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Mutton rush hour



Sheep herder moves thousands of animals across highway

Traffic along U.S. Highway 95 at Market Road was blocked for a short time Wednesday morning as a large flock of sheep crossed the road. Tim Mackenzie, owner of the Mackenzie Sheep Co. Inc., said about 2,200 of his sheep were being moved from an area near North Jump Creek Road on their way to greener pastures toward Adrian.

Farm Bureau: Frustrations founded in FLPMA law

Ranchers examine key issues at Boise gathering

This year marks an aggravating anniversary for public lands ranchers.

It has been 40 years since the federal government's grazing policy went from relatively cooperative to exceedingly contentious.

Several Owyhee County ranchers and their colleagues in the Idaho Farm Bureau marked the milestone passage of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) last Wednesday by wading through some of the problems it has created.

The specific topic of the Reversing the Tide workshop in Boise was stock water rights in the West, but the tenor of the gathering at the Red Lion Downtowner bespoke of the long-standing and overall frustration ranchers have experienced with federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management in

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Wreck affects power again

Driver who destroyed power pole cited

For the second time in five days, Idaho Power customers west of Homedale and in the Ridgeview area of Oregon lost electrical service Friday because of a car accident.

Around 7 a.m. Friday, a 15-year-old girl driving a 1998 Volvo S-90 lost control in foggy and icy conditions, hit a power pole and rolled her vehicle on Idaho highway 19.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies and a Homedale Police officer closed one lane of travel as electrical lines dangled over the

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Economy, Initiative dominate Crapo's visit

Senator working on motorized herding fix

Economic interests were at the forefront Friday during Sen. Mike Crapo's whirlwind town meeting tour.

The Republican began his afternoon in Murphy and wrapped up at 7 p.m. in Homedale.

In all three stops, he outlined the perils of the bulging national debt, much like he did in Grand View last year.

The largest contingent of constituents was seen in Murphy where ranchers and others wanted answers about the Gateway West electrical transmission line and the Bureau of Land Management's reluctance to implement the Owyhee Initiative



Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) addresses constituents Friday at the Homedale Senior Center.

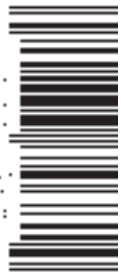
to recognize the grandfather clause permitting the action can be included in the next public lands bill or as a stand-alone

bill. Crapo spokesman Lindsay Nothern said that every session of Congress typically includes a public lands bill.

Introduced by Crapo and fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, Senate bill 1167 seeks the permitted use of motorized herding, reconfiguration of the Pole Creek, Owyhee River and North Fork Owyhee wildernesses and a mandate that the Department of the Interior to create a catalog of pre-wilderness designation livestock activities to help the agency in its future management of the areas.

"We're trying to resolve it legislatively, and I'm hopeful I can stand in front of a town meeting in Owyhee County in the future and say that we have it resolved," Crapo said.

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Marsing stop illuminates involvement, monument concerns



Senator Mike Crapo spoke to an audience of about 20 people during his town meeting at the Marsing Senior Center Friday afternoon.

About 20 people attended Sen. Mike Crapo’s Marsing Senior Center meeting, including Aberasturi and City Councilman Chris Even.

Homedale resident Jason Beckman asked what Crapo is doing to fight the Obama administration’s moves against conservative values.

“I have been fighting this with my votes, with my advocacy, with the bills that I’ve introduced, the bills that I’ve sponsored,” Crapo said. “I talk about this everywhere I go. Take my word for it.”

He added that he and fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch discuss every bill before they vote.

“We have been fighting, and fighting this Congress,” Crapo said.

Aberasturi voiced serious concerns about further federal actions against ranchers.

“There is a tremendous push in this area for taking back our country,” Aberasturi said. “If we have to arm ourselves and take our country back, I think it’s more and more from the people. I do not want to see a civil war again in this country, but we are very close to a civil war.”

Crapo said he’s heard a lot of comments from Idahoans about that.

“I have the frustrations you have, I share them,” the senator said. “If we continue to elect a president and a Senate that will not boldly change, then I can see the sentiment.”

Melissa Jayo of Marsing asked what people can do to get the federal government back on the right track.

“We have to win this at the ballot box, that’s how we have to win it,” Crapo said.

He went on to say that everybody has a circle of influence on what happens in Washington D.C.

“Think about who your friends, your family, your business associates, (who) other acquaintances are,” Crapo said. “If you were to contact the people you know and encourage them to vote, just to vote, don’t even tell them how to vote, just tell them to vote, and you might add cast an educated vote. This might sound small but it’s not.”

Even is concerned about today’s youth being disconnected from what happens in local, state, and federal government actions.

“We can’t get kids involved today because all they want to do is sit on their phone and see what’s the next big thing that’s going to make them a TV star,” Even said.

Crapo agreed.

“I can’t improve on that except to say that our education system is part of the problem,” he said.

Aberasturi wondered about Congress members’ feelings about cutting the number of federal bureaucracies. Crapo said that reducing the size of government is key in reducing the national debt.

Beckman asked about preventing Obama’s designation of the Owyhee Canyonlands in Malheur County as a national monument.

“I have introduced a bill, that would give that authority back to the Congress,” Crapo said. “That’s one of the things that Congress has previously given to the president. My legislation says that a president can’t declare a monument unless both the United States Congress and the legislature of the state government pass legislation approving it.”

— SC

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✓ Crapo: More than three dozen people turn out for Murphy meeting

If a legislative fix can’t be found, Crapo hinted that the matter might find its way into federal court.

The Initiative was part of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, but wording left implementation of the agreement’s provisions up to the federal agency.

BLM’s management plan for the 517,000-acre wilderness created by the OPLMA requires ranchers to seek permission to use motorized methods to herd cattle in the wilderness, even though the Initiative agreement expressly allowed practices such as those used by Bruneau rancher Chris Black as an existing use.

“The commissioners who worked on this put this together to keep the county ranchers whole, but the county has not been able to do that (because of the BLM’s reluctance), so we feel the economic loss to the county will be tremendous,” District 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

The Republican commissioner, who attended all three meetings, spoke up during the Homedale gathering. He voiced his displeasure that wilderness regulations have diminished access to disabled people who may need mechanized devices for mobility.

“It’s a common concern raised for wilderness,” Crapo said. “I think exceptions should be adopted.”

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, a National Guardsman who served a tour in Iraq, asked Crapo about the shift of more and more military responsibilities onto the state-based attachments as a way to cut defense spending. Crapo said the growing debt means that Congress has \$300 billion less to fund the military’s current needs.

Aberasturi said the discussion in Murphy included natural resource issues, including the negative effect more and more government regulations will have on county agricultural and ranching interests.

Oreana residents Ernie Breuer and Robin Thompson spoke about the Gateway West project, Aberasturi said. The county commissioner said there is “a good chance” that BLM officials could try to force both Owyhee County segments of the 500kV line back on to parts of private ground based on the routing over public lands and its pathway to the Hemingway substation in Wilson.

Aberasturi said the Board of County Commissioners will continue to utilize the county’s land use plan to keep the line off private property, but he added that the commissioners can’t do anything if individual property owners agree to take money for easements on their ground.

