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Big changes coming to county rodeo

Slack moved, championship night and TV scrapped

The championship short-go will be a no-

go at the next Owyhee County Rodeo.

Rodeo board member and past president Kent Curtis confirmed the format change and other alternations last week.

Although the board voted for the change in the fall, the switch from three long go-rounds and a championship round was

formally announced to the Owyhee County Fair Board at its last meeting Feb. 5.

Other changes include moving the Sunday slack to Wednesday night, which eliminates a performance. Instead of top long-go performers having a shot at a championship, the cowboys and cowgirls

with the top scores from the week will get buckles.

After several years, KTRV Channel 12 won't televise a tape-delayed version of the rodeo.

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Above: Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) spoke to a crowd of nearly 60 people at the Rimrock Senior Center last Wednesday in Grand View. **Below:** Military veteran Ted Payne, center, said he gets thanked for his service constantly, but he made the trip to thank the senator for the service he provides Idaho citizens in Washington, D.C.

Crapo outlines fight to uphold Initiative

A rainbow for ranchers appeared at the end of Sen. Mike Crapo's self-described gloomy town meeting in Grand View.

After covering the broader topic of how federal budget policies threaten the U.S. economy, the senator drilled down to issues more pertinent to local residents during an appearance at the Rimrock Senior Center last Wednesday.

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Homedale expansion still on King's radar

Official: Don't project store closures onto local future

King's Variety Store has closed several stores, but a company official says folks shouldn't draw any connection to the chain's Homedale plans.

But company supervisor Josh Frates, the former manager at the Weiser store slated to close, also said there are no immediate plans for the former Homedale Auto Wreckers property that the Burley-based chain purchased.

"Homedale isn't something we've discussed with moving forward with any time soon," Frates said. "We realize we have some property there, and we'd like to use it for something because if you pay money for something and have it sit there, it doesn't make sense business-wise."

The Weiser Signal-American first reported that King's had decided to close its Weiser location, which is one of 26 outlets in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming.

Frates confirmed that other stores, including three Treasure Valley locations opened in recent years, would close. The chain's Middleton store, which

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Homedale stabbing suspect tracked down in Spokane

One of two people allegedly involved in a January stabbing in Homedale has been arrested.

Spokane Police took Caldwell resident Amber Nicole Covert into custody on a felony warrant

for attempted murder around 1:20 p.m. local time on Thursday.

The 26-year-old is being held in Spokane County Jail on a \$250,000 warrant. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller says

she faces an extradition hearing in Washington state before she can be returned to Owyhee County to face charges related to a Jan. 6 stabbing in the 100 block of East Montana Avenue.

A second suspect, Miguel Z. Zavala, 36, remains at large.

"We're actively working on leads as to his current location," Eidemiller said.

Zavala is also wanted on a

felony warrant for first-degree attempted murder in relation to an attack on a 35-year-old Homedale resident and his 19-year-old son.

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Sign of the (old) times

Todd Medsker with Yesco Sign & Lighting Repair works on a sign at the Jacksons Food Store on the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 1st Street West in Homedale. The company is changing the theme of its signage and switching out old signs to what it calls "Shell retro." The new signs are also lit with LEDs, which are more energy-efficient than the bulbs in the old signs.



School districts prepare for levy, bond elections

Homedale to hold public facility tour March 6

Elections officials are reminding some Owyhee County residents about the March 10 school levy and bond elections. March 4 is the last day to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot for school elections planned for the Homedale, Bruneau-Grand View and Melba districts. 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 office in Murphy by 8 p.m. on March 10. 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 Homedale School District plans a facility tour for Chamber of Commerce members at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 6. The

tour will begin at the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., and will include the high school and the elementary school. A tour open to all patrons will be held at 1 p.m. on the same day, assistant district clerk Debbie Denney confirmed Monday. 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. In a newsletter sent to parents in the district's schoolchildren, Bruneau-Grand View superintendent and Rimrock High School principal Dennis Wilson said the levy would cover the cost to keep all three schools opened. He also said the money will be used to support extracurricular activities at Rimrock and provide funding for supplies, materials and equipment. Wilson contends these funds have been either greatly reduced or eliminated because of the lack of state funding. Owyhee County deputy clerk Brook Russell confirmed Monday that mail-in ballots for the Riddle precinct in the Bruneau-Grand View district were mailed last Wednesday. 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. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations: **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** — Riddle (for Bruneau-Grand View levy vote)

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Plans are under way for the 15th annual Txoko Ona Basque Dance. The dance will feature performances by the Herribatza Dancers and Oinkari Dancers of Boise. The event, which is open to everyone, will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 inside Badiola Arena, 406 Hwy. 95, Homedale. Admission is \$5 per person. The Herribatza Dancers is a youth troupe led by Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi and drawing talent from around the valley. There also will be silent and live auctions. "Amuma Says No!" will provide music for dancing after the troupe performances, and there also will be tug of war and weight carrying contests. Chorizos, chili, pop, wine and beer will be available.



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Another Successful Fundraiser!

Homedale Boosters are happy to report another successful year for the Crab & Steak Feed & Auction. Over 25 items were sold live by Rich Pickett. Twelve of the live items were very popular theme baskets donated by each sport and received very high bids for the individual sport. The remaining items were donated by our Homedale community & businesses fairing very well in the live auction. There was also a silent auction that received very good support. The combined event raised a profit of nearly \$37,500, a final number has not yet been reached. The Boosters would like to acknowledge what outstanding donations and support have been given toward this fundraiser and it definitely confirms the historic "Homedale Pride."

County speaks up about Garat allotment repercussions

BLM, BOCC disagree on how reductions could impact economy

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners is worried that proposed grazing restrictions in an area in the remote southwestern region of the county could cause serious economic impacts.

During the board's regular meeting last week, commissioners gave Bureau of Land Management Boise District Manager Jim Fincher a white paper with their comments on the proposed decision for the Garat allotment, which is part of the embattled Owyhee 68 permittees grouping.

Commissioners are concerned about how the BLM is addressing range improvements and how the agency is considering the county's socio-economic analysis in its decisions.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the BLM has told the board that curtailing grazing rights on the Garat allotment will only be a financial loss to the county's economy of a couple million dollars over 10 years, which is the length of BLM grazing permits.

However, Aberasturi said a study the board commissioned with the University of Idaho shows that the hit to the county's economy would be \$40 million over that time frame.

In the proposed decision, BLM Owyhee Field Office acting manager Michelle Ryerson wrote: "some raised the concern that the selection of certain alternatives considered in the environmental assessment could impact regional socio-economic activity. I share this concern, and have taken these concerns into consideration in making my decision; however, my primary obligation is to ensure that the new grazing permit protects resources in a manner consistent with the BLM's obligations."

Fincher said he assured commissioners that the BLM will incorporate their concerns in developing the final decision, which could be released in mid-March.

Aberasturi also said he asked Fincher if the BLM used the county's comprehensive plan in their decision-making.

Aberasturi said the agency has rushed the permit renewal process for Owyhee 68 allotments including Garat to avoid being in contempt of court over a December 2013 deadline. In his ruling, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill mandated the deadline to rewrite the 68 permits after a stipulated agreement to settle a lawsuit in which Western Water-

Ground may go back on tax roll

Owyhee County may benefit if the Bureau of Land Management follows through on a land sale.

During last week's Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting, Boise BLM Boise District manager Jim Fincher said the agency is considering selling some land next to Idaho Power's Hemingway substation near Wilson. Fincher said the 120 acres is an isolated parcel and "it makes sense to get rid of that because of its location and lack of utility for promoting the multiple use mandate" BLM has.

If the land returns to the private sector, it would go back on the tax rolls and the county would be able to profit from it.

Fincher adds that it's safe to say that Idaho Power "is likely to be an interested party" in buying the land. The utility, along with PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration, has proposed the construction of a 500-kilovolt electric transmission line from Boardman, Ore., to the Hemingway substation.

No timeline has been set on when the BLM might sell the section of land.

Fincher also talked with commissioners about issues regarding drought.

He said the Boise District is putting a priority on communicating with permittees before a water emergency arises.

Fincher said they want to make sure ranchers are prepared to make adjustments with their grazing operations if this turns out to be a bad water year.

— SC

said "these decisions are driven by the BLM's desire to stay out of court, not by sound land management principles." The group also said "the decisions are made from a narrow sage grouse perspective."

Aberasturi is optimistic in one regard. He said he "believes that we're (the board of commissioners) in a much better position going forward now with the BLM because they're not in such a push."

He goes on to explain that he thinks the agency seems to be trying to work a lot closer with ranchers and the county. Aberasturi adds that he's "cautiously optimistic" that the commissioners' relationship with the BLM is improving.

The Garat allotment includes 202,618 acres of public land, 8,836 acres of state land and 207 acres of private land in six pastures.

The allotment is bordered by the East Fork of the Owyhee River on the north, the South Fork of the Owyhee River on the west, the Nevada state line on the south, and the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on the east.

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Soil tests close one lane on Marsing bridge

Expect delays through March 9

The Marsing bridge is restricted to one lane through March 9. Flaggers began directing daytime traffic on the Idaho highway 55 bridge across the Snake River on Monday. Soil tests are part of the Idaho Transportation Department’s planned project to replace the bridge and rehabilitate 2.3 miles of roadway between Marsing and U.S. 95 west of town. There will be short delays weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oversized vehicles will be detoured to alternate highway routes during the testing project. Project design is under way, and

the public will be able to review and comment on the preliminary design plans this summer. The final design is expected to be completed in the summer of 2016 with construction beginning the following year. The new bridge will be a two-lane span approximately 785 feet long. Five piers will anchor the bridge in the river, and the deck will feature a sidewalk and shoulders. The pavement project along Main Street will include curbs and gutters along the roadway in downtown Marsing. Drainage will be improved, and pedestrian ramps that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards will either be updated or installed along the route.

Marsing schools see a shift in student numbers

Enrollment numbers are dropping in the Marsing School District, and officials say staffing levels could be affected if the trend continues. “If we continue to decline in enrollment, that obviously affects how many teachers that we can afford to pay for,” superintendent Norm Stewart said. Declining enrollment could affect the amount of student support money received from the state Department of Education. The state distributes student support resources based primarily on average daily attendance. “If you’re not being funded for all your teachers that you have on staff then ultimately considerations have to be made as far as how do you adapt or what decisions you will have to make for a loss of funding and still maintain the staff you have,” Stewart said. He adds that it all comes down to being able to provide the educational resources that the stu-

dents need, and district officials are looking at their options. Stewart said like many school districts, they have “bigger bubbles of students as they’re coming through.” The enrollment decline compared to previous years has been most heavily felt in kindergarten through fourth grade. Meanwhile, the bulk of enrollment in the Marsing district is at the fifth- through ninth-grade levels, Stewart said. No staffing changes have been necessary in the district so far this school year. In addition to examining the enrollment situation trustees also heard about various maintenance projects on school grounds during their Feb. 17 meeting, which was rescheduled from Feb. 10 when there was no quorum. Stewart said crews are beginning seasonal work to prepare for spring sports. The district recently received

\$500 from the Percifield Memorial Softball Tournament. Stewart said the donation will be used to purchase gravel to resurface a parking lot at the elementary school. The final section of the maintenance/grounds report involved a discussion about putting in a new section of fencing next to the football field. Stewart said late last month someone drove a car onto the field and spun their tires. He added that damage was minimal, but officials want to make sure it doesn’t happen again. Trustees Michelle Jacobi and Clay Sauer were selected to represent the district during negotiations with teachers on 2015-16 contract details. The board hired Norm Baker as the new elementary school custodian. Stewart said the funds to hire Baker were already in the budget and he is replacing a custodian who is no longer employed with the district. — SC

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Homedale trustees honor math teacher

Valentin Samano, who is in his second year as a Homedale teacher, received the district’s Award of Excellence for February during the trustees meeting. Samano teaches math at the middle school and high school. Samano has shown versatility in reaching his students, too. Four middle school students are taking his class online through a system he developed. He videos his morning high school class and



Valentin Samano

uploads the footage to his website at night for the online students. He also provides the online students with days for in-person instruction to seek assistance. High school staff members say

Samano has been instrumental in bridging math practices between HMS and HHS. He also serves as advisor for the Future Hispanic Leaders of America chapter.

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Unresponsive man arrested for DUI

A Hammett man is facing a charge of excessive driving under the influence after being arrested Sunday.

Around 6:49 p.m. Sunday, Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Stoddard spotted a vehicle with its engine running parked near Black Sands Road and Cove Recreation Road in Bruneau.

Stoddard found Nolan Walter Gilbert, 57, passed out behind the wheel of the vehicle. Gilbert failed a field sobriety test and was taken into custody. He was convicted of misdemeanor DUI in Minidoka County in June 1987.

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Left: Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) talks about how the rising interest on the national debt will eventually take over the federal government's spending for the defense and overall budget. **Right:** Grand View Fire District commissioner Ed Collett addresses the senator during the question-and-answer period inside the Rimrock Senior Center.

✓ Initiative: Key parts may materialize through legislation, USDA letters

Nearly 60 people were in attendance, including county and city elected officials, ranchers and other business owners and 10 students from Jonathan Gildersleeve's Rimrock High School Government class.

"My message is kind of a dark cloud over your day," Crapo warned before he broke down how the current budgetary trends in Washington D.C. — specifically those championed by President Obama — has the country on the brink of an economic crisis.

During the question-and-answer portion of the 60-minute visit, though, the mood brightened a bit even if the senator acknowledged the ranchers' underlying and ongoing dilemma.

"We're fighting with BLM on so many fronts that it's getting to the point beyond frustration," Crapo said.

With Bruneau rancher Chris Black in the audience, the senator said legislation is being introduced in the new Congress to ensure that the Bureau of Land Management follows the letter of the Owyhee Initiative law as it pertains to motorized grazing in the Owyhee wilderness.

Released last year, the BLM's Owyhee Wilderness Management Plan (WMP) made Black's unique herding approach subject to a Minimum Requirements Analysis, even though the Initiative agreement on which the law in the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 was based grandfathered the practice as an allowed use without restrictions.

The plan was sent back to the BLM after ranchers and the Board of County Commissioners appealed. Black said all the contradictions between the WMP and the Initiative agreement except for motorized grazing were worked out before the plan was remanded to the agency.

"On some level, we are developing legislation to say, 'OK, we're done,'" Crapo said. "The law already says what it should, but we're going to go in and say it stronger."

Black was heartened by Crapo's announcement, and he's optimistic the legislation will be successful in a Republican-controlled Congress.

"I think it's a fairly good chance because everyone in Idaho is in favor of what we worked out in the Initiative," he said.

While the legislative route is being used to secure motorized grazing, the ongoing battle to implement another Initiative element — Science Review — could be waged through administrative channels.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland had the Owyhee 68 grazing permit renewal situation on his mind when he asked the senator about appropriation progress for Science Review.

"We need to get the funding for the Science Review process, because that's what always was intended to help be the effort to force the agency to use good science and get (the BLM) to deal with a collaborative process in working on other issues, but grazing primarily," Crapo said.

The senator's natural resources advisor, Layne Bangerter, told the Grand View crowd that Science Review funding actually must be requested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, not the BLM, which is part of the Interior Department.

"You know, Congress can't earmark any more or else I would earmark it in the budget right now to get funding to that process because there are some things that the government not only ought to do but has an obligation to do," Crapo said.

Bangerter pointed out how vital scientific peer review of grazing permit decisions is when he mentioned the difference between what BLM range conservationists are doing and what some say is the right way to evaluate the ecology of an allotment.

"You have better science here than the Bureau of Land Management has," Bangerter said.

"In our last Owyhee Initiative meeting, Dr. Chad Gibson in front of the Bureau of Land Management showed them how to take a measurement of stream correctly and then what the Bureau of Land Management does, and the errors in that alone — the way he cataloged that — was beautiful."

