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Night of dance celebrates culture



Herribatza Dantzariak puts on a show

Daniel Uranga, center, stands to perform the final move of the Ikurina, more commonly called the flag dance, during Saturday's 15th annual Homedale Basque Dance at Badiola Arena. For more photos, see Page 8A

County businesses violate alcohol law

ISP: Four of six checked sold to underage decoy

Eighty percent of Owyhee County businesses contacted during a compliance sweep failed to comply with state law.

Of the six establishments the Idaho Alcohol Beverage Control Bureau checked during a Feb. 28 operation in Homedale and Marsing, four sold alcohol to a someone under 21.

Idaho State Police public information officer Teresa Baker said the names of those businesses won't be available until after a 30-day administrative period, but confirmed three of the businesses were in Marsing. The other was in Homedale.

Baker said at least one of the non-compliant businesses is facing a second offense.

Baker said the 80 percent failure rate "is below what we usually look for. That's kind of high for one area."

ABC won't release the names of the Owyhee County businesses that were in violation of the law until they complete the administrative process. She said that will take about 30 days and at that point she will be able to provide the names.

Baker also said the administrative process typically ends up being a negotiation with the licensee. If that fails, there is a process for appeal through ABC's administrative rules.

For a first offense within three

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Second stabbing suspect in custody

Man wanted by HPD caught near Tri-Cities area

The second suspect in a Homedale stabbing case from January has been apprehended in Washington state.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said 36-year-old Miguel Z. Zavala was arrested on a warrant in Franklin County, Wash., on March 10.

Zavala was wanted on a felony attempted murder warrant for his alleged role in a Jan. 6 incident in the 100 block of East Mon-

tana Avenue. A 35-year-old father and his 19-year-old son were stabbed.

In the days after the alleged assault, Homedale Police issued felony arrest warrants for Zavala and 26-year-old Amber Covert.

"It'll be nice to start to draw some conclusion to this case," Eidemiller said, "and maybe get

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Miguel Zavala

Patrons approve school levies

Minority of voters achieves Homedale's super-majority

Fewer than a quarter of the eligible voters turned out to pass Homedale School District's plant facility levy.

Patrons in Owyhee and Canyon counties renewed the district's 10-year, \$150,000 levy with 78.8 percent of the vote. A super-majority of two-thirds of the vote was needed for the levy to pass.

"(The margin) was higher than I had anticipated, so we're very pleased and very much appreciate the support by the voters," Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer said.

An identical plant facility levy passed by only two

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Bruneau-Grand View district can breathe easy

Voters in the Bruneau-Grand View School District narrowly approved a \$1.4 million supplemental measure March 10.

The two-year levy will replace the one-year, \$600,000 supplemental that will expire at the end of this school year.

The levy passed by a margin of 42 votes, with 279 patrons (53.9 percent) supporting the idea.

"We're excited, we're relieved, we're ready to keep moving forward," district superintendent Dennis Wilson said.

Voter turnout in Owyhee County was 52.4 per-

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Homedale could add code officer to payroll

Cutbacks in state program reduce Gist's hours

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller wants to put Homedale's code enforcement officer on the city's books.

The man in the position, Harvey Gist, is currently paid through the Idaho Department of Labor's Experience Works program, but Eidemiller told the city council last Wednesday that the state has cut the program's budget, slashed the hours for the position and affected Gist's income.

Originally set to work no more than 19 hours per week under the state program, Gist now works just 15 hours at \$7.25 per hour.

Eidemiller has proposed using law enforcement personnel funds to pay Gist \$10 hour for no more than 19 hours each week for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The chief said he has enough money in his budget to pay for the position through September.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen asked the council to table the idea until the March 26 meeting so the budget can be analyzed.

If the council approves the appropriation, Eidemiller hopes he could continue the position once the Fiscal Year 2016 budget is worked out.

"He's worth every penny of what he's been paid," Eidemiller told the council, being careful not to use Gist's name because the discussion could be considered a personnel matter.

"I think he gives the city way more than what he's paid for. The work that he does has been valuable not only to myself but to (public works supervisor Bret Smith) and City Hall (staff). He does a bang-up job at it."

Smith agreed.

"There's definitely less dogs on the street," he said. "I'm not out there driving nearly as much as Jeff's officers are, and it is quite noticeable."

"The problem areas that used to be completely inundated with dogs are few or none now, and when they are (there), they get reported. I have no doubt he's making an impact."

When he came on board, Gist concentrated on animal control, but he has begun checking out other code compliance issues such as lot abatement as the weather has warmed up.

Eidemiller said Gist has served as an educational conduit to the community about city ordinances, too, letting folks know about abatement codes they may not be fully aware of.

"The program in itself promotes neighborhood cooperation," Eidemiller said. "People are starting to think about how it impacts their neighbors and their community."

Eidemiller didn't ignore the fact that Gist's job performance has taken its toll on the city's animal control budget because of a larger volume of dogs being housed at the impound kennel in Wilder, but the chief is happy to have that problem as long as it keeps the stray dog population in check.

"It's pretty beat up," Eidemiller said of the \$2,500 line, "but it's hard to be disappointed even though the animal control budget looks like it does because the only reason it's in that shape is because the city ordinance/animal control officer has been out there working and producing results."

"And (to) anybody looking at our bills or what we spend each month, it's easy to tell he was doing what he was put here for."

— JPB



LDS taco feed servers get in the spirit

Children dishing up the meal during the LDS youth group taco feed fundraiser last Wednesday wore appropriate attire for the occasion by donning sombreroes.

Friends want Uda monument to reflect stature of its namesake

Privately funded plan includes new location, aesthetic design

Bette Uda's friends want a monument that is a better reflection of the woman's impact on their lives and on her hometown of Homedale.

Local businessman Chris Landa, representing a group of Uda's friends, presented an idea to reconfigure the commemorative stone that now sits near the middle of the City Park that was renamed in 2011 for the woman who was instrumental in city council, PTA and the International Smorgasbord and also served lunch in the Homedale School District.

Landa made his presentation last Wednesday during the city council meeting, saying that the idea to move the stone to a different spot in the park has been brewing for years and the impetus had nothing to do with the construction of the Austrian Settlement centennial monument last year, as was erroneously reported in The Owyhee Avalanche last week.

"When the marker was put in a few years back, I think all

the friends who knew Bette, we weren't excited about the way they did it," Landa told the council.

"I don't think they represented Bette as what she deserved. She's meant a lot to this city, so this has been going on for years."

Several of Uda's friends, including former Mayor Harold Wilson and his wife, Mary, were in the audience as well. The Uda family was not involved in the presentation and isn't involved in the project.

The new design includes removing the current home of the stone, which is a bed of gravel encased by railroad ties.

The stone would be incorporated into a garden spot that flows from the flower beds fronting East Idaho Avenue in a location east of cement steps leading to the city sidewalk.

The stone would be the focal point of a display that would include a smooth pea gravel pathway and other rocks, according to a drawing Landa

shared with the council.

"I think it's a great deal," Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. "What they're going to do, I think it'll be a lot better. I think the appearance will be a lot better."

Landa and his wife, Virginia, and Mary Wilson met with Christoffersen and public works supervisor Bret Smith recently to discuss the idea.

"From what I've seen walking through it, I think it's a win-win situation for everyone involved," Christoffersen said.

Councilperson Kim Murray agreed, saying: "If we're going to name the park after Bette, we need to make it stand (out) and make it substantial."

"That's the way we feel, the friends of Bette," Landa said.

Landa added that the construction of the new location would be funded privately.

"The cost and labor of this project will be funded by the friends of Bette, the city bears no cost," he told the council.

"We also plan on working very closely with the city supervisor to be sure that it is being done by city standards."

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Homedale P&Z bumps into more adversity

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission has two vacancies to fill.

Officials discovered that Travis Kerbs is ineligible to serve on the board because he has moved outside the city's area of impact.

Stacy Woods, who also lives outside the city's impact area, told her colleagues during a Jan. 19 meeting that she would step down in April. She said too many obligations would prevent her from continuing for a second term.

Kerbs, who met eligibility requirements before moving, will be asked to step down, leaving the P&Z with three members — chair Jim Packer and members Reed Batt and Gypsy Jackson. Packer and Jackson are in the city limits, while Batt lives in the impact area.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer cleared up confusion about the state's P&Z law during last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Fitzer said two P&Z members have to live outside of the city limits but within the area of impact, either in Owyhee County or Canyon County.

P&Z administrator Sylvia Bahem said Kerbs and Woods were appointed to the board after a previous city attorney had determined that they were eligible to serve.

The P&Z code is under the statute pertaining to state government, and Fitzer conceded that the wording is confusing because it doesn't specifically address the makeup requirements of city P&Z boards.

Idaho Code allows P&Z panels of between three and 12 people.

Bahem told the council she would like to have six people on the advisory panel, but Fitzer pointed out that an odd number of members would be ideal to avoid voting ties.

While Bahem now searches for new members, she also must deal with a residency requirement.

Fitzer confirmed that state law states anyone who wants to volunteer to serve on the P&Z must have lived within the city limits or the area of impact for two years immediately prior to their appointment.

Meanwhile, the P&Z board was scheduled to hold its third meeting of the year Monday.

In addition to review any approved building permits and sign permits, the commissioners were set to tackle procedural issues.

The date of the April meeting was to be discussed. In December, the commission agreed to meet on the third Monday of each month.

P&Z eligibility requirements were to be discussed.

The commission also was supposed to talk about the proposed city ordinance change to allow building on lots smaller than 7,000 square feet.

— JPB

Marsing council acts to improve downtown appearance

Custom-made flags will soon be delivered

The City of Marsing is spending \$956.94 to brighten up the look of Main Street. Two-sided flags featuring the town's trademarked logo have been ordered to put on light posts along Main Street and at several other locations.

The "Gateway to the Owyhees" flags will hang off the posts year-round except for occasions like Flag Day, Memorial Day, or around the Fourth of July when the American flag will replace them. The city council approved the flag purchase during last Wednesday's meeting.

The 27 flags, which measure 2 feet-by-3 feet, will be printed on heavy-duty vinyl, and Mayor Keith Green said they should hold up well against weather or sun damage.

"Now that we have the logo, we might as well promote ourselves," Councilman Chris Even said.

The council also approved the appointment of Eugene Enrico to the Planning and Zoning Commission and signed off on two donation requests.

The Marsing Lions Club will receive \$500 for this year's Easter egg hunt, which is scheduled for April 4, and the Marsing Chamber of Commerce was given \$2,000 for the Third of July Celebration of our Nation fireworks display.

Merrilee Kiester from the Marsing Music Boosters requested use of City Park for a community event dubbed "Party in the Park." The event, which is a fundraiser to purchase marching band uniforms, will be held April 25. The council approved use of the park's stage and bathrooms.

Public works maintenance superintendent John Larsen gave a brief update on the city's methane gas dome project. He said people might have noticed the dome was recently taken down. That was done for two reasons:

- To prevent damage to the vinyl dome while a structure is being built around it to protect it from the weather or vandalism. The framing of the dome's protective structure is complete, but the city is waiting on bids to put siding on it.
- The dome was sent back to the manufacturer to repair a few leaks, which Larsen expects will be done free of charge to the city.

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✓ Stabbing: Male suspect found hiding in an orchard

an opportunity to get a little more insight into what happened that night.”

Eidemiller said Thursday that Covert was en route back to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after extradition from Spokane County, Wash., where she was arrested on Feb. 19. No court dates have been set for Covert.

Zavala has yet to be extradited, but faces some misdemeanor traffic charges in Franklin County, Eidemiller said.

According to a Franklin County Sheriff’s Office news release published by television station KEPR

in Pasco, Wash., deputies located Zavala in an orchard north of the Tri-Cities area.

After a short foot pursuit, deputies located Zavala hiding the brush and arrested him without further incident.

During last Wednesday’s city council meeting, Eidemiller commended the local authorities for their help.

“Hat’s off to the agencies in Washington,” he said. “They did an outstanding job. They really did us a good job up there.”

— JPB

✓ Alcohol: Administrative process now under way

years, a business can have its license suspended for 10 days or be fined \$1,000. For a second offense within three years, an establishment could face a 30-day license suspension or a 15-day suspension along with a fine of \$1,500.

Baker said the suspensions are not effective until the administrative process is completed and then the licensee is required to post the fact that alcohol sales on the premises are temporarily prohibited.

Penalties for a person who sells or furnishes alcohol to underage youth pursuant to Idaho Code 23-603 include fines between \$500 and \$1,000 plus up to one year in jail. A second offense for a person could mean a fine of between \$1,000 and \$2,000 and up to one year in jail.

Monies received from fines associated with alcohol violations are deposited in the state’s substance abuse treatment fund.

The Idaho State Liquor Division says its mission is to provide control over the importation, distribution, sale, and consumption of distilled spirits; curtail intemperate use of beverage alcohol; and responsibly optimize the net revenues to the citizens of Idaho.

— SC

Work planned for Homedale’s River Road

Highway commissioners approve equipment purchase

Work soon will begin on replacement of a culvert under River Road outside Homedale.

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners approved \$2,640 to purchase 60 feet of 30-inch ABS pipe from AgriLines to replace a pipe crossing that is failing.

HHD Director of Highways Stewart Constantine said a South Board of Control crew will remove the old pipe.

No project start date was discussed during last Wednesday’s highway district business meeting, but Constantine said he would like to get the work done before water is turned into the irrigation system. That should be about mid-April, he said.

Constantine expects the work to take about a day, and Subdistrict 1 Commissioner Larry Prow suggested a Friday would be a good day for the work because of the lack of school bus traffic.

Warning signs will be posted in both directions of travel near the roadwork of Idaho highway 19 west of Homedale a week before the project begins, Constantine said. He plans to buy a 36-inch sign that can be used for all future roadwork.

The district board also agreed to pay \$406 to Pruett Tire Factory to replace tires on equipment.

The commissioners also appropriated \$700 that Constantine can use to buy a surplus sander from the City of John Day, Ore. Constantine will take a trip to inspect the equipment before buying it.

Part of the \$700 could be a credit from a local company for unused pesticide spray and supplies, and more money could be garnered from scrapping old road signs.

Constantine’s request to purchase a laser level also was approved with a limit of \$1,000. The device, which Constantine said could cost \$750 or more, would be used to level pipe as it is set in crossings. The district currently borrows a similar device from the Golden Gate Highway District in Canyon County, but commissioners agreed that it would be wiser to have one on hand in

case the Golden Gate device isn’t available.

District secretary-treasurer Terri Uria said the fiscal year 2015 budget held \$2,000 for rentals and \$11,000 for equipment purchase, and the commissioners figured buying a level would be better in the long run.

A discussion to rearrange the district maintenance crew’s workweek to four, 10-hour days was tabled until the April 8 meeting to analyze the issue and also allow for Daylight Saving Time to take hold so it’s lighter in the mornings.

Prow suggested a five-day workweek from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and he and District 2 Commissioner Joel Wilson voiced concern that a four-day workweek wouldn’t be compatible when the highway district has to work with South Board, which is on a five-day week.

Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui said he didn’t mind the four-day schedule, but feared it would cut down on the efficiency of the Durapatcher work because of the time it takes to heat material to be used on the road-repair unit.

— JPB

Man arrested after trying to flee deputy


A 24-year-old Marsing man is behind bars at the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after being taken into custody Thursday.

A sheriff’s deputy investigating a report of a stolen gun arrested Zakkery Martin on an outstanding warrant from Canyon County at a home on Meininger Road.