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Marsing ambulance district formation delayed

District waiting on county’s contract proposal

A taxing district formed to save Marsing’s ambulance service was expected to be a done deal by August. Now five months later, would-be district administrators still haven’t seen a critical document from the county.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said deputy prosecutor Chuck Saari is working on a contract for the ambulance to provide service in and around Marsing, but she was not certain when it will be done.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) signed off on the proposed district on June 15. The paperwork was then approved by the state tax commission and returned to Murphy so county commissioners could figure out when the district would officially be formed.

Marsing Ambulance director Betty Ackerman said it was initially thought that the BOCC would appoint new commissioners for the taxing district. However, state law said otherwise.

“The (ambulance) commissioners would actually be the Owyhee County Commissioners, it would be very inconvenient for them to have to run it,” Ackerman said. “What we’re

looking at now, trying to pursue is, basically the county and Marsing Ambulance would have a contract saying that we would provide the service for (Marsing and the surrounding area within Owyhee County).”

Idaho Code 31-3908(3) states, in part: “The board of county commissioners shall be the governing board of an ambulance service district created pursuant to this section . . .”

In preparation for the taxing district formation, the ambulance service’s previous board of three commissioners has been converted into a board of five directors, who will advise the BOCC on what the district needs.

The new board includes chair Jim Briggs, vice-chair Gary Aman, secretary/treasurer Cindy Howarth and directors Ted Blackstock and John Hall.

Some of Marsing Ambulance’s Emergency Medical Technicians will serve as advisors to the board. Ackerman and one or two of the Marsing’s 10 EMTs might serve on the advisory committee, Ackerman said.

The service previously had two commissioners from Canyon County — Rich Dines and Simon Landa — but the formation of the taxing district eliminates the Canyon County portion of the service, disqualifying Dines and Landa from service. The third commissioner and treasurer was

Rob Troxel.

“Canyon County will no longer be our basic response area, we will work out a memorandum of understanding with Canyon County, and we don’t know what that’s going to look like,” Ackerman said. “We’re working on the process of putting together a proposal for the Canyon County ambulance.”

However, first Marsing Ambulance has to have the contract from the BOCC in place. Ackerman added that the directors will move forward as quickly as they can.

“I don’t anticipate it taking a huge amount of time,” she said. “They are putting together a contract to present to us, and then we will look at it.”

Although the Marsing Ambulance District could become official soon, no property tax revenue will be realized until 2017.

Ackerman didn’t expect to encounter so many delays in creating the district.

“We’ve been trying to get this all going but just because it’s all new to everybody, kind of every step of the way was a little bit of a surprise to us,” Ackerman said.

Last spring, Marsing Ambu-

lance commissioners said the service would go bankrupt without a taxing district to provide consistent revenue.

With volunteerism dwindling, the service started offering stipends to its staff. The service lost \$19,000 in 2014. Ackerman did not know how much money the service lost in 2015, explaining that she has yet to see the profit and loss statement. The service operates on a calendar year basis, but that would transfer to a fiscal year funding mechanism when the taxing district is finalized.

Troxel also had not read the statement, adding that the service is only a few days into a new business year.

“We have not begun working on our budget for 2016 because we have an all new board,” Ackerman said. “We have to take things as they come, and I’m sure that will be worked on in the next couple of months.”

— SC

How it’s funded

Besides a small amount raised through the Marsing Disaster Auction, the only funds the service receives comes from ambulance runs or donations.

The taxing district will generate about \$50,000 annually. The service currently brings in about \$60,000 a year, so the tax levy could nearly double the service’s operating revenue.

As set by Idaho law, a property owner in the district could pay up to \$40 per year on \$100,000 of net taxable property value.

The new district will include all properties within the Owyhee County portion of the Marsing Fire District plus the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District east to a point near Silver City Road. Although Canyon County is part of the response area now — and will continue to be under an expected memorandum of understanding — property owners there won’t be taxed. Canyon County residents will be subject to service fees, however.

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Homedale waitress hangs up her apron after 20 years

After nearly two decades of work at Homedale's Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, Jackie Dines has picked up her ordering pad for the last time.

Her last day on the job was Thursday, and Jackie started working at the Homedale restaurant in June 1996.

Jackie's employment at the eatery started when Lynn Fry bought the business.

"She bought it in '96 and we were friends, and she asked if I would come to work with her and I told her yes," Jackie said.

Jackie worked briefly at two restaurants in Marsing, but spent most of her time as a stay-at-home mom, and traveling to horse shows with her husband George, who died in 2014.

During her time at Owyhee Lanes, the restaurant has had three more owners, including Vern and Linda Tunnell, who have it today. Linda said it wasn't easy to see Jackie leave.

"All of the employees call her grandma, and a lot of our customers call her grandma, too," Linda said. "She is the crotchety diner waitress that you've got to have to be a true diner."

Linda added that Jackie was always dependable, and always showed up at least 45 minutes early for her shift.

Jackie said now is simply the time for her to retire.

"I am very, very thankful for them keeping me on as old as I am," Jackie said. "After George died, I'd have probably just withered away, but they let me stay on and kept me going. Now it's just time for me to say, 'OK, this is it. It's time for the young ones.'"

She added that she started thinking about retirement about six months ago.

Homedale residents Clarence Ferguson and Rich Roland were just a couple of Jackie's many loyal customers. Their last few cups of coffee from Jackie brought back years of memories.

"She was a really good waitress, liked to pick on everybody," Ferguson said. "She'll take anything and give anything. I hate to see her go."

Roland's memories of Jackie predate her time at the restaurant by decades.

"I've known Jackie ever since we were kids, and she's just been a really nice Christian person her whole life," Roland said. "I always enjoyed having her wait on me because she was not afraid to tell you what she thought about you."

Jackie thinks watching young people grow up was the best part of her job.

"I love each and every one of them," Jackie said. "I've been invited to their graduations, to their weddings, and I watched them get married and have kids."

She was quick to point out that there

wasn't really anything she didn't like about working at the restaurant.

"I just loved all of my customers, that's all," Jackie said. "They gave me support when I needed it, and they held me up when I needed their help."

Carolyn Davis of Homedale says the restaurant won't be the same without having Jackie around.

"Jackie was one of our favorite waitresses," Davis said. "She was so funny and happy all the time, and we just loved her."

Jackie was married 51 years to George, who was a farrier. Jackie was born in Marsing and raised in Kuna. She moved back to Marsing after marrying George.

The couple has three children, Mike, Michelle (Babe), and Mark.

Mike lives in Marsing and practices the craft of horse shoeing he learned from his dad. Michelle works for a naturopathic chiropractor in Meridian, and Mark lives in Caldwell and works for a utility company.

The family is related to most Dines in the area. George was Rich Dines' brother, and Tim Dines is Jackie's nephew.

Jackie doesn't have any big travel plans for her retirement years, and said she really has no idea how she will keep herself busy.

"Probably do a lot of house cleaning now, I think it's time," Jackie said. — SC



Owyhee Lanes Restaurant owner Linda Tunnell, left, bids farewell to Jackie Dines on the longtime employee's last day of work on Thursday.

Correction

Because of incorrect information supplied to the media during a Dec. 28 news conference, the law enforcement personnel involved in the Dec. 26 altercation that led to Gilbert Heredia's death were misidentified in previous reporting. The responding personnel included a Level 1 reserve officer from the Homedale Police Department and a full-time Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy.