— JPB

✓ King's: Homedale land could be developed or sold

opened in August of 2012, and Payette location (opened in the fall of 2011) are also on the list as is one of the newer stores in Emmett and stores in Twin Falls and Pocatello.

None of the locations slated for closure were listed on the company's website Monday afternoon.

The company also closed stores in Nampa and Caldwell in the last five years.

Frates said the ability to keep shoppers from driving to bigger nearby towns plays a role in the viability of the chain's stores.

"I don't think the decisions as far as these closing really have any impact on Homedale," Frates said. "What it will come down to with Homedale is whether or not there is more opportunity in Nampa or whether or not people will stay home and spend their money."

King's may still sell the Homedale property, Frates said.

— JPB

✓ Rodeo: Move means more prize money

Curtis, who is a fair board member and rodeo association liaison, said the championship format was scrapped because some of the top performers from the week wouldn't loop back around for the Saturday night finals, opting instead for other purses at other rodeos.

"I think people were tired of the Sunday slack, and a lot of champions weren't coming back for the short-go," Curtis said.

In the long run, the loss of the championship round is actually a gain for the cowboys and cowgirls. Curtis said more prize money will be up for grabs.

The change in format also could eliminate the family night, which was held on Wednesday of fair week. FFA and 4-H exhibitors got free entry to the arena as did other children that night.

Curtis said the slack still will be free, but it will consist of only timed events.

Folks will have to wait until the Thursday performance to see rough stock.

The 2015 Owyhee County Rodeo will run from Aug. 5 to Aug. 8. The county fair begins Aug. 3 and runs through Aug. 8.

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Obituaries

Norma (Jean) Dierking Price

Norma (Jean) Dierking Price, 83, of Adrian OR, went peacefully to be with the Lord on February 15, 2015.

Jean was born on July 24, 1931 in Alliance, NE the only child of Lambert and Florence Dierking. At age 5 she moved to Salem, OR and in 1939 they moved to Nyssa, OR.

In 1941 the family moved south of Adrian, Oregon where her father, LW Dierking, established a farm. She attended the one-room schoolhouse at Napton (Adrian area) until the 8th grade and graduated from Adrian High School in 1949.



On January 8, 1950, Jean married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Kenneth Price, quietly before church on Sunday morning. Kenny and Jean built their home in 1952 where they raised their family and still reside, south of Adrian. Jean was a great hostess and loved to entertain. She was a true homemaker, gardener, caregiver and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her sweet and gentle spirit was the bind that tied the family together.

She was an active member of the Adrian Presbyterian Church, a VBS and Sunday School teacher; a charter member of the Owyhee Garden Club; a member of the Ridgeview Pollyanna Club; the Golden Girls; Cub Scout Leader and 4-H sewing leader.

Jean is survived by her devoted

husband of 65 years, Kenneth; two sons, Rod (Patti) Price and Larry (Kathy) Price, both of Adrian, OR and a daughter, Sherri (Mike) Pedersen of McCall, ID. Her 7 grandchildren: Kelsey Zimmerman, Sid Price, Amber (Jeremy) Conant, Jeremy (Kaitlin) Price, Shelly (Darren) Dallolio, Darrin Pedersen and Bryce Pedersen; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lambert and Florence Dierking.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Mary Radford, Anita Phillips, Kaitlin Price and all the girls at Parma Living Center for their care, love and support in her final years.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Church in Adrian, OR with an interment following at the Owyhee Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Adrian Presbyterian Church or the Parma Living Center. Condolences can be made to the family at www.lienkaemper-thomason.com

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Charles Raymond Draper

Charles Raymond Draper, 75, of Grand View, died on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 after a long illness. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren. Raymond was born on New Year's Day 1940 in Ogden, Utah to Golden Thomas and Ruth (Sharp) Draper. He was their second child and first son. He joined older sister, RaNae, and was followed by brother J Golden, and sister Brenda.

The Draper family moved to Nyssa, Oregon in 1949 and farmed in the Owyhee area. Raymond graduated from Nyssa High School in 1958. He was an excellent student, and star tackle on the football team. He attended Brigham Young University for a time.



Raymond and Celia Carol Bybee were married April 29, 1959 in the Idaho Falls Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Bybee family was also from Nyssa, but had moved to Grand View, Idaho a few months prior to Raymond and Celia's marriage. Raymond's father-in-law, Dart Bybee, was developing farmland in a family operation in the Grand View area. He encouraged Raymond to join the group, which he did. In partnership with Celia's brother, Keith Bybee, Raymond farmed the 400-acre Shoo-Fly Farm, as well as 600 additional acres of new ground, brought into production starting with the vision of Dart Bybee, who filed desert entries and ran the heavy equipment to clear the sagebrush. Keith and Raymond did the rest to plow, cultivate, irrigate, and harvest. In a very real sense, they assisted in helping the desert to blossom as a rose (Isaiah 35:1). The beautiful farms located between the Grand View LDS Church and Rimrock High School had their beginning in this way. In the mid 1960s, Raymond and Keith built Shoo-Fly Machine Shop and Greenhouses south of Grand View on Highway 78. By 1970, the partnership had divided with Keith taking over the farming, and Raymond focusing his energies on the machine shop and growing tomatoes in the greenhouses.

During those first 10 years, Raymond and Celia's family was growing as quickly as their business. First came their only daughter, Carilee, followed by Robert, Mark, Matthew, Jesse, and Golden. Raymond taught his children by example to be hard-working problem-solvers.

In time, Raymond added concrete ditch lining and welding

contracting to his business. By the late 1970s, he contracted exclusively with Simplot Livestock to build corrals, mangers, pipelines, and more. He ran a tight ship with a crew of many men who learned from Raymond Draper what hard work really means. In spite of a major heart attack at age 54, he continued working as hard as any man on the crew well into his 60s.

Raymond was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He unselfishly devoted many hours on evenings and weekends serving his church. Included among numerous opportunities to serve were his callings as Stake Missionary, Scoutmaster, Bishop, High Councilor, and Financial Clerk. He did everything with determined enthusiasm. Dozens of young men over the years enjoyed exceptional outdoor experiences such as fishing on the Oregon Coast, hiking in Idaho's wilderness areas, and camping in several feet of snow, with Raymond leading by example how to survive and have fun. While serving as Bishop of the Grand View Ward, he led the effort to raise the funds and see to completion the construction of the Grand View LDS Church.

Raymond's goal was to own a farm of his own that would support Celia and him during retirement. Accordingly, by the time Raymond retired they had accumulated 300 acres of prime farmland which has been farmed over the years by a number of excellent renters. With the help of his sons Robert and Matthew, Raymond was overseeing the installation and upkeep of irrigation systems and other improvements on his farm until the end.

In his early years, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. The more remote the location for those activities, the better. The family was never without a four-wheel-drive vehicle that everyone could

jump into for a long day driving to explore remote Owyhee County. Oftentimes, the picnic lunch for those days consisted of fish or sage hens acquired along the way. His other hobbies included woodworking and knife-making. His last project was to build a metal-working forge, which his sons were able to complete for him the day before he died. It was important for him to finish what he started. The forge will be a permanent reminder for generations to come of the strength of character of their grandfather.

Nothing meant more to Raymond than his family. He was a strict, no-nonsense parent who had the most tender heart imaginable. He was very open in expressing his love. He worried himself sick whenever any of his children or grandchildren were traveling, and expected a call the minute upon arrival at a destination. Many family travelers have received calls on their cell phone within a mile of arriving at destination because Raymond could not wonder another minute.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Golden and Ruth Draper; Celia's parents, Dart and Thelma Bybee; three brothers-in-law and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is survived by his wife Celia and his six children and their families: Carilee and Garth Sleight of Miles City, Montana (four children, three grandchildren); Robert and Bonni Draper of Grand View (three children); Mark and Shawna Draper of Mountain Home (three children, two grandchildren); Matthew and Tammy Draper of Grand View (a blended family of eight children, three grandchildren); Jesse and Sastia Draper of Morgan, Utah (four children); and Golden and Holly Draper of Nampa (four children); his siblings and their families: RaNae and Howard Larson of Nampa; J Golden and Judith Draper of Middleton; Brenda and Clayton Pett of Nyssa; and many cousins.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Timothy Bringer and Horizon Home Health and Hospice for their assistance in caring for Raymond in his final days.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Grand View LDS Church. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, in Grand View. Arrangements were provided by Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa, (208) 467-7300. To express condolences please visit zeyerfuneralchapel.com

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Supplements can prevent grass tetany

The current spring-like conditions should have beef cattle producers on alert for grass tetany. Grass tetany is a metabolic disease in cattle and other ruminants, usually associated with grazing lush pastures. Low blood magnesium concentration is the most common cause of this disease.



Scott Jensen

Several factors usually come into play when grass tetany problems occur. These include 1) low magnesium content of rapidly growing pastures, 2) high potassium content of rapidly growing pastures, 3) high protein content of spring pastures, 4) storms or other stress that cause animals to go “off feed” for a short period of time, and 5) lactation losses of magnesium and calcium in the milk.

Cattle that are affected by grass tetany are often found only after they are dead. Typically there is

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evidence that they struggled with grass and dirt disturbed by the thrashing of their feet and head. Fluid can be collected from within the eye to help determine magnesium concentration at the time of death. Consult with your veterinarian on how to collect and have these samples processed.

If conditions are present to make you suspect that a grass tetany problem might occur, the simplest course of action is to immediately make some good quality alfalfa hay available to the cattle. Do **NOT** move or stress the cattle if at all possible. Alfalfa contains plenty of magnesium and calcium to prevent further grass tetany problems. If you should encounter a live animal suffering from grass tetany symptoms, IV therapy with solutions of magnesium and calcium should be administered post-haste. Again, consult with your veterinarian for specific treatment recommendations.

Prevention of grass tetany is ideal. This can be accomplished

by supplementing magnesium and calcium in the diet. Salt/mineral mixes and blocks or molasses licks are the simplest and most common methods to supplement these important minerals. If using molasses supplements for this purpose, be sure that it contains a large percentage of beet molasses. Molasses supplements that are high in urea will actually increase the risk of grass tetany.

Supplements should provide a minimum of 1 ounce of magnesium oxide (or other magnesium equivalent) and 1 ounce of dicalcium phosphate (or other calcium source) per animal per day. You’ve probably heard that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This is especially true in the prevention of grass tetany problems.

— 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 F. Hanley IV

Tales of the I.O.N. Country

The Land Office

One of the most important government institutions in the American West was the U.S. Land Office. It was the receiver’s task to file patents on land claims after investigating their validity. Military Script, which was given to veterans by a grateful government for services rendered, was often picked up by speculators and became a filing officer’s nightmare. Script land many times was sold to investors who bought parcels as small as forty acres scattered throughout the area, all of which had to be filed.

The practice of bending the law wasn’t uncommon, and since the law was often vague in certain areas it was relatively easy to do.

In taking up swamp land, it was required that the filer pass over the land in a boat. This, on at least one occasion in Harney County, was accomplished by the citizen riding over the land in a boat alright, but it was in the back of a wagon.

Then there were the Timber Culture Claims that required the planting of trees before proving up. Sometimes the trees were dead before planted or died shortly after because the areas could not support them.

Then there was the practice of using portable dwellings that could be moved from one claim to another, which cut down on overhead for sure. It may have been legal if not pressed, but the residency requirement reached its ultimate test when a homesteader of German origin swore to the receiver that he had a “yug out” on the homestead. However, the receiver was none the wiser that the “yug out” wasn’t a liveable dug-out dwelling. Instead it was, in the English tense of the word, a “jug out” literally with a board propped up on it to meet the roof requirement.

Now a mistake was a mistake, but fraud was also fraud and if proven the receiver stood a good chance of being prosecuted as an accessory. If not proven guilty, the insinuation was enough to scar his reputation and hang the title “schister” on his professional standing in the community.

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

Calendar

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

Christian Life Club
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Homedale Elementary School cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464
- Thursday**
Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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

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

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

HHS Drama Club presents “Holka Polka”
7:30 p.m., \$2 students, \$3 adults, \$10 family, Homedale High School auxiliary gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Saturday**
Free lunches
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N.
- 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

HHS Drama Club presents “Holka Polka”
7:30 p.m., \$2 students, \$3 adults, \$10 family, Homedale High School auxiliary gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Sunday**
Young Life meeting
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 764-1048 or (817) 229-6850
- Monday**
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Owyhee County RS2477 public hearing
6 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy.
- Tuesday**
Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Marsing P&Z meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1
- Wednesday**
Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

Death notices

WILLIAM F. “BILL” HACKLER, 34, of Melba, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2015 from injuries received in a farming accident in Canyon County. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 inside the Melba High School gymnasium. Services are under the direction of Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. (208) 442-8171

MARY CAROL RIORDAN NILAND, 95, the daughter of former Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Benjamin Riordan and a one-time resident of Silver City, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015. A Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015 at Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, 510 W. Roosevelt Ave., Nampa.

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Homedale student director sees a future in theater



Homedale High School junior Jason Buenrostro is trying his hand at directing this weekend with the drama club.

HHS Drama presents play this weekend

Jason Buenrostro isn't afraid to try something new. The Homedale High School junior is director for the drama club's presentation of "Holka Polka" this weekend. It runs Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 inside the HHS old gymnasium. This is Buenrostro's first attempt at directing a play, and he said he wanted to do it simply because he "thought it would be a cool experience." Drama club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said the 16-year-old is "experiencing first-hand the joys and frustrations of directing a play." She adds that he "really is rather soft-spoken and patient, but he can command attention and we see him getting results." The son of Silvia and Luis Buenrostro freely admits he was surprised by how much work actually goes into a production like this. He said prior to this he would have told the cast "you guys don't need to learn your lines, just improv and it'll come out amazing." Now he realizes, "If you don't know your lines, other people won't know," Buenrostro said. He also said he's learned that some leadership is required in directing "in order for you to get stuff done." Buenrostro said he has gotten frustrated with the play at times,

Holka Polka cast members

There are several schoolchildren involved in the production of "Holka Polka," but drama advisor DeAnn Thatcher said "the cast is going to switch around a little each night." The students include: Megan Aman, Ryan Aman, Jenny Bautista, Sierra Bowman, Jeffery Carrillo, Alec Egurrola, Isabelle Fogg, Marisol Garcia, Ben Holloway, Sarah Jones, Shyanne Kelly, Holden Kleppinger, Rylan Love, Spencer Mast, Patrick McMichael, Emma McMichael, Pauline Pilz, Daniel Silva, Jordan Stuart, Jessica Tayler, Nathan Tayler, Rachel Tayler, Kendra Thatcher, Todd Thatcher, Lena Westphal.

something else." If he had to grade himself, he said it would be a "B," but he thinks that might improve once the play's run is over and done. Buenrostro is viewing the position of student director as a good leadership opportunity, and he wants to "do some kind of theater thing in college." Buenrostro caught the "drama bug" when an older cousin encouraged him to join drama club once he got into high school. As passionate as he is about acting, Buenrostro has a hard time naming his favorite actors and actresses. However, he said Leonardo DiCaprio would be on the list somewhere. He has advice for anyone interested in acting. "Honestly it's not that hard. It's pretty fun, and you get a great experience out of it," he said, adding that "once you're on stage, you're not shy anymore." "Holka Polka" by D.M. Larson features a good little witch named Brenda who sets out to save Fairy Tale Land with the help of the Big Bad Wolf and Cinderella. The fairy tale mystery puts a new twist on some famous fables such as Humpty Dumpty, Pinocchio, Little Red Riding Hood, The Wizard of Oz and Hansel and Gretel. The club acquired the script from www.freedrama.net. Tickets are \$2 for students, \$3 for adults and \$10 for a family. They can be purchased in advance from drama club members or at the door Friday and Saturday nights. — SC