Martin tried to run away from the deputy, but didn’t get very far, falling down in the driveway.

The Canyon warrant was for failure to pay court fines.

A report was filed on the gun that allegedly went missing.





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Filing deadline nears for May 19 election candidates

Friday is the final day for candidates to submit nomination papers for taxing district elections coming up on May 19.

While Friday is the final day to file to get on the ballot for school board and highway board elections, the write-in candidacy deadline is April 3.

The ballot could include a Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District temporary levy question. Sexton Bruce Benson said directors plan to seek the levy to help with operational costs, but unlike last year's failed permanent override levies, a temporary levy needs only a simple majority to pass.

Seats that are up for election in the school boards include:

- **Homedale** — Zone 1 currently held by board chair Kurt Shanley and Zone 5 held by vice-chair Shane Muir.
- **Marsing** — Zone 2 held by Chad Showalter and Zone 4 held by Michelle Jacobi
- **Bruneau-Grand View** — Zone 2 (Peter Jackson Jr.) and Zone 4 held by Scott McNeley
- **Three Creek** — Clint Lundy's Zone 1 position will be on the ballot. Lundy is in his first term.

Highway district seats up for election include:

- **Homedale** — Subdistrict 1 (Larry Prow, who is chair) and Subdistrict 3 (Scott Salutregui)
- **Gem** — Subdistrict 3 (Jay Hall, who is chair)

Elections are also scheduled for library districts, including:

- **Lizard Butte** — Becky Salove and Neal Durham will see terms expire this year.

- **Eastern Owyhee** — The terms of Marilyn Dean and Dixie McDaniel expire this year.
- **Bruneau Valley** — The terms of Elizabeth Ogg and Judy Erwin expire this year.

Folks have until April 24 to register to vote in the May 19 election.

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✓ Homedale: Measure achieves two-thirds threshold with low turnout

votes a decade ago. Sauer said the difference was that voters in May 2005 were asked to approve a measure that was nearly double the cost of the previous plant facility levy.

"The two-thirds is a really high bar, the super-majority, so we were definitely pleased with the support of this levy," Sauer said.

Overall voter turnout was 23.7 percent with 552 out of 2,333 eligible voters visiting the polls. Elections officials reported 43 people registered the day of the election, including 30 in Owyhee County.

Owyhee County patrons cast 314 yes votes, and 91 people voted against it. Only 24.8 percent of the registered votes in the Owyhee part of the joint district cast a ballot.

The Canyon County turnout was lower with only 147 of 701 registered voters participating (20.9 percent).

Every one of the 15 ballots cast in the North Marsing precinct was in favor of the levy. The Owyhee County elections office opened the polling place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center to accommodate those voters in the North Marsing precinct who live within the Homedale School District boundary. That precinct

Homedale election totals			
Results	Yes	No	Pct.
N. Homedale	140	35	80.0
S. Homedale	150	54	73.5
N. Marsing	15	0	100.0
Absentee	9	2	81.8
Canyon County	121	26	82.3
Total	435	117	78.8
Turnout	Registered	Votes	Pct.
Owyhee County	1,632	405	24.8
Canyon County	701	147	20.9
Total	2,333	552	23.7

wasn't opened during any previous school elections run by the county under the consolidation law.

The vote in the Homedale precincts was 290 for and 89 against.

The plant facility levy passed despite the district's lack of success getting voters to accept supplemental levies.

"The difference between the supplemental levies and the plant facilities levies is this is going just for facilities and it's a renewal," Sauer said. "So I think people recognize the need for sure between the elementary school and the high school with aging facilities and to take care of what we have."

"The hurdle for the supplemental was that it was an increase."

District officials said that the tax levy will not increase with the passage of the plant facility levy.

Property owners could see a change in the levy once the 20-year Homedale Middle School construction bond goes off the books in 2017, but the district can still seek more building money so long as the total levy for facilities doesn't exceed 4/10th of one percent.

Even with the success of the plant facility levy, patrons shouldn't expect to see the district taking a third run at a supplemental levy.

"We have not even entertained the idea of a supplemental levy," Sauer said. "Our focus has been on the plant facility levy."

— JPB



Poll worker Jan Fink, left, prepares to give Ronald Vance a sticker signifying that he cast his ballot in the Homedale School District levy election at Homedale City Hall.

✓ Bruneau-Grand View: Superintendent credits grass roots campaign

cent with 463 of 884 eligible voters showing up. Twenty-six people registered to vote on Election Day.

Chattin Flats, which is primarily a mail-in precinct in Elmore County, saw 73.9 percent turnout, including four people who registered on Election Day and voted.

Even with a 73.9 percent turnout in Chattin Flats, voter participation was about 20 percent lower than the August election when patrons passed a one-year, \$600,000 supplemental levy after two elections to get a two-year \$1.2 million levy failed. On March 10, 517 patrons cast ballots, which was 110 fewer than the August election.

There was overwhelming support for this year's levy among voters in Bruneau with the levy passing in that precinct by a 107-31 count. The numbers were closer in Grand View with 129 of 228

Bruneau-Grand View election totals			
Results	Yes	No	Pct.
Oreana	12	40	23.1
Grand View	99	129	43.4
Bruneau	107	31	77.5
Riddle	13	8	61.9
Absentee	10	14	41.7
Chattin Flats	38	16	70.4
Total	279	238	53.9
Turnout	Registered	Votes	Pct.
Owyhee County	884	463	52.4
Chattin Flats	73	54	73.9
Total	957	517	54.0

patrons casting a no vote.

Wilson, who doubles as Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School principal, isn't surprised by where most of the yes votes came from.

"When we look at the historical data, that's pretty much been the breakdown," he said, adding "the number of no votes was pre-

ty much what we anticipated."

Wilson gives credit for the levy election success to community members who got the word out about the importance of the levy.

"They were our grass-roots effort that really worked hard to make this happen," he said.

Now that the election is behind

them, Wilson said district officials will start planning their budget for next year and start looking at putting together purchase orders for the summer.



Dennis Wilson

The levy's annual tax rate for property owners will be approximately \$449.04 per \$100,000 in taxable value (net property value after all exemptions are applied). If voters had rejected the proposal, Wilson said the district might have been forced to close one of its schools.

Before last year's one-year levy was passed, district officials already had closed Bruneau and Grand View Elementary schools and the district office, slashed

teaching staff and cut athletic programs in preparation for a lean 2014-15 school year.

The new levy will allow the district to fulfill facility needs such as replacing HVAC systems, painting exterior and interior portions of schools, repairing gym floors, and installing new fencing at the high school football field.

Wilson also says the district intends to make structural repairs, replace stage curtains at the Bruneau and Rimrock auditoriums, seal parking area asphalt and install more security cameras at all three schools.

— SC

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Obituaries

Shannon (Pullar) Ponder

Shannon Michelle Ponder, 40, of Lebanon, Missouri, formerly of Homedale, Idaho passed away March 9, 2015 at her home with her family and many friends at her side. No funeral services were held at her request.

In former years she had lived in the Homedale, Idaho area, and attended Homedale High School. She had lived with her grandparents, Jim and Bonnie

Cade at that time. Shannon was a victim of lung cancer.

She is survived by her daughters Kacie Abels, Kristine Abels, Alisha McNurlen, a baby grandson, Dalton (Abels) Brown, her mother LaDon Turner, sisters Shallan, Shawwna, Shaylen and brother, Jim Christensen, her grandparents Jim and Bonnie Cade and grandpa Eugene Turner of Springfield, Missouri.



Velma and Phil Vanderpool

Velma (76) and Phil (81) Vanderpool of Wilder, Idaho died Sunday, March 8, 2015 in an auto accident in New Plymouth. They had been married 52 years. A Celebration of Life for both was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at The Community of Christ Church (329 Elm St., New Plymouth, ID). A luncheon followed immediately after.

Velma Roberta Fuller was born October 29, 1938, in Monona County, Iowa to Leona and Robert Fuller. She grew up on a farm as the youngest of six children. Phillip Levi Vanderpool was born May 16, 1933 in Woodbine, IA to Chester and Nancy Vanderpool. He was the oldest of ten children, also was raised on a farm. He proudly served in the Navy and was fondly named “Mr. Clean” by a nephew. His passion for flying planes occurred in many Saturday morning loop-to-loops.

Velma and Phil met as he was hunting deer on the Fuller property. The story involves a haystack and the rest is unknown. Their first date was chaperoned by Phil’s parents. They were married on March 31, 1962 in Sioux City, IA, where Phil was employed by Wilson Trailer and Velma by Aalfs Mfg. They enjoyed their rabbit farm. In 1977, they moved to Wilder, ID where they currently resided, referring to their homestead as their “million dollar view.”

Phil loved to hunt and fish and was never afraid to try something new. Together they shared a lasting life raising various farm animals, including horses, goats and chickens, successfully living off the land. Their passion for animals meant they cared for many in need over the years. Velma worked a variety of careers, her last as a baker at Caldwell Walmart. Canning food, grinding



wheat, and making butter were some of her many specialties. She loved exploring the Owyhee Mountains, hunting rocks and arrowheads and painting her favorite landscapes.

Although they never had children, they took in their two teenage nephews, John Gibson of Greenleaf and Tony Gibson of Caldwell. They passed their love of land, hard work ethics and ability to turn difficulties into fun to the Gibson boys. Together they enjoyed many adventures in the mountains. Also a part of their family was their “adopted daughter,” Elaine Derry, of Wilder, who shared in their love of horses.

Both Vanderpools were ordained ministers of Aaronic Priesthood, where Velma served as office of teacher and Phil of deacon.

Velma was preceded in death by her mother and father; three sisters, Darlene (Bill) Smith of Greenleaf, ID; Ardith (Arnold) Robinson of

S. Sioux City, NE; Lorraine (Tate) of Spencer, IA; and brother, Don (Mary) Fuller of Prineville, OR. Phil was preceded in death by his mother and father and a brother, Francis (Nancy) Vanderpool of Hampton, IA and three sisters, Myrtle Vanderpool, Vera (Bob) Grogh of Spencer, IA; and Nancy (Ken) Lee of Burns, OR.

Survivors include Velma’s sister, Ila (Gibson) Raynor of S. Sioux City, NE; Phil’s brother’s, Gerald (Roxanne) Vanderpool of Spencer, IA; Glen (Darlene) Vanderpool of Kennewick, WA; William Vanderpool of Oklahoma City, OK and Harold Vanderpool and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Canyon County Animal Shelter (5801 Graye Ln., Caldwell, ID 83607) or The Community of Christ Church (329 Elm St., New Plymouth, ID 83655). Condolences may be sent to www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Death notice

GRACE ELLEN THOMAS, 88, of Bruneau, died Friday, March 13, 2015. Arrangements are through Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home. (208) 578-0612

School menus

Homedale Elementary

March 18: Orange chicken, rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar
March 19-27: No school
March 30: Hot dog, tater tots, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

March 18: BBQ chicken or pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, salad & fruit bar
March 19: Personal pepperoni pizza or turkey sandwich, salad & fruit bar
March 20-27: No school
March 30: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, cheese stick, salad & fruit bar

Homedale High

March 18: Lasagna w/breadstick or rib-b-que, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
March 19: Nachos or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice
March 20-27: No school

Marsing

March 18: Rib-b-que or macaroni & cheese w/Italia breadstick, corn, salad bar & soup
March 19: Pepperoni ripper, chili cheese fries, roll, tossed salad, salad bar & soup
March 20-27: No school

Bruneau-Grand View

March 18: Teriyaki chicken bowl, stir-fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit
March 19: Been/bean burrito, romaine/tomato, corn, fruit
March 20: Baked potato bar, steamed broccoli, wheat roll, fruit, apple crisp
March 24-27: No school

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available each day

March 18: Hot dog/bun, pork & beans, lettuce/tomato
March 19: Baked fish, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, bread
March 24: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, string beans, bread
March 25: BBQ chicken, potato salad, broccoli, bread

Marsing Senior Center

March 18: Corned beef, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, applesauce, roll
March 19: White chili, tossed salad, baked potato, garlic bread, fruit
March 20: BBQ pork, potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, french bread
March 24: Breakfast, ham & cheese omelet, hashbrowns, toast, fruit, juice
March 25: Spaghetti w/meatballs, Italian green beans, tossed salad, garlic roll

Rimrock Senior Center

March 19: Hamburger, sweet potato fries, lettuce, tomatoes, veggie sticks, fruit salad, cookie
March 24: Baked chicken, potatoes/gravy, waldorf salad, roll, fruit cobbler
March 26: Pot roast, potatoes/gravy, mixed veggies, roll, fruit

Jordan Valley student on Dean’s List in Ohio

The son of Jordan Valley residents has qualified for the Dean’s List at Franciscan University in Ohio. Caleb Cunningham is a junior at the university located in Steubenville, Ohio. His parents are Ron and Nancy Cunningham of Jordan Valley.

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Tend your garden for healthy living

Sometimes we may find it difficult to incorporate more nutritious foods into our diet. One of the easiest ways that we can start is by including more fruits and vegetables.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) My-Plate Model recommendations, half of your plate



Surine Greenway

should consist of fruits and vegetables at each meal. It is easy to meet this by incorporating a variety of colors, textures, tastes and forms. There are fruits and vegetables available for everyone: fresh, frozen, canned, dried and even in juice. While some forms may contain less sodium and sugar and

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more fiber than others, the basis is that all forms will be providing your body with an increase of necessary nutrients. These nutrients include: vitamin B12, calcium, vitamin D, fiber and many more.

While some foods are not easily grown in our area, most are. What foods can we grow on our own (or purchase locally) and what can they provide for our dietary requirements? Think about how easily pumpkins are grown in our area — these are rich in beta-carotene, vitamin A, copper, iron and riboflavin and even provide some protein. Pumpkin is low in fat, cholesterol-free, high in fiber and a source of antioxidants.

Start thinking of what you like to plant or could potentially plant in the future. For example,

I have kale, spinach and other leafy greens which are heartier crops, growing in abundance in my garden right now. I purposely plant them for their easy incorporation into my smoothies, salads and soups, knowing their high nutritional qualities. What healthy produce will you be eating straight from your garden this coming season?

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Sources for this column included www.choosemyplate.gov, and <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/pumpkins/nutrition.cfm>

Calendar

Today

- Parent-teacher conferences**
8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., kindergarten, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033
- Story time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon**
Noon, free, RSVP by Monday, March 16, Bruneau Valley Public Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282
- South Board of Control water users meeting**
1:30 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- 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
- Parent-teacher conferences**
4 p.m. to 8 p.m., first to fourth grade, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

Thursday

- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- After-school program**
4 p.m., open to kindergarten through fifth grade, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2478 or (208) 832-1949
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Bruneau-Grand View School board meeting**
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260

Friday

- Taylor Sauer Memorial Softball Tournament**
10 a.m., Marsing High School softball field, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.
- Homedale mobile food pantry**
10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

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
- Taylor Sauer Memorial Softball Tourney BBQ**
6:30 p.m., Marsing High School softball field, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

Saturday

- Senior center fundraiser breakfast**
7 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$6 per plate, \$1 for orange juice, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Taylor Sauer Memorial Softball Tournament**
10 a.m., Marsing High School softball field, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.
- Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

- Young Life meeting**
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 764-1048 or (817) 229-6850

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and

Owyhee Then & Now

Tales of the I.O.N. Country

The Last Ride

(Dr. Jones)

Ed Stauffer became very sick at the Circle Bar, and word was sent to Jordan Valley for Dr. Jones to come at once. The doctor said that Ed was suffering from a heart attack and the only chance he had of surviving was being moved to a hospital. Joe Swisher, who worked for Stauffer a good many years, hooked up Ed’s old Studebaker Hack and helped the doctor make as comfortable a bed as possible in it. Joe tried to take it as easy as possible, but the road was nothing more than a trail. They crossed the North Fork and were partway up the other side when ... Doctor Jones told what happened ...