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✓ Wreck: Power along stretch of Idaho 19 affected five times in three years

highway, OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said. An Idaho Power repair crew spent nearly two hours working to restore power to 491 customers without power for a total of about 4½ hours.

Homedale Ambulance whisked the juvenile driver from the scene. Canyon County Paramedics completed transportation to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell. Bowman said the female received non-life-threatening injuries. No citations have been issued.

The power pole hit Friday was north of the one a motorist destroyed on Jan. 4, Idaho Power spokesperson Stephanie McCurdy said.

“It is very unusual to have two poles so close to each other damaged in accidents in such a short timeframe,” McCurdy said.

George Decker, a resident in the affected area, said this is the fifth time in the past three years that an accident — four wrecks and one fire — has damaged a power pole and interrupted electrical service.

He questioned why lines so close to the roadway aren’t candidates for underground installation.

McCurdy said the option to put that stretch of electrical wires underground is too expensive to consider, and the cost would be borne by the utility’s customers.

“It also makes it more difficult to find issues and restore power if there is a problem,” she said, adding that above-ground lines make patrolling from problems easier, too.

Friday’s outage began at 8:36 a.m. when an Idaho Power crew came on scene to repair a pole that had been damaged in an accident that occurred sometime before 8 a.m. and reduced Idaho 19 three miles east of the Oregon line to one lane. Homedale Police and Owyhee County Sheriff’s personnel directed traffic as the scene was cleared.

The driver of a pickup truck that destroyed a power pole on Idaho 19 west of Purdom Lane on Jan. 4 has been charged with a misdemeanor.

Dana Deines, 51, was traveling westbound when the Dodge Ram he was driving left the roadway in a curve and sheered off a power pole laden with transformers.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the Nampa resident has been cited for driving with a suspended license. He may also face a charge for display of fictitious licenses plates. Bowman discovered that the license plates on the Dodge pickup allegedly belong to a 1997 Ford F-150.

Deines told the deputy on scene that he lost control of the vehicle when he swerved to avoid a dog in the roadway. He refused medical attention at the scene of the crash.

Bowman said the man is responsible for reimbursing Idaho Power for the cost of replacing the power pole. McCurdy said the replacement cost of a power pole depends on several factors, including the type of pole and the equipment on the pole, including transformers and third-party equipment for communication companies. She said replacement of a standard wood pole “under normal circumstances” would cost approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Nearly 500 customers in the Homedale and Ridgeview, Ore., area were without power for nearly 4½ hours after the accident.

Marsing wreck triggers sheriff’s office reminder

No citations are planned, but Bowman is reminding motorists about the configuration of 8th Avenue West in Marsing after a fender-bender at its intersection with Main Street last Wednesday.

Bowman said that drivers at the intersection, which is also labeled as Idaho highway 55 and Idaho 78, often pull up next to a vehicle on their left with the intention of turning right from Idaho 78 onto Idaho 55. However, Bowman reminds motorists, there is no dedicated right-hand turn lane at the intersection.

Krystal Sorenson, 33, of Marsing tried to make a right-hand turn in such a way while driving a 2004 Toyota at around 7:30 a.m. last Wednesday. Bowman said Caleb Showalter, 32, who was in the actual lane also turned right in his 2001 Ford F-350 pickup, and the vehicles collided.

No citations were issued because, Bowman said, because it was unclear if Showalter had signaled his intentions. Sorenson said she also merely followed other motorists turning right in the same manner from the non-existent lane.

— JPB

✓ Frustrations: Rancher urges Legislature to take action on water rights

the decades since FLPMA shifted the government’s public lands policy.

“The federal government changed from a history of disposal or sale of public lands to a policy of permanent retention,” Idaho Farm Bureau director of governmental affairs Russ Hendricks said. “Congress, just at the stroke of a pen, decided, ‘We’re not going to sell any more land again.’

“And because they knew they weren’t going to sell it, it’s my contention anyway, that they figure, ‘Well there’s no need to maintain it. We don’t have to worry about it. We’re not going to sell it. Who cares if the value goes down? It’s no big deal.’”

Hendricks maintains that the “abrupt change” in federal policy is the root of the heated issues between ranchers and federal bureaucrats during the past four decades.

During the five-hour seminar co-sponsored by the Idaho Recreation Council, Farm Bureau members from throughout the state, a handful of state legislators, Owyhee County commissioners and several Owyhee ranchers heard about legal battles with the federal government waged by Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton and the Hage family of Nevada.

The latter portion of the seminar was dedicated to the concept of transferring management of federally held public lands to the states.

Hendricks said the U.S. Constitution’s Property Clause actually alludes to state management of the lands because it mandates that the federal government shall dispose of territory. Hendricks contends that means that once a territory

after the LU-Joyce ruling.

“What (the Idaho Supreme Court) did really got me and Utah looking at what we could do to protect the sovereign rights of the state,” Parker said. “Justice Eismann, the Hages and Lowrys are all heroes of ours.”

Now, Lowry wants to see like legislation in Idaho Code.

“... We need everything we can on the books to keep the federal government from continue from trying to acquire the water. That is their policy, and they’re not going to stop. They’ll just look at it as a setback and they’ll devise other theories and other methods, and it needs to be made as a plain as possible,” Lowry said.

Lowry took a swipe at “the apathetic response of the State of Idaho,” saying that the ranchers had to file the water rights lawsuit to act in place of the attorney general’s office.

He also said that because of the expense of battling the federal government in court, many ranchers opted against litigation, and the feds obtained stock water rights by default.

“That situation needs to be remedied. That was a takings,” he said.

Lowry said the state’s inaction led to several takings in the Snake River adjudication area.

“That is what occurred, and that is a situation that needs to be remedied, and I would hope that the Legislature would see fit to do so,” he said.

— JPB



State Supreme Court Justice Daniel Eismann was raised in Owyhee County.



Tim Lowry implored lawmakers to pass water rights legislation.

Manual, and the Farm Bureau contends that the directive exceeds executive branch limitations set by Congress and the Supreme Court as well as infringes on states’ rights.

Parker pointed out that federal agencies have tried to leverage the renewal of grazing permits against water rights, asking some Utah ranchers to sign over their water rights or risk permit alterations that could “adversely affect turn-out.”

In 2008, the Forest Service’s Intermountain Region directed that new water improvements would be funded or approved when the livestock owner has sole ownership of the water right.

Even after the Eismann-penned Idaho Supreme Court decision putting emphasis on beneficial use when determining who should be entitled to water rights on federally managed land, Department of Interior agencies have continued to file for water rights. The Forest Service did just that when the North Idaho adjudication process began.

But, as Tim Lowry pointed out in his address, legislation that could be introduced in the 2016 Idaho Legislature would cement the importance of beneficial use. Lowry and fellow Owyhee County rancher Paul Nettleton won their state Supreme Court case against the federal government in part because they had cattle and could put water to beneficial use to care for the animals, while – the court found – the government could have no such claim to the water right because it didn’t raise cattle.