New helmet rule could affect 4-H horse program

4-H enrollment for 2015 ends Sunday

The Owyhee County 4-H Horse program, which has been in decline for three years, could take another hit because of a new statewide rule. In October, Idaho 4-H issued a mandate that all equestrian participants must wear a helmet during 4-H activities or risk being kicked out of the program. "I know we lost a couple of leaders and participants due to the helmet rule," Owyhee County 4-H Horse Leaders president Rebecca Wasson said. "I personally can't speak for them as that was their personal choice. I, myself, am not thrilled about the rule, but my kids have been in horse 4-H since they were 8 years old. "It's their choice to decide if they still want to participate." Nine days before Sunday's upcoming enrollment deadline, Wasson said there were about 30 boys and girls enrolled for the 2015 season. That's a 14.3 percent drop in participation when compared to 2014 numbers provided by the University of Idaho Owyhee

Horse participant numbers decline	
The number of participants in the Owyhee County 4-H horse program is half of what it was eight years ago. Sunday is the last day to enroll for 2015:	
2014	— 35
2013	— 38
2012	— 55
2011	— 75
2010	— 74
2009	— 74
2008	— 47
2007	— 83

County Extension Office. But, Wasson added, she has gained five members in her Owyhee Ruff Riders horse program, including three new enrollees. The helmet rule may only be the latest reason folks have dropped out, though. Owyhee County 4-H horse enrollment has plummeted 60 percent since 2011 when 75 youth participated. Eighty-three riders were involved in 2007, but the number was cut nearly in half to

47 a year later because several boys and girls graduated from the program. There are seven horse clubs in the county, including the Ruff Riders, the Dust Devils, the Owyhee Outlaws, the Owyhee Silver Spurs, Reynolds Creek 4-H, the South Mountain Cowboys and Wilson Butte 4-H. Kootenai County 4-H implemented a helmet rule 10 years ago. The state office made the rule mandatory throughout Idaho as of Oct. 1, 2014. "The safety of our kids is paramount in 4-H," Idaho 4-H director Jim Lindstrom said of the decision to require members wear a helmet "every ride, every time" when participating in 4-H activities. "(Owyhee) County is so 'West.' I'm not trying to infringe on their family rights," Lindstrom said. "They can do what they do on their own time. It's what they do whenever they're under the 4-H banner." Lindstrom said a secondary impetus for the new rule is the liability the University of Idaho faces as the sponsor for 4-H in the state in the event of an accident. The rule requires 4-H members to wear a helmet approved by the

American Society for Testing Materials/Safety Equipment Institute (ASTM/SEI) whenever they are mounted on an equine or in a vehicle (buggy, cart or wagon) pulled by an equine. No exceptions will be granted, but Lindstrom put to rest the notion that a child would be dismissed from 4-H if they showed up for an event without a helmet. Instead, the boy or girl will be unable to participate in that day's activities, but will continue as 4-H enrollee. The "every ride, every time" rule means 4-H's 18 and younger must wear a helmet while mounted during club meetings, practice, county horse shows and 4-H horse events. Horse leaders aren't required to wear protective headgear. Lindstrom said statewide enrollment has dropped, but not at the rate he anticipated. "I anticipated we would lose a quarter to a third of our kids, but we haven't," he said. Wasson said her children wore helmets when they were younger, and "it has been an option when I felt it was necessary." "The state has made the new rule, and it's just something we have to adapt to regardless if we

agree with it or not," she said. "If my kids or others still want to participate then we will do our best to keep the program going. We lost a few kids due to the helmet rule, but we have gained some new ones, so it has equaled itself out." Wasson said the county horse leaders group has set aside funds for participants who need help purchasing helmets, which can range in price from about \$35 to close to \$600 depending on the model. One of the bigger concerns is how the rule could impact the ranch horse program, which culminates with a show of skills during the third day of the Owyhee County Fair each year. That show features not only 4-H participants but several adults helping with branding, boxing and other herding activities. The western image might preclude helmets, but Wasson said only participants in 4-H ages 18 and younger on horseback are required to wear the safety devices. "Anyone helping in the arena are not required to wear helmets," Wasson said. "The ranch horse program will still be there regardless of the helmet rule." — JPB

Obituary

Calvin C. Johnston

Calvin C. Johnston, 91, a native Idahoan and member of a prominent Owyhee County pioneer family, died in Emmett on February 18, 2015. He was born on December 28, 1923 to Charles A. and Mary Kelly Johnston, at Wilson, Idaho in the home he lived most of his life. He was the youngest of eight children.

Calvin lived in Owyhee County for 81 years farming and raising livestock, until health conditions forced him to leave his home and the life that he loved. He enjoyed a simple lifestyle and had a soft spot in his heart for children, animals, and flowers. He was a kind and hardworking man with a calm and gentle disposition. He was always thoughtful of others, eager to lend a helping hand to friends and family, and rarely spoke a cross word. He endeared himself to many who knew him because of his kind and gentle nature.

Calvin's mother died when he was just a year old. The bond with his three older sisters was very strong because of this tragedy, and they remained closely connected throughout their lives. Although he never married, he was an important influence to his extended family and was a wonderful role model. He inspired many life lessons in the way he lived his



life, shared his rich family history, offered his home as a family gathering place, and participated in many family celebrations.

Calvin graduated from Melba High School in 1942. In 1995, he was honored by the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association as an Old Timer Life Member. He was also a Lifetime Member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, formerly in Melba.

Calvin is survived by his sister Bea Boston of Boise and Emmett, and his many nieces and nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and their spouses, Ed (Berniece), Tom (Dorothy), and Walter; and sisters and their spouses, Berniece, Anna Mary Curtis (Alfred); and

Irene Markley (Harold); and brother-in-law, Bill Boston.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Nampa Funeral Home, 415 12th Avenue Road in Nampa at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at the Wilson Pioneer Cemetery.

Calvin's family would like to thank the staff of Horizon Home Health & Hospice in Emmett for their attentive and personalized care.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers for donations to be made to the Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District at Wilson, Idaho c/o Owyhee County Court House, P. O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650 or the Owyhee County Historical Society in Murphy, Idaho.

Homedale LDS makes plans for benefit

Donations are being accepted for the live auction that accompanies the Homedale LDS youth group taco feed.

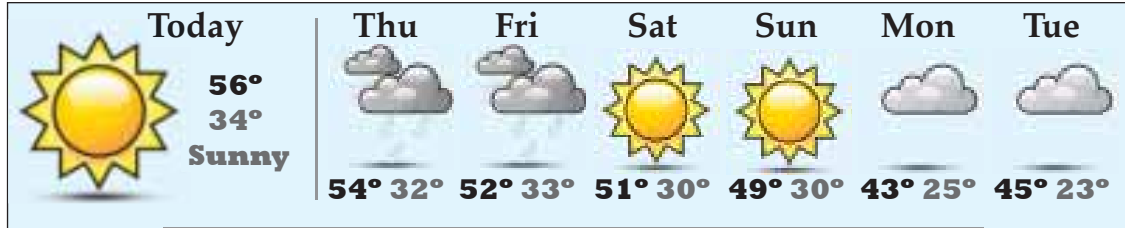
The annual event takes place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at the LDS church, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

The fundraiser dinner costs \$6 per person or \$25 per family.

Auction items include tools, guns, quilts and homemade items.

Proceeds from the taco feed and the auction will help pay for summer camps and other activities for the Boy Scouts and the LDS Young Women's Group.

For more information or to make a donation, call Ross Sevy at 921-2069.



SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
02/17	0.0	0	8.6	49	25	36
02/18	0.0	0	8.6	56	28	41
02/19	0.0	0	8.6	55	31	42
02/20	0.0	0	8.6	41	29	36
02/21	0.0	0	8.6	39	25	31
02/22	0.0	0	8.6	30	18	23
02/23	0.0	0	8.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/17	0.2	1	10.0	42	24	34
02/18	0.4	1	10.0	52	34	44
02/19	0.5	1	10.0	53	34	44
02/20	0.3	1	10.0	41	30	34
02/21	0.3	1	10.0	32	21	28
02/22	0.3	1	10.0	28	16	21
02/23	0.3	1	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/17	3.6	6	16.8	47	28	36
02/18	3.8	7	16.8	55	36	45
02/19	3.5	5	16.8	52	33	44
02/20	3.6	5	16.8	40	28	33
02/21	3.4	5	16.8	35	23	28
02/22	3.1	5	16.8	30	15	21
02/23	n/a	5	16.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 23 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 404 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 12 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 162,667 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Weather statistics from Helena Chemical in Homedale weren't available.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 25: Chicken taco, corn, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 26: Personal pan pizza, tossed salad, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk
- March 2: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, veggie & fruit bar
- March 3: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, veggie & fruit bar
- March 4: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 25: Spaghetti or burrito, salad bar, fruit bar, milk
- Feb. 26: Pizza hot pocket or corn dog, salad bar, fruit bar, milk
- March 2: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, cheese stick, salad & fruit bar
- March 3: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, corn, salad & fruit bar
- March 4: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad & fruit bar

Homedale High

- Feb. 25: Crispito or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- Feb. 26: Cheeseburger, hamburger or chicken patty, potato chips, sherbet cup, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
- March 2: Personal pepperoni pizza or roast beef sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- March 3: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, egg roll, steamed rice, salad bar, fruit choice
- March 4: Spaghetti w/bread stick or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Feb. 25: Teriyaki chicken bowl w/roll, corn dog, corn, salad bar/soup
- Feb. 26: Lasagna & Italia breadstick, turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar/soup
- March 2: Pulled pork sandwich or enchilada w/rice, baked sweet potato pie, salad bar & soup
- March 3: Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets, wheat roll, potato wedges, salad bar & soup
- March 4: Malibu chicken or fish taco, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 25: Lasagna, spinach salad, steamed carrots, fruit, milk
- Feb. 26: Chili, coleslaw, cinnamon roll, applesauce, milk
- Feb. 27: Hamburger/bun, romaine & tomato, baked beans, fresh fruit, rice krispie treat, milk
- March 3: Pizza, romaine salad, baby carrots, fruit
- March 4: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli, fruit, wheat roll

Senior menus

Marsing Senior Center


- Feb. 25: Chicken & noodles, Italian blend vegetables, potatoes, pears, milk
- Feb. 26: Pork roast, potatoes, carrots, citrus sections, fruit, breadsticks, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

- Feb. 26: Pork roast, potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, applesauce, roll, cookie, milk, juice
- March 3: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, green salad, cottage cheese/fruit, cookies

Homedale Senior Center

- Feb. 25: BBQ pork, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, milk
- Feb. 26: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread, milk
- March 3: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, bread, salad bar
- March 4: Ham/cheese sandwich, potato salad, ambrosia salad, salad bar



Thank you to my family
(most especially my sister and her husband, Meb and Jacque Dailey) and our friends for all the love and support you have shown my family and myself. A special Thank you to the Eagle Valley EMT's, Gordon Bond, the ladies of the Richland Christian Church, Tami Waldron for the beautiful service for Bill, and our community for all of the cards, flowers and food. I am so blessed to live in such a loving valley.

God bless you all,
The family of Bill Holcomb



Above: Matt Tindall shows off a basket of Rimrock High School items that was up for bid. **Right:** Brandi Lisle holds up a dozen eggs, the first item that went on the block Saturday night. Submitted photos

Bruneau auction sets record

Saturday’s amount breaks mark set last year

Organizers of the annual Bruneau Boosters Auction say this year’s event was a huge success. More than \$32,000 was raised on Saturday. That’s \$4,000 more than the previous record brought in last year. More donations are expected, too. Cathy Sellman helped organize the publicity for this year’s fundraiser and the event drew “a huge crowd and awesome auction items.” She also said this year the Bruneau Canyon 4-H club members helped the Booster Club by cleaning tables and handing out auction items for the 27th annual event at the American Legion Post 83 hall. Proceeds from the auction ben-



efit various community events and projects each year. In the past, some of those major projects included: construction of a picnic shelter in the community park, publication of the book “Bruneau and Beyond,” Legion hall improvements and scholarships for graduating Rimrock High School seniors. Items sold this year included fertilizer, hay, handmade quilts, tools, sculptures, western tack, wine, children’s toys, jackets, gift certificates and homemade cakes and candy.

Dying husband’s purchase of Bruneau One Stop gives new owner a livelihood

Loretta Eguilior is living a life she never would have guessed a year ago. The 55-year-old is the new owner of the Bruneau One Stop on the edge of the small Owyhee County town. She and her husband Thomas previously lived in Shoshone. He was driving through Bruneau in November and saw the One Stop was for sale. Thomas quickly purchased the store and nearby motel with the hands of time on his mind. Loretta’s husband was diagnosed with colon cancer in May. He died in December at the age of 59, and Loretta took over the business, which also includes a café. Jim Greene previously owned the One Stop for 10 years. He now lives in Adrian, Ore., and was at the store for most of December helping Eguilior get up to speed on day-to-day operations.

Eguilior says her husband bought the business because he thought she could make a decent living running it. One patron of the café told her Thomas once said he “knew enough about her to know she could handle the job.” Loretta said, “He saw it coming faster than the rest of us did, that’s for sure” and “he had his ideas and his visions.” She adds that Thomas essentially told her “come on down here and do it.” Despite her husband’s death, Loretta chooses to look on the bright side. “It’s been positive, the whole community has been very supportive,” she said. She also says the experience “has not been negative, it’s been very good.” Looking to the future, Loretta said she has big plans for the store and café. She also has ideas for the motel, which currently consists of two mobile homes

attached together and divided into single rooms. Loretta, who lives behind the store in a separate trailer, says she would like to replace all three trailers with small, matching cabins. Eguilior thinks she could begin looking for a loan to build the new cabins in about a year. She says the more immediate plans are to change a few things inside the store like putting in a new freezer. Loretta also wants to build a porch on the front and side of the café with seating for customers. The porch would include a barbeque area. She said she couldn’t put a timeline on any of her improvement plans because she’s still dealing with unfinished issues from her husband’s death.

— SC



Right: Loretta Eguilior stands in front of the sign welcoming people to her her business in Bruneau.

Not too late to help a community effort in Bruneau

Emergency services building to be christened later this year

Custom-engraved bricks and tiles are still for sale to benefit the Bruneau Emergency Operation Center. The building will house the Bruneau Quick Response Unit (QRU) and the Bruneau Fire Department. The tiles will be put on the outside of the building near the front entrance while the bricks will make up the sidewalk in the same area. QRU president Mary Tindall said supporters hope to have the bricks and tiles in place by May 1. That is also the target date to

open the center, which will be located on Belle Avenue on ground formerly occupied by the Valley Mercantile. She wants to remind people that it takes four to six weeks to get the bricks and tiles made, so orders need to be in by Sunday. Tindall also said people can have the bricks or tiles engraved with something other than “in memory of” someone. For example, many already bought feature names of companies, cattle ranch brands or simple slogans. The custom-made 12-by-12-inch tiles are selling for \$1,000. Tindall said they can use photos of logos or brands or people can submit drawings of the images. The custom-made 4-by-8-inch bricks are priced at \$100. They may include up to three lines of 15 characters each including



Tiles, which will be installed on the front wall of the new Bruneau Emergency Operation Center.

spaces and punctuation. The larger 8-by-8 bricks cost \$175. They have room for six lines of 15 characters each including spaces and punctuation. Tindall said replica bricks for a home or office are also available at an additional cost. The replica would be an exact duplicate of the brick installed at the opera-

tion center. The building has been funded by private donations, corporate contributions and the QRU building fund. The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners supports the project. The facility will be available to other community organizations to utilize as a meeting room. It will also allow training classes for emergency medical technicians to be held in Bruneau. Tindall said that would eliminate expensive and time-consuming travel to classes outside the area. The emergency operation center is a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit entity, and contributions to the QRU are tax-deductible. For more information about purchasing a brick or tile for the building, call (208) 845-2313.

