a tendency to break up the Club. If it were not opened till eleven o’clock, or half past, on the nights of the dances, it would not be so bad; but, when kept open all the evening it breaks up the dancing, and produces wide-spread dissatisfaction. There is no necessity of having an oyster stand at the Hall at all, as people can get oysters, etc., at the restaurants in town after dancing is over, if they wish.

Respectfully yours, Quadrille.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Just Friends

I can't remember his number. I don't call him often enough. His birthday always escapes me 'cause I don't keep up with that stuff.

And I'm lucky if I see him even once or twice a year But I'm really not complainin' 'cause we're still close, we're just not near.

I recognize his daughter's voice. I remember when she was born. Heck, I was there when he got married! I held the ring his wife has worn

For all these years, his darlin'. Ya know, she hasn't changed a bit. And him and me? We're markin' time by the bad habits that we quit.

Together we're ambidextrous! Although we're really not a pair We've got each other covered and, between us, a full head of hair!

We're part of each other's gristle, as inveterate as bone. It's nice how life can fix it so you don't have to go it alone.

As I sit here blowin' smoke rings from the pipedreams that we've had, I'm wonderin' if I've told him how many times it's made me glad

Just to know he's out there somewhere, like a dollar in my shoe, And how much it would please me if he felt the same way, too.

When I add up all my assets, he's one thing I can't appraise. What's a promise or a handshake or a phone call worth these days?

It's a credit with no limit, it's a debt that never ends And I'll owe him 'til forever 'cause you can't be more than friends.

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

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the March 10 levy elections until noon on Friday, Feb. 27. Letters must be no more than 300 words and must include letter-writer contact information, including a phone number. Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Fax to (208) 337-4867
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
In monumental modesty's midst



He's the longest-serving wrestling coach by a large margin, and one of the longest-serving coaches in Homedale High School sports history.

But you'd be hard-pressed to get Toby Johnson to talk about it.

His son, Nash, just broke a single-season school record and is on the verge of becoming the fastest 100-match winner in school history.

But you'd be hard-pressed to get Toby Johnson to talk about it.

He has built one of the most consistently successful small-school wrestling programs in the state, but don't expect Toby Johnson to talk about it.

Johnson is a man of few words.

Sure, he'll talk up his wrestlers — even though there is a heavy dose of humility in his voice when it comes to his son, the Trojans' junior 138-pounder.

But Toby Johnson doesn't say much when it comes to his own legacy in his adopted hometown.

A third-grade teacher at Homedale Elementary School, Johnson is mild-mannered. He's the type of gentle guy you'd want teaching your 8-year-old.

But beneath the bespectacled, friendly — sometimes wry, sometimes "aw shucks" — grin broils a competitor who — quietly, most of the time, but with thunder when necessary — expects hard work from his wrestlers and doesn't mind the occasional flash of perfection.

Johnson doesn't wear his emotions on his sleeve.

He does, however, splash them on the walls of his

wrestling room across the foyer from the Homedale High School gymnasium.

The walls are covered with the names of wrestlers who put together the greatest performances in 50 years of the sport at Homedale — Ensley, Higgins, Nash, Hooker, Rodriguez, Duryee, Cortinas, Martinat, Christoffersen.

The names of state champions, state placers and district champions stretch across the walls of the room that began life as the school's ag shop.

Johnson has planted the seeds of success in that humid, cinder-blocked-walled rectangle.

He has cultivated pride and persistence as well as powerful performances in that room.

The bulk of the success Johnson has painstakingly chronicled on the walls with hand-painted lettering that would make a label machine tap out has come during his 18-year watch over the program.

But, true to form, Johnson casts the spotlight upon those who came before him.

He has always spoken highly of his predecessor Bob Stancliff, under whom Johnson started his coaching odyssey at Homedale as an assistant.

He has tapped into wrestlers from Homedale's past — Tyler Christoffersen, Tony Martinat, Ryan Nash and others — to impart wisdom and pride to current wrestlers and bring to life the historical perspective that persistently swirls at eye level each time an athlete takes a warm-up

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Rein in runaway federal debt
with balanced budget



The U.S. Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) annual Budget and Economic Outlook report shows that, absent action, the United States continues on an unsustainable fiscal path with the national debt expected to grow by \$9 trillion over the course of the next 10 years. According to CBO, the cost of the interest payments alone on the debt are expected to rise by \$5.6 trillion, which would account for roughly 13.5 percent of total annual federal spending. Our nation's fiscal picture is clearly not back on track, which demands truly responsible budgeting.