With Parker participating in the run-up, the Utah legislature passed just such a law in 2008, months

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October 22, 1926 – January 8, 2016

Russell, a farmer, was born October 22, 1926 at Wilsonville, Nebraska to Herbert and Nettie Faubion Rutan. He attended school there for three years in a one-room schoolhouse starting the first grade at age four, then moved to Melba, Idaho with his family in 1934. He went to Melmont and Glendale schools and graduated from Melba High School. He farmed until enlisting in the United States Marine Corps on January 2, 1945, and served during the final days of the Okinawa Campaign with the Sixth Marine Division in World War II, then with occupation forces in Tsingtao, China.

Returning to Melba, he started farming again. On June 15, 1951 he married Faye Skeen of Melba; she died May 10, 1954. There were two daughters, Yvonne and Rhonda, by this marriage. On September 15, 1955, he married Patricia Schwartz of Caldwell. A daughter Debbie and a son David completed the family.

They farmed in the Melba area until 1975, except for one year (1958) at Eagle and one year (1959) at Homedale.

In 1977 they purchased a home in Nampa where he worked for Nampa International for two years. From 1979 until 1998 he either worked for or managed ranches for absentee owners at Horsehoe Bend, Reynolds Creek and Grand View. For about twelve of those years he worked in Owyhee County with his son. Since then he



helped farmers in the Melba area until his retirement.

Russ was a member of the Melba Community Baptist Church where he accepted Jesus Christ as His Savior at age 11. He served many years as Sunday School Superintendent and deacon. Wherever their moves took them, the family always found a church home.

He was a proud lifetime member of the Sixth Marine Division Association and the VFW.

Russ served on the Melba School Board for nine years, five as chairman, and participated in regional and state associations. He helped plan Melba's first Polio Auction, now called Melba Community Auction, and later served two years as chairman. He was a longtime blood donor and served one year as the Red Cross Blood Drive Chairman in Nampa.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, of 60 years, and his four children Yvonne (Jim Reed) of Arlington, Virginia; Rhonda (Mike Curtis) of Fredericksburg, Virginia; Debbie Titus of Nampa; and, David (Ann) Rutan of Jordan Valley, Oregon; one brother, Gene of Nampa; 13 grandchildren, Trina (Jake King); Dennis (Rebecca) Rutan; Dana (Billie) Rutan; Abby Reed; Doug (Michelle) Rutan; Michael (Niki) Curtis; Nate Reed; Patrick (Wendy) Hipwell; Ryan Titus; Breann (Charles Forest); Whitney (Cody Starbuck); Amy Curtis; and, Carlen Hipwell; 15 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents, and his brothers, Leonard and Francis.

The family would like to thank those who provided such kind and compassionate care to our husband and father at St. Luke's Meridian and the Veteran's Hospital in Boise.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Russell to the Melba Community Auction, PO Box 139, Melba, Idaho 83641; or a charity of your choice.

A viewing will be held for Russell on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 6-8 pm at Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. South, Nampa. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Melba Cemetery, and a Dinner will follow at the Melba Senior Center.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Jan. 13: Orange chicken, steamed rice & broccoli, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 14: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 18: Corn dog, potato wedges, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 19: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar
- Jan. 20: Homemade pork burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- Jan. 13: Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed vegetables, fruit & salad bar
- Jan. 14: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar
- Jan. 18: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar
- Jan. 19: Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans, fruit & salad bar
- Jan. 20: Pork chop or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

- Jan. 13: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 14: Enchilada or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 18: Chicken stir fry w/rice & egg roll or rib-b-que, fortune cookie, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 19: Chicken tenders, roll & butter herb potatoes or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice
- Jan. 20: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Jan. 13: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corn dog, roll, corn, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 14: Lasagna or turkey sandwich, Italian breadstick potato salad, green beans, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 18: No school
- Jan. 19: Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets, roll, sidewinders, salad bar & soup
- Jan. 20: Chicken squealer or fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding variety, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- Jan. 13: Lasagna, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick, fruit
- Jan. 14: Nachos, tortilla chips, refried beans, romaine lettuce, fruit
- Jan. 15: Hamburger, romaine & tomato, baby carrots, fresh fruit
- Jan. 19: Pizza, romaine salad, baby carrots, fruit
- Jan. 20: Orange chicken, steamed rice, stir-fry veggie, fruit

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar and milk served with meal

- Jan. 13: Pasta primavera, roll
- Jan. 14: Taco salad with chips & salsa
- Jan. 19: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll
- Jan. 20: Chicken & noodles, broccoli, roll

Marsing Senior Center

Milk served with meal

- Jan. 13: Roast beef, potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, roll
- Jan. 14: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, spinach, applesauce, salad, garlic bread
- Jan. 18: Closed
- Jan. 19: Pork ribs, potatoes, beets, pineapple, roll
- Jan. 20: Beef stew, peaches, cornbread

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk or juice served with meal

- Jan. 14: Creamy ham casserole, hot German potato salad, apple dumplings
- Jan. 19: Roast beef, scallop potatoes, tossed salad, fruit cheese cake
- Jan. 21: Hawaiian roni-chicken, cabbage salad, roll, jello w/fruit

Teens and Tweens go bowling

Boys and girls ages 10 to 17 are invited to join the Homedale Public Library's Teens and Tweens program at 4:45 p.m. Friday at the library.

The group will walk over to Owyhee Lanes to bowl.

Library director Sharla Jensen said any of the youth who show up will have their shoe rental and one game paid for by the library.

No theme has been set for

Story Time at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

In other library news, Jensen recently received a \$1,700 Walmart Community Grant through the company's Caldwell store to help the library get set up for ebooks. Jensen said she is working with Janna Streibel, director of the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, to learn the best way to implement an ebook system.

GV resident makes EOU dean's list

Katie Johnson of Grand View is the lone Owyhee country resident on Eastern Oregon University's fall term dean's list.

Johnson qualified at the La Grande, Ore., school with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 hours of grade coursework during the term.

Death notices

JAMES A. BALTZOR, 81, of Athena, Ore., a Wilder native and 1952 Jordan Valley High School graduate, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016 at home. A viewing will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the Rosary recited at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Jordan Valley. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. A celebration of life will be held in Athena at a later date. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

GILBERTO "GILBERT" HEREDIA, 38, of Homedale, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 at a Boise hospital. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. (208) 467-7300

Thank you!

The family of Maxine Watson extends our heartfelt thanks to the entire community. We appreciate all those who gave such beautiful flowers, made donations to Marsing's Ambulance Fund, Lions Club and especially to the kind people who brought food and helped with the luncheon after the service. Maxine was a wonderful person and she will be missed.



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What to do with extra roosters

Caponizing, bird castration, was a skill commonly practiced on the farm. Capons are castrated cockerels. They were primarily used for dinner, saving the hens for production and eggs. It gave purpose to the cockerels that were not selected for breeding. Today, it is not hard to find people wanting to give away their extra roosters. Ads are abundant on Craigslist, and sometimes it’s hard to find someone willing to take the birds off your hands.

Capons do not develop a comb or crow. They become much like a fat hen, growing a bit faster and producing more meat. Sometimes they were even used as a broody hen.



Georgia Goodwin

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The procedure is done from 6 weeks to 3 months of age when the testes are no bigger than a pea. The older the bird, the more difficult the procedure becomes with the larger testes. They get quite large, two to three inches in length. They look like a large kidney bean and are white or opaque in color. The testes sit on both sides of the spine in line with the last two ribs, or the second posterior rib.