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Warm weather shrinks bidder pool, but GV Lions auction thrives

The revenue was down slightly, but the spirit shone through during the 55th annual Grand View Lions Club Auction earlier this month.

With the auction, raffle proceeds and food sales, the Feb. 14 auction raised \$15,500 for the Lions Club. That’s \$1,000 less than 2014.

“The number of bidders were down, but the ones that came were very giving,” Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman said. “It was too nice of a day outside to be inside, I guess.”

The money is used for many community projects, including scholarships for Rimrock High School seniors.

“We want to thank all our people and businesses that donated items,” Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman said. “We want to thank Baker Auction Co., for coming down as they have for the last 55 years and donating their time. Sam and his crew are great.”

Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman said that 2015 scholarship applications will go out to Rimrock seniors this week.

Thurman said the Lions also

will continue construction of a pedestrian path along Idaho highway 167, which is Roosevelt Street through Grand View.

“We are going to look into getting the first part of the drain ditch filled in at the new cemetery so that the walkway along the highway can continue,” Thurman said.

Money also will be used to help extend the walkway, he said.

Thurman invited anyone with ideas for community improvements to contact him at (208) 834-2442.

Raffle winners this year included Gary Jones of Bruneau, who won the Traeger pellet grill and smoker, and Mountain Home resident Stacey Spies, who took home the .22-250 rifle.

The Lions Club meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Friday of the month at the Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., in Grand View.

The 2015 Lions Club officers include president Verla Robison, secretary Dixie McDaniel and Thurman as treasurer.

— JPB

Local schools set to celebrate Dr. Seuss

Events planned in Homedale, Marsing

Students in Marsing and Homedale will celebrate the 111th birthday of Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel) next week.

The party at Marsing Elementary will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday evening. Students will listen to stories written by Dr. Seuss read by district teachers and administrators and make their own “Cat in the Hat” hats and bookmarks. There will also be birthday cake and ice cream.

Marsing School District 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) director Ken Price said this is the fifth year of the event, and it typically brings

in about 300 to 350 people.

Each student will also be given a free book from the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program.

In Homedale, the celebration of Dr. Seuss continues throughout the week. Each day will have a different dress-up theme at the elementary school.

Monday’s theme is pajamas, Tuesday is favorite sports teams and Wednesday’s theme is glamour. Dr. Seuss week wraps up on Thursday at Homedale Elementary with a wacky dress-up day.

The National Education Association (NEA) sponsors the nationwide reading celebration each March 2, which was Geisel’s birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together students, parents and teachers to celebrate the author’s life.

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Rimrock food pantry in search of volunteers, donations

The Rimrock Community Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers for different phases of helping those in need.

Volunteers are needed for food pick-up, unloading commodities, sorting and distribution.

Distribution takes place at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., in Grand View.

The food pantry also accepts donations.

The pantry provides commodities from the Idaho

Food Bank to between 73 and 93 southern Owyhee County households each month. That equates to more than 220 people.

The effort begins on Thursday in the second week of the month as volunteers spend about three hours beginning at 2 p.m. to pick up food at the Idaho Food Bank in Boise.

Volunteers willing to use their vehicles to ferry supplies from Boise can receive reimbursement for fuel.

The unloading of commodities starts at 4:15 p.m. once the trip



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Lawmakers take steps to preserve school broadband

Homedale, Marsing districts explore contingencies

by Jeff Myers
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The immediate future of the Idaho Education Network took a step toward clarity Monday when the state Senate approved an allocation of more than \$3.5 million from the general fund to reimburse school districts for the cost of new Internet broadband contracts if they become necessary.

Monday’s vote, if backed up by Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s signature, would also return more than \$5 million to the general fund that had been set aside for the now-defunct IEN contracts.

The House of Representatives and Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee also passed the measure last week, just days before many thought CenturyLink would halt service to Idaho

schools because of unpaid bills.

But on Thursday, the same day the House passed the measure, CenturyLink issued a statement saying it would not pull the plug on Sunday as feared.

“CenturyLink will not shut down the IEN on Feb. 22 because our primary focus is on the students of Idaho who have become dependent on these services,” the statement read.

“We committed to work with the governor, state leaders and ENA (Education Networks of America) to find a path forward that continues providing this essential service to Idaho students and teachers without interruption, and addresses our need for payment for all services delivered.”

Before CenturyLink announced it would continue Internet service, school districts were scrambling for a stopgap.

Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer told The Owyhee Avalanche last week that the district was prepared to spend \$6,000 for the remainder of the school year to keep the broadband service flowing so students could complete courses, including some classes that were needed to ensure eight seniors graduate in May.

Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said his district already has a secondary contract in place with CableOne at the monthly rate of \$178 because of the need for more bandwidth to deal with the heavier demand for programs such as the Khan Academy. However, the district found out Thursday that it would cost an additional \$20,000 to replace IEN for the rest of the year.

“I just hope that we can move forward without harming kids,” Stewart said. “The students and the schools need to have Internet access both for the student perspective and the business perspective.”

Stewart said Marsing uses its broadband connection for more than just enhancing students’ educational opportunities. The business office also uses the Internet to keep attendance and create payroll.

“So it is very important that we are able to maintain that Internet service,” Stewart said. “And I hate that the schools are being caught into a political mess so to speak in regards to this IEN situation, and I hope that it will be resolved quickly so that we can move on.”

Prior to CenturyLink’s statement Thursday, Senate Pro Tempore Brent Hill (R-Rexburg), Sen. Dean Cameron (R-Rupert) and state Department of Education chief technology officer Will Goodman took the stage before the Senate Education Committee and Idaho school officials to outline the IEN situation.

“As you know we’ve had a mess,” Hill said. “The (IEN) contracts were not entered into ap-

propriately; the judge has declared the contract void. Not void from here on, void like it never happened. We have some problems in state government that you don’t have in private business, and that is that we can’t pay on a contract that doesn’t exist.”

For the moment, lawmakers are concentrating on finding a solution to the broadband question for the remainder of the school year. The details for the long-term future of the IEN will be hammered out later.

Idaho School Board Association vice-president Marg Chipman was also present at the committee meeting. She cited IEN figures on the statewide use of the network.

“There currently are 219 high schools in Idaho that are connected to high-speed, broadband Internet as a result of IEN. Of those high schools 212, or 97 percent, use their high-speed Internet connection every day to provide education to thousands of Idaho high school students.”

Accelerated college program puts more pressure on county

Nearly half of JC budget already spent

More high school students taking advantage of dual-credit and accelerated college credit programs caused county officials to cast a wary eye on finances when they were putting together the current budget.

Turns out, they had good reason to worry.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said that because the county’s fiscal year 2014 junior college tuition fund, set at \$55,000, was overdrawn by \$100, the budget line was increased to \$60,000 when the Board of County Commissioners hammered out the FY15 budget.

So far this year, \$27,300 of that budget — 45.5 percent — had been allocated. Last year at this time, the county had spent only 35.54 percent of the JC tuition budget (\$19,550).

Nearly 40 percent of the money the county has paid this year has gone to help high school students taking dual-credit courses. The state has instituted two programs — Fast Forward and 8 in 6 — to help high school students get a jump on their college educations.

Barkell said that at the suggestion of the Idaho Clerks Association, Owyhee County has placed a moratorium on paying dual credit invoices until there is some resolution to whether the county or the state is responsible for subsidizing the new programs. She said that has some invoices

in limbo.

Commissioners felt the extra padding for FY15 would be necessary with more high school students applying for the JC subsidy to take classes from the College of Western Idaho in Nampa or the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Barkell says the county has received more applications from high school students seeking dual credit this school year.

The JC budget, which is funded by the county’s share of state liquor tax revenue, also helps pay for full-time junior college students at CWI, CSI or North Idaho College in Coeur d’Alene.

Owyhee County received \$51,000 in liquor tax revenue in FY14, and every dime went to pay for the JC tuition of county residents whose certificates of

residency were accepted by the BOCC. Each student must submit an application, and they receive the tuition subsidy after county commissioners verify that they are Owyhee County residents.

Owyhee County residents do not reside in any junior college districts, so they have to pay what amounts to non-residency tuition, which is \$115 per credit. The county pays \$50 per credit toward that cost.

A JC student is eligible for county subsidies of up to \$500 a year and \$3,000 over a lifetime.

Barkell said county commissioners decided against levying for the JC fund in FY15, but there was serious discussion about pulling the trigger. With nearly half of the budget gone already in this fiscal year, levy talk could start bubbling again.

The new 8 in 6 program in high schools has created more dual-credit seekers who are tapping into the county’s JC budget.

The increase in JC tuition requests because of high school programs has actually affected the way the county divvies up state revenue, Barkell said.

Counties are allowed to put as much as half of their liquor tax revenue into the current expense budget each year.

Barkell said Owyhee County hasn’t put liquor tax revenues into current expense since FY12.

If FY15 liquor tax revenues are comparable to previous years, this will be the third consecutive year that the county has essentially lost \$25,000 in revenue for its current expense budget, Barkell said.

— JPB

BOCC approves personnel maneuvers

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners approved a part-time employee for the treasurer’s office during its Feb. 17 meeting.

Holly Romans of Melba will work 30 hours, four days a week as a deputy treasurer at a pay rate of \$12.15 an hour. County Treasurer Brenda Richards said she has the money in her budget to cover the part-time position.

Richards said she needs the extra help because another part-timer, Nancy Thompson, wants to retire. However, Thompson will still be available to help from time to time if needed, Richards said.

Commissioners also approved a pay increase for court security officer Rocky Widner. Sheriff Perry Grant told the board he

intended to give Widner a raise two years ago and this was simply an oversight on his part.

Grant said he has the money for the pay increase in his courtroom security budget, and Widner will now be making \$13.67 an hour. Commissioners backdated the raise to Feb. 9.

Commissioners also declared two sheriff’s office patrol pickups — both Fords — as surplus. The vehicles as well as miscellaneous weed-spraying equipment, three four-wheelers and assorted tools will be up for bid during the March 7 open consignment equipment sale conducted by Baker Auction Co. at the Homedale sugar beet dump.

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Nevadan arrested for meth outside Duck Valley

A Spring Creek, Nev., man landed in Owyhee County Jail on a drug charge after tribal police pulled him over last Wednesday.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy transported 23-year-old John Michael Baker III to the jail in Murphy after finding what tested positive as methamphetamine.

A Bureau of Indian Affairs officer requested OCSO assistance after pulling over a white 2001 Dodge pickup Baker was driving her milepost 9 on Idaho highway 51. The traffic stop occurred on the edge of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes’ Duck Valley Reservation.

Authorities spotted on the front middle seat of the pickup a small amount of a substance that after a test in the field came back as a presumptive positive test for methamphetamine.

Baker, who Grant says didn’t own the vehicle but had permission to drive it, has been charged with felony drug possession. He was arraigned Thursday on the felony as well as misdemeanor charges of paraphernalia possession and failure to purchase a driver’s license. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

He remains in custody in the county jail.

Sheriff Perry Grant said the BIA and OCSO have a “working agreement” that if the federal agency makes a traffic stop anywhere on the state highway the county can have jurisdiction.

Any non-tribal member that comes under arrest in a BIA action is also transported to county jail, Grant said.

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Grand View library starts after-school program

Book discussion series continues next week

A former library director has kicked off an after-school program at the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

Kathy Chick leads the program for kindergarteners through fifth-graders at 4 p.m. on Thursdays. The library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

The weekly program kicked off Thursday with “Pancake! Pancake!” as children had a breakfast in the afternoon to celebrate Na-

tional Pancake Week.

Upcoming after-school events include:

- Thursday — Mardi Gras celebration
- March 5 — Hurry, Hurry, Dr. Seuss!
- March 12 — Have you lost your Marbles?
- March 19 — Leapin’ Lizards and Leprechauns
- March 26 — No activities planned, Spring Break
- April 2 — The Golden Egg

Chick is working on a schedule for the remainder of April and May. Call the library at (208) 834-2785 or Chick at (208) 832-1949 for more information.

The next installment of the library’s “Let’s Talk About It” book series will be held next Wednesday.

“Thousand Pieces of Gold” by RuthAnne Lum McCunn will be discussed during the 1 p.m. meeting at the library in Grand View.

A soup lunch will be served at 12:45 p.m.

The discussions, which are led by a moderator, are sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

“Thousands Pieces of Gold” is a novelized account of the life of Polly Beamis, a Chinese slave girl brought to Idaho’s Warren min-

ing district in the late 1800s. The novel details anti-Chinese prejudice in Idaho and Polly’s drive to adapt to life in the new homeland she would grow to love.

Library director Tammy Gray told the board of trustees at their Feb. 10 meeting that nine people showed up for the Feb. 4 discussion of Robert Laxalt’s “Sweet Promised Land.”

The final discussion in the series will be held on April 1 and will feature “Honey in the Horn” by H. L. Davis.

Copies of the selected books are available at the library.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through

Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

It’s closed on Friday and Sunday.

Gray told the trustees at their last meeting that Saturday attendance numbers have tripled since the first time the library was open on the weekend earlier this year. The Saturday hours are in the midst of a six-month trial period.

While the popularity of the Saturday hours has skyrocketed, Gray told the library board that there has been a decline in the overall attendance and that the number of books checked out is down.

Friends group gears up to help E. Owyhee library in Grand View

The fledgling Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library is looking for members.

The group was organized in September to help promote and support the library in Grand View.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. inside the library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

Each meeting has a theme, and the meeting ends with an activity based on that theme.

Kathy Chick was the first president of the Friends group, but stepped down when she took the full-time position as library director.

Harva Driskell succeeded Chick as the Friends of the Library president.

The group would like to form a Teen Advisory board, and teens are welcome to attend meetings and join the organization.

Annual membership rates include individual dues of \$5, a family rate of \$20 and a business rate of \$50.

Members in good standing have a vote at meetings and receive a monthly newsletter and a Friends T-shirt. They are also eligible for other promotional activities and items as they become available.

Folks who have moved away

from Grand View are encouraged to join and receive the same benefits while supporting the library. Library board trustees or employees can join the group, and Chick has remained a member, but trustees and employees can’t hold officer positions in the Friends of the Library.

There are several fundraisers planned this year, including:

- A quilt featuring blocks made by youths as a summer activity
- A used book sale during Grand View Days, which will take place June 12-14.
- The sale of a cookbook featuring favorite recipes from Friends members and other library patrons and supporters.
- The annual community calendar sale.
- The annual half-price book fair in June.

The Friends would also like to help purchase Summer Reading incentive prizes and acquire new shelving for the children’s area in the library.

For more information or to provide suggestions, call Driskell at (208) 834-2324, Chick at (208) 832-1949 or the library at (208) 834-2785.

The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library also can be found on Facebook.



Marsing library offers educational entertainment for preschoolers
Cat Hardy reads to children during preschool story time at the Lizard Butte Library. The story time is held at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the library, which is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing. Call 896-4690 for more information.

Greek fable comes to Homedale library

One of Aesop’s Fables will be read during Story Time at the Homedale Public Library.

“The Lion and the Mouse” is the featured tale at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

It ties into the Acts of Kindness theme at the library this month.

In the classic Greek fable, a simple mouse promises to save the life of the very lion that captures him.

The lion laughs heartily, but frees the small rodent. By the end of this fable, even the smallest child will understand and appreciate any act of kindness is

ever wasted.

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

The library’s Teen & Tweens program for boys and girls ages 10-17 also continues at 4 p.m. on Friday.

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

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

District contest at HHS tonight for FFA sales program

Four members of the Marsing FFA chapter face off in a showdown with delegates from other Boise Valley FFA chapters today.

The sales team competition runs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. inside the Homedale High School library.

Marsing FFA competitors are Brook Labit, Lena Metcalf, Chase Rhodes and one other student, who was determined in a chapter run-off Monday after deadline.