“As we were going up the northside of the North Fork, Stauffer started to cough up blood. I was trying to clear his throat when he raised up and looked at cattle grazing on the green grass on the other side of the canyon and said, ‘Isn’t that the most beautiful sight you ever saw, Doc?’ ... and slumped down. I told Joe that the road wouldn’t make any difference to Ed for he had just died.”

— 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*.

Birth

William Timothy Collinsworth

William Timothy Collinsworth was born Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 to Nathan and Temi Collinsworth of New Plymouth. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Tim and Michelle Freeman of Jordan Valley, and paternal grandparents are Marvin and Darla Collinsworth of New Plymouth.

Mary Freeman of Nampa is maternal great-grandmother.



Marsing Gun Show

Saturday, March 28 • 9 am - 5 pm
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TXOKO ONA CELEBRATES

Heavier-than-usual weights no sweat for Txingak champ



Nolan Licht

The Txoko Ona Basque Club went above and beyond for its Txingak weight-carrying competition Saturday.

According to event announcer PJ Mansisidor each Txinga carried by the nine competitors at the Basque Dance were more than 20 percent heavier than standard weights.

Spring Creek, Nev.’s Nolan Licht — the 2014 champion — repeated the feat Saturday at Badiola Arena. He won the \$200 first prize by carrying the two 126-pound weights 616 feet.

Licht is the son-in-law of Homedale residents Ric and Terri Uria. He is married to their daughter, Tristen.

Marsing’s Cody Usabel won \$100 as runner-up, toting the weights 500 feet.

Mansisidor, who announced the competition, said the standard txinga weight is 104 pounds each.

The first competitor to sign up and carry the weights was 74-year-old Phillip Morris, who covered a distance of 50 feet.

Mansisidor, Tony Uranga and John Badiola helped conduct the Txingak competition.



Above: Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi, left, the Herribatza Dantzariak leader, gives last-minute instructions to the youth dance troupe before the children perform the Esku Dantza for the first time at the Homedale Basque Dance. **Below:** The children pull off the performance Saturday inside Badiola Arena.



Homedale library board alters schedule

The Homedale Public Library board of directors has changed its meeting time again.

The meetings will be moved from Sunday nights to Tuesday mornings beginning with the April 7 meeting.

The board will meet at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., at 10:30 a.m. on the Tuesday before the first city council meeting of the month.

Meetings will be held on April 7, May 12, June 9, July 7, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

The board agreed to change the meeting time to ensure that board member Karlyne Landrum will continue her service.

Earlier Landrum had submitted a letter of resignation because she found it difficult to attend the Sunday meetings. The board

refused to accept Landrum’s resignation, and a schedule change for board chair Dawn Whitney made it possible to move the meetings to Tuesday.

Classic tale for Story Time

Salley Mayor’s take on the classic nursery rhyme “Mary Had a Little Lamb” will be read during Story Time, which takes place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the library.

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

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

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

Signs help recreationists, ranchers co-exist

Off-highway vehicle riders, mountain bikers, hikers and horseback riders will find tips on how to co-exist on public land with ranchers on new Care/Share signs recently erected at five trailheads in the Owyhee Front managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM and the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC) co-sponsored the project.

“Most recreationists have no problem seeing livestock on public lands, but they’re kind of confused as to what to do when they have that interaction,” IRRC executive director Gretchen Hyde said.

Four “Sharing the Owyhees with OHVs and Livestock,” signs are custom-tailored with tips for off-highway vehicle riders:

- Slow down to walking speed if you approach cattle on the trail for safety of the rider and livestock. Approach cattle slowly and give them time to move off the trail.
- If a cow runs down the trail in

front of you, stop and wait, and let the animal move off the trail.

- It’s important not to herd cattle down the trail. You may be driving calves away from their mothers and causing undue stress.
- If a gate is open, leave it open; if a gate is closed, ride through and close it behind you. If a gate is posted no trespassing, don’t enter.
- Don’t harm water tanks or water supply systems. Water is crucial for livestock and wildlife in this dry area.
- Leash dogs or keep them under control. Do not allow them to chase livestock, wild horses or wildlife.
- Respect BLM closures.

The OHV signs were installed at trailheads near Murphy, including Hemingway Butte, Chalky Butte and Rabbit Creek.

Boise Ridge Riders president Steve Huffman agrees with the tips.

“No. 1, you want to slow down,” he said. “You don’t want to injure

(cattle) or spook ’em. You want to approach them slow. Normally, the sound of the engine will kind of shoo them off the trail. If not, give a holler or a shout, and normally they’ll just move off.”

Another sign titled, “Sharing the Owyhees with Livestock and Recreation” was posted at the Wilson Creek trailhead, which is more geared toward hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers.

“Look around you, it’s just beautiful out here,” Huffman said. “But it is multiple use. So you also have to remember that we’re visitors here. The ranchers, they live here, they make their living here, so we have to be mindful of staying on the trails, and being good ambassadors for everybody.”

The Rangeland Commission has published a set of cattle and sheep tips for recreationists on <http://id-range.org>. Each set of tips includes video clips on how best to handle encounters with cattle and sheep.

New Marsing FFA Alumni ready to help chapter grow

The Marsing FFA Alumni is looking for folks who want to help the current batch of FFA’ers succeed.

The association recently held its second meeting and discussed several projects, including helping with the FFA auction on April 3, and helping train the Marsing sales and floral teams for the April 8-11 state competition in Twin Falls.

Anyone interested in joining the Marsing FFA alumni can contact chapter advisor Mike Martin at Marsing High School at 896-4112, ext. 188 or by email at mmartin@marsingschools.org.



Founding members of the Marsing FFA alumni first chapter. This is the first time for Marsing to have a FFA alumni as it requires 10 members to make a chapter. **From left:** Alan Davis, chapter secretary Courtney Barber, Kirk McGee, vice-president Hayzen Corder, treasurer Wendy Stansell, president Nic Usabel and Kelly Ineck. Submitted photo



Marsing FFA raises money with donkey basketball

In the midst of its strongest membership year in history, the Marsing FFA chapter had some fun last week.

Marsing FFA raised about \$450 with its annual donkey basketball game.

The money from the March 10 event will help offset costs for leadership events such as state conventions and the annual 212/360 leadership conference in Boise.

Chapter advisor Mike Martin said 63 students are enrolled this year.

Donkey Sports of Entiat, Wash., provided the animals for the competition. Martin said the organization provides animals for donkey basketball all over the Northwest.

Donkey basketball doesn’t appear to be all fun and games

Above: Courtney Bryant, center, seems to be in pain as she tries to stay away from defenders Cole Wainman, left, and Joseph Ineck.

Right: Garret Briggs has trouble staying aboard his steed as he and Ethan Aponte move downcourt.

Submitted photos



Homedale FFA alum gives back to chapter with grant

Monsanto funds just latest grant for chapter

Mark Williams gave back to his roots Monday night.

The 2012 Homedale High School graduate donated \$2,500 to the town’s FFA program during a ceremony held at the chapter’s monthly meeting.

Owyhee County recently became eligible for the Monsanto Fund’s America’s Farmers Grow Communities grant program. Eligibility is based on the number of acres used to produce certain crops.

First-year Homedale FFA advisor Sue Poland approached Williams about applying for the grant. She said the money will be used to fund two scholarships to the

Washington Leadership Conference this summer in the nation’s capital. The scholarship recipients haven’t been chosen yet.

The July conference is sponsored by the national FFA organization, Poland said. Attendees learn leadership and community service techniques they can bring back to their hometowns and implement. No Homedale FFA student has ever attended the conference, Poland said.

The Homedale FFA Alumni will take part in the selection process for the conference attendees, she said.

Williams is the son of Dave and Sue Williams. He was highly successful during his years with Homedale FFA. His swine operation went up against some of the best the country had to offer in proficiency judging during the 2011 FFA national convention.

Before graduation, Williams had raised and sold nearly 350 high-quality piglets to area youth, who went on to show them at fairs.

The family still has ties to the local FFA chapter. His mother is instrumental in the fledgling Homedale FFA Alumni group.

The first Owyhee County recipient in the history of the program, Williams received the check from Monsanto during Monday’s meeting after deadline.

Williams is one of seven 2015 recipients in Idaho.

Launched in 2010, America’s Farmers Grow Communities includes more than 1,300 counties in 40 states.

Previous local recipients and their beneficiaries included Vikki Price, whose 2014 grant benefitted the Adrian High School football program, and Lawrence

Shenk, whose 2013 award was split between the Adrian Quick Response Unit and Adrian FFA.

Poland also recently received a \$2,500 Food For All grant, which will institute programs to reduce hunger in the community.

“We’re reinstating our chicken project that we have here,” Poland said. “The school ag students will be responsible for raising hens and collecting eggs and donating them to the community.”

The chicken coop behind the HHS ag shop is nearly completed. Boise-Cascade donated the 2x4s for the coop structure, Poland said.

The second part of the grant will be used to build raised beds and a drip irrigation system to grow tomatoes in 1-gallon pots. Those tomato plants will be given to the first 200 students who attend the Homedale FFA Ag Expo

on May 7 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Poland has applied for two \$10,000 grants as well.

The Idaho Quality Programs Standards grant is funded through the ag education bill passed by the Idaho Legislature last year. Each program meeting the criteria is ranked with the most deserving earning the grant.

Homedale FFA won’t know until June whether it has received the funding, which Poland plans to use to buy a new plasma cutter and iPads.

Another Monsanto grant aims to increase the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) emphasis in agriculture education. The grant would pay to train Poland and buy equipment to start a food science program.

FY 16 sage-grouse plan funded

Conservation efforts could include Owyhee juniper projects

by Jeff Myers
The Owyhee Avalanche
legislative correspondent

Owyhee County is among the areas of focus for part of the \$750,000 sage-grouse conservation package allocated by the state Legislature's appropriation committee for fiscal year 2016.

The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee granted \$500,000 to Idaho's Office of Species Conservation (OSC), while \$250,000 will go to Idaho Department of Lands.

OCS administrator Dustin Miller said that organization's portion of the funding will be spent on a variety sage-grouse conservation measures.

"That funding will go towards additional lek surveys, which are breeding areas," Miller said. "It will also be put towards habitat restoration work after wildfire, fire suppression work through the range and fire protection association(s), and private land conservation actions."

Part of the OSC's funding will be used for juniper removal in Owyhee County in the ongoing effort to improve habitat for the bird that is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Idaho Department of Lands public information officer Sharla Arledge said IDL intends to use its share of the sage-grouse conservation budget to provide fire prevention fuel breaks, conifer encroachment treatments, post-fire seeding, fire prevention brush management, wildlife fencing, flagging and ramps. Of IDL's \$250,000 allotment, \$55,000 will be used to hire two heavy equipment mechanics to refurbish water tender equipment for use by Idaho's rangeland fire protection associations.

Both IDL and OSC have put a large portion of their sage-grouse conservation funding into wild land firefighting efforts. Miller said this is because wildfires can be extremely destructive to sage-grouse habitats.

"Wildfire and invasive species are the primary threats to greater sage-grouse here in Idaho and other Great Basin states, so we really want to place an emphasis on fire prevention, suppression and restoration activities," Miller said.

"Wildfire has the potential to be the nail in the coffin for sage-grouse in the Great Basin if we don't step it up."

Specific geographic areas where conservation efforts will be focused are being determined in conjunction with the Governor's sage-grouse task force, which includes Owyhee County District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland and District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson).

"We want to get the most bang for the buck," Miller said. "We do want to make more investments in Owyhee County for juniper and conifer removal. We also want to make sure that our range and fire protection associations in Owyhee County, Elmore County and other places have sufficient resources for this next fire season. Really focusing in on those areas where we need to step it up in terms of our fire suppression efforts."

"This funding is important," Miller said, "because it demonstrates to the federal government that the state is committed to grouse conservation on all land ownerships not just federal land. It's pretty important in terms of our effort to preclude the need for listing under the Endangered Species Act."

According to Arledge the list-

ing of the greater sage-grouse as a protected endangered species would lead to the development of recovery plans for federal land areas found to be critical sage-grouse habitat.

"Those measures on federal lands," Arledge said, "could further limit grazing and other development activities, including energy development."

While state and private lands would not face the same restrictions as federal lands, legal action could still be taken to ensure the grouse's survival in those areas.

"Listing brings with it the risk of litigation that could challenge management activities on state and private lands," Arledge said. "Litigation could result in modifying or limiting management activities and development on state and private lands."

According to Theo Stein, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service public relations officer, it is unknown exactly how many greater sage-grouse exist today, but best estimates put range-wide population somewhere between 200,000 and 500,000 individuals, of which 14 percent are thought to live in Idaho.

"These birds are very cryptic colors, they disappear into the landscape and they only congregate in certain times. Those times are breeding," Stein said. "Even during leking (breeding) season hens are difficult to identify, so the one population segment that we have an opportunity to count on a regular basis is breeding males."

Stein said that while population estimates are uncertain they indicate a 30 percent decrease in the number of birds when compared to similar counts conducted in the 1980s. Stein said USFWS hopes to have more accurate population numbers by Sept. 30, which is the completion date for the agency's sage-grouse status review.

State Land Board vote on sage-grouse delayed

The State Board of Land Commissioners has pushed back a vote on a proposal to protect sage-grouse in Owyhee County and other parts of the state.

The original plan was for the board to vote on the controversial proposal during a Tuesday meeting. The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (OGCC) would have considered it on the same day as well.

Now the Land Board will decide whether to approve the management plan on May 19. The OGCC will consider the oil and gas regulatory components on May 21.

IDL public information officer Sharla Arledge said the vote was delayed in order to give agency officials more time to review comments submitted regarding

the proposal. The comment period ended on March 2.

Critics of the proposal believe it contains some elements that are impractical for ranchers.

The IDL's 33-page plan is intended to guide activities on nearly 700,000 acres as part of an effort to avoid a listing of sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act.

Listing of the bird would likely decrease how much money the state could produce from its endowment rangelands, which also would mean an impact on public lands ranchers.

Idaho Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter recommended setting aside \$750,000 to implement sage-grouse conservation measures during his State of the State address in January.

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Most students begin spring break Monday

Spring break starts soon for Owyhee County students, but a lucky few will get an extra day off.


The annual spring vacation begins Monday in the Homedale and Marsing school districts, although Homedale Elementary students' last day is today. Students return to class

on Monday, March 30.

Students in the Bruneau-Grand View School District get out of class early on Friday and will return from spring break on Tuesday, March 31.

Spring break in Adrian runs Monday through Friday, March 27.

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B2H draft EIS comment period closes Thursday

The latest 90-day comment period on the Boardman-to-Hemingway electrical transmission line project closes Thursday.

Comments are being gathered on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the 500-volt line is proposed to stretch from Boardman, Ore., to the Hemingway substation in Wilson.

The route through Owyhee County will be primarily on public land.

PacifiCorp, Bonneville Power Administration and Idaho Power have proposed the line.