As a nation, we recently surpassed \$18 trillion in debt. Despite record revenues coming into the U.S. Treasury, we went almost half a trillion dollars deeper in debt during 2014. When President Obama took office, we were \$10 trillion in debt; with now-record revenues coming in, that debt figure has nearly doubled and shows the problem is spending, not taxes. Now, in the budget proposal President Obama recently sent to Congress, he is proposing to spend \$74 billion more in the next year alone than is allowed under the budget cap that he agreed to and signed into law just a couple of years ago.

As a member of the Senate Budget Committee, I had the opportunity to question the CBO director at a recent Senate Budget Committee hearing to examine CBO's annual Budget and Economic Outlook report. CBO Director Doug Elmendorf confirmed that our nation's \$18 trillion national debt remains a drag on the economy and job growth, and continued increased federal spending used as a short-term strategy to boost the economy will have serious negative long-term effects on the country's economic future.

I recently co-sponsored several bills that call for balancing the federal budget and controlling spending by moving to a biennial federal budget process. The new

balanced budget legislation I co-sponsored would provide directives that should already be, but inexcusably are not, common practice. The legislation would mandate that the president submit a balanced budget to Congress; require that two-thirds of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives would be needed to approve certain tax increases and new deficit spending; and stop court rulings that would impose tax increases that would bypass Congress.

I also co-sponsored the Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act, which would extend the fiscal year budgeting process from one to two years. Such a process will hold down yearly budget increase requests and sharpen congressional oversight of budget requests. Additionally, the Accurate Budgeting Act, reintroduced by Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), which I also co-sponsored, would require the Joint Committee on Taxation to release a more detailed score of revenue and economic effects for most tax-related bills introduced into the Congress.

Balanced budgeting seems like it should be a basic, fundamental function of the Administration and Congress. Appallingly, it seems to have been pushed by the wayside in recent years. This cannot continue. We simply cannot continue to spend money we do not have. There is no more important task before this Congress and this Administration than getting our nation on better economic footing. It is immediately essential and essential for our future. Responsible, balanced budgeting is a requirement of this effort.

— 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.

Commentary

Financial management
Pay your debts, but don't give in to collection bullies

Dear Dave,
I have a student loan in default that is now being handled by a collections agency. They want me to pay the entire \$20,000 now, or consolidate it with \$16,000 in collection fees added. Are these my only options?
— Rebecca

Dear Rebecca,
There's no way I'd consolidate and pay \$16,000 in collection fees. Right now, they're trying to bully you. They may eventually garnish your paychecks, but I think you can still work out something with these guys.
You'll have to repay the loan, and probably the interest and some of the late charges, but \$16,000 is a bunch of crap. Don't run out and get another loan to

pay it, but don't let yourself be blackmailed, either. You've made a mess by ignoring this for so long, so now you'll have to save every penny you can and start sending them substantial amounts of money each month.
Trust me, they'll take your payments and cash the checks. Hopefully, you can settle on a reasonable repayment structure and have this thing killed off in a couple of years.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm debt-free except for my home, and I'll have that paid off in about 12 months. I currently make \$60,000 a year and live in an area of Florida that is designated a flood plain, because a river that empties into Tampa Bay runs



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behind my home. Currently, I'm paying \$1,070 a month for flood insurance. My house is worth \$325,000, and water has only come up into the yard twice in

more than 20 years. Since I'm doing pretty well financially, do you think I need to keep my flood insurance policy?
— Trudy

Dear Trudy,
From what you've told me about the history of your property, it sounds like your biggest concern might be if a hurricane caused a backwash in your area. Insurance is already pretty tough in Florida when it comes to those kinds of things, but you don't want to run the risk of your house getting mowed down and losing everything.
If I were in your shoes, I think I'd like the protection of flood insurance. What you're paying for the policy is such a small percentage of your world,

compared to the value of your home and your income. Keep the coverage, Trudy!
— 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
Play time's over: Congress needs to get serious about budget

by Rick Manning

The Super Bowl is over, Pete Carroll called the worst play in the history of the game, and there's about a week until pitchers and catchers report. Nationwide Insurance bummed everyone out, Nissan tells us that a lifetime of neglect can be made up for with a shiny new car, and Katy Perry was only so-so on the world's biggest stage.
Now that the gladiators have gone into hibernation for six months, the nation can turn its eyes to the real reality television show in Washington, D.C., a town where the self-important actually are kind of important, and the choices made have lasting consequences for the future of the nation and, indeed, the world.
On Groundhog Day, President Obama unveiled his vision through his budget for the next year in America, and his assumptions for what is going to happen in the months to come. If he gets it right this year, it will be the first time in his six years in office that he didn't overestimate economic growth allowing rosy assumptions to make the rest of the numbers work better.
But everyone knows that apart from giving talking heads