Marsing advisor Mike Martin said the contest is geared toward helping students hone their selling skills.

The competition focuses on three areas:

- Labit and Metcalf will participate in sales presentation.

In that category, students design a sales campaign around a product and attempt to sell that item to two judges. It involves putting together an advertisement, a marketing strategy and pricing of the item, Martin said.

- Rhodes will compete in the sales prospecting category.

Martin said that entails one of the judges acting as a storeowner and the student plays the role of

a sales representative.

Martin points out the sales prospecting competitors are unaware of what their objective will be until the contest begins. Students could either be asked to get a commitment from the storeowner to attend an informative product presentation or they may simply have to try to sell the storeowner items from a list.

- Marsing FFA has yet to determine who will compete in the telephone sales category.

In this phase of the competition, Martin said the student acts

as a sales clerk in a store while a judge plays a customer. The judge places an order, but the student learns the item is out of stock and must recommend an alternative.

Most of the Marsing FFA sales team run-off competition was held Feb. 16 with nine students vying for the four spots.

The other Boise Valley FFA chapters that may compete include Homedale, Rimrock, Melba, Kuna, Meridian, Middleton, Nampa, Notus and Vallivue.

FFA advisor Sue Poland teach-

es ag economics at Homedale High School. She said the ag sales competition also helps students with their speaking skills.

A floriculture competition will also be held tonight. Poland said it includes a test about general plant and horticulture knowledge. That also covers plant and tools identification.

During the floriculture contest, Poland said students will have to make a flower arrangement and a corsage or boutonniere and price them within 20 minutes.

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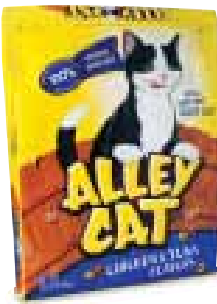
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on 2A WIC first team

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State tournament seeds



Andy Montes



Nash Johnson



John Collett



Noah Grossman



Above: Homedale's John Collett stacks Weiser's Brennan Westover for a pin 50 seconds into their 160-pound quarterfinal match. **Below:** The Trojans' Andy Montes prepares to pin Emmett's L.J. Hadley in the 106-pound championship match. Photo by Machele Randall

Three champs lead 9 Trojans

Late moves can make or break a wrestler in a given match, and on Saturday Homedale High School athletes made enough crucial plays in the latter stages of bouts to provide sufficient drama on home turf.

Nine Trojans will wrestle Friday when the 3A state tournament begins at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Three of coach Toby Johnson's charges earned passage with 3A District III championships Saturday, including reigning state champion Andy Montes at 106 pounds, Nash Johnson at 138 and John Collett at 160.

All three were the top seeds in their respective brackets for the district tournament in their home gymnasium.

All 12 Trojans placed in the top six as Homedale finished third in the team



standings.

"Our kids wrestled really well," HHS coach Toby Johnson said. "It was really exciting to see the others excel."

Then there was Shane Keller, whose journey to collect one of four district berths out of the 145-pounds bracket featured two of the Trojans' narrowest victories Saturday.

The fifth-seeded

sophomore squeezed into the semifinals when he got a two-point near-fall against Parma's Colton Gentry while trailing by a point with about 30 seconds remaining in their match. Keller's big move set up a 9-8 win.

After top-seeded Hilaro Mandujano of Weiser knocked Keller into the consolation bracket with a

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State tournament qualifiers

Includes seeding and opening matchups:

Homedale

106 pounds — No. 3 Andy Montes, jr., (25-5) vs. Drake Christensen, fr. Buhl (7-12)

113 — Anthony Beckman, fr., (6-12) vs. No. 1 Treyton Nilsson, sr., Snake River (41-1)

120 — Pedro Vasquez, so., (7-11) vs. Tanner Figueroa, so., Kellogg (33-11)

126 — Andrew Randall, sr., (19-19) vs. Caleb Call, fr., Shelley (16-7)

132 — Miguel Gonzalez, jr., (4-5) vs. Noah Jamison, so., Priest River (31-9)

138 — No. 4 Nash Johnson, jr., (34-3) vs. Chaz Crumrine, so., Buhl (9-15)

145 — Shane Keller, so., (15-13) vs. Austin Betzer, jr., Shelley (34-14)

160 — No. 2 John Collett, jr., (31-5) vs. Tyler Boyd, sr., Kellogg (25-15)

182 — Keifer Cooper, fr., (17-19) vs. No.

1 Tate Grover, jr., American Falls (38-6)

Marsing

138 — Joseph Ineck, fr., (8-13) vs. No. 2 Cole Wallen, jr., Potlatch (36-3)

195 — Mason Hall, fr., (14-18) vs. No. 3 Shaydn Wassmuth, jr., Grangeville (32-8)

220 — No. 2 Noah Grossman, sr., (28-6) vs. Trey Dominguez, so., Clearwater Valley (14-24)

MHS senior, freshmen reach Holt

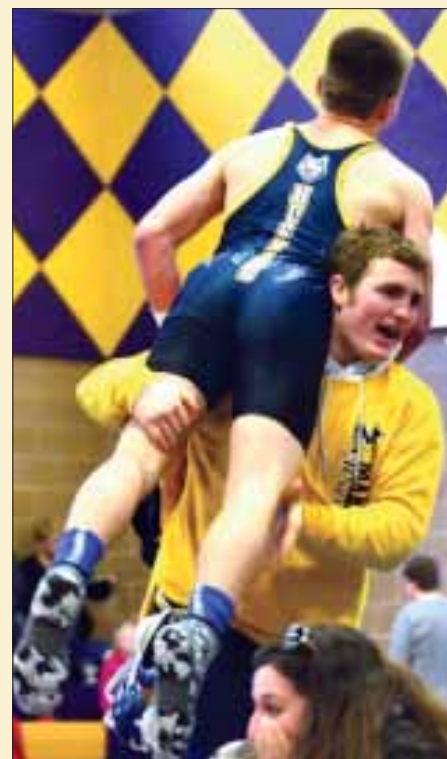
Marsing High School wrestlers at opposite ends of their careers wound up at the same place Saturday.

Senior Noah Grossman took the latest step toward defending his state championship at 220 pounds, and freshman Joseph Ineck continued a late-season surge during the 2A District III Tournament in Garden Valley.

Grossman (28-6) made quick work of his biggest regional rival, pinning Marcus Davis 1 minute, 3 seconds into their championship match.

The reigning state champ, Grossman

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Marsing senior Noah Grossman lifts Joseph Ineck after the freshman qualified for the state tournament. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

JV boys rip Crane, win district

Antelopes,
Mustangs qualify
for state playoffs

This time, there was little doubt.

Jordan Valley High School crushed Crane, 55-33, on Saturday to win the 1A District 8 boys' basketball championship in John Day, Ore.

The Mustangs' 10th consecutive victory gave coach Clint Fillmore's team (18-7 overall) a first-round bye in the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

A win Friday night will give

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German to wrestle at State for Adrian

Florian Nieder came to America for a year of education in Eastern Oregon. Now, the sophomore from Germany is heading to the state wrestling tournament.

A heavyweight, Nieder (16-11) is the only Adrian High School athlete to advance from the 2A/1A District 4 tournament, which was held Friday and Saturday in Enterprise, Ore.

Nieder finished second after his rematch against Grant Union's Chance Ballou didn't go off.

Nieder pinned Ballou in 59 seconds during their semifinal then lost to Heppner's John Prophet for the title. Prophet pinned Nieder in 69 seconds.

Only the top two wrestlers in each weight class reached this week's state tournament, which will be held at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Nieder is scheduled to start his state tournament experience against No. 2 seed Ben Baker from Monroe. Only eight wrestlers are in each bracket, and Prophet is the third seed.

Coach Eddie Kinkade had four other wrestlers in action during the district tournament.

Drake Marquez (11-15) pinned Union's Brody Norton in 1:42 to secure third place at 170 pounds. Marquez reached the semifinals with a 50-second pin against

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Sports

Undersized Trojans tumble in 3A tournament



Homedale junior Gardenia Machuca finds the going tough inside against Sugar-Salem at Skyview High School on Thursday.

Foes use height to rule paint at Skyview

It wasn't the type of déjà vu Homedale High School girls' basketball fans were looking for.

The Trojans, who finished third a year ago, met the identical fate the 2013 team endured during this year's 3A Real Dairy Shootout.

Coach Joe Betancourt watched Homedale (15-8) leave the 2015 tournament after losses to Sugar-Salem and Marsh Valley — in the same order those two teams eliminated the Trojans two years ago.

Friday: Marsh Valley 52, Homedale 39 — The Trojans' stay at Skyview High School in Nampa came to a close against an Eagles squad that used a distinct height advantage to keep Homedale down.

Marsh Valley out-rebounded Homedale, 48-32, including a 29-10 edge on the Trojans' end of the floor. Katie Anderson, the Eagles' tallest player at 6 feet, scored 12 points and grabbed 11

rebounds. Marsh Valley suited seven players who were 5-10 or taller, while 5-11 senior Hattie Mertz was Homedale's tallest athlete.

McKenzie Viehweg, a 5-10 junior, had half of Marsh Valley's four blocks, while 5-10 senior Maycee Belnap recorded three steals as the Eagles forced 19 turnovers, which they turned into 18 points. Marsh Valley outscored Homedale, 26-10, in the paint.

Homedale missed 71 percent of its shots, and the Trojans were 3-for-18 (16.7 percent) from behind the three-point line.

Tory Lane missed on 13 of 16 shots, but finished with 12 points for Homedale. She also had a team-high 11 rebounds, but only two on offense.

Makayla Aberasturi tallied seven points, while Carlie Purdom and Elise Sherk scored six points each in their final high school game.

Thursday: Sugar-Salem 48, Homedale 36 — Lane and Tristan Corta each scored six points in the second half as the Trojans tried in vain to dig themselves out of an early hole.

Aberasturi and Corta hit back-to-back three-pointers to fuel Homedale's 10-2 run that ended 66 seconds into the fourth quarter and put the Trojans within seven points, 41-34.

The Diggers re-established their dominance on Homedale's backboard to quell the uprising.

Thanks to a 17-2 spurt, Sugar-Salem led by as many as 18 points, 34-16, when 5-11 senior center Stacy Roberts hit a turnaround jumper with 5:50 left in the third quarter.

Corta hit the first of her three-pointers 10 seconds later to wake up the Trojans' offense.

Roberts finished with seven points and six rebounds as the Diggers spread their scoring around. Amanda Rudd led the way with nine points, while Jessie Harris had eight points and seven rebounds.

Lane, who had eight of Homedale's 14 points in the first half, led all scorers with 14 points. The junior was 7-for-9 from the free-throw line and pulled down eight of her nine rebounds on the Diggers' glass.

Sherk hit a pair of treys as part of her eight points.

✓ Adrian: Exchange student only Antelope to earn tough tourney berth

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Dillin Holtby of Burns. He rebounded from an injury default to Jordan Vermillion of Elgin in the semifinals to pin Irrigon's Franco Sanchez in 1:23 of their

consolation semi.
Marcus Furtado (20-19) lost the third-place match at 106 when Enterprise's Clayne Miller prevailed, 10-4. Furtado started his tournament with a pin of

Irrigon's Alexis William 55 seconds into their quarterfinal match, and he stayed alive with a pin in 1:21 against Burns wrestler Sebastian Johnson in the consolation semifinals.

Bryson Shira (14-22) finished sixth at 145 pounds, losing to Union's Cory Hammond, who got a pin in 3:07 of their fifth-place match. Shira had pinned Hammond at 3:21 of their

quarterfinal match to start the tournament.
Luke Campbell (17-23) pinned Heppner's Jorgen Andersen in 2:39 during a consolation match at 152.

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Nash Johnson, jr., 138 pounds
The Play — Johnson got two victories and captured the 138-pound title. He's seed fourth for the state tournament with a 34-3 record.

John Collett, jr., 160 pounds
The Play — Collett (31-5) qualified for his first state meet in impressive style, collecting the district championship and a No. 2 seed for Pocatello.

Andy Montes, jr., 106 pounds
The Play — Montes won the 106-pound championship, running his record to 25-5 and earning the No. 3 seed for the 3A state tournament.

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Sports

Homedale boys bow in district opener to Weiser buzzer-beater

The Homedale-Weiser high school boys' basketball series has been equal parts Nick Wallenda and Six Flags amusement park this year, so the only surprise was the latest installment didn't go into overtime.

The Trojans continued their tight-rope walk and roller-coaster ride of a season in the Feb. 17 3A District III tournament opening-round game.

But it was Weiser's Tony Lopez who pulled a Houdini, popping the game-winning shot at the buzzer in a 69-67 victory at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Homedale's Benny Schamber banked in a short jump shot with 6.8 seconds left to tie the game, 67-67.

"I wouldn't have figured the game would be anything less than what it was," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "I was just hoping to be on the other side of it."

"I thought we were going into our third straight overtime game with them. We defended the last shot as best as you can. I was the most contested shot he made all night."

The Trojans (11-10 overall) played Emmett on Tuesday after deadline in a losers bracket game at TVCC. Homedale entered that game needing three victories to return to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

After losing five straight games (including an 82-80 overtime loss to Homedale), Weiser (13-10) has now two consecutive games. The



Weiser's Evan Loomis fouls Homedale's Connor Carter on his way to the hoop.

Wolverines pounded Payette, 74-52, in a Saturday semifinal and will play Fruitland at 8:30 p.m. Thursday for the district championship. Both have already qualified for the state tournament.

Schamber scored a season-high 18 points for Homedale. His two offensive rebounds highlighted a 21-9 stretch that helped the Trojans take a 40-37 lead on Lawsen Matteson's driving layup with 3 minutes, 40 seconds left in the

third quarter.

"Lawsen had his best game of the season," Grove said of the junior who scored eight points and distributed six assists.

But Lopez converted a three-point play to tie the game, 40-40. The Weiser guard scored 11 of his game-high 20 points in the second half. His layup and free throw sparked the Wolverines to a 44-40 edge.

Lopez hit a trey with one second left in the third to cap a personal 4-0 spurt that send Weiser into the final period up by four again, 49-45. He would nail another three-pointer with 3:04 remaining to push the Wolverines ahead, 60-56, after Matteson wrapped up another HHS comeback.

"This game was about small runs. Each team would go on a 6-8 point run then the other team would do the same," Grove said. "We could play Weiser 10 times and win five. That is how equally matched we are."

Connor Carter battled through a sore knee and illness to lead the team with 14 rebounds. He scored nine points.

"He was playing with a hurt knee and was really sick," Grove said. "It was a very gutsy performance by him. I was proud of all the kids for never giving up."

Dillon Lowder scored 11 points and led the Trojans with seven assists.

Three other Wolverines reached double figures: Bridger Baumgartner (13 points), Jacobi Beesley (12) and Evan Loomis (11).



Marsing High School's Juan Sierra, left, soars in for a layup in front of Chris Coutts during last Wednesday's district tournament opener. Photo by Dan Pease

MHS boys slide to loss after key injury

Top rebounder, scorer separates shoulder

Marsing High School lost a game and a player in the 2A District III boys' basketball opener.

Opening the tournament at home last Wednesday, Marsing saw a halftime lead slip away after Jose Ponce separated his shoulder.

North Star Charter outscored Marsing by 14 points in the second half to notch a 45-35 win.

"We had a slow start, but led by halftime," MHS coach Tim Little said, adding that North Star snatched momentum after Ponce's injury three minutes into the third quarter.

Marsing fell into the consolation bracket and met No. 3 New Plymouth in an elimination game on Tuesday after deadline. A loss ended the Huskies' season; a win put them in the third-place game at 6:15 p.m. Thursday at Vallivue High School with a shot at a Saturday state tournament play-in game.

Marsing held North Star to four first-quarter points and owned a 23-19 halftime edge.

After the intermission, though, the tables turned.