The DEIS is available to view at www.boardmantohemingway.com or at several locations:

- BLM Owyhee Field Office, 20 1st Ave. W., Marsing
- Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Department, 17069 Basey St., Murphy
- Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing
- BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise

A visual kiosk featuring key observation points along the route has been set up at the Lizard Butte Library.

Submit comments in the following ways:

- At the project website
- Through the online open house at b2hdeis.publicmeeting.info
- Email to comment@boardmantohemingway.com
- Mail to B2H Project, P.O. Box 655, Vale, OR 97918. Comments must be postmarked by March 19 to be included in the record.

Comments will inform BLM through the Final EIS process.

The Final EIS will be released in early 2016 with a Record of Decision expected months later.

In its 2013 Integrated Resource Plan, Idaho Power identified an in-service date of 2018, but because of the siting process the utility updated the estimated in-service date to 2020 or beyond.

BLM plans more controlled burns

Assessor staff makes Circuit Breaker rounds

The Bureau of Land Management will conduct more controlled burns in Owyhee County beginning Monday.

The BLM Boise District plans a black line controlled burn in the 87-acre South Mountain Treatment Unit 1, which is 20 miles south of Jordan Valley and four miles northeast of Cliffs.

The agency will conduct burns along roadsides and adjacent fencelines in the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA) and the Bruneau Field Office.

Both operations could last until mid-May.

The South Mountain area is the first of five units to be burned for the U.S. Department of Agricultural Research Service periodically each year.

Black lining is used to reduce fuels and establish control lines for the research burn of the interior scheduled this fall.

A minimum of 15 acres will be black lined prior to fall unit ignition. The project will provide ARS the opportunity to evaluate and model the effects of juniper removal on snow accumulation, snowmelt, and snowdrift, stream flow and sedimentation and vegetation recovery at the landscape scale.

The BLM's goal is to use a landscape-scale juniper treatment that mimics natural processes, specifically girdling/cutting and prescribed fire to remove 100 percent of juniper from these watersheds and creating conditions necessary for ARS research.

The strategic fuel break fence-line burning in the NCA and Bruneau Field Office aims to reduce the spread of wildfires and hazardous fuel buildup (tumble weeds) along fencelines.

The spring project will burn approximately 10 to 50 miles of roadway/fenceline depending on fuel build-up and logistical needs.

Eligible property owners will be able to get help with Circuit Breaker applications again this year.

Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott and his staff began their annual workshops Tuesday at the Homedale Senior Center.

The staff helps those people eligible for the state's property tax reduction program fill out paperwork ahead of the April 15 filing deadline.

Assessor's office employees also make home visits for citizens unable to make it to one of the workshops. Call (208) 495-2817 for more information.

This year's workshops include:

- From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Tuesday at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- From 9 a.m. to noon on March 26 and March 31 at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St.
- From 10 a.m. to noon on April 7 at the Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
- From 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on April 7 at the Bruneau Valley Public Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau

The amount of the property tax reduction is based on the property owner's income from the previous year.

Qualifying property owners can receive a reduction of as much as \$1,320, according to the Idaho State Tax Commission brochure on the program.

Property owners qualify under the following conditions:

- Owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho that served as primary residence before April 15, 2015. Some may qualify if they were in a care facility.
- Earned \$29,100 or less in 2014.
- As of Jan. 1, 2015 was one of the following: 65 or older, widowed, blind, a fatherless or motherless child younger than 18, a former prisoner of war or hostage, a veteran with 10 percent or more service-connected disability or receiving a pension from Veterans Affairs for nonservice-connected disability or disabled under Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Federal Civil Service guidelines.



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Veteran Homedale teachers set to retire

School board discusses changes to elementary student drop-off area

Some longtime Homedale School District teachers will leave their classrooms for good when school ends in May.

The board of trustees accepted the retirements of Mary Jo Larzelier, Leslie Parker and Pat Warren during a March 9 meeting.

Larzelier and Parker are elementary school teachers, while Warren has been a fixture at the middle school.

Trustees approved other personnel moves as well, including the resignation of Sam Stone after one year as district band and choir director. Stone came the Homedale after a lengthy career in Caldwell.

Debbie Pfeifer has resigned as Homedale’s federal programs director, and second-grade teacher Christine Ketterling will be reassigned to the federal programs post for the 2015-16 school year, superintendent Rob Sauer said.

The trustees also renewed Matt Holtry’s athletic director contract for another year.

District hunts for funding

Pfeifer reported that the district was unsuccessful in getting Title I federal funding reallocated for a joint Jump Start program with the Marsing district.

The district will now examine

its existing federal funding stream to try to put together a summer educational program.

“We’re still going to try to find a way to make that happen in some form or fashion,” Sauer said. “We’re going to look at federal dollars and see if there is any way that we can scrape those federal dollars together to make it happen even for a week or two.”

HES changes possible

Trustees held preliminary discussions about altering the pick-up and drop-off area in front of the elementary school on West Washington Avenue.

Although officials would like to have changes in place before the start of the next school year, Sauer said no concrete solution

has been reached.

“(It was) just a discussion about where’s the best possible place for all these things to happen where we don’t necessarily have congestion, but that it’s easier for parents dropping off and students coming to school,” Sauer said.

Traffic has been an issue.

“It’s just that it gets pretty congested there in front when people are dropping off and walking into the building,” Sauer said. “There hasn’t been problems with the bus drop-off area (on West Oregon Avenue in the rear of the school) just the front, parent drop-off area.”

Elementary school principal Terri Vasquez suggested moving the area to the rear of the school on West Oregon Avenue, Sauer

said. That configuration could cause a traffic problem with the area where school buses shuttle children, though.

The current configuration was constructed prior to the start of the 2006-07 school year.

“It was definitely an improvement from before, and at the end of the day that may still be the best option that we have, but it’s always important for us to continue to look at safety and what the best options are,” Sauer said.

Discussions will continue with School Resource Officer Sgt. Mike McFetridge and the city, Sauer said.

“We all have the same goal in this, and that is for the safest options possible,” Sauer said.

— JPB

Marsing School District enrollment continues to drop

Students moving to COSSA Academy

The district recorded five fewer students over the 30 days prior to the March 10 meeting. The enrollment decline was about the same in the previous four weeks.

As for the most recent numbers, “Some of that has to do with students transitioning from the regular school setting to COSSA, (Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency) the alternative school,” Stewart said.

Trustees are concerned about

the decline and are planning for how the district will move forward, and “we’re hoping that trend will change,” 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.

So far, the district hasn’t had to make any changes in staffing or

programs because of the lower enrollment numbers, Stewart said.

Trustees accepted donations:

- Laura Bowman gave \$200 to the MHS softball program.
- Krista Brower-Wood donated \$500 to MHS for art supplies.
- Bruce Barkalow gave \$1,050 to Deidra Little’s science class for the recent science and engineering fair.
- The Percifield Memorial Softball Tournament donated

\$480 to purchase gravel for the elementary school parking lot

- Joe Usabel donated \$300 worth of labor, use of his dump truck and fuel to haul the gravel.

Trustees also reviewed the district’s strategic plan, which is now posted on the school district’s website (www.marsing-schools.org), “so that people can go in and look at the progress we’ve made,” Stewart said.

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Left: Ashley Loucks won the Human Body Mechanics division champion for her “Jointed or Not?” study of prosthetics. **Right:** Brody Gaertner received honorable mention in Biology and Microbiology for “Chewy Choice.”

Marsing students learn science hands-on

Fair features variety of projects

Brody Gaertner ended up learning something from this year’s Marsing Middle School science and engineering fair.

The Marsing eighth-grader created a project he named “chewy choice.” Gaertner put mealworms in a container along with an apple and a carrot. He said his, “hypothesis was that the superworm would eat the apple because it contains more water than the carrot does.”

It turns out he was wrong, “because in the wild, they’re not going to crawl up the tallest tree to get an apple, they’re going to stay low, and they prefer the carrot.”

Speaking at the March 10 fair, Gaertner was happy with the

project, but said if he did it again, he wouldn’t keep the mealworms in oats prior to the experiment because after eating the oats, they weren’t very interested in either the carrot or apple.

Christopher Even’s project tested which video game would raise a person’s heart rate faster. He had three test subjects play Lord of the Rings and Tetris, both on the Gameboy Advance.

Even said while playing Lord of the Rings, people got nervous and started breathing harder and their heart rate shot up. That was contrary to what Evan was expecting as he thought Tetris would come out on top.

Proving that science isn’t just for boys, Ashley Loucks created an experiment involving jointed and non-jointed prosthetic legs.

Loucks said she “wanted to see if a jointed one or a non-jointed

one would be faster to walk on, so I tested it on people and asked them to walk through the library and tell me how hard it was on a scale of 1 to 10.”

She got the idea for the experiment while watching the movie Dolphin Tale, the story of a dolphin who gets a prosthetic after its tail was lost in a crab trap. Loucks also said she just likes prosthetic legs.

She made her prosthetics out of PVC pipe and heads of toilet plungers. Her findings were that the jointed one was easier to walk on, and Loucks wasn’t surprised because she said it feels more natural.

About 50 Marsing eighth-graders created displays to exhibit at the science and engineering fair.

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Show winners

- Best in Show** — 1. Logan Stansell, “Thirsty Dirt,” Chemistry; 2. Gabriela Rodriguez, “The Silent Killer,” Biology; 3. Calista Barroso, “The Struggle is Real,” Engineering
- Animal Behavior** — Champion: Emma Heitz, “Canis Lupus Familiaris”; Honorable mention — Jesse Hay-Smith, “Felinof of Costa Rica”
- Biology & Microbiology** — Champion: Mikaela Dolan, “Sniffin’ in the Wind”; Honorable mention: Brody Gaertner, “Chewy Choice”
- Chemistry** — Champion: Julian Sandoval, “White vs. Colored Candles”; Honorable mention: Estefany Alvarez, “Crystals”
- Energy & Engineering** — Champion: Kassandra Hahlbeck, “Solar vs. Battery”; Honorable mention: Chad (Joey) Tracy, “Robotic Timing”
- Human Anatomy** — Champion: Esmeralda Garcia, “Optical Eyes”; Honorable mention: Halli Enrico, “Do We Really Breathe?”
- Human Body Mechanics** — Champion: Ashley Loucks, “Jointed or Not?”; Honorable mention: Sefora Arriaga, “Heighty Hoops”
- Material Science & Physics** — Champion: Boone Sevy “Line It Up”; Honorable mention: Peyton Green, “Breaking the Stitch”

Health screenings during Friday food pick-up

Health screenings will be available for folks who turn out for Friday’s monthly food distribution at Homedale Elementary School.

Southwest District Health and the Lions Club are teaming up for various screenings, which will be held when the Idaho Food Bank mobile pantry visits the school at 420 W. Washington Ave., at 10 a.m.

Services available only to those who are picking up commodities include basic health screening, including a blood pressure check, a Lions Club eye exam and colon cancer screening kits.

The same services will be available during the Idaho Food Bank’s stop at noon on Friday at Calvary Holiness Church, 310 B Ave., in Wilder.



Rimrock Drama Club delivers again

In one of the madcap scenes from the Rimrock Drama Club’s production of “Maid to Order,” what seems to be the entire cast tries to restrain Gerald, played by Anthony Mowery. Other cast members in the foreground included cop Zai Lowe, left, maid Megan Mondoux, second from right, and Taylor Pearson, far right. Submitted photo

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Caretaker convicted of embezzlement

A Nampa woman is currently serving a retained jurisdiction sentence after being convicted of illegally using a credit card. Sabina Hallam can avoid a prison sentence of up to five years by completing a rider program. Hallam was originally charged

with five counts of felony grand theft after it was discovered she had used bank cards of an elderly couple for whom she was caretaker for unauthorized purchases. According to court records, Hallam embezzled more than \$10,000 in a series of unauthor-

ized purchases between March 2011 and June 2012. Charges were filed in April. She entered a guilty plea to one charge in January, and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed the four other felony counts.

Man sentenced after release from prison

A Caldwell man has been sentenced in a case that entered the court system four years ago. Jason Daniel Erbe's Owyhee County case was delayed because he was in prison on a Canyon County drug conviction, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said. Erbe, 41, has been ordered to serve two years of supervised probation after pleading guilty to

felony possession of a controlled substance. Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan suspended a two-to five-year prison sentence. Erbe was originally charged in October 2011, Emery said. He entered a guilty plea in April 2013 via a telephonic hearing from a state penitentiary in North Idaho. Two months after the Owyhee charges were filed, Erbe was charged with felony controlled

substance possession and a probation violation in Canyon. He was sentenced to two to four years in state prison in June 2012, which delayed his Owyhee case. Wanted on a Canyon warrant, Erbe was arrested after an Oct. 1, 2011 traffic stop in Homedale. During a subsequent search of Erbe's vehicle, police officers found crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Non-tribal member barred from hunting anywhere after deal

Suspended in Idaho, man was charged after hunting on Duck Valley

After extensive research, a case that involved both state and tribal law has been resolved. In the end, a Nampa man who had his Idaho hunting privileges revoked had to pay \$2,000 after it was discovered that he had been permitted to hunt on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in southernmost Owyhee County. Christopher Cody Draper was prohibited from participating in hunts in the state of Idaho until this year after a previous Fish and Game violation. But authorities found that he had obtained a permit to hunt pronghorn antelope on the reservation. Even though the reservation fell under Tribal jurisdiction, prosecutors charged Draper with hunting while suspended and illegal taking of game. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery explained that non-native offenders fall under state jurisdiction, while the Tribe and FBI would prosecute cases involving Tribal members. "It's a unique question of law as it relates to fish and wildlife violations on Tribal property,"

Emery said. "Generally, the Fish and Game department doesn't have a posture of overriding the Tribe's authority of licensing." Emery said investigation of the case included analysis of Idaho case law and "even to a certain extent Native American treaty." "This is a pretty narrow point of law," he said. According to court records, both misdemeanor charges against Draper were dismissed. As part of the agreement, though, Draper must pay \$1,000 to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and \$1,000 for the forfeiture of bond as part of the case dismissal. Draper also must forfeit a golden eagle talon that Fish and Game investigators found after a search warrant was served on his residence, Emery said. Draper still doesn't have a hunting license, but now he is barred from hunting on the reservation, too. "We have since modified the language (of the judgment) that he can't hunt anywhere in the world," Emery said. — JPB

Man gets jail time for DUI

A Homedale man must serve two days in jail for a drunk driving conviction. Julio C. Frias was sentenced last month on misdemeanors of driving under the influence and failure to purchase a driver's license. Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober ordered Frias into a treatment program and said he had to serve

two days in Owyhee County Jail by today. The balance of a 180-day jail term was suspended. Frias also must serve a years' probation and had his driving privileges suspended for six months. Grober also ordered Frias to pay \$807.50 in fines and court costs.