something to babble about, the President's budget is not worth the paper it is written on.
What matters are the 13 appropriations bills that it is hoped that the House and Senate will pass and send to Obama for signature avoiding the fiscal cliffs that have marked the past four years.
It is through these spending bills that Congress shapes how the government does its business, and it is this process that people who urge legislators to use the power of the purse to rein in Obama need to get involved in creating.
While the appropriations process atrophied over time to being seen by many as the place where lobbyists got their government goodies hidden in legislation, the 114th Congress has a chance to change everything.
Through aggressive oversight, appropriators can and should hold Obama administration officials to the highest standards. If they have not been forthcoming with documents to Congress, their budgets should be cut. If they, as is the case of the EPA in particular, have been the pen that Obama has used to fundamentally transform America through regulatory overreach, intelligently cut

their budgets by eliminating resources to their solicitor's offices and prohibit the hiring of outside counsel.
However, Republicans can do even more in this appropriations process. They can defund specific Obama policies and force the president to decide if he wishes to veto a major funding bill because one or two of his agency's transformative initiatives are stopped cold by Congress' refusal to fund them.
With Republicans in control of both the House and the Senate, they should send President Obama 13 separate Republican budgets and force him to argue for bigger government or sign them.
This is the opportunity for a Republican majority to make its mark, and ultimately it is the test of whether Congress matters in what many have come to believe is a post-Constitutional era of American politics.
The NFL season is over, but in D.C., the circus has just begun. If only the people cared as much about the stuff that really matters as they do over the deflation of pigskins.
— Rick Manning is the President of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Modesty: HHS coach quietly builds a legacy

From Page 12B

jog around that wrestling room.
History will come to life again Friday night when Homedale holds its first Alumni Wrestling Night inside the main HHS gymnasium.
No one knows for sure who all will show up for the night, which will include current Trojans wrestling against counterparts from Emmett, Timberline and Skyview.
But, if the pride brimming from the wrestling room walls is any indication, Johnson will get several former wrestlers to sign in and watch the new crop of talent.
The alumni night stands as a great idea to not only preserve Homedale's wrestling history, but to bring to light the longest continuous streak of high-level success for any of the Trojans' athletic programs.
Surely, Johnson will tip his cap to those former wrestlers who show up Friday night.
It's a safe bet that the coach will heap praise on the foundation that those wrestlers put down for the current program.
Then he'll return to his job — quietly.

Center for Rural Affairs
Study debunks meat labeling myths

by John Crabtree

Americans overwhelmingly support Country-of-Origin-Labeling (COOL). America's COOL law requires that retailers inform consumers about the country where beef, pork, lamb and certain other agricultural products were produced.
In 2009, Canada and Mexico challenged COOL provisions related to muscle cuts of beef and pork as an alleged barrier to trade. They argued that the cost of implementing COOL discouraged U.S. meatpackers from purchasing livestock of non-U.S. origin and as a result, reduced the prices of those livestock imports.
But a new study shows that economic downturn, not COOL, caused a decreased demand for cattle imports into the U.S.
The study by Auburn University Professor C. Robert Taylor, Ph.D. demonstrates that COOL did not cause declines in Canadian and Mexican livestock exports to the U.S., but was implemented at the same time that the recession reduced consumer demand for higher-priced cuts of meat.
Previous studies conducted on behalf of Canadian

interests claimed COOL resulted in the loss of \$1.4 billion in U.S. sales. But Taylor's study differs greatly from Canadian studies. It's more detailed and exhaustive, and it's based on Mandatory Price Reporting data as reported by U.S. beef packers to the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Canadian studies failed to consider this data.
Farmers and ranchers are proud of the food they put on American dinner tables and support the current COOL labels that allow consumers to make more informed food purchasing decisions.
— 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. Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

Public notices

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The City of Homedale intends to file an application with USDA, Rural Development for financial assistance for the following purpose: drinking water system planning study.

Also, the public is invited to consult with USDA, Rural Development on any concerns regarding environmental resources that may be affected by the proposal. The address and phone number of the Rural Development office is: 9173 W. Barnes Drive, Suite A1, Boise, Idaho 83709 Attn: Carol J. Garrison, 208-327-6473

If any additional information is needed, the name, address and phone number of the contact for the Applicant is: Alice Pegram, City Clerk/Treasurer, P. O. Box 757, 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho 83628, 208-337-4641 2/11/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: January 21, 2015 File No.: 7023.110110 Sale date and time (local time): May 27, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 717 Marion Drive Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Sergio Renteria and Bertha A Renteria, husband and wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Recording date: December 6, 2004 Recorder's instrument number: 250163 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of January 21, 2015: \$69,118.44 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 2, Block 1, Owyhee Addition to Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or

USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.110110) 1002.277258-File No. 2/11,18,25:3/4/15

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,

v. 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 SALE

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

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Sports

Trojans survive injury, icy second half in district semis



Homedale's Elise Shenk gets animated as she soars past Emmett's Aly Kaiser toward the basket Thursday in Ontario, Ore.