North Star allowed Marsing only 18 shots over the final 16 minutes, and used a 9-4 third quarter to take a one-point lead into the final period.

"North Star took the momentum, causing us issues with their extended 2-3 (zone defense) and took advantage of our poor shooting," Little said.

Marsing shot 24.5 percent (13-for-53) from inside the three-point line for the game. Overall, Marsing was 16-for-62 (25.8 percent) as Dakota Hardy, Seth Hardy and Ponce hit three three-pointers in nine attempts.

North Star hit half its shots from behind the three-point line, including a 4-for-6 showing from Garrett Anderson, who led all scorers with 16 points. Teammate Wyatt Anderson hit his team's other two treys as part of his 13 points.

Ponce had a team-high 11 points and seven rebounds when he left the game less than three minutes into the second half.

Jose Gutierrez and Rodrigo Acuña scored seven points each, while Dakota Hardy finished with six. Acuña had a team-high six rebounds, but Marsing was outboarded on its own glass, 23-10.

Adrian girls at home to start State

Adrian loses district title game; Jordan Valley also moves on

The rubber match kept Adrian High School from getting a first-round bye in the 1A Oregon girls' basketball playoffs.

After splitting the regular-season series, Crane held on to an early advantage to win the 1A District 8 title Saturday with a 38-32 victory in John Day, Ore.

"It was a tough game," Antelopes coach Gene Mills said. "Both teams played hard. The Crane girls played good defense and forced us into a poor shooting night."

Adrian took 19 more shots than Crane, but was able to convert just 25.5 percent (13-for-51). The Mustangs, meanwhile, hit 13 of 32 shots (40.6 percent) and connected on three of five three-point goals. The Antelopes didn't convert any of their three shots from behind the three-point line.

Crane led, 15-9, at the intermission, and both teams played even through the second half.

"I thought that the girls fought

hard to the end," Mills said. "We just didn't convert some crucial shots when we needed to."

Today, Adrian (21-5 overall) will play host to Wallowa (14-10), the District 7 No. 3 seed.

The Antelopes must win today and then Saturday to reach the state tournament, which will be held March 5-7 in Baker City.

Adrian's defense was up to its usual thievery as Quincy Pendergrass (five steals) and Andrea Catalan Velez (four steals) paced a team effort that produced 17 steals and 24 turnovers.

Adrian committed 24 miscues. Pendergrass scored 12 points. Maria Thompson paced Crane with 12 points.

Friday: Adrian 46, Jordan Valley 24 — The Antelopes racked up 21 steals and 48 rebounds and outscored their archrivals, 14-2, off turnovers in the district semifinals.

"The girls played a solid defensive game, holding a very good

Jordan Valley team to 24 points, well below their season average," Mills said.

The Mustangs were averaging nearly 58 points a night.

Adrian also held a 15-0 edge on second-chance points.

Jordan Valley rebounded to rout Prairie City, 59-37, for third place. The Mustangs (17-9) are in Bend, Ore., today to play 1A District 5 runner-up Trinity Lutheran (23-4).

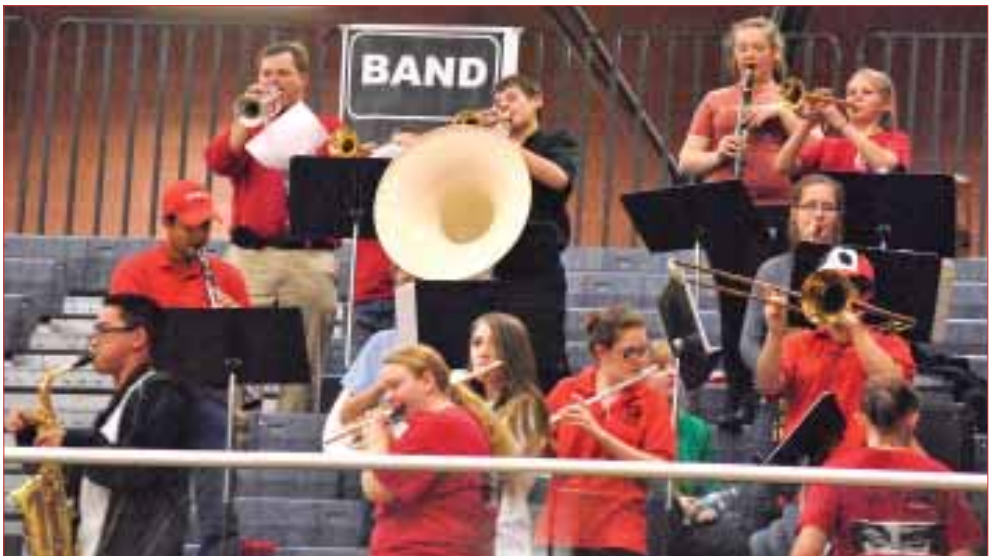
Jordan Valley shot just 20 percent (7-for-34), and Adrian wasn't much better at 26 percent, but the Antelopes had nearly twice as many looks (16-for-61) to amass the bulk of their advantage.

Three Antelopes posted double-digit rebound totals, but only Pendergrass collected the bulk of her 10 rebounds on the Mustangs' backboards (eight). Adrian outboarded Jordan Valley, 48-7, on the Mustangs' end of the floor.

Catalan Velez led the way with 11 rebounds to go with eight points. Anna Hutchings added 10 rebounds and nine points.

Jordan Valley's Alisha Rogers led all scorers with 11 points.

HHS band keeps busy beat in basketball postseason



Clockwise from above:
Saxophonist Ben Holloway has been out front throughout the basketball season, including Feb. 17 when he led the pep band at the boys' opening-round game in the district tournament.
Music director Sam Stone, upper left, has joined the band with Holloway conducting the numbers.
The band pulled a series of gigs last week as the musicians also played at the 3A girls' basketball state tournament at Skyview High in Nampa.
Percussionist Megan Aman concentrates on the beat during last week's first-round boys' game in Ontario, Ore.
Flutists Alyssa Emery and Jordan Stuart follow one another during a tune in Ontario, Ore.



Sports

✓Trojans: Randall reaches third state tourney; Montes aims for 2nd title

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73-second pin in the semifinals, the HHS wrestler got a pin then edged Weiser's Arturo Sanchez, 9-7, for third place. Keller's pin of Emmett's Logan Crawshaw 13 seconds into the third round of their consolation semifinal put him in the state tournament and set up the battle for third.

Nash Johnson ran his career victory total to 102 when he finally put away Fruitland's Julio Carbajal with a pin 47 seconds before the final whistle in their 138-pound championship match. Johnson received two byes into the semifinals where in edged Weiser's Ryllie Dickinson, 5-1.

A three-time state meet qualifier, Johnson is three victories away from tying his uncle, Ryan Nash, for sixth all-time on the Trojans' career victories list.

Collett earned his first trip to State in decisive fashion, and he is seeded No. 2 for the weekend. He needed just 70 seconds to pin Weiser's Brennan Westover in the quarterfinals then walloped James Wall of Fruitland, 16-1, for a technical fall in the semifinals. Collett got his 31st victory of the season with an 8-4 decision over

Parma's Logan Rohrbacher in the title match.

Montes only had two matches Saturday, and neither lasted into the second round. He won the championship when he pinned Emmett's L.J. Hadley in 19 seconds. Montes dispatched Parma's Harrison Dale in 43 seconds in the semifinals.

The two-time district champion will be making his second state meet appearance.

Fifth-seeded Pedro Vasquez got two victories Saturday, including an 8-2 decision over Weiser's Isaac Lopez to win the third-place match at 120 pounds. Vasquez beat Parma's Rafael Camacho, 10-6, to reach the bronze medal match.

At 113 pounds, Anthony Beckman finished third after a 6-1 victory against Fruitland's Chance Hayball.

Andrew Randall finished fourth at 126 pounds to qualify for the state tournament for the third time. The No. 6 seed squeaked into the championship semifinals with a heart-stopping 6-5 upset win against Weiser's Jeb Johnson, but Johnson, who has 30 victories this season, got his revenge with a 14-2 major decision in the third-



Homedale's Nash Johnson prepares to pin Fruitland's Julio Carbajal in the waning seconds of their 138-pound championship match Saturday on the Trojans' mat. Photo by Machele Randall

place match.

Three other Trojans finished the tournament on the bubble for a state berth, and two of those fifth-place finishers (Miguel Gonzalez at 132 pounds and Keifer Cooper at 182) were selected to compete this weekend after comparing their performances to third-place

wrestlers from District V.

Both wrestlers had dramatic victories to win the fifth-place matches in their respective weight divisions Saturday.

Gonzalez beat Payette's Anthony Dovalina, 9-7, with a sudden victory in extra time.

Cooper edged Fruitland's Jer-

emy Black, 2-1.

Megan Houser, who finished fifth at 195 pounds Saturday for Homedale, was unable to break through to the state tournament following the same criteria.

Sixth-place wrestlers included Coty Ford at 138 pounds and David Villanueva at 170.

✓Boys: Adrian loses key senior to injury, but edges Tigers for state berth

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Jordan Valley its 15th victory in the past 17 games, but more importantly the Mustangs will earn a spot in the eight-team state tournament set for March 4-7 in Baker City, Ore.

Jordan Valley drubbed Crane by 22 points at Grant Union High School just a week after squeaking by Crane in the teams' 1A High Desert League season finale.

The boys' basketball state playoffs began Tuesday after deadline with Adrian (18-7) traveling to Klamath Falls, Ore., to face Triad (17-6). Both Adrian and Triad finished third in their respective district tournaments.

Saturday: Adrian 39, Monument/Dayville 34 — The Antelopes played effective defense without committing fouls to win the district third-place game in John Day.

"We played much more intense team defense," Adrian coach Aaron Mills said.

The Tigers managed just two trips to the foul line, while Adrian was 8-for-17 from the charity stripe to build what turned out to be the winning difference.

Reagan Shira was 2-for-4 from the foul line for a key part of his double-double of 15 points and 13 rebounds. Kenny Purnell hit both his free throws and finished 10 points to go with five rebounds.

Adrian took 13 fewer shots than Monument/Dayville, but connected on 37 percent of its attempts (15-for-40).



Jordan Valley's Braden Fillmore (33) puts up a shot over Crane's John O'Toole inside the Grant Union High School gymnasium in John Day, Ore. Photo by Tara Echave

"The team's patience on offense has been good," Mills said. "The kids have stepped up."

Monument/Dayville was 15-for-53 (28 percent) and got few second chances as the Antelopes

held a 32-6 rebounding edge on the Tigers' glass. All of Tyler Reay's co-game-high 13 boards came on Monument/Dayville's end of the floor.

Sage Flower scored nine points to lead the Tigers.

Friday: Adrian 50, Harper/Huntington 43 — The Antelopes' 13-4 spurt to open the second half helped lessen the impact of senior guard Emmanuel Dominguez's absence.

"The boys played hard and executed well," Mills said. "We were really in a difficult situation after losing many to a season-ending injury, but the boys stepped up and got the win."

Harper/Huntington owned a 31-28 lead at the break, but Adrian came back for the win without the benefit of an outside game.

The Antelopes were 0-for-4 from behind the three-point line, but they shot 54.5 percent (18-for-33) from inside the perimeter.

Tyler Reay paced Adrian's key performance at the foul line, going 7-for-8. He was one of three players to top the scoring with 13 points. Teammate Jett McCoy (3-for-5 from the foul line) and the Loconets' Brandon Addleman also scored 13 points.

Adrian was 14-for-24 from the free-throw line, while Harper/Huntington shot just 31 percent (5-for-16).

The Antelopes held a 25-8 rebounding edge on their opponents' backboard. Reay capped a double-double with 10 of his 13 rebounds on the defensive



Adrian's Morgan White floats in the lane to put up a jump shot against Harper/Huntington in Fridays' first-round action. Photo by Bob Radford

side. McCoy had seven rebounds, and Reagan Shira and Kenny Purnell snagged six apiece.

Shira chipped in 11 points as did Harper/Huntington's Nathan Joyce.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Headline oddities

“WHOLE FOODS SALE OF RABBIT MEAT SPARKS PROTEST!”

Humm? Animal activists compare rabbits to dogs and cats. They are often kept as pets. So are mice, pigs, guppies, weasels and snakes. Do these protestors sit around brainstorming their next great cause? I can see rabbit rescue facilities forever raising funds, Bureau of Land Management adoption programs and eventually feral rabbits being shipped to Mexico by the millions to be slaughtered for human consumption.

“ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS GRANTED AMNESTY CREATES CONTROVERSY!”

Humm? They can already get a driver’s license, pay taxes and be given parking tickets that are printed in Spanish. I would suggest, to be fair to the hundreds of thousands waiting in line to immigrate *legally*, that those cutting in line must be required to buy their own Unaffordable Health Care policy first.

“CITY AIMS TO KILL FERAL PIGS!”

Humm? San Diego: Feral pigs frequently demolish entire ecosystems, making it crucial to eliminate them. The animal rights group PETA objects: “... [the pigs] should not be killed just trying to provide food for their families to survive.” As with the feral horses, the activists never have any real solutions, all they have is another cause for fundraising, which, of course, is how they make a living. If they were truly serious, each protester, activist and member of PETA would show their personal commitment by adopting their own feral pig, care for it, feed it, contain it, give it regular medical care, have it inspected monthly by the local Extension Agent, then be humanely euthanized.

“ARE INSECTS THE NEXT FRONTIER IN FINE DINING?”

Humm? “Entomophagy could prove a nutritional and eco-friendly solution as overpopulation strains our current food systems!” Ants and grasshoppers seem to be the common insect on the menu. Would these insects be domestically raised and killed humanely? Would each ant be given a postage stamp-sized pen that allows it to turn around and lay down? Would it be overseen by the Department of Agriculture? How ’bout feral insects? Will there be a season? Could you get your grasshopper license for bucks only? Would college classes on raising grubs, butterflies and beetles be taught to the hungry Third World? Where would you start ... Zimbabwe, the Andes, Detroit, New Mexico, San Francisco? Care for some tapeworm pasta?

CONCLUSION: The more advanced a civilization becomes, the farther it gets from the real world.

— 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.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Grand View on the grand stage



There’s a promotion going around in which three national companies are teaming up to pick “America’s Best Community.” Apparently the City of Grand View isn’t eligible for the award — a joint effort involving Frontier Communications, DISH Network and CoBank. It’s a shame that Grand View isn’t in the Frontier service footprint and, therefore, can’t win a share of the \$10 million. If judging began and ended last week, the town would probably win hands-down. A U.S. senator came to Grand View last Wednesday. The citizens reacted accordingly. No, there wasn’t a parade, and no over-ripe tomatoes were chucked for that matter. But Sen. Mike Crapo’s Presidents’ Day week recess visit to Owyhee County’s smallest municipality had all the feel of a special occasion. Highlighted by 10 students from Jonathan Gildersleeve’s Rimrock High School Government class, five dozen people filed into the Rimrock Senior Center to hear the senator and ask him a few questions. “I am impressed in a community this size with this much turnout. This definitely beats the percentage of population turnout in any town I’ve held a town meeting in across Idaho,” the senator said shortly after he apologized for not wearing jeans. “We’ve got some folks here who I know worked really hard to make that happen, so thank you. Thank you for that. I think it’s great for people to show this kind of interest.” Robin Thompson of Oreana sacrificed her voice to make sure people showed up. She made calls from the moment Crapo’s appearance was announced. And she saved just enough vocal strength to fill the senator in on the latest good news regarding the Gateway West electrical transmission line.