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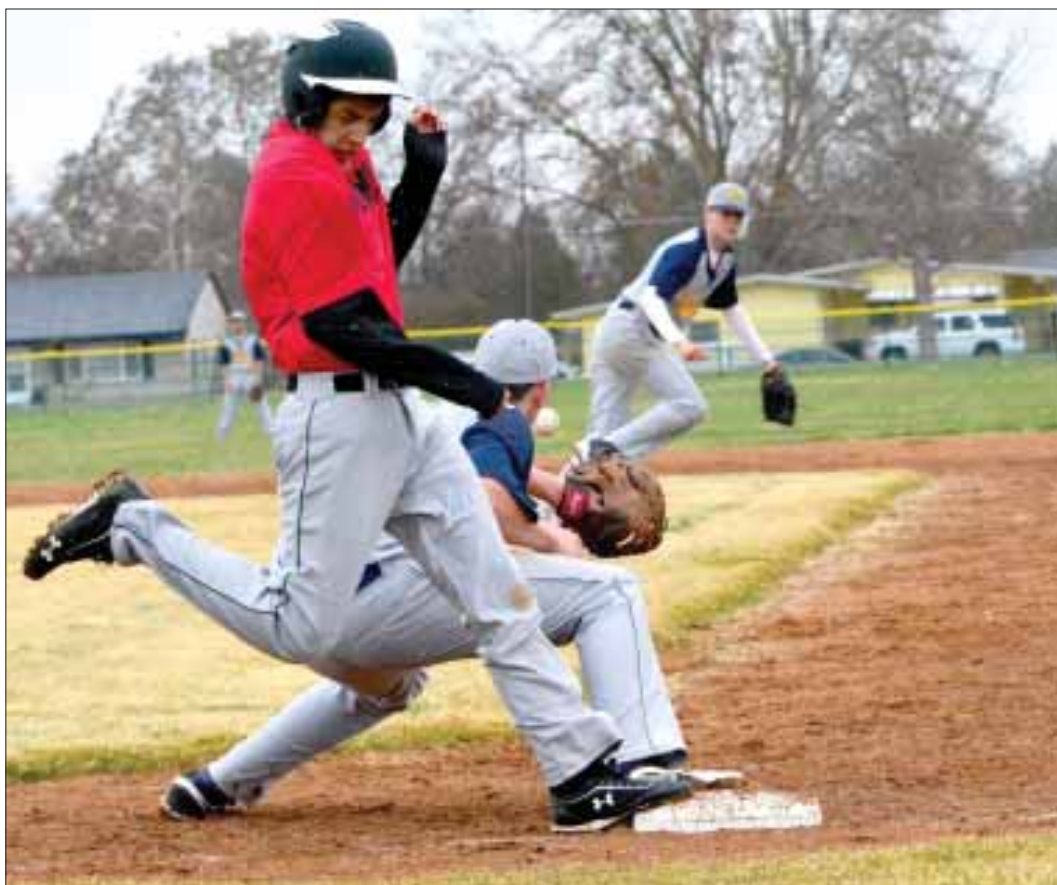
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Clay King's late throw to Marsing High School first baseman Casey Yiengst was one of few things that went wrong for the Huskies in Saturday's blowout season-opening victory against non-conference foe Parma. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Epic lopsided outing helps Marsing start baseball season

Team scores 51 runs in five innings

Jayden Kinney ripped five hits in his varsity debut Saturday as the Marsing High School baseball team crushed Parma.

Brett Grossman, Hunter Gibson and Dakota Hardy teamed for eight strikeouts as the Huskies rolled in their home opener, 51-1, on the Panthers' field.

First-year coach Travis Jarvis was happy to get out on the diamond against some competition, but fretted about the lack of exposure his squad got.

"We were hoping to see what we had, but games like this simply don't give us much information," Jarvis said. "We did, however, see a few things that need work, especially knowing that we only have five games before dueling with (2A Western Idaho Conference) juggernaut New Plymouth."

The Huskies traveled to face Payette on Monday after deadline. Like Parma, the Pirates play in the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Seth Hardy smacked four hits, including a double during Marsing's 17-run third inning that saw 19 batters come to the plate.

Grossman had four hits and five RBI.

Kinney, Dakota Hardy, Clay King, Garret Briggs and Seth Hardy had two RBI each.

More to first Sauer tourney than softball

Marsing plays host to two days of games, awareness

Anti-texting education and athletic entertainment are the focus of the inaugural Taylor Sauer Memorial Softball Tournament.

Marsing High School plays host to the fundraiser tournament Friday and Saturday.

Proceeds will benefit two scholarships named in honor of the 2011 MHS graduate who played first base for the Huskies' historic 2A state championship team a week before she graduated.

The scholarships include the Taylor Sauer Memorial Scholarship, which goes to a MHS

senior each year, and the Taylor Sauer Memorial Owyhee County Fair Scholarship, which is given to a large animal participant in the fair each August.

Some of the money raised by the six-team tournament also will finance the ongoing anti-texting and driving campaign that Sauer's family began in the months after her January 2012 death in a traffic accident on Interstate 84. The family doesn't charge for the school assemblies they produce

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Large group welcomes Marsing's new coach

Kendall starts with small, experienced core

Softball fans may be hard-pressed to refer to Barry Kendall as Marsing High School's new coach.

He has been around for years in various capacities in the youth rec divisions as a softball, baseball and girls' basketball coach.

After about 15 seasons in those ranks, he has ascended to the Huskies' top spot as the program turns a new page.

He has about 17 athletes ready to help him build a new chapter in Marsing softball, which will

— See *Coach*, page 3B

Loss to Parma spoils debut

The anxiety of a new season with a lot of a new faces got the better of Marsing High School in Saturday's softball opener.

Host Parma scored six runs in the third inning to set up a 10-0 non-conference victory in a game that was called after five innings because of the 10-run rule. Marsing trailed, 2-0, before the Panthers struck six times in the third inning.

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Trojans get revenge in softball opener

The Homedale High School softball season began Saturday against the team that ended the last one.

And, as with the end of the 2014 season, the Trojans and Filer played multiple games in one day.

This time, though, Homedale would get the last laugh, sweeping a non-conference doubleheader at Sundance Park.

Catcher Tori Nash capped a big start to her senior season with an RBI single as Homedale scored in the bottom of the seventh for a 6-5 victory in Game 1.

Nash was 3-for-3 with a triple and a home run in the game,

knocking in four runs and scoring two others.

Treasure Valley Community College-bound senior Elise Shenk hit one of two home runs in the second game as Homedale crushed the Wildcats, 15-5, in five innings.

Last season, Filer beat Homedale, 14-9, to win the 3A state championship in Nampa. The Trojans had beaten the Wildcats in the first game of the championship round, 16-0.

Filer had knocked Homedale into the losers' bracket with a 9-5 win in the semifinals that snapped

— See *Softball*, page 5B



Homedale High School shortstop Elise Shenk makes contact early in the first game Saturday.

Sports

Local track and field athletes pull runner-up showings

Three athletes posted runner-up performances Friday to highlight local performances in the season-opening track and field meet in Melba.

Marsing High School junior Alexandre Heidt finished second in the boys' 100 meters and triple jump, while Huskies teammate Angie Draper, a sophomore, was second in the girls' long jump.

Rimrock junior Hailey Pearson registered a season-opening mark

of 28 feet, 7 inches for second place in the girls' triple jump.

Heidt went 35-11 in the triple jump and was runner-up in the 100 at 11.55 seconds to help the Marsing boys to a fifth-place finish among seven teams. He also finished fourth in the long jump at 18-4½.

Fellow Marsing junior Andy Saenz was fifth in the 100 (11.67).

Huskies sophomore Sam Galligan posted top-five finishes

in the throws, hitting a fourth-place toss of 92-1 in the discus and finishing fifth in the shot put at 35-4½.

Pearson also placed fourth in the long jump at 12-10, while senior teammate Megan Mondeaux was fifth in the shot put at 20-10½.

Draper notched a pair of top-five finishes in the hurdles. She was third at 19.53 in the 100 hurdles, and finished fifth in 56.93 in the 300 hurdles.

✓ Debut: Dines, Quiroz double in opener

"We had our opportunities, but could not capitalize," new Huskies coach Barry Kendall said. "I think nerves and first-game jitters played a role for the

first game of the year.

"We will get more comfortable as the season progresses and the girls get some more game time under their feet."

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Carey Dines and Ann Quiroz both collected doubles to open their senior seasons. Ellie Folwell hit a single.

✓ Sauer: Gooding, Weiser in town for both days

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several times each year.

The first day of the tournament closes with a barbecue French dip dinner. Cost is \$5 per person, and tickets will be available at the door. The dinner will start about 6:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the final game of the day.

"It's just another opportunity to get out and talk to people about our message," Taylor's mother, Shauna Sauer, said.

Put It Down T-shirts and bracelets will be sold during the tournament, and athletes on each team received a welcome packet with Put It Down cards and window stickers as well as a participation trophies.

"We will have Put It Down videos playing throughout the tournament with an obstacle course set up for those what want to try it out," Sauer said.

There also will be a full concession stand running with breakfast burritos and lunch and dinner options.

The tournament will be a community effort, she said.

"Many community members will be volunteering their time to help us out," Sauer said. "We're hoping for a great spectator turnout to support these high school teams and to also help us to spread our message to 'Put It Down.'"

The tournament will feature five games each day. There will be an all-tournament team chosen by the coaches, and each honoree will receive a medal.

Tournament matchups

Friday

Game 1 – Vallivue JV vs. Burns, Ore., 10 a.m.

Game 2 – Marsing vs. Game 1 winner, 11:45 a.m.

Game 3 – Weiser vs. Gooding, 1:30 p.m.

Game 4 – Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 3:30 p.m.

Game 5 – Marsing vs. Game 3 winner, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Game 1 – Rocky Mountain JV vs. Weiser, 10 a.m.

Game 2 – Marsing vs. Game 1 winner, 11:45 a.m.

Game 3 – Vallivue JV vs. Gooding, 1:30 p.m.

Game 4 – Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 3:30 p.m.

Game 5 – Marsing vs. Game 3 winner, 5 p.m.

Each team will play two games each day.

Schools participating in the round robin tournament include junior varsity teams from Vallivue in Caldwell and Rocky Mountain in Meridian as well as varsity squads from Marsing, Weiser, Burns, Ore., and Gooding.



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MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Brett Grossman, jr., baseball

The Play — Grossman put on a show with his bat and his arm in the Huskies' 51-1 non-conference blowout of Parma on Saturday. He collected a double among his four hits, knocking in five runs. In two innings on the mound, he struck out four batters.

Baseball
Varsity

Thursday, March 19, home vs. Horseshoe Bend, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20, home vs. Glenns Ferry (2), 3:30 p.m.

Track and field

Wednesday, April 1 at New Plymouth Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

Go Huskies!

Softball
Varsity

Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament
Friday, March 20, home vs. Vallivue JV-Burns, Ore., winner, 11:45 a.m.

Friday, March 20, home vs. Weiser-Gooding winner, 5 p.m.

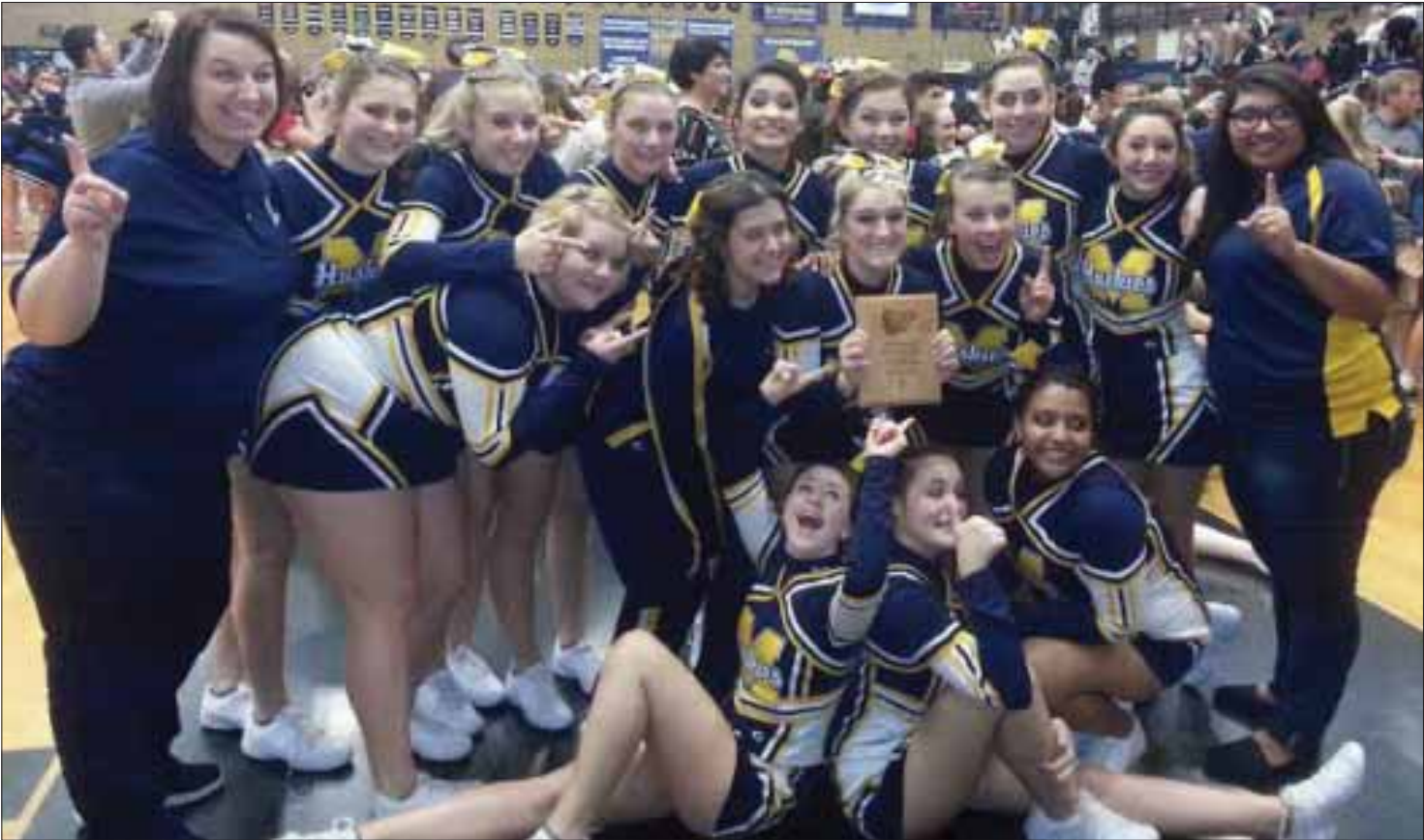
Saturday, March 21, home vs. Rocky Mountain JV-Weiser winner, 11:45 a.m.

Saturday, March 21, home vs. Vallivue JV-Gooding winner, 5 p.m.



Sports

Cheer squads in the hunt for state championships



MHS cheerleaders reach state meet

*In only its second year of competition, the Marsing High School cheer squad has qualified for the state meet in the pom dance division, and will compete at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center. **Back row, from left:** Coach Shonie Jarvis, Dagmar Thomsen, Zoe Kish, Adrianna Salutregui, Ezmer Robles, Avery Villa, Bailey Reyes, Aleyah Saiz, and assistant coach Mayra Rodriguez. **Middle row, from left:** Destiny Gauvey, Lizie Stanbery, captain Tristan Jarvis, and Angelina Noblett. **Front row, from left:** Angie Draper, Tiauna Scheffer, and Lizeth Aguirre. Submitted photo*

Marsing, Homedale shoot for state cheer crowns

The cheer squads from Marsing and Homedale high schools will make history Saturday in Nampa.

The Huskies, who are only in their second year of competition, have qualified for the Class 2A Dance and Cheer State Championships for their pom routine.

Coach Shoni Jarvis' squad will perform at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa in a 7:30 a.m. grouping. Marsing is scheduled

to perform near the tail-end of a group of 20 2A and 4A squads. Melba will lead things off, and Marsing is the 17th team in the queue.