Girls rout Emmett to reach final

Homedale High School crushed Emmett on Thursday to reach the 3A District III girls' basketball championship game. The 54-40 semifinal victory at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., put the Trojans in Thursday's title tilt against Fruitland. The Trojans were in control throughout the game, even after losing senior guard Morgan Nash to a hand injury just 2 minutes, 20 seconds after the opening tip. Homedale never trailed, leading by as much as 26 points and surviving a 41-point barrage from

Emmett's reserves. Homedale led, 17-5, after eight minutes then went on a 11-3 run to build an 18-point lead when junior Gardenia Machuca put in a shot after senior Elise Shenk had lost the handle going down the lane toward the basket. Machuca scored eight points and collected five rebounds. Tory Lane hit a pair of three-point goals to fuel a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds. Eight of her boards came on the defensive end as the Huskies struggled with their shots. Emmett shot 38 percent (18-for-47) in the game. Homedale owned a 49-23 lead after completing a 17-4 third quarter. The Huskies rallied, however,

as the Trojans already cold shooting grew more frigid. Homedale connected on just 11 of 37 shots in the first half (29 percent), but missed 29 of 36 field-goal attempts after halftime. Shenk missed on all 11 shots inside the three-point line and was just 1-for-13 overall during her five-point, seven-rebound game. She led the team with three assists. Hattie Mertz scored 11 points and pulled down six rebounds for the Trojans. Lillie Smith did her part to keep Emmett afloat in the first half. She finished with 16 points and seven rebounds. Teammate Jessica Lyter, who hit some clutch shots in the second quarter, scored 12 points.

✓ Girls: Grizzlies lead 2014-15 series 2-0

From Page 1B Thursday for the district title game. The second-seeded Trojans will take on No. 1 seed Fruitland (15-7), which was ranked third in last week's state poll. The district champion will play the District I-II champion at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 at Skyview High School in Nampa. The runner-up takes on the District VI champ at 6:15 p.m. Fruitland knocked off No. 4 seed Weiser, 44-32, in Thursday's other semifinal. "The girls wanted to play Fruitland again. By no means did they look past Emmett (Thursday), but they're hearts are set on Fruitland," Betancourt said. "It's a rivalry that's gone on for

years, and it hasn't diminished a bit this year. Both games, we just got out-played by a team that wanted it more than we did." The Grizzlies beat Homedale, 57-48, in Fruitland on Jan. 24 to sweep the 3A Snake River Valley conference series. Coach Beth Holt's squad posted a 47-39 road win over Homedale on Jan. 8. "My girls played hard and played well in both," Betancourt said. "We just didn't make enough plays to pull either out in the end." The coach said the Trojans' determination shifted after Jan. 8. "We became a different team after the first loss," he said. "We sat down and decided we needed to change some of the way we do things. "After the second loss we said

just keep working on the changes we've made and it will pay off in the long run." "The long run," Betancourt says, is Thursday's title game and the upcoming third consecutive trip to the state tournament. "Regardless of how all of this pans out, this is a special team and I'm proud of how they've taken on some of the challenges this year has thrown at them," Betancourt said. "I can't wait to see how special we can be, though." The Trojans swept their conference series with Fruitland in 2014 en route to a third-place finish at the state tournament. The teams have split their past six encounters dating to the 2012-13 season. — JPB

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Athlete of the Week

Josh Tolmie, jr., boys' basketball

The Play — Tolmie averaged 9.5 points in the Trojans two big 3A Snake River Valley conference victories. On Feb. 3, he banked in a 25-foot three-pointer at the buzzer to beat Emmett, 53-51. He came back with six points, nine rebounds and three assists Friday as the Trojans flattened Fruitland, 75-62, on Senior Night. He connected on seven of 13 field-goal attempts in the two games.

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 3A District III Tournament, opponent and time TBA, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13 at Weiser, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 16 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA, Emmett
Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA, Emmett (if nec.)

Frosh-soph
Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 16 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA, Emmett
Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, opponent and time TBA, Emmett (if nec.)

Girls' basketball

Varsity
3A District III Tournament
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Thursday, Feb. 12: championship vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
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3A SRV conference tournament champion

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