The people Thompson and others rallied to Rimrock passed on the chance to get to the Shaw Livestock bull sale early because of the senator, and he wasn’t about to forget that. Crapo did make up for trampling all over the Shaw sale’s schedule. Before he got too deep into his appearance — and after he led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance — the senator turned on his marketing voice, held up a flyer and plugged the sale. “And tell them that I told you about the bull sale,” was his closing line. The only thing missing was Cal Worthington and his dog Spot. Some may see Crapo’s appearance in Grand View as appeasement for missing Owyhee County during his last round of in-state town meetings. Not sure if that would be a wholly accurate conclusion, but the man knows his legacy is lashed to the good folks of this county. He went to bat for them in the Owyhee Initiative battle, and Crapo isn’t about to let 15 years of hard work fade. He said as much last week when he mentioned the legislation that may move forward to more or less codify the Initiative. Such a move would make up for the lack of commitment shown by then-Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), who was chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee when the Initiative was making its way through Congress. But Crapo can also help the county in smaller ways. Dick Waltz is an outfitter who needs a decent boat ramp to ply his trade. There were plans to rebuild the ramp in Grand View, but some people say priorities shifted. The dangerous and damaging eddy remains in the Snake River just past the ramp, and no one wants to use its steep incline to access the river. That means Waltz has to find another place to put in.

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Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington
Bill would restore eroded congressional oversight

Congress’ Constitutional oversight and authority is an integral part of the American system of checks and balances. More than ever, Congress has a responsibility to this country to ensure that our co-equal branches of government function in a manner consistent with the Constitution. For the past six years, the Obama Administration has acted with willful disregard for the American people and repeatedly exceeded the bounds of the law in pursuit of its own far-reaching political agenda. From flouting immigration law to picking and choosing Obamacare provisions to enforce, the President has selectively ignored his constitutional directive to “take care that the laws be faithfully executed.” The lines carefully established by the framers of the U.S. Constitution between the branches have become increasingly blurred — now President Obama threatens to abandon these foundational principles with his boastful “pen and phone” declaration. Government accountability is a cornerstone of a healthy and vibrant republic. For this reason, I support measures to ensure any president abides by the constitutional duty to ensure our laws are faithfully executed. S. 11, the Executive Needs to Faithfully Observe and Respect Congressional Enactments (ENFORCE) Act, would authorize Congress to challenge directly the executive branch for failure to properly administer

the laws of the land. Further, the ENFORCE Act would allow for an expedited procedure for the courts to consider such challenges. The legislation, which is also co-sponsored by 22 fellow senators, including Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), is a needed step to check the abuse of executive powers. As the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service reports, “Often overlooked, the Declaration of Independence was not only America’s official announcement of independence, but also the new nation’s first formal endorsement of the principles of the separation of powers.” The clear separation of powers is at the bedrock of our country’s formation, and it is incumbent upon us to ensure that this separation is maintained. The Constitution gives Congress, not the president, the power to legislate. The president can make recommendations to Congress, but must enforce the laws enacted, regardless of whether the president likes the laws. I encourage Idahoans to share your interest in this issue with your friends and family and continue to contact me with your views as we work to eliminate executive overreach. — 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

Good planning, savings trump extended warranties

Dear Dave,
I have a question about home warranties. Are they a waste of money if you already have a fully funded emergency fund, with six months of expenses or more set aside?
— Andy

I don't do extended warranties of any kind, Andy. They're not a good deal. You're better off to self-insure against things breaking down, and put what would have been profit and marketing dollars for the extended warranty company in your own pocket!
— Dave

Dear Andy,
In my opinion, they're a waste of money even if you don't have that much set aside for emergencies. I recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. This amount of cash, sitting in a good money market account with check-writing privileges, will give you easy access in the event of a financial emergency.

Dear Dave,
I'm 30 and debt-free. Do you think I should stop making contributions to my 401(k) account for a year in order to save up an emergency fund?
— Beth

Dear Beth,
Yes, I do. But it shouldn't take you a year to set aside an emergency fund if you're debt-free and making



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decent money at your job. Just make it part of your monthly budget plan, grit your teeth and do it!
I recommend that people put

off or stop investing until they are debt-free, except for their home, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place. In some cases, depending on how much debt they have, it could take three or four years to do all this. I know it seems like a long time, but it's really not in the grand scheme of things.
Here's the way I look at it. If you have no emergency fund, but you're contributing to your 401(k), there's a good chance you'll end up cashing out your 401(k) if a large, unexpected expense comes along. When you cash out a 401(k) early, you get hit with a penalty plus your tax rate. That's not a good plan!
That's just one of the reasons I tell people to have an emergency

fund in place before they start investing!
— 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

Clean Water Act regulatory whack-a-mole hurts ag producers

by Robert Romano

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers are at it again, seeking to regulate every puddle, creek, and ditch in America as “navigable waters” under the terms of the Clean Air Act — even though you probably couldn't navigate a paper boat through them.
Starting in April, under the Definition of “Waters of the United States” Under the Clean Water Act regulation, “waters of the United States” will now include “Traditional navigable waters; interstate waters, including interstate wetlands; the territorial seas; impoundments of traditional navigable waters, interstate waters, including interstate wetlands, the territorial seas, and tributaries, as defined, of such waters; tributaries, as defined, of traditional navigable waters, interstate waters or the territorial seas; and adjacent waters, including adjacent wetlands.”
In addition, “the agencies propose that ‘other waters’ (those not fitting in any of the above categories) could be determined to be ‘waters of the United States’ through a case-specific showing that, either alone or in combination with similarly situated ‘other waters’ in the region, they have a ‘significant nexus’ to a traditional navigable water, interstate water, or the territorial seas. The rule would also offer a definition of significant nexus and explain how similarly situated ‘other waters’ in the region should be identified.”
Finally, the agencies have an expansive view of bodies of water beyond just aquatic systems, writing in a not-so-innocuous footnote, “The terms do not refer solely to the

water contained in these aquatic systems, but to the system as a whole including associated chemical, physical, and biological features.”
To which, Pacific Legal Foundation's M. Reed Hopper and Todd Gaziano complain in the Wall Street Journal, “What isn't a chemical, physical or biological feature of an aquatic system as a whole? Does that cover an entire ecoregion? Probably, since agency bureaucrats generally have discretion to interpret and apply their own definitions. Rather than clarify federal jurisdiction, as promised, the proposed rule introduces vastly greater uncertainty.”
Indeed, the entire atmosphere is about 4 percent water. In some organisms, their bodies can be composed of as much as 90 percent water. In humans, it's about 60 percent. Can those also be regulated as a “biological feature” of an aquatic system?
Hopper and Gaziano note, “By any fair reading, the proposed rule would federalize virtually all water in the nation, and much of the land, in direct contravention of Supreme Court precedent ...”
Here, Hopper and Gaziano are referencing *SWANCC v. Army Corps of Engineers* (2001) and *Rapanos v. United States* (2006), which respectively found that the Army Corps could not regulate “isolated water bodies” that were not connected to traditional navigable waters and that agencies, per Hopper and Gaziano, “could not regulate wetlands merely because they have a hydrological connection to downstream navigable waters.”
Undeterred, EPA and the Army Corps have moved forward with their rulemaking, and the implications for

property owners everywhere, including farmers and ranchers, are simply breathtaking.
The issues the regulation raises for Congress are fairly profound. For example, last year the House of Representatives passed HR 5078, which bars implementation of the rule or anything “substantially similar.”
The trouble is, whether subsequent rulemakings would be “substantially similar” would undoubtedly be left up to judicial interpretation, meaning more rounds of regulatory whack-a-mole on the Clean Water Act would be in order for generations to come.
This underscores the problem itself, which is Congress' reliance on the goodwill and common sense of regulators in drafting these rules, such as under the Clean Air Act, an approach which has proven to be colossal failure, resulting in nearly two decades of litigation over just how far the law goes. It is the administrative state defined.
This year, it is high time for Congress to cut the root of the problem, which is the broad nature of the Clean Water Act itself. Perhaps the reason the agencies keep coming forward with rules beyond the scope of what legislators ever intended is because Congress authorized them to write them.
If congressmen want to address the issue head on, the solution is to severely restrict that authority to draft expansive regulations under the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act for that matter. No less than the property interests of every single American, including farmers and ranchers, are at stake.
— Robert Romano is the senior editor of *Americans for Limited Government*.

Final days for March 10 election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the March 10 school levy and bond elections until noon on Friday.
The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:
• Email to jon@owyheecavalanche.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.

✓ Grand View: Big crowd greets senator with gratitude and grievances —just as it should be

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He had Crapo's ear on this issue. More accurately, he had Layne Bangerter's ear. He's Crapo's right-hand natural resources man. He told Waltz he'd look into it.
The senator's accessibility, even when the Secretary of the Air Force is waiting in Mountain Home, should be something Grand View residents take pride in.
City clerk Tammy Payne — and her husband Ted

— do.
Ted, a Cold War-era military veteran, thanked the senator for his service.
Tammy kicked off the senator's appearance and then later crowed about the phone tree that brought so many people to the party.
“I'm proud of our community,” she said.
She should be.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 28, 1990

Owyhee Meat Pack leased

Ask Dorwin Drum and Poke Henson how much meat they’ve processed at their slaughterhouse-processing plant near Homedale, and they start rolling their eyes. At last, Drum volunteers, “at one time we averaged 150 head a month...and we’ve processed an awful lot of wild game.”

But it’s too hard a question to answer with any certainty for a pair of guys that have been in their line of work at least 36 years. They began their partnership at the site in September 1954, upgrading the facilities three different times over the years. The first slaughterhouse was built there in 1945.

All of which explains why there has been a recent changing of the guard at their longtime fixture of a business, Owyhee Meat Packers, located southeast of Homedale on Industrial Road.

Jim Roberts of Nampa and a partner, Merle DuJardin of Middleton, have leased the federally-inspected custom butchering, processing and meat locker storage facilities for them. But Drum and Henson expect to stay on as employees, along with their wives, Vicki Drum and Wasalea Henson.

Marsing council meets

The Marsing City Council organized its leadership responsibilities for the new council term, adopted a proposed building permits fee schedule under the new planning and zoning ordinance and handled other business at its Wednesday night meeting.

Janice C. Bicandi, city clerk-treasurer, reported that Roger Howard was named chairman of the council. Councilman Bob Malmberg was appointed to oversee irrigation matters for the city. Councilman Jim Thomas was named as roads and streets commissioner. Councilman Harvey Grimme was appointed parks commissioner, and Howard will serve as water-sewer commissioner.

Job’s Daughters induct members

Three new members have been admitted into Job’s Daughters Bethel #31 of Homedale in two initiation ceremonies held in January and February.

On January 14th, in an Initiation Ceremony attended by the visiting Grand Guardian, Grand Associate Guardian, ad Grand Honored Queen, Heather Fronterhause and Sammantha Stimmel received instruction and pledged membership to Bethel #31. Heather is the daughter of Billy Jo and Kathline Fronterhause. Sammantha is the daughter of Mike and Georgia Stimmel. Both families are from Homedale.

In a repeated ceremony on Feb. 21st, Kristen Webster was officially inducted into the Order. Kristen is the daughter of Gerald and Diana Webster of Homedale.

Sunday sales, booze to Indians illegal in Homedale

Several bar owners in Homedale are violating city ordinance if they’re selling hard liquor by the drink on Sundays. But apparently they need not fear being hustled off to court or jail for the offense.

According to several local authorities, it had been thought that when the Owyhee County Commissioners adopted County Ordinance #8601 on July 1, 1986, allowing liquor by the drink on Sunday, Homedale had soon followed suit. But apparently, it hadn’t. “Everybody was under the impression” that the city had gone along with the county, Homedale Police Chief Mike Moysard explained late last week.

The law on the subject in Homedale remains the same as when Ordinance No. 40 was passed by the Homedale City Council on June 27, 1947. It was signed by then-Mayor James C. Hayes and attested by Everett A. Colley, then-city clerk. And that ordinance, never repealed, prohibits the sale or consumption of liquor on Sunday, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas in licensed liquor establishments. The penalty for a violation is a \$100 fine on conviction of the misdemeanor offense, or confinement in the city jail — no longer in existence here — until the fine is paid off at the rate of \$1.50 per day.

50 years ago

February 25, 1965

Jaycees plan house numbering, flag projects

The Homedale Jaycees at their Thursday night meeting decided to sell house numbers. Larry Novak volunteered as chairman.

The Jaycees also are going to take on a flag project, which will include displaying flags on all national observances. Junior Perez is project chairman. Ted Chadez volunteered to head the Riverside park improvement committee.

Tom Dobb of the Caldwell Jaycees informed the Homedale club that one of its members is the 2000th member to join the Idaho Jaycees. This was recognized by the state organization by awarding our president the honor of attending the state convection free of charge.

Plans for charter night of the Jaycee club are being made, with the tentative date set for March 13.

Russell Hibbs, charter night chairman, appointed the following sub-chairman to assist him: Terry Wirth, meals and facilities; Ed McNelis, program; Don Truesdell, decoration; Jr. Perez, tickets; Bob Ross, welcome; Ted Chadez, publicity.

Stateline Grangers see film: ‘Land of Potatoes Plus’

Forty-three members and two guests attended Stateline Grange meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 23.

A film entitled “Land of Potatoes Plus” was shown by Idaho Power representatives, Homer Anderson and Ernie Cantrell of Homedale. The film was based on agriculture, industry, recreational scenes, and the phrase, “If you think of Idaho, you think of potatoes, but there is another Idaho, namely Idaho Power Company.”

A song “Going to Missouri” composed by Walter Wass was sung by a trio: Rocky Curtis, Jim Ferguson and Kenny Walker. Accompanist was Arlene Nafsinger.

Early Owyhee articles presented to Historical Society

Many more articles in use in the early days of Owyhee County have been given to the Owyhee County Historical Society’s museum, it was reported at the society’s meeting at Murphy Friday night.

Marbles used by children in the county about a century ago and the old safe from the assessor’s office at Silver City were among the donations reported by Mrs. Doug Hyslop, museum chairman.

Others included a large map of the Oregon Trail through Owyhee County made by Paul Anstey of Caldwell, a leather trunk, a buggy whip, a history book printed in 1879, photographic negatives, early electrical appliances, bound volumes of Harpers Magazines of 1871 to 1888 and an 1830 picture.

Mrs. Grace Colley of Homedale presented a planer mallet and shooting stick, which were used in newspaper printing shops in Silver City, Jordan Valley and later in the Homedale Owyhee Chronicle shop. She also gave a reprint of an article published in Ruby City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Randall, Bruneau, gave bottles of crystallized black powder and fine shot which their son found in the desert. Among other articles they gave were old-time marbles of various sizes.

Marsing Community Disaster Auction to be held

Marsing Community Disaster Auction will be held Saturday, March 6 at the grade school grounds. Auctioneers will be Bud Grant and Ellis Albright.

There will be cooked food, spoon burgers, pronto pups, salad bar, chili, hamburgers, pie, cake, candy, popcorn, and all the free coffee you can drink. There will be fancy work, white elephant, rummage, many items to auction. There will be prizes on the hour, including a calf given away, which is donated by Davis Livestock. There will be a drawing on a quilt made by the Happy Hour club. There will be a hope chest made by Royal Neighbors. There is to be a tea leaf reader, too.

This is the 5th auction held in Marsing. They have helped 17 families with two more pending. They have helped approximately 34 families at an approximate benefit of \$8,000 since the auction started in 1961.

140 years ago

February 27, 1875

STEAM PRINTING. This issue of the Daily Avalanche is the first newspaper ever printed by steam power in Idaho Territory, and we trust we will not be charged with egotism if we say that we are very proud of it. As machinists and carpenters are still banging away in our office, it will be a day or two before we can extricate our self from the confusion of hammers, chisels and saws. As soon as we get everything fitted up, we will give our readers a description of our handsome little steam engine and its operations.

TROUBLE BREWING. We are already having trouble in connection with our new steam engine. It is such a handsome little affair and does its work so nicely that we are overwhelmed with applications from engineers who want the job of running it. Manse Eastman, particularly, is fiercely jealous of Charley Bowen, who put it up and has thus far been chief engineer of the concern.