The skin is stretched so that when the skin is released it covers the incision, eliminating the need for stitches. A small incision is made between the last two posterior ribs. This single incision will allow you to remove both testes. The ribs are slightly spread. The farthest teste away from you is removed first with a small tool that is made for this procedure. A toolkit can be purchased online

or locally at Dunlap Hatchery in Caldwell. When both testes are removed, release the skin, thus covering the incision. Feed and water the bird.

I suggest practicing this procedure on freshly dispatched birds before trying it on live birds. The skill does take some technique and practice. You have to feel comfortable performing the procedure as well as know exactly what you’re looking for. You must know the anatomy of your bird.

If you’re interested in learning more about caponizing we have copies of the instruction book at the Owyhee County Extension Office or we can email it to you.

— Georgia Goodwin is the 4-H coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. She can be reached at (208) 896-4104, ggoodwin@uidaho.edu, or at the Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschool Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Homedale Senior Center board meeting**
1:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**
3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782
- After-school program**
3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- Kid’s Club**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., open to all school-aged children, Crossroads Church, Idaho highway 19 and U.S. Highway 95, Wilder. (208) 789-3432
- Christian Life Club**
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., kindergarten through sixth grade, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Thursday

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee Conservation District meeting**
10 a.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544
- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting**
1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library,

- 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Teens and Tweens program**
4:45 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

- Fundraiser breakfast**
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per plate, all you can eat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Sunday

- Young Life meeting**
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 794-1048

Tuesday

- Foot clinic**
8:30 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Foot clinic**
9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 22, Saturday, January 13, 1866

THE LATEST MUNCHAUSENISM – The alleged discovery of a silver ledge in War Eagle Mountain, near Ruby City, Idaho, from which “lumps of silver as big as candle boxes were taken,” etc., for which a correspondent of the Susanville *Sage Brush* was responsible, is still insisted upon by that paper, on the authority of returned Idahoites, none of whom, however, have visited the mine. It is a little singular that the Idaho papers make no mention of this extraordinary lode in speaking of the mines about Ruby, and especially is their accounts of War Eagle Mountain. – *Virginia (Nev.) Union*.

Ditto saith the Sacramento Union, despite its huge pretensions to “publish every item of news,” etc., and half a dozen other papers we have seen from that direction. Those journals play with great gusto on the d-d old “candle box” – what couldn’t they do with it if it had strings and a bow to it? Gentlemen disbelievers! a word to the point: there may never have been “lumps of silver as big as candle boxes” taken out of the Poorman in that shape, or size, in a *pure state*, but there have been TONS of ruby silver, polybasite, and sulphurets that would cut like lead; and, moreover, bark yet there is more wealth in sight in a strip of ground, in size say three by seventy-five feet, (say nothing about the depth!) than the Gould and Curry mine produces in a year. This will be a hard pill to shove down a Washoe duck, but if you don’t like to take it that way, try it from another direction. We get out all patience with these “Munchausenism” items, studded with exclamation points (!!!) as thickly as ten-pins, and the peculiar fix of the Poorman has made it impossible to “come back” on them as we’d like to do. We have not the exact time, but all the ore crushed from the Poorman mine was the result of about six days’ work after the discovery, and “just that little” rubbed half a million dollars pretty close. Then the mine was under a shot-gun injunction; since then the court has restrained further crushing of the ore, and now the respective disputants have agreed to lock it up till next June. But – rip ahead, ye unbelievers, “if you think there’s no hereafter.”

THE GOVERNOR HAS approved House Bill No. 11 to incorporate a gas company for Ruby and Silver Cities, Owyhee County. The owners of this franchise are Col. T’Vault, W. S. Stevens and A. H. Webb. Stevens is one of the most popular gas manufacturers in the country – makes a good deal without a franchise. As it is next to impossible to get coal oil or candles sufficient to illuminate the camp this winter, we hope this company will rush along with their gas works. Bills to incorporate gas companies in Boise and Idaho Cities have been introduced.

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BOCC moves meeting because of MLK Day

Other holiday closures announced

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting scheduled for Monday will move to Tuesday because the county courthouse is closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Usually scheduled for Mondays, the county commissioners meeting will begin at 9 a.m. inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. Monday is considered a legal holiday, so government offices in Murphy, Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are all closed, including the Owyhee County DMV offices. Emergency services, including county dispatch, law enforcement, fire and ambulance, will be available. The University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing will also be closed. Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau, Murphy and Grand View will also be closed. US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed Monday. Homedale schools will be open Monday but schools in Marsing, Adrian, Jordan Valley, and Pleasant Valley will be closed. The Bruneau-Grand View School District will be closed on Mon-

day, as part of its regular four-day schedule. The Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy will be closed Monday as usual. Its regular hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The Homedale Public Library will be closed Monday. The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be open with regular hours Monday from noon to 6 p.m. The Bruneau Valley Library will be closed on Monday. It is only open Tuesday through Thursday. The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed Monday. Paul's Market in Homedale will be open regular hours Monday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Logan's Market in Marsing will be open regular hours Monday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The senior centers in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will all be closed Monday. The Owyhee Avalanche will be open for regular business hours Monday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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COSSA launches another series of classes

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) is kicking off the New Year with another round of classes in the academy at 109 Penny Lane, Wilder. Fitness classes will be held at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday through May. The fee for the TurboKick activity on Tuesdays and Zumba on Thursdays is \$5 per class or \$25 for six classes. Welding classes taught by Mark Bauer will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thurs-

days starting next week and continuing through Feb. 4. The fee is \$200 per participant and space is limited to 10 people. COSSA short-term training coordinator Kristie Dorsey said people are urged to register for the classes as soon as possible. Dorsey is also putting together a wildland firefighting class. It would be held on Feb. 6-7 and Feb. 13-14. The class would only happen if at least 10 people register for it, Dorsey wrote in an email. Call Dorsey at (208) 482-6074 ext. 249 to register for the classes or for more information. COSSA serves Homedale, Marsing, Notus and Parma and has students from both Canyon and Owyhee counties. Aspects of the COSSA program include: professional technical education, welding, industrial engineering, gifted and talented, special education, centerpoint alternative school and automotive/diesel training.

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JV winter weed seminar slated Tuesday

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area’s annual Winter Weed Seminar takes place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95). A series of speakers will attend the seminar, which is free and open to the public. Applicators can also receive Idaho and Oregon pesticide recertification credits.

- **10:15 a.m.** — BioWest Ag Solutions representative Dave

Lister, “Biological Approach to Rangeland Management”

- **11 a.m.** — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension agent Scott Jensen, pasture renovation and planting
- **12:45 p.m.** — Stephen Leonard, Cowdance Range and Riparian Consulting, riparian area restoration.
- **1:30 p.m.** — Ellen Hammond, Oregon Department of Agriculture water quality specialist, how to

comply with streamside vegetation regulations while spraying weeds.

- **2 p.m.** — Sean Kretovics, pesticide investigator for the State of Oregon, the importance of personal protective equipment when handling pesticides.
- **2:30 p.m.** — Partner and industry updates.

For more information, contact the JVCWMA by email at jvcwma@qwestoffice.net or by phone at (541) 586-3000.