Homedale's cheer squad has a shot at two state championships in its first year of competition.

The Trojans will compete in the Class 3A division for the state dance and cheer championships.

Judges will rate Homedale's pom routine in a 3:30 p.m. grouping of performances.

The Trojans are scheduled to be the third team to perform after fellow 3A squad Priest River and Rocky Mountain, which is competing for the 5A title.

Homedale will perform its sideline routine about an hour later. The Trojans are seventh in line behind Fruitland, Post

Falls, Gooding, Idaho Falls, Priest River and Boise.

The HHS group, which is coached by Wendy Aberasturi and Jessie Kerbs, includes seniors Marissa Guzman, Delaney Phariss and Jennifer Hernandez; juniors Elizabeth Hernandez and Taylor Kerbs; sophomore Tanis Lentfer; and freshmen Payton Kerbs, Alexis Muir, Mindy Padilla and Nelly Gonzales.

✓ Coach: Kendall brings Huskies' former rival into fold as assistant coach

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include the inaugural Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

"Within in these numbers, we have a good mix of experience and younger players that are willing to work to become better players not only for this season but for the following years to come," Kendall said.

Kendall's assistant coach has some pretty impressive experience, too.

Former Melba High School standout Cara Duckworth, who

spent four years on the Northwest Nazarene University squad as a pitcher and infielder.

"She will be a very valuable part of our team with her pitching and infielding experience and overall understanding of the game," Kendall said.

On the field, Kendall expects a core of seasoned seniors and one outstanding sophomore to lead the way.

The seniors are third baseman Ellie Folwell, shortstop and center fielder Carey Dines and pitcher and second baseman Audra

Kendall.

Sheyanne Glorifield is back behind the plate after a standout freshman season last spring.

Kendall says the large turnout can be a help and a hindrance.

"Strengths will be having a good number of returners that have the experience on the field and understand the game and will be able to help the new players," he said.

"Our weaknesses will be having a large number of players that do not have the experience or do not quite understand the game yet."

He sees Duckworth's alma mater Melba and New Plymouth to be the teams to beat in the 2A Western Idaho Conference, which he calls the best Class 2A collection in the state.

The large number of athletes provides exactly what Kendall is going for – a foundation on which to build at all levels.

"Ultimately our goal is to build a solid program. We want the kids to be excited about the program from the youth ranks to the varsity level," Kendall said. "To do this, we will need to work with

our youth programs, our youth coaches, the school district and the community. As coaches we are excited about the possibilities."

Part of the community involvement is helping Kendall build the program's infrastructure as well. The Huskies replenished its supplies by buying uniforms, equipment and bases this year.

To make a donation to the MHS softball program, contact athletic director Johnathon Cossel at 896-4111, option 2 or call Kendall at 371-8153.

— JPB

Owyhee County fishery projects signal onset of season

Trout planted at C.J., Crane Falls gets upgrades

Idaho Power has added 50,000 rainbow trout to C.J. Strike Reservoir in time for spring fishing.

Tanker trucks hauled the 10-inch trout from a hatchery in the Hagerman Valley to the reservoir near Bruneau last week. The fish deliveries were split between the Jack's Creek and Cottonwood

sportsman accesses.

"Providing recreational fishing opportunities is a big part of our environmental efforts," Idaho Power biologist Ben Reingold said.

The company will put trout in American Falls Reservoir and catfish into Milner Reservoir later in the spring, in addition to its planned fall release of trout into the Mid-Snake River.

Many of the trout will be caught the same year they are released. Those that aren't caught can grow several inches per year.

In addition to fishing for trout, anglers visit C.J. Strike for bass, crappie, yellow perch and other game species.

Idaho Power's federal licenses to operate its hydroelectric facilities on the Snake River require the company to preserve and enhance recreational opportunities. This includes maintaining more than 50 parks, boat ramps and day-use areas along the Snake River. More information about these facilities can be found at idahopower.com/recreation.

C.J. Strike Reservoir covers about 7,500 acres at the confluence of the Bruneau and Snake Rivers.

In addition to Idaho Power's efforts to beef up Owyhee County's trout fishery, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game continues to stock rainbow trout in two locations.

Fish and Game crews will plant 1,200 catchable-sized trout in Crane Falls Reservoir in Bruneau on March 30. A plant of 450 fish was carried out at Island Park in Marsing on March 2.

Fish and Game currently is upgrading facilities at Crane Falls Reservoir, too. The \$72,000 project began earlier this month and is expected to last through mid-April. Plans include upgrading access points and fishing docks. A new small-craft boat ramp, restroom and improved parking will be constructed near the ramp on the reservoir's east side.

Fish and Game warned access would be difficult during the project because the reservoir's water level has been lowered.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 21, 1990

New baseball backstop

Tom Muir and Paul Fink had to duck raindrops on Saturday morning as they worked to construct the frame for the new backstop being put in place at the high school baseball diamond. The improvement has to be in place by April 5, date of the Trojans’ first home baseball game against New Plymouth.

Group meets to discuss county jail situation

“Idaho jails are in trouble, and Owyhee County is no exception,” Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton told a group of about 30 people from throughout the county last Tuesday.

The meeting, called by Commission Chairman Richard Bass, was held in the courthouse at Murphy. Participating were county officials, a district judge, an attorney, community leaders and others.

Conducting the informational meeting was Dave Calhoun and Mark Martin of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC).

The county jail was built around 1932, and was renovated in 1954, according to Nettleton. It has eight beds in four cells, with no provision for separation of juveniles and/or females. At present, juveniles are sent to Shoshone for incarceration.

Last Tuesday’s session was to familiarize the county people as to the need for a proper facility, the legal ramifications, and some ideas on how to plan for a facility.

In discussing the costs of a new facility, Calhoun pointed out that the capital costs (construction) is, on the average, only about 10 percent of the outlay of money over the life of the facility. The remaining 90 percent is the costs of operation of the jail.

Following a lunch break, the committee made a tour of the present jail. Some of the problems they saw that would need solved in the construction of a new jail included: fire safety, lack of exits, lock-down system, the housing of juveniles and/or females, line-of-sight supervision, ventilation, handicapped prisoner accommodations, natural and artificial lighting, food services and facilities, medical training, programs including educational, literacy, and substance treatment, staff conditions and accommodations, limitation of liability exposure, and classification of inmates.

City council passes new liquor ordinance

The Homedale City Council passed a new ordinance related to the sale of liquor by the drink or at retail, replacing an outdated 1947 version, at its regular monthly meeting March 14.

All councilmen voted for it excepting for Dan Murphy, who abstained from the vote due to his ownership and operation of Murph’s Bar, according to Edna I. Grimes, city clerk-treasurer.

Townsend promoted to Brigadier General

A former Homedale man, Ralph D. Townsend, was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the Idaho National Guard in ceremonies March 12 at Gowen Field in Boise. Townsend, Deputy Commanding General, Air, ING, had been serving in the rank of Colonel.

Governor Cecil Andrus and Maj. Gen. Darrell Manning, Adjutant General, made the official presentation of the promotion to Townsend.

An Idaho native, Townsend was born in MacGregor and raised in Homedale, graduating from HHS in 1957. During military service in the U.S. Air Force that began in 1958, Townsend flew 101 fighter-interceptor missions over Vietnam during two temporary tours on duty in Southeast Asia between April-August, 1965, and May-July, 1968.

Board accepts demolition bid

Gillingham Construction of Boise has been selected from among 14 bidders by the Homedale School Board to carry out demolition/salvage operations at the old junior high school building this summer.

50 years ago

March 18, 1965

Co-op oil plant damaged by chemical explosion Sat.

Jim Murray, manager of the local Co-Operative Oil association, reported this week that damage amounting to approximately \$4,000 or \$5,000 was a result of the chemical explosion at the company fertilizer pant here Saturday morning about 9 a.m.

Mr. Murray and Barney Wilson, an employee, were at work in the plant mixing soil sulphur and phosphate, when apparently a spark from the pit auger ignited the mixture, causing an explosion.

Mr. Murray stated that the elevator was badly damaged and that a new one is being made to replace it.

The Co-Op warehouse was not damaged and no injuries were sustained. The top was blown off the elevator and several buckets scattered about the area. Windows in store buildings in downtown Homedale were rattled and persons throughout the city said it sounded like an extremely loud sonic boom. No damage was reported to police.

Homedale Drive-In Theatre to open Friday night, March 19

Formal opening of the new Homedale Drive-In Theatre, owned and operated by Dan C. Fry, will be Friday night, March 19. Location is southwest Homedale, south of the U.P. depot.

Free refreshments will be served to those attending the formal opening of the theatre Friday night.

Regular show time for the present will be 7:30 p.m. with the gate opening at 6:30. There will be shows every night, with three changes a week, according to present plans. A complete snack bar has been put in and play equipment for children will be available near the snack bar building.

The theatre grounds now has installations for 205 cars and plans are that another 100 spaces will be put in soon. The theatre boasts an extra large screen, 40x80 feet, which is about 20 feet larger than average. Sound equipment was installed by the RCA people from Hollywood, and pictures will be projected from two Mogul machines equipped with Ultra Panatar panavision lenses.

Present employees are Bob Richcreek in the projection room; Laura Hardin, cook, and Marge Hayes, assistant in the snack bar. It is planned later on to have two car hops on duty during Saturday night shows and windshield washers on duty at the entrance.

Marsing Disaster Auction results are listed

Mrs. Paul Neel of Marsing, publicity chairman of the Marsing Community Disaster Auction, reported Wednesday, that proceeds at the auction on March 6 totaled \$5,909.04, of which \$879.41 will go toward the scholarship fund set aside for Marsing students who deserve and need help in entering college.

Proceeds from the auction are used to assist people in emergencies and at times of great need.

Mrs. Neel also reported that the crowd was one of the largest that had turned out for the auction, and this was the 5th annual year that the auction has been held.

Boat drivers to demonstrate hydro-planes

Approximately 10 to 15 race drivers will meet at the Homedale boat docks Sunday, March 21, to demonstrate the hydro-plane racing boats, according to Clint Smith. These drivers will come from all over the state and will visit Homedale to try out these boats on the Snake River. They also plan to have several races here during the summer months. The public is welcome to come to the docks on Sunday to watch the try-outs.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Gladys Matteson and Mrs. Grace Colley drove to Portland, Ore., Friday where they plan to visit for two weeks.

A. E. “Spud” Murphy and Bill Friedrichsmeier spent several days in California last week on business and visiting relatives.

140 years ago

March 20, 1875

THE SKATERS tried to enjoy themselves last night at Jones’ Hall and they succeeded. The attendance was very large embracing many elderly gentlemen who were supposed to have passed the meridian of life and therefore had no desire to participate in youthful sports any longer. But the fact developed itself that they seemed to enjoy the exercise as much as any one, and it was noticed that they were particularly attentive to young ladies in exhibiting a wish to give them instructions. Now and then there was a tumble and groups of two, three and four came down together on the floor in the most beautiful confusion. They generally managed to pick themselves up and go at it again. Altogether this roller skating seems to be quite an exhilarating sport and when our boy gets old enough we are going to send him around to learn.

JUDGE LYNAM, the County Recorder is, we understand, seriously ill this morning, having been attacked by some disease suddenly during the night. He seemed to be enjoying his usual health yesterday, and his many friends hope that his illness is not of a dangerous type.

YESTERDAY was a quiet day in Silver. People generally took the world easy, many of them congregating at the hotels and discussing the prospects of the coming season, or the demoralizing attitude of the weather clerk who had been running a “corner” on snow recently. Just before midnight two veterans who had occasion to visit the suburbs during the day, and got belated, arrived at the Idaho Hotel. They looked like moving monuments of snow and were whitened from head to foot, and bristling with the flakes. They were a sight to behold, and they came to the conclusion that another trip to the mountains would not be a very desirable move at present.

NOT-SUITED. Adam Crossman, a laborer sued the Owyhee Tailing Mill Company for wages alleged to be due him in the sum of \$30. The case was tried before Justice Garlick. The difficulty of making it appear just who constituted the Company was an obstacle in the way of complainant accomplishing anything, and the Company’s Attorney, Mr. Johnson, seemed well posted in the usages pertaining to such causes and succeeded in getting a decision in favor of his clients. This with the consequent informality in the service of the papers caused the Justice to give the decision he did.

REWARDING OUTLAWRY. We notice that a bill is pending in the Missouri Legislature having for its object the pardon of the Younger Brothers and their associates in outlawry. These are the men who some two years ago placed obstructions on the track of a railroad in Iowa, halted the train, killed the engineer, robbed the express and, endangered the lives of all on the train. The same band of outlaws a few weeks after stopped a train on the Iron Mountain Railroad in Missouri, robbed the passengers of all their available means, taking watches, jewelry, and the like from helpless women, intimidating them with revolvers and doing acts that only skulking bandits would be guilty of. We could fill a volume almost with the narration of crimes perpetrated by these outlaws, in which that of murder figures conspicuously. Their lawless habits have made them the terror of country towns through which they have been roving for the past five years, pillaging and plundering along the route and leaving their pathway strewn with the black and damning evidences of their rancidity, and State authorities seemingly powerless to do anything in the premises. And now the Bourbon Legislature of Missouri proposes to dignify the black array of crimes by giving the perpetrators an unconditional pardon and allowing them all the immunities and privileges of good citizenship. We doubt whether a more infamous proposition was ever submitted to a legislative body in this country. If such efforts as these do not operate against the return of Democracy to power in the nation then we can scarcely conceive of anything that will.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Vegetarian’s guide to cowboys

Many myths have been promulgated that have fostered a misunderstanding of cowboys by herbivores. It is incumbent on me to shed some light on this subject for my vegetarian readers.

Myth No. 1 Cowboys are mean to cows

This myth may be reinforced by the cowboy’s habit of roping cows for sport, branding their young and primping them like poodles at livestock shows. But in their defense, these practices are done without malice. Just sort of the usual predator/prey relationship. Like parents with children enrolled in organized sports.

Myth No. 2 Cowboys are right-wing political fanatics

Cowboys are suspicious of politicians and, like most Americans, don’t vote either. They hold to a muddled Code of the West that forbids associating with known feminists but allows kissing your horse. Very confusing.

Myth No. 3 Cows hate cowboys

Cows have an IQ somewhere between a cedar post and a sandhill crane. It is unlikely that they lay awake nights plotting revenge. However, fate has made the cow and cowboy dependent on each other. It’s the same unnatural relationship that exists between politicians and newspaper reporters or lawyers and criminals.

Myth No. 4 Cowboys are a vanishing breed

As long as 97 percent of the population eats meat, there will be cows, and as long as there’s cows, there will be cowboys. However, they are hard to see from the freeway.

Myth No. 5 Cowboys eat beef everyday

Or buffalo wings, pigs feet or cheek meat off an old ewe. They’ll even eat hay if you put enough whiskey on it. Actually they’ll eat most anything the cook serves up, though I’ve never seen ’em eat a snail darter or a spotted owl!

Myth No. 6 Cowboys are not like the romantic image portrayed in Marlboro commercials and John Wayne movies

Of course they are! ’Specially if you catch ’em between gettin’ bucked off before breakfast and losin’ their lunch on the way home from the dance!

— 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 Homedale’s P&Z woes return



February and March had back-to-back Friday the 13ths, so you’ve got to wonder if some City of Homedale officials aren’t looking for a rabbit’s foot.