THE N.N. TELEGRAPH COMPANY. In this era of rings and corners, the spectacle of a monopoly without extortion or of an incorporated monopoly without soulless oppression is something refreshing. Our citizens are all familiar with the untiring efforts with which Messrs. Minear & Burr overcame all obstacles and finally succeeded in building the Nevada and Northern Telegraph lines to Silver City. They had many difficulties to contend with, perhaps the chief obstacle being the fact that there was not sufficient moneyed interest in the country through which the line was projected to build it with local capital, and they were compelled to seek capital elsewhere, which they did successfully by presenting the argument of mining operators in San Francisco that, though it could not be shown that there was sufficient population or business in Silver City to make the line profitable as an investment, yet the increased facilities for operating in the mining stocks of Owyhee would make it a profitable investment to men interested in our mines, and upon this theory the money was raised and the line built. Having completed the connection, the Company had a perfect monopoly of the telegraph business for Idaho, but contrary to the usual rule, the Company fixed their rates, even though the line has barely paid the expense of operating, having during some months cost more for maintenance than the amount of its receipts. Under the management of Superintendent Burr, the patrons of the line have had placed at their disposal the very best facilities which the telegraph could afford. All have been treated with the utmost courtesy, and we have never heard a murmur of complaint from any source as to the treatment of the public by the Company. For our self, we can say that we can ask for no better general treatment than we have received at the hands of the N. & N. Co. and its officers, and we believe that no newspaper on the Pacific coast can boast of better, more varied, or complete dispatches than are furnished to the Avalanche. All hail! Say we to this corporation without competition, which gives to the public its lowest rates, and manages its affairs in every respect as though an opposition line extended side by side with its own. And we predict that the result of low rates, free distribution of the full San Francisco stock list, and uniform courtesy extended to the public, which seem to be cardinal points in the N. & N. management, will be an increase in business which will prove the policy they have adopted a wise one.

NEW ARRIVAL. On Friday last the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Skinner, of Trout Creek, were made glad by the arrival of a young lady relative who will take up her permanent abode with them. The young lady is only four days old, weighs ten pounds, and Mr. and Mrs. Skinner have already formed a strong attachment for her, and would not part with the little fairy for ten times her weight in gold.

THE WEATHER is now clear and very pleasant. At 2:30 p.m. the mercury stands at 60° above zero in the sun.

Public notices

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
Homedale Joint School
District #370
Canyon and Owyhee Counties,
Idaho**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Homedale Joint School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a School Plant Facilities levy election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in the Homedale Joint School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at the precinct polling locations for the question:

“Shall the Board of Trustees of Homedale Joint School District #370 be authorized and empowered to renew the current School Plant Facilities levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-804, Idaho Code in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the school year 2015-2016 and up to, but not to exceed four tenths of one percent (.4%) of the school district market value beginning with the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 for a period not to exceed 10 years, as provided for in Section 33-804, Idaho Code, said levy to be used to add to, remodel or repair any existing buildings, to furnish and equip any building or buildings within the district, to purchase school buses, and for other purposes provided by law.”

Said election will be conducted pursuant to Title 34, Idaho Code.

2/25/15

**NOTICE OF
SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY
ELECTION
BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 365
ELMORE AND OWYHEE
COUNTIES, IDAHO**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a **supplemental levy election** will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**, in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** for the following question: “Shall the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, in the amount of **SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000.00)** for the next two years, for the total of **ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,400,000.00)**, which will be collected in full during each of the **next two (2)** fiscal years, for the purpose of paying lawful and necessary expenses to operate and maintain the **District** for the two (2) fiscal years beginning **July 1, 2015**, and ending **June 30, 2017**”. Said election will be conducted pursuant to *Title 34 Idaho Code*.

In Elmore County: The only eligible voters are residents of the Chattin Flats voting Precinct. The Board of Elmore County Commissioners has designated the Chattin Flats Voting Precinct

as a Mail-In Ballot Precinct. As such, every voter in Chattin Flats registered as of February 13, 2015, will automatically be mailed a ballot for the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy Election.

Same-day voter registration and in-person absentee voting is available at the Elmore County Courthouse; photo identification and proof of 30-day residency is required. Contact the Elmore County Election Department at 587-2130 #206 for more information.

In Owyhee County: Voters in the Bruneau voting precinct will vote at Bruneau Elementary School and voters in the Grand View voting precinct will vote at Grand View Elementary School. Voters in Oreana voting precinct will vote at the Oreana Community Hall.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has designated the Riddle Voting Precinct as a Mail-In Ballot Precinct. As such, every voter in the Riddle Precinct that is registered as of February 13, 2015, will automatically be mailed a ballot for the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy Election.

Same-day voter registration and in-person absentee voting (absentee voting will begin February 6, 2015) is available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, photo identification and proof of 30-day residency is required. Contact the Owyhee County Election Department at 495-2421 #142 for more information.

All polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities.

2/25/15

**NOTICE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND
ELECTION**

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Bond Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 136, Canyon, Owyhee, and Ada Counties, State of Idaho (the “District”), adopted on December 9, 2014, notice is hereby given that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, beginning at the hour of 8:00 A.M. and closing at the hour of 8:00 P.M. on said date, on the question whether the District shall be empowered to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount up to \$9,500,000 in one or more series, to be repaid not later than twenty (20) years from the date of issuance of each series thereof.

Said election shall be held at the regular polling places for elections in Canyon, Owyhee, and Ada Counties, Idaho [or by mail], as indicated below:

Wilson Precinct voters in Melba School District will vote at Wilson School House.

Murphy Precinct voters in the Melba School District will vote at the Owyhee County Courthouse.

Same-day voter registration and in-person absentee voting (absentee voting begins February 6, 2015) is available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, photo identification and proof of 30-day residency is required. Contact the Owyhee County Election Department at 495-2421 #142 for more information.

All polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities.

The following statements are required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code:

The Project to be financed by the sale of the proposed bonds is that costs of the Project as described in the above QUESTION. The date of the District’s special general obligation bond election is March 10, 2015. The principal amount of the proposed bonds to be issued is \$9,500,000 to be repaid not later than twenty (20) years from the date of each series thereof.

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue, based upon current market rates, is three and twenty hundredths of one percent (3.20%) per annum. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest, is \$13,433,675 consisting of \$9,500,000 in principal and \$3,933,675 in interest.

As of March 10, 2015, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, is \$1,920,408.

2/25/15

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

At 11:00 o’clock A.M. (recognized local time) on June 11, 2015, on the Front Steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at, 20381 St Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, First American Title Company Inc., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 of Block 1 of Ponderosa Addition, 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. Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee’s records, the street address of 404 W Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628 is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust for Idaho executed by, Kasey A Frelove, a single person, as Grantor(s), First American Title Insurance Company of Idaho, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of, The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust for Idaho was recorded September 29, 2006 as Owyhee County Recorder’s Instrument No. 258284.

The default for which this sale is to be made is as follows: failure to make the monthly payment in the amount of \$710.76 due for the 28th day of December, 2013 and a like sum of \$710.76 due for the 28th day of each and every month thereafter;

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. As of January 16, 2015 there is due and owing on the loan an unpaid principal balance of \$94,846.68, accrued interest in the amount of \$6,723.76, subsidy granted in the amount of \$26,250.07 and fees currently assessed in the amount of \$2,276.08 for a total amount due

of \$130,096.59. Interest continues to accrue on the Note at the rate of 6.25% per annum with a per diem rate of \$16.55 after January 16, 2015. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED February 4, 2015
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
/s/Dalia Martinez, Trust Officer
2/18,25;3/4,11/15

**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 SALE
Case No. CV14-0353
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

P E N N Y M A C L O A N SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. CAROLINE M. HALL (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of CAROLINE M. HALL; RONALD D. HALL (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of RONALD D. HALL; THE STATE OF IDAHO,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; and Does 1-10 as individuals with an interest in the property legally described as:

Lot 10, Block 3, of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Which may commonly be known as: 634 West California Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed on January 20, 2015 and a Writ of Execution issued on January 27, 2015 out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action docketed on the 20th day of January, 2015, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 10, Block 3, of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Which may commonly be known as: 634 West California Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 17th day of March, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m., at the location of the Front Entrance of Owyhee County Courthouse building, Sheriff Perry Grant, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment as set out in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of sale herein.

The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED This 2nd day of February, 2015.

OWYHEE COUNTY SHERIFF
By: Luisa Basabe, Civil Deputy
Lance E. Olsen/ISB #7106,
Derrick J. O’Neill/ISB #4021,
RCO Legal, P.C., 300 Main Street,
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
2/18,25;3/4/15

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On June 11, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, at the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying South and West of the High Line Canal.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM Any portion thereof which may lie within the East 330 feet of said Government Lot 3.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 12946 Bailey Rd., Melba, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.
This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Eric J. Fritzler and Angela M.Fritzler, husband and wife, as Grantor(s) with North American Mortgage Company as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227117; Modification Agreement recorded September 26, 2006, as Instrument No. 258249; Modification Agreement recorded April 14, 2009, as Instrument No. 267932; Modification Agreement recorded December 7, 2012, as Instrument No. 279354, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said

Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association, recorded June 19, 2008, as Instrument No. 265399, in the records of said County.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:
Monthly payments in the amount of \$684.33 for the months of July 2014 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$111,482.84 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 4.125% from June 1, 2014, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated this 10th day of February, 2015.
Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405. (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106 2/18,25;3/4,11/15

ANOTHER SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV14-0416
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF HELEN D. SULLENS and RONIM. ATKINS, as Personal Representative of the estate of HELEN D. SULLENS, Defendants.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU

WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATIONAL BELOW.
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF HELEN D. SULLENS
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED That in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after the last publication date of this Another Summons. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.
The nature of the claim against you is for, among other things, judicial foreclosure of real property located at 200 Reich, Marsing, Idaho, 83639.
A copy of the Another Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court of the attorney for plaintiff. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.
An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff’s attorney, as designated above.
To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.
DATED This 2nd day of Feb. 2015
ANGELA BARKELL, CLERK
By: Trina Aman, Deputy Clerk
Scott E. Fouser, ISB No. 2968, Fouser Law Offices, P.A., 802 Arthur St., PO Box 606, Caldwell, ID 83606. Phone 208-454-2264 Fax 208-454-0136, Attorney for Plaintiff
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PUBLIC HEARING

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The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho 83644 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Middleton at the address indicated above on April 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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Sports

Cole Valley ends Huskies' season

First-teamer
Clover leads five
All-WIC players

Marsing High School's opportunistic defense couldn't save the Huskies from a cold second half and elimination Friday.

Cole Valley Christian held the Huskies to seven third-quarter points for a 42-34 come-from-behind victory in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state tournament in Boise.

The Huskies (18-9) lost both games in their first state tournament appearance under coach Jaime Wood.

Marsing made just one of six free throws in the first half and shot 19.4 percent (6-for-31) from the floor in the second half, opening the door for the Chargers.

Cole Valley, which was hampered by 16 turnovers that Marsing turned into 14 points, owned the backboards as 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year Madison Holly collected five of her seven rebounds on the Huskies' end of the floor.

Junior post Shelby Dines, who had been limited by an ankle injury coming into the state tournament, scored eight points against the Chargers. She was announced as a second-team all-conference pick after the tournament.

All-2A WIC first-teamer Shannon Clover capped her Marsing career with 10 points, but was held to three rebounds and missed all four of her shots from



First-team All-2A WIC player Shannon Clover, left, takes a shot over a Ririe defender. Photo by Dan Pease

behind the three-point line. Freshman point guard Emerson Sauer, who was an all-conference honorable mention, scored seven points and spent all 32 minutes on the floor along with Clover.

Another Marsing All-2A WIC honorable mention, senior guard Emily Tank, hit a three-pointer and scored five points before fouling out.

Senior post Destiny Reynolds, the Huskies' third all-conference honorable mention, also fouled out in her final high school but not before she scored five points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Cole Valley went on to beat New Plymouth, 48-38, for the

state tournament consolation championship.

Thursday: Ririe 46, Marsing 26 — The Huskies drew the District VI champions to open the state tournament, and the Bulldogs shook off a slow start to roll.

Marsing held a 6-4 lead after eight minutes, but Ririe ended the first half on a 12-2 run and never looked back.

The Bulldogs finished runners-up to Soda Springs after a 53-43 title game loss Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The Huskies amassed an 18.4 percent field-goal percentage and sent Ririe to the foul line 31 times, which was more than three times the number of opportunities Marsing was afforded.

Ririe's Haddi Williams scored 22 points to lead all scorers and set up a double-double. She also had 12 rebounds, including seven defensive boards as the Bulldogs held a 25-13 edge on the Huskies' backboard.

Teammate Sicilee Williams scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and Savanna Garrett had six defensive boards.

Only four Huskies managed to score, including Sauer with a team-high nine points. Clover scored eight points and snagged four rebounds. Limited by four fouls, Dines hit all five of her free throws as part of a seven-point performance. She also had four rebounds.

Reynolds hit one of her five shot attempts and collected five of her six rebounds on the defensive end.



Marsing senior Noah Grossman looks for the referee's signal as he tries to pin New Plymouth's Marcus Davis 63 seconds in. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

✓ MHS: Noah Grossman
takes aim at state title repeat

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wrestled twice Saturday. He pinned Melba's Mitchell Owen in 4:19 in the semifinals.

Grossman is seeded No. 2 for this week's 2A state tournament at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

A 138-pounder, Ineck improved to 8-13 when he pinned Garden Valley's Patrick Hunter in 2:39 of their title match at 138 pounds. Ineck reached the final by pinning New Plymouth's Ellis Stokes in 2:52.

He'll open the state tournament against second-seeded Cole Wallen of Potlatch.

The top three wrestlers in each weight class qualified for the 2A state tournament, which begins Friday in Pocatello.

Mason Hall, a 195-pound freshman for coach Jon Nelson, is the only other Huskies wrestler who will compete at Holt Arena this weekend. He takes on third-seeded Shaydn Wassmuth, a junior from Grangeville, in his opening match.

Hall finished third with a pair of

byes in the consolation bracket. In his only bout of the day, he lost, 7-3, in the championship semifinals to Melba's Juan Cervantes.

Four other Marsing athletes just missed a trip to state Saturday.

Junior Cody Barrett finished fourth at 132 pounds when McCall-Donnelly's Jed Lowen pulled off a pinfall 17 seconds before the end of the first round in their third-place match.

Sophomore Tanner Allen, who has only seen 11 matches all season, lost by pin to Stokes in the 138-pound third-place match.

Ninth-grader Jaden Kinney rallied from a quarterfinal loss to pin Garden Valley's Luke Ronquillo in 3:41 and set up a rematch with Garden Valley's Mack Feters for third place at 145. While Kinney battled Feters in the quarterfinal before a pin with 1:16 left in the match, Feters worked faster in the bronze medal match. He pinned Kinney in 35 seconds.

Freshman Seth Ramirez, another 220-pounder for Marsing, lost the third-place match after Olsen pinned him at the 2:44 mark.

MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Noah Grossman, sr., wrestling

The Play — The reigning 2A state champion at 220 pounds repeated as District III champion when he pinned New Plymouth's Marcus Davis in 63 seconds during the district final. Grossman (28-6) is the No. 2 seed for the state tournament in Pocatello.

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If lost Tuesday: Season complete

If win Tuesday and Thursday: 2A state tournament play-in game, Saturday, Feb. 28 vs. TBA, Highland H.S., Craigmont or McCall-Donnelly H.S., 1 p.m. local time

Girls' basketball
Season complete

Wrestling

Friday, Feb. 27 at 2A state tournament, Holt Arena, Idaho State University, Pocatello, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2A state tournament, Holt Arena, Idaho State University, Pocatello, 9 a.m.



Go Huskies!