Husky PRIDE award

Kylie Meade, senior

Parents: Rick and Sharel Meade
Nomination by Daryl Lemos, 12th-grade English teacher: “Kylie Meade is a polite, respectful, intelligent, and talented young lady. Each and every class session, she enters the room, cleans her desk with a Clorox wipe (her own supply, of course) and dedicates herself to the task at hand.



“No matter what the topic is, I can count on Kylie to be a productive and active member of the discussion. Her ability and her drive are a daily reminder to the other students about what high achievement looks like. On the occasion that she might struggle with a concept or an assignment, I will find Kylie on her usual bench in the hallway, not texting or talking, but diligently working to find the answer.

“One of the best parts of my day is seeing Kylie on that bench. She will stop me from whatever I am doing, and she will politely demand that I re-explain or clarify

something we worked on in class.

“Kylie is truly an inspiration to me, knowing that my hard work and instruction is respected, valued, and utilized. Kylie is a great example of a student having PRIDE in Marsing High School.”

The Husky PRIDE award is selected by Marsing High School staff and submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche each week. PRIDE stands for “Positive, Responsible, Integrity, Determination, Everyone/ Everywhere.”

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Homedale incumbents start new terms today

Council to mull buying UTVs

The Homedale City Council will reorganize and discuss special spending during tonight’s first meeting of the new year.

Re-elected council members Steve Atkins and Aaron Tines will take the oath of office to begin new four-year terms to start the 6 p.m. meeting at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Tines currently is council president, and the council will elect a new president for 2016 tonight.

City leaders also will discuss public works supervisor Bret Smith’s request to buy two UTVs for city maintenance work. Smith wants to surplus the city’s existing Kawasaki Mules, too. Those vehicles were purchased in 2002 and 2007.

Smith is recommending the council approve the purchase of a 2016 Kawasaki Pro-DX, which is priced at \$13,800, and Kawasaki Mule 600, priced at \$6,750. He compared the Kawasakis to similar Kubota models priced at \$13,800 and \$7,000, respectively.

Smith said he chose the Kawasaki Pro-DX, even though it retails from the same price as the large Kubota, because the Kawasaki is better suited for the city’s needs and comes with a longer warranty.

The council also will take up a discussion about a local business owner’s suggestion to paint the old city water tower that looms above City Hall and the city shop.

An executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters also has been called for the tail end of tonight’s meeting.

— JPB

Grand View council reorganizes tonight

The Grand View City Council will have a dramatically new look soon after the start of tonight’s first meeting of the year.

Three new council members will join incumbent Donald (Bill) Mead in taking the oath of office after the meeting begins at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

Mead and JC Landing owner Jon Pennington will start four-year terms while John Morrison and Melvin Freckleton will serve for two years.

The four men won seats during a crowded race during the Nov. 3 election.

Morrison decided to run when his sister, Marie Hipwell, opted to not seek re-election and end her time on the board.

“To me, I was just going for a little bit of experience,” Morrison said about why he ran. “I don’t anticipate much change down her in Grand View.”

There is one big cosmetic change taking place on Wood Street, though. Tiling work on the open ditch running down the middle of the platted street is ongoing, and the vacated right-of-

way is set to be used for Riverside Cemetery expansion and adding on to the greenbelt sidewalk that runs along Roosevelt Street (Idaho highway 167).

Morrison anticipates “some good cooperation” among the city council members and incumbent Mayor Franklin Hart, who was the only elected official in town who didn’t face re-election two months ago.

A new council president will be elected after the swearing-in ceremony, responsibilities will be doled out, and then the new council will get down to business.

The council is scheduled to set a date for a geothermal project planning and review session, and Opal Ward, who lost her bid to remain on the council in November, is scheduled to give an update on the status of the Gateway West 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line.

City clerk Tammy Payne will brief the council on a planned military training exercise that will take place in the community in June.

— JPB

Marsing P&Z map hearing tonight

New mayor, councilperson to be sworn in

A public hearing on Marsing’s revised planning and zoning map will be held tonight after a lack of pertinent material forced a continuance last month.

The hearing will continue at 7 p.m. inside Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St. The public can still submit comments to City Hall until 5 p.m. today or attend the meeting to be heard.

During last month’s council meeting, Mayor Keith Green asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to tonight’s council meeting because city council members had yet to receive copies of the proposed map to study.

City Clerk Janice Bicandi said

deputy clerk Annie Campbell did not put copies of the new map in the elected officials’ informational packets. However, Campbell later said city engineers had not yet given her copies of the new map to provide for the mayor and the council. Last week, Campbell said she expects the engineers to bring copies of the map with them to the public hearing.

City engineer Amy Woodruff previously stated that a notice published in The Owyhee Avalanche on Nov. 18 would fulfill the legal requirements for the hearing.

The Planning and Zoning Commission signed off on the revised after a public hearing in October. No members of the public were present at the meeting. During the October hearing, new P&Z commissioner Bob Ramos said he thinks the overall

goal of the new map is to bring in more businesses and more development. He stated that it could expand the boundary of commercial zoning beyond the current strip down Main Street.

After the public hearing tonight, three people will take oaths of office during the first city council meeting of 2016.

With an eight-vote victory in November over incumbent Keith Green, former one-term city councilman James Ferdinand returns to city government as mayor. Ferdinand will join a city council that will include one new yet familiar face returning to the board and an incumbent returning for his second four-year term.

Marie Herman and Chris Even will also be sworn in tonight. They won an uncontested election in which two seats were available.

St. Paul’s sets 2016 Oreana Mass schedule

St. Paul’s Parish in Nampa has announced the 2016 Mass schedule for Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Chapel.

Mass is held at 10 a.m. one Saturday each month at the small church in Oreana, beginning with Jan. 23.

Other Masses will take place on Feb. 27, March 19, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 16, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26 and Dec. 17.

A barbecue follows Mass on July 16.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

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	(measured in inches)					
(measured in Fahrenheit)						
Mud Flat						
01/05	3.8	16	7.4	39	27	32
01/06	4.0	16	7.4	41	21	31
01/07	3.9	15	7.4	37	20	28
01/08	4.0	15	7.4	40	16	27
01/09	3.7	15	7.4	27	10	19
01/10	3.8	15	7.4	30	9	19
01/11	3.7	15	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
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01/06	6.1	n/a	9.7	40	26	32
01/07	6.1	n/a	9.7	34	25	28
01/08	6.1	n/a	9.7	30	25	27
01/09	6.1	n/a	9.7	35	22	26
01/10	6.1	n/a	9.7	32	16	24
01/11	6.1	n/a	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
01/05	9.3	33	16.8	37	31	33
01/06	9.4	34	17.0	42	26	31
01/07	9.5	34	17.0	33	21	26
01/08	9.5	33	17.0	32	22	26
01/09	9.4	33	17.0	34	21	25
01/10	9.5	32	17.0	33	18	24
01/11	9.4	32	16.9	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 11 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 288 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 13 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 77,098 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 1 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.). Snow depth sensors at Reynolds Creek are inoperable.

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

Farm Bureau essay, art contests start

Ag lessons trailer also available

The Owyhee County Farm Bureau has launched student art, essay and speech contests.

Fourth- through 12th-graders can participate for cash prizes and the chance to advance through the district and state levels.

The contests are open to all public, private and home-schooled students in Owyhee County.