The year started out on a good foot for the city’s Planning and Zoning Commission.

The panel set a full slate of 2015 meetings in an attempt to correct a long-standing issue with following state law.

Quorums were achieved for the first two meetings (not sure about the third because it was held after deadline this week), and it looked as if things were hitting a steady stretch for administrator Sylvia Bahem and the panelists.

Heck, there was even the chance of a new-to-town resident wanting to step in to take over for Stacy Woods when her term expires next month.

Then came last Wednesday’s city council meeting, the same meeting at which Roger Walsh had hinted that he would be interested in being on the board.

In a matter of minutes, the P&Z’s membership, which was on its way to four with Woods’ pending departure, dropped to three because of a state law that had been interpreted differently by a previous city attorney.

It was discovered that Woods and Travis Kerbs are both ineligible to serve on the board because they do not live in the town’s area of impact.

According to state law, only those people who live within Homedale’s city limits or within the town’s area of impact (either in Owyhee County or in Canyon County) can be

appointed to the P&Z board.

Woods was leaving anyway, but her term probably just got cut short by a month because of the new revelation. Kerbs’ migration out of the area of impact is the whole reason the conversation started last Wednesday.

It seems even if you can give the P&Z members an A for effort to do what’s right, they still get coal in their stocking.

For the time being, the commission still has a quorum with chair Jim Packer and longtime board members Reed Batt and Gypsy Jackson standing as the only viable members. But if anyone gets sick, the quorum goes out the window.

By the strictest standard of the law, though, there could be yet another problem — albeit (hopefully) a temporary one.

At least two of the P&Z members have to live in the area of impact. Batt meets that criterion, but Packer and Jackson are both city folks.

The commission membership has been five for some-time, and Mayor Gheen Christoffersen can appoint up to a dozen folks to the volunteer advisory panel.

At the rate things are going, it might not be a bad idea to expand the membership to seven, but that sets the board up for quorum issues if attendance problems of the past creep back into the picture.

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Administration skews Congress’ intent on VA care



While living in a state as vast as Idaho has immeasurable benefits, veterans living in rural Idaho communities must travel great distances to access needed medical services. Last summer, Congress passed legislation establishing the Veterans Choice Program following reports of veterans having difficulty accessing care. Through the program, veterans who experience a significant appointment scheduling delay or who have to travel more than 40 miles to receive U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) care have the option of receiving health care at local, non-VA facilities. Unfortunately, this program is not working the way it should for Idaho’s veterans, and the problems must be addressed.

Idahoans have contacted me to share two specific problems:

- The VA defines 40 miles as the crow flies. Idahoans living in mountainous areas frequently live within a 40-mile radius of a VA facility but must drive more than 40 miles to reach the facility.

- Despite congressional intent, the VA is making it very difficult for veterans to participate in the Choice Program when they require care not available at the closest VA facility. As an example, a veteran living near a Community Based Outpatient Clinic may not be eligible for the Choice Program and would be required to travel long distances for surgery at another VA facility. This is unacceptable.

These problems must be fixed and fixed quickly to improve access to care as Congress intended. In January, I co-sponsored S. 207, the Veterans Access to Community Care Act of 2015. This bipartisan legislation requires the VA to provide health care at non-VA facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest VA medical facility that furnishes the care sought by the veteran. This legislation will solve both problems experienced by Idahoans: It requires the VA to consider

distance by driving miles and it begins measuring the 40-mile distance from the nearest facility that provides the service needed by the veteran rather than the closest VA facility in general.

In February, President Obama submitted his budget request for the VA and asked that Congress allow the agency to move the funds for the Veteran Choice Program into other VA accounts. This request is tone-deaf at best given that the VA argues one of the reasons it cannot administer the Veterans Choice as Congress intended is lack of funding.

As a result of this request and my continued concerns over the implementation of the Veterans Choice program, I joined 41 of my Senate colleagues in writing VA Secretary Robert McDonald. In our letter, we urge Secretary McDonald to act quickly to address these issues and implement the program as Congress intended. We wrote, “Given the clear intent of Congress to reduce barriers to care, it is perplexing that the VA is not using its authority to allow non-VA care for those who face a geographic challenge in accessing care, including long drive time or health conditions that make travel difficult. The impact of such an interpretation is to exclude from the program many of the veterans for whom Congress aimed to make health care more accessible.”

The Administration has the opportunity to improve access to health care and get it right for America’s veterans. I will continue to press for needed changes to ensure that Idaho veterans can access the services they so greatly deserve.

— 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 Small things matter when trying to control finances

Dear Dave,
I have a problem with impulse spending. I switched to a debit card so that the money comes straight out of my checking account, but I still buy things I know I shouldn't. Should I stop using the card?
— Lauren

Dear Lauren,
Debit cards are great. You can't spend money you don't have with them like you can with a credit card, but you've still got to budget carefully and give a name to every single penny of your income. Otherwise, you can still overspend.
When I made the decision to get intentional with my money, I just used cash. It's hard to spend it when you don't have any on

you. It's a tough thing, I know, but you have to make a conscious decision to start living differently. You have to get mad at the things that steal your money a dollar or two at a time, and you have to put your foot down.
Try looking at your life as a whole, not a moment at a time. All the moments you're living right now will have either a positive or negative effect on your future. I decided I wanted the greater, long-term good, so I gave up on the short-term stuff.
Trust me, Lauren. The greater good is worth the sacrifice. But until you make that decision for yourself, you won't do it.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
In your mind, what's the biggest



thing a family can live without when it comes to getting control of your money and living on a budget?
— Will

Dear Will,
On a regular, day-to-day basis, I think maybe the biggest and best thing you can eliminate is eating out. There are always the shiny things people can do without. Sometimes people sell a fancy car or boat, and get rid of a \$600-a-month payment right off the bat. But it's really not a good idea to be eating out when you're broke. It really adds up.
I love a good restaurant, and I've got nothing against the industry. The problem, though, is that lots of people are struggling to pay their bills or set aside something for retirement because they're eating out all the time. Most folks simply don't realize how much money they throw away by heading to the drive-through for lunch or going out to dinner "once in a while."
I want people to enjoy life, and

a great part of that can be going out and having a meal with your family and friends. But if you're experiencing financial issues, the only time you should see the inside of a restaurant is if you're working there!
— 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. Dave's new book, The Legacy Journey, is now available. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government Citizens' action can preserve trampled tried-and-true principles

by Rick Manning
America is too important to give up on.
That's why those who are distraught over the failure of the Republican majority in Congress to do their duty and stop President Obama's unconstitutional executive amnesty need to follow Taylor Swift's advice and "shake it off."
Yes, we have reason to feel betrayed, but that is no reason to walk away.
Our nation is at an unprecedented time of peril. Liberty itself is under attack from enemies both around the world and within, and the road to restoring America's greatness is longer and harder than all but a few have anticipated. One election won't solve the problem that took decades to create.
When a student council at the University of California at Irvine, located in the heart of Orange County, Calif., voted to take down the American flag from areas of the campus, because it is offensive to some, that decision is the result of an education system dedicated to anti-American indoctrination.
(Editor's note: According to its resolution posted on the Associated Students of UC Irvine website, the student government's Legislative Council voted to ban all national flags — but with specific reference to the American flag — from the lobby of student government offices. The student government's Executive Cabinet later vetoed the resolution, and a March 10 meeting to discuss overriding the veto was cancelled because of a security threat. The university's administration released a statement opposing the attempted ban, saying "The American flag is still proudly flying throughout our campus and will continue to do so.")
Rather than solely depending upon Congress to do something helpful, the people need to take back over their local school boards and demand that their state governments reject the far-left curricula that pervades the system. This is not only about stopping Common Core, because those UCI students and others like them throughout the nation never took a Common Core class. It is about getting involved at the state and local levels of government, and fixing an

education system that all-too-often pours national, suicidal poison in our children's ears.
At the federal level, the expectation that this Congress would be able to do great things over the remaining 18 months of Obama's term has never really existed. But it is reasonable to expect that they won't do anything else that does harm to the country.
This means that when the debt ceiling is soon reached, it should not be expected that Congress will wrest spending cuts out of the president in exchange for raising it. Given the reality that the president is willing to hit the debt ceiling and make random cuts in expenditures to meet revenue flows, it would be wise for Congress to just extend it into 2017, when Obama will presumably be gone.
The individual appropriations bills provide opportunities for Republicans to make changes using the rider process, where funds to individual Obama policies can be altered or cut off altogether. The president might or might not veto the funding legislation depending upon what else it contains, but this process has the potential to rein in some last-year-in-office Executive Branch shenanigans.
Congress can also refuse to reauthorize certain Big Government programs like the Export-Import Bank, which provides federal government-guaranteed loans to foreign companies and countries that purchase American-made products. The irony of this government bank is that it provides foreign companies a competitive cost advantage over U.S.-based corporations that are buying the exact same product from the same seller. The beauty of the situation with the Export-Import Bank is that if Congress does nothing, the Ex-Im Bank goes away.
Similarly, Congress can simply just say no to the president's request that he get fast-track trade authority that would lower the constitutional threshold for ratifying a treaty from two-thirds to a simple majority in both chambers. Once again, Congress just needs to not act, and any treaty presented to them by this president will be subjected to full and complete scrutiny, rather than being ramrodded through as occurs under fast track.
It is normal to get frustrated when a foundational

legislative battle like the one over executive amnesty is lost. However, at a time when I feel that the limited government position is about to be overrun, I remember the story of Joshua Chamberlain of the 20th Maine at Gettysburg.
Chamberlain led his contingent of Mainers at the end of the Union line, known as Little Round Top. If the Confederates had taken his position, the entire Union position would have been compromised. Rebuffing attack after attack, Chamberlain was down to 70 men, and low on ammunition. Too low to be able to withstand another charge, yet hundreds of rebels once again came surging up the hill.
The former schoolteacher who led the Maine contingent seemingly had three choices: surrender, retreat, or die. He made none of these. Instead, he gathered his men, fixed bayonets and charged down the hill at the approaching Southern attackers. Shocked, his foes surrendered en masse, and many historians credit Chamberlain's unorthodox action with being the key to the Union's victory at Gettysburg, and ultimately their victory in the War Between the States.
Chamberlain did not bemoan his situation, get depressed, or give up. He did something to change his circumstances.
Today, supporters of limited government see a Congress that cannot be trusted to fight for their values and concerns. The temptation is to surrender or retreat, but a free America is too important to passively let it slip away. So, like Chamberlain, now is the time to charge.
Go to the elected officials who disappointed you and encourage them to fight for those things they campaigned on doing. If they are too small for the task, find a replacement for them. Get involved at your local school board level, read your kids' or grandkids' textbooks, and help them learn the greatness that is America.
The future can be bright, or not. Ultimately, the question is what kind of America do we want to leave future generations, and that is too important of a decision to leave up to politicians alone.
— Rick Manning is the President of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ P&Z: Membership problems crop up again

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Besides, with state law requiring a two-year minimum residency before someone can be considered for a P&Z post, a list of any warm bodies willing to give up one Monday night each month would help keep the panel viable.

Although it's understandable to require a two-year minimum to (hopefully) ensure that anyone on the board has some knowledge of the zoning laws of a particular area, it seems odd that it's easier to qualify to run for an elected office in Homedale than it is to serve as a volunteer

on the P&Z panel.
Alas, this is the hand Homedale has been dealt: A P&Z board that is hard to keep full and a pool of candidates that is even more difficult to replenish.
There are qualified candidates out there, I'm sure. The only questions that remain are will they step forward to be counted, and will they be willing to commit to the job.

Sports

New positions, same intensity with Trojans softball

Six of the eight returning Homedale High School softball players were at the top of their game a year ago, so it's no wonder the bar is set high again in 2015.

"The girls felt they should have been state champions last year," 12th-year Trojans coach Larry Corta said, "so this year they are building off the state championship loss."

The first bricks in the road to redemption were laid Saturday when Homedale swept a season-opening non-conference doubleheader against Filer, the team that beat the Trojans for the 3A state championship in Nampa last May.

All of Homedale's 2014 All-3A Snake River Valley conference first-teamers — save for senior pitcher Morgan Nash — were in action during the season opener at Sundance Park. And most of them have been on the same field since T-ball.

"They have a shared a lot of success over the years," Corta said. "We have a bunch of girls who have great softball sense, and a bunch of girls who have each other's backs."

Nash is about two weeks away from returning from a broken hand suffered in the 3A District III girls' basketball tournament last month.

"When she comes back, you will get to see a great softball player," Corta said. "She will be our leadoff hitter, one of our pitchers and will be playing on the infield."

"Wherever she is, she will make a huge impact on the game."

Nash was a first-team all-conference pitcher as a junior, but freshman Dakota Kelly and junior Tristan Corta showed fans that the Trojans will be loaded in the circle this season. Corta was a first-team All-3A SRV utility player as a sophomore.

"Dakota is one of the newcomers we're going to lean on early," Larry Corta said. "Dakota has put a lot of time in on the off-season to get ready for varsity ball. She also plays infield and swings a great bat."

Tristan Corta is another versatile player. She started a third base Saturday and saw time at second base, in the outfield at in the pitching circle a year ago. Her coach and father says the junior also brings "a great stick to the lineup."

Corta's move to third base to take over from graduated all-conference star Destiny Long opens a spot for another Nash — ninth-grader Kendall, who is another versatile athlete.

"You will see Kendall all over the field — infield and outfield," Larry Corta said. "We are looking for her to mature quick."

The second senior and all-conference Nash — Tori — is back behind the plate for her fourth season as starting catcher. She's also one of those hard-nosed players who is probably still boiling over the state tournament losses to Filer.

"Tori is a player that will get it done with her glove and her bat," Corta said. "Tori always plays hard and doesn't like to lose, so she will give everything it takes



Tori Nash looks down the third-base line for a sign from coach Larry Corta during Homedale High School's season-opening softball doubleheader Saturday. Nash is starting her fourth year as the Trojans' catcher.

to get the job done."

While Tori is a stalwart behind the plate, another senior first-team All-SRV player — Elise Shenk — is taking on a new role. She has moved from center field to succeed all-conference shortstop Katie Deal.

"Elise has amazing speed on the field and on the bases," Corta said. "Elise will succeed wherever we put her. She is an outstanding athlete."

McKenna Calzacorta will start her senior season in the outfield.

"McKenna will bring a big bat into our lineup," Corta said. "With every swing, there's a chance it

will leave the park."

Junior Gardenia Machuca is another player who can take an opposing pitcher deep any time she steps to the plate. She's back for her third season as a starter in the outfield after an All-SRV campaign as a sophomore, and Corta says she has great fielding skills to go with the power that makes her a dangerous cleanup hitter.

All-conference junior Makayla Aberasturi will assume the starting first base role for the third consecutive year.

"Makayla has a no-fear attitude," Corta said. "She gets a glove on everything at first

base and has the potential to hit the long ball every time at the plate."

Senior Michelle Castro is back after missing last season recovering from a knee injury.

"We are expecting her to step up and be one of our starting outfielders," Corta said.

Junior Sydnee Shanley will step into an outfield spot, too. Corta says she has a great glove, a great bat and a good arm.

"Sydnee worked hard in the off-season, and I think you will see all of her hard work pay off," he said.

— JPB

Growing program has Deal excited about HHS baseball

Young squad looks to build on state tourney trip

There's good news and bad news when a baseball program is on the type of arc Homedale High School has seen under Burke Deal.