Essay for fourth- and fifth-graders — Students are encouraged to write an essay of no more than 500 words discussing, in their own words, “Agriculture and

its often-forgotten connection to today’s world.”

Art for seventh- and eighth-graders — Students can generate artwork showcasing their vision and skills to illustrate how Idaho agriculture affects their daily lives. Entries are due by March 1.

Speech for 9th- through 12th-graders — Students can present a five- to eight-minute speech on the theme “The Unlimited Possibilities of Idaho Agriculture.” Speeches will be judged for content, theme, presentation, theme and audience appeal on Feb. 2.

Entry forms and more information on the contests can be obtained by calling Owyhee County

Farm Bureau women’s chair Mary Blackstock at (208) 896-4512.

The Farm Bureau’s Moving Agriculture to the Classroom (MAC) trailer is another youth outreach program.

Through the MAC trailer, boys and girls get hands-on lessons of how wheat grows, harvest, wheat grinding and pancake making.

Children can milk the life-size cow “Maggie Moo,” teaching them about dairy products, dairy facts and butter-making.

All products involved are from Agriculture. If teachers are interested in reserving and scheduling the MAC trailer for classroom activities, call (208) 896-4512.



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Honor roll Marsing Middle School

Second quarter Principal’s list Eighth grade

4.0 grade-point average — Beagley, Brittany Anne; Brown, Moses Philip Jackson; Freeman, Caden George; Lagunas, Constantino; and Morton, Halle Mae

3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Ayuban, Joshua Andrei, 3.86; Jensen, Lauren Sedna, 3.86; Lee, Isaac Curtis, 3.86; Loucks, Emily Grace, 3.86; Wood, Jessie Nicole, 3.86; Jerome, Patience Leigh, 3.71; Beagley, Alli Ree, 3.57; Berends, Hayden Curtis, 3.57; Hall, Merrick Wesley, 3.57; King, Clancy Edward, 3.57; and Shippy, True Rayne, 3.57

Seventh grade
4.0 GPA — Christiansen, Hailey Nicole; and Cuevas, Gabriela

3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Meade, Benji McCullough, 3.86; Miller, Annie Shundeen, 3.71; Sevy, Hannah Francine, 3.86; Perci-field, Delaney May, 3.71; Wainman, Jade Grace, 3.71; Moore, Tony Max, 3.67; Anderson, Daphne June, 3.57; Anderson, Zachary Joe, 3.57; Barroso, Kylie R, 3.57; Garcia, Mauricio, 3.57; Jimenez, Johan, 3.57; and Molina Jr, Jesus, 3.55

Sixth grade
4.0 GPA — Brown, Kathryn Olivia; Ferdinand, Harlee Jo; Hall, Mardee Jo; Morton, Noah David; Sanchez, Alexander John; Stansell, Regan Anita; and Withers, Samuel Martin

3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Eells, Vicki Jane, 3.86; Enrico, Dominic Melquiades, 3.86; Jensen, Shea Emily, 3.86; Porter, Carter Wayne, 3.86; Clover, Sadie Dawn, 3.71; Ineck, Jonathan Jason, 3.71; Jerome, Max Pliny, 3.71; Loucks, Alexis Kimberly, 3.71; Martin, Abigail Rose, 3.71; Milburn, Anita Marie, 3.71; Anderson, Curtis James, 3.57; Arriaga, Rosa, 3.57; Brown, Colton Pride, 3.57; Deneke, Rebecca Lynne, 3.57; Jacobi, Trayton Angelo, 3.57; Jerome,

Miles Phillip, 3.57; Quebrado, Noel, 3.57; Sevy, Calvin Lewis, 3.57; and Sevy, Lazarus Robert William, 3.57

Honor roll (3.49 to 3.0 GPA)

Eighth grade — Ackerman, Bastion Nathaniel, 3.43; Bennett, Autumn Rose, 3.43; Hook, Klohi Kay, 3.43; Jerome, Lillie, 3.43; Komakhuk, Desiree Kay, 3.43; Sugai, Anthony Joshua, 3.33; Moore, Wylliam Dean, 3.29; Sevy, Cashus Daniel, 3.29; Van Hout, Natalie M.L., 3.29; Villa, Aubrey, 3.29; Alvarez, Alondra, 3.14; Jerome, Amy Joan, 3.14; Merida Morales, Moises, 3.14; Oliveros, Joaquin de Jesus, 3.14; Sevy, Jessica Joy, 3.14; Bowers, Constance, 3.0; Bowman, Megan Dyann, 3.0; Ireland, Wes, 3.0; and Sevy, Travis Walker, 3.0

Seventh grade — Heitz, Chloe Ann, 3.43; Larrusea, Alana Egustina, 3.43; Meade, Ross Thomas, 3.43; Newman, Emilee O, 3.43; Ramirez, Guadalupe Monter, 3.43; Roper, Mazzi L, 3.43; Wasson, Fallon Shea, 3.43; Barbosa, Esmeralda, 3.4; Archer, Laela Taylor, 3.29; Arellano, Sierria May, 3.29; Arriaga, Isai, 3.29; Miller, Troy Mathieu, 3.29; Wood, Destiny Michelle, 3.29; Burns, Tylar Gene, 3.14; Deneke, Brooke Ann, 3.14; Grant, Slade F., 3.14; Montes III, Atanacio, 3.14; Tracy, Christina Nicole, 3.14; Villa, Areli, 3.14; Wood, Titus Michael, 3.14; Douthit, Matthew Shawn, 3.11; Clay, Carter David, 3.0; Eells, Dalton Gene, 3.0; and Mendoza, Rebecca Amaya, 3.0

Sixth grade — Barker, Tyrel Jamie, 3.43; Jerome, McKenzy Rose, 3.43; Ramirez Monter, Christal, 3.43; Sierra Calderon, Perla, 3.43; Freeman, Ethan Ford, 3.29; Patterson, Zechariah Xavior, 3.29; Franklin, Madison Rae, 3.14; Moreno, Elizabeth, 3.14; Burgos, Mariah Elizabeth, 3.0; Gonzalez, Arely, 3.0; Moore, Shyanne Lynn, 3.0; Robinson, Riley Jean, 3.0; Rodriguez Alvarez, Jenifer, 3.0; and Thornton, Faith Ann, 3.0

Retired teacher to talk metal detectors in Bruneau

The joys and profitability of metal-detecting is the topic for the first installment of the Bruneau Valley Public Library’s speaker series for 2016.

Les Tanner, a retired college math teacher from Caldwell, will be featured during the noontime presentation next Wednesday at the library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau. A light lunch will be served prior to the program, and both are free.

Those planning to attend should call (208) 845-2282 and RSVP by Monday to ensure enough food is available and that there is

adequate space for the event.

Tanner works as a proofreader for *Idaho Magazine*, but in his spare time he roams the countryside with a metal detector seeing what choice items he can find.

His adventures and findings are the topic of his program for January. He calls his searching a “coin-a-thon,” but says he finds much more than coins.

Next Wednesday’s event kicks off the spring session of the speaker series, which is funded by Troxell Small Community Library Fund grant through the Idaho Community Foundation.

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Huskies boys collect first conference win

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Jordan Valley boys knock off Crane

Avalanche Sports

TVCC lands 2 Trojans

Two state champions plan to play softball for Treasure Valley Community College.