The good news: A team chock full of sophomores can take the Class 3A ranks by storm and make a rare appearance in the state tournament.

The bad news: A team chock full of juniors won't surprise anyone as it shoots for a second consecutive postseason trip.

"We were young again last year with a roster powered by sophomores," Deal said. "We had a good season in all aspects of the game — pitching, defense and offense. We won't be overlooked this season."

Deal is in his eighth season at the HHS helm. The Trojans (13-13 overall, 5-3 in conference a year ago) have the largest number of athletes in the high school system (31) in that time.

"I am real excited about the

growth of the program," Deal said. "Our numbers are up for the eighth straight year. We have some real quality depth in the program."

Case in point would be senior outfielder/pitcher Bo Jenkins. He saw some time with the varsity last year, but Deal classifies him as the leader of the junior varsity's best season under the current regime.

Even before his first full-time varsity season, he has signed to play with Treasure Valley Community College.

"He had a good summer season with us," Deal said, referring to the American Legion Owyhee Rivercats. "We're excited to have him with us this year."

"He has a great arm, and we're counting on him to contribute on the hill in a big way."

Solid pitching will be vital for the Trojans. They began the season Saturday on the road with a doubleheader against Filer without last year's All-3A Snake River Valley conference first-team ace Caleb Oviedo, who graduated last spring.

Coming back his year, though, are those juniors who could provide depth on the mound

— first-team all-conference Connor Carter and Matt Thatcher, second-teamers Nash Johnson and Jacob Falls and honorable mention John Collett. Toss in sophomore first-teamer Jake Deal, and there's a reason why the new baseball field will feature several bullpen slots.

"I expect Connor and Bo to lead us on the hill and for Matt, Jake, Nash and John to be a very tough supporting cast," Deal said. "They have each put in time in the off-season to hone their craft."

Johnson will be fully immersed in the pitching game. He was a second-team pick as a catcher a year ago and returns as starter again. He hit .281 with 13 RBI, and struck out 11 in 11 innings while notching a 3.81 earned-run average.

"He worked very hard physically and mentally over the summer, which I expect will pay off on the ballfield as well," Deal said.

Falls returns with a reputation as a clutch hitter. He led the squad with a .406 batting average after a midseason call-up from the JV.

"He is really a tough competitor, tough mentally," Deal said. "He's a great hustler and a great

kid. We're looking for him to pick up where he left off."

Carter hit .400 with 22 RBI as a sophomore infielder, and he collected one-third of Homedale's victories on the mound, going 5-6 with a 3.35 ERA and 53 strikeouts in 54 1/3 innings.

First-team all-conference third baseman Blake Patten was another top run producer for the Trojans as a junior. He hit .329 and drove home 18 runs.

"We're looking for him to step up with leadership," Deal said. "He has worked hard over the off-season and has improved his foot speed. He's moving to the ball real well and hitting real well."

Jake Deal hit .310 with 16 RBI, and Collett put together a .293 batting average.

"We're expecting big things from John," Burke Deal said. "He is really an amazing athlete and has matured into a superb outfielder."

Like most of the other Trojans, Jake Deal has worked hard over the summer, his dad and coach said.

"He's a hard work, good hustler, very smart baserunner, solid

hitter and a tough out," Burke Deal said.

Another source of pride for Deal is the success of the youth program. Several of the players making contributions now came up through the ranks.

Junior outfielder William Elordi is a returning varsity player who is part of that corps of homegrown talent, and the coach hopes his run of bad luck with injuries is over.

Varsity newcomers include senior infielder Gunner Clapp, who transferred from Vallivue at the start of the school year.

Two other seniors who are new to the varsity are Colton Osborn and Jose Ibarra, both of whom will play on the infield and pitch.

"Jose is back out after a two-year hiatus," Deal said. "He's a good kid to have around. A hard worker with a good attitude and great speed."

Michael Lejardi, a junior outfielder/infielder, was a contributor on the JV team a year ago.

"He has worked real hard on his swing," Deal said. "He's a superb young man, and we love having him around."

— JPB

Public notices

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR COURTHOUSE SECURITY PROPOSAL

Owyhee County will accept sealed bids addressed to: Clerk of the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners, Security Proposal, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, no later than close of business at 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time, henceforth “MST”) April 17, 2015.

Schedule of events are as follows:

- RFB issue March 9, 2015.
- Site walk-through and question and answer session for potential bidders will be held at 10:00 A.M. MST, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID.
- Written questions should be submitted no later than close of business APRIL 7, 2015, addressed to the Owyhee County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, 83650 or can be faxed to 208-495-1173.
- Questions will be answered by April, 10, 2015.
- RFB response deadline is close of business, April 17, 2015.
- Opening of bids will commence at 10:00 am (MDT) APRIL 20, 2015. At the discretion of the Commissioners, bid award may be made immediately following opening or may be deferred to a later time or date.

Complete RFB may be obtained from the Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID 83650 or on-line at Owyheecounty.net. Owyhee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

3/18/15

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV2015-480-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Enrique Jimenez
A Petition to change the name of Enrique Jimenez, a minor, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Enrique Quebrado.

The reason for the change in name is: I would like him to have his fathers last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on April 15, 2015 at the Homedale Court Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: March 4, 2015
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
3/11,18,25;4/1/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2015-0447 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of, OLLIE LOETA DOBYNS aka LOETA DOBYNS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against

the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to DOROTHY MARCELLA ARCHER, the Personal Representative of the estate at the office of Fouser Law Offices, P.A., Attorney at Law, 802 Arthur Street, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605, this being the place fixed for the transaction of the business of said estate, **and** filed with the Court.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2015.

/s/Dorothy Marcella Archer, Personal Representative, 12399 Riverside Rd., Caldwell, Idaho 83607

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No. ID08000128-14-1 APN RP00840001008C TO No. 1914730/237811 On June 24, 2015 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Alliance Title and Escrow Corp as successor Trustee on behalf of Bank of America, National Association, 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: LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 1, HIDDEN VALLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 16, 1995 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 214934, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. AND THE SOUTH 45 FEET OF SAID LOT 8, BLOCK 1, MEASURED PERPENDICULAR TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 8. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 7682 RIVERFRONT DRIVE, MARSING, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by SHARON BROWN AND GERRALD K. BROWN, WIFE AND HUSBAND as Grantors, to First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc. as Trustee, for the benefit and security of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, dated as of March 4, 2008 and recorded March 5, 2008 as Instrument No. 264143 of the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated March 4, 2008 is: failed to pay payments which became due. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1961.61, due per month from May 1, 2009, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by

said Deed of Trust is \$302,135.13, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.62500% per annum from April 1, 2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, Trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Alliance Title and Escrow Corp c/o Trustee Corps 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Dated: 2-20-2015 Alliance Title and Escrow Corp By: - Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Agency Sales and Posting at 800-683-2468 FOR REINSTATEMENT / PAY OFF REQUESTS CONTACT: 949-252-8300 or rprequests@trusteecorps.com Alliance Title and Escrow Corp may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. To the extent your original obligation was discharged, or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party retains rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. A-4512112
3/4,11,18,25/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No. ID08000005-13-3 APN RPA0010040010AA TO No. 8482411 On June 24, 2015 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Company as successor Trustee on behalf of MandT Bank, 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: LOTS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 16 OF BLOCK 40 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 RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 219 W MONTANA AVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JAN L BRYANT, A SINGLE

WOMAN as Grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, for the benefit and security of SILVER HILL FINANCIAL, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY as Beneficiary, dated as of January 27, 2006 and recorded January 30, 2006 as Instrument No. 255026 and the beneficial interest was assigned to MandT Bank and recorded August 26, 2013 as Instrument Number 281785 of the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated January 27, 2006 is: failed to pay payments which became due. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,846.51, due per month from May 1, 2014, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$118,205.35, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.75000% per annum from April 1, 2014. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, Trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. First American Title Company c/o Trustee Corps 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Dated: 2/20/2015 First American Title Company By: LAURIE P ESTRADA, AUTHORIZED SIGNOR Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Agency Sales and Posting at 800-683-2468 FOR REINSTATEMENT / PAY OFF REQUESTS CONTACT: 949-252-8300 or rprequests@trusteecorps.com First American Title Company may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. To the extent your original obligation was discharged, or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to Impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party retains rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. A-4512256
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: February 11, 2015 File No.: 7037.106471 Sale date and time (local time): June 12, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 6450 Aurora Drive

Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Adam Percifield, An Unmarried Man Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. its successors and assigns Recording date: 11/30/2009 Recorder’s instrument number: 269817 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 11, 2015: \$293,516.92 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: A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/16 corner), said corner monumented with 3 inch Diameter brass disk; thence 219.00 feet along the arc of 215.62 foot radius, tangent curve right, the long chord of which bears North 29 degrees 27’47” East, a distance of 209.71 feet a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; North 58 degrees 33’39” East, a distance of 303.36 feet to a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; thence 148.74 feet along the arc of 250.00 foot radius, tangent curve left, the long chord of which bears North 41 degrees 31’01” East, a distance of 146.55 feet to a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 38’05” East, a distance of 461.75 feet to a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; thence South 41 degrees 32’33” West, a distance of 36.71 feet to a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; South 74 degrees 54’32” West, a distance of 77.21 feet to a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; thence South 40 degrees 28’48” West, a distance of 108.99 feet to a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; thence South 28 degrees 44’41” West, a distance of 116.51 feet to a 1/2 inch diameter iron pen; thence South 21 degrees 53’58” West, a distance of 235.87 feet to a point of the Southerly boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter said point monumented with a 1/2 inch diameter iron pin; thence North 89 degrees 38’05” West, a distance of 607.23 feet along the Southerly Boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7037.106471) 1002.277927-File No.
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Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
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Sports

Youth wrestlers invade Homedale this weekend

More than 250 athletes will flood into town this weekend for the Homedale Wrestling Club tournaments.

The Greco-Roman tournament starts at 7 p.m. Friday after weigh-ins.

The freestyle tournament begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with Pre-Bantam, Bantam and Cadet divisions. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., there will be wrestling in girls’ divisions as well as Intermediate, Novice, Schoolboy/girl, Cadet and Juniors.

The action takes place inside the Homedale High School gymnasium.

“We are looking at around 265 athletes,” Jeff Christoffersen of the Homedale club said. “It should be a great tourney with some very talented wrestlers.”

Tournament hoodies will be awarded to the Outstanding Wrestlers in each division from Pre-Bantam to Cadet, and the first- through third-place wrestlers in

Pre-Bantam and Bantam and Intermediate through Juniors will receive medals.

During the weekend, Homedale wrestlers hit the road for the Intermountain Warrior Challenge in Pocatello and the Snakebite Invitational in Eagle.

Intermountain Warrior Challenge

Brayden Christoffersen finished second in the Novice 95 division at the Intermountain Warrior Challenge inside Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

Christoffersen picked up three pins before losing a close decision (6-4) to Reservoir Dog Wrestling’s Gunner Giulio in the championship match.

Christoffersen finished his first two matches in less than a minute, pinning Top of the Rock’s Tallon Sellers (59 seconds) and Team Prestige’s Brock Gutierrez (54 seconds).

He pinned Aden Attao from Suples Wrestling Club in three minutes in the semifinals.

Snakebite Freestyle Championships — Sierra Pesnell (2-0 at Cadet 182) beat Megan Houser of Homedale by technical fall, 10-0; Pesnell (Girls’ Cadet 198) pinned Houser in 1:13; Owen Houser (2-0 at Novice 120) pinned Eryk Carter in 1 minute, 33 seconds; and Isaac Bullard (2-0 at Bantam 65) decisioned Carter Cash Smith of the Idaho Rattlers, 14-6.

Second place — Megan Houser (Cadet 182 and Girls’ Cadet 198); and Joseph Egusquiza (Novice 75) pinned Nampa Freestyle’s Keighton Johnston-Kelly in 29 seconds.

Third place — Tye Atkins (Schoolboy 98), Andrew Sanchez (Intermediate 95),

and Shad Shaffer (Bantam 70)

Fourth place — Carsen Nelson (Pre-Bantam 50), Xavier Uranga (Bantam 40), and Matthew Sheley (Bantam 45)

Sixth place — Donovan Uranga (Pre-Bantam 40)

Other wrestlers — Isaac Silva (Intermediate 55), Braydon Ensley (Pre-Bantam 40), Zander Gonzalez, Khyler Maxwell, Jaxon Kinkade and Carson Montes (Pre-Bantam 45)

Snakebite Greco-Roman

Second place — Joseph Egusquiza (Novice 75), Owen Houser (Novice 112-20) beat Lochlan Valadez of Idaho Rattlers, 10-0, in a technical fall; and Isaac Bullard (Bantam 65-70) pinned Carter Cash Smith of the Idaho Rattlers in 1:08

Sixth place — Isaac Silva (Intermediate 50-55)



The Homedale Middle School eighth-grade boys’ basketball team included: **Top row, from left:** Coach JW Chadez, Jason Puri, Mason Kincheloe, Clayton Wolfe, Carson Brown, statistician Olivia Cardenas and assistant coach Raymond Smith. **Bottom row, from left:** Drew Deal, Ricky Soto, Carlos Ibarra and Warren DeMark. **Not pictured:** Kaden Binford. Photo courtesy of Dorian Studio Photography



The Homedale Middle School seventh-grade boys’ basketball team included: **Top row, from left:** Coach Lamou Loucks, Daniel Uranga, Jacob Collett, Karsen FreeLove, Arnulfo Llamas, Nelson Lomeli and Brady Trout. **Bottom row from left:** Ricardo Hernandez, Kaleb Vargas, Spencer Fisher, Isham Farris and Garrett Elordi. Photo courtesy of Dorian Studio Photography

HMS boys’ basketball teams ride to title games

The Homedale Middle School boys’ basketball teams experienced similar fates recently, losing the conference championship games to Fruitland after hard-fought seasons.

“Our team played extremely hard and I’m proud of all nine players,” eighth-grade coach JW Chadez said. “I felt we started playing better as a team the final two weeks of the season.

“They started to believe in each other and trust their teammates.”

The Trojans were 7-3 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference regular season, snagging the No. 2 seed in the postseason tournament.

Homedale finished the regular season on a high note, trouncing a much taller Fruitland squad, 52-30, to hand the Grizzlies their only loss of the season.

Chadez said Fruitland starts three players that are 6-foot-3 or taller.

Carson Brown and Mason Kincheloe scored 14 points each on Feb. 25 as Homedale lost to Fruitland, 49-38, in the conference tournament final.

Homedale had reached the title game with a 60-55 overtime victory against Parma in the

semifinals. Brown poured in 22 points, and Kincheloe added 20. Clayton Wolfe chimed in with 11.

The same group of players went 9-1 as seventh-graders, losing only to Fruitland in the conference tournament semifinals.

“I know they will all keep working hard and improving throughout their high school careers,” Chadez said. “Homedale will definitely be proud of this terrific group of young men.”

Seventh grade

Lamon Loucks coached the Trojans into the conference championship game in his first year at the helm for the seventh-graders.

Homedale (9-3 overall) entered the conference tourney as the No. 2 seed and lost to Fruitland, 53-41, in the title game after beating Parma in the semifinals. It was the Trojans’ third loss of the season against the Grizzlies.

Spencer Fisher led the way in the championship game against Fruitland, hitting three three-pointers and tallying 11 points. Daniel Uranga (10 points) and Karsen FreeLove (nine points) also hit treys.



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