Homedale High School seniors Tristan Corta and Makayla Aberasturi are scheduled to sign national letters of intent to attend the Ontario, Ore., junior college during a ceremony Monday.

The signing will take place at noon inside the HHS gymnasium foyer.

Corta and Aberasturi will become the third and fourth players coached by Larry Corta to move on to the Chukars' program in the past three years. Elise Shenk signed last year, and Destiny Long committed to TVCC in 2014.

They also will join the list of Corta-coached players who have moved to the next level, including Katie Deal, who joined the Wenatchee Community College squad, and Hannah Johnson, who played four years with The College of Idaho.

Tristan Corta and Aberasturi were part of the team that won the school's fifth 3A state championship last spring, and second under Corta's guidance.



Makayla Aberasturi



Tristan Corta



Homedale High School senior Nash Johnson picked up five victories during the weekend to finish sixth at 145 pounds in the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Sixth at Lane, Johnson now 2nd in HHS wins

Collett finishes in top 12; Hall gets MHS wins

Nash Johnson's weekend was filled with Homedale High School wrestling milestones.

The senior 145-pounder became the second-most winningest athlete in school history and posted one of the school's best finishes in the 16 years of the Rollie Lane Invitational.

Another Trojans senior, John Collett, went 3-2 to finish in the top 12 at one of the region's biggest tournaments, which was held Friday and Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center.

"I liked the fact that the kids got a great deal of experience these past two days," first-year HHS wrestler Ryan Nash wrote in an email Sunday. "We had some pretty young wrestlers see some of the best competition in the Northwest."

Homedale junior varsity wrestlers Robert Nix, Craig Romreill and Jaeger Rose picked up victories over varsity wrestlers either in the main tournament or a second-chance mini-tournament Saturday.

"It was an eye-opener for a lot of them to see just what it takes to compete at that level," Nash said. "I wanted them to be on a big stage like the Idaho Center, where they have 12 mats running at a time, so they've had that experience when they get to State."

Johnson finished sixth in a 46-wrestler bracket, wrapping his tournament with a narrow 4-3 loss to James Fisher from Class 5A Centennial in the fifth-place match.

Johnson (18-4) was 5-3 during the tournament, moving out of his second-place tie with former state champion Tyler Christoffersen on the HHS all-time victories list. Johnson now has 124 wins, and can pass former four-time state champion Jeremy Ensley and into the top spot

with six more victories.

Johnson reeled off three championship bracket victories to reach the quarterfinals, including a slim 5-4 victory over Lowry (Nev.) wrestler Nate Nelson.

After once-beaten Post Falls' Alius Delarosa pinned Johnson midway through the second round of their quarterfinal match, Johnson rallied with three consolation bracket victories. He moved into the fifth-place match with a narrow 6-5 win over Culver, Ore.'s Marco Retano (20-2).

Collett (11-2) faced talent from larger Idaho schools throughout his tournament. He pinned Jordan Plonka of 4A Lakeland in 2:52 for his first victory then grabbed two consolation bracket wins (4-1 decision vs. Boise's Abdu Isakov and a pin of Caldwell's Ben Solis) before his tournament ended with

— See *Lane*, page 16



Gardenia Machuca, left, works against a double-team after grabbing a rebound during Homedale's girls' basketball victory over visiting Weiser.

Surges secure HHS girls' SRV streak

Homedale High School girls' basketball players put their first-half struggles behind them with a devastating third quarter Friday against Payette.

Trailing by two points against the 3A Snake River Valley conference co-leaders, the Pirates managed just a successful free throw as the Trojans slammed the door on a 52-19 win on the road.

Homedale (11-3 overall, 4-0 in conference) opened the second half on a 26-1 run and allowed just five points (on just nine shots and one Payette field goal) over the final 16 minutes.

Elizabeth Vargas had a breakout game with season-high totals of

10 points and seven rebounds. She also had four steals as Homedale came up with 18 thefts during the game. The Trojans limited Payette to just nine field-goal attempts in the final 16 minutes.

Homedale converted just 15 percent of its shots in the first half (4-for-26), but rebounded with a 43 percent clip (14-for-32) after the intermission.

Trojans senior Tory Lane fired in three three-point goals and led all scorers with 20 points. Kadee Winn paced Payette (1-14, 0-4) with five points on 2-for-3 shooting.

Jan. 5: Homedale 65, Weiser 50 — Facing an 11-point halftime

deficit, the Trojans got in front of the Wolverines literally and figuratively during a 3A Snake River Valley conference game at home.

Sparked by a searing 8-for-11 (72 percent) second-half showing from the three-point line, Homedale rode a 28-point third quarter and a rejuvenated stingy defense to victory.

The Trojans took a six-point lead into the final frame and maintained control by limiting previously hot-shooting Weiser to just six field goals over the final 16 minutes.

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Sports



Makayla Aberasturi, right, defends against a Weiser dribbler late in the first half.

✓ Girls: Trojans rally after halftime, wipe out Weiser

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“As the game went on, our defense on the ball got better,” Betancourt said. “Our team defense was great; we were just getting beat one-on-one, and when we would come to help they would hit the open girl and then hit the shot.”

Tristan Corta scored a season-high 20 points and another high-scoring night from Tory Lane, who nailed four three-point goals and half of her 20 shots overall as part of a game-high 25-point effort.

Weiser went on 16-6 first-half run, and Corina Larsen’s three-point goal gave the visitors a 28-17 lead 4½ minutes before halftime.

The trey was one of five Weiser hit in the first half, including Paige Brown’s shot to beat the first-quarter buzzer. Brown knocked down five of her eight three-point tries and led Weiser with 19 points.

“I’ve never seen a girls game like that before. We combined to be 18-for-38 from the three-point line. There were a couple of possessions in a row where it seemed like we traded three-point baskets,” Betancourt said. “It was just a great shooting game by both teams.”

Weiser hit 50 percent of its shots in the first half (12-for-24, including half of their 10 attempts from the three-point line), while Homedale hit for 60 percent (15-for-25) after the intermission.

Trojans’ titanic third buries Baker boys

Homedale returns from vacation with a vengeance

Benny Schamber erupted for 11 of his 14 points in the third quarter as Homedale High School shook off a slow start in boys’ basketball Friday.

Three players scored in double figures, and the Trojans opened the second half on a 14-0 run to set up a 60-49 non-conference victory over visiting Baker, Ore.

“Our press got some easy opportunities for our guys,” HHS coach Casey Grove said.

The teams headed to the locker rooms locked in a 22-22 stalemate, but Homedale awoke for 26 points in the third quarter to build a 14-point lead.

Schamber averaged 13 points and 8 rebounds in two non-conference victories last week. He and fellow senior Connor Carter led the backboard effort with eight rebounds each Friday.

Chase Martell converted four of six three-point goals en route to a team-high 15 points. Garrett Carter added 13 points.

Josh Tolmie had five of his seven rebounds on the defensive glass, and he had four assists and four steals. Manny Baltierrez came up with six boards.

Homedale (7-3 at week’s end) started the 3A Snake River Valley conference season Tuesday after deadline against Fruitland. Conference play continues Friday with a home game against Parma.

“Our conference is going to be exactly like it was last year,” Grove said. “Every game is going to come down to the wire.”

Jan. 5: Homedale 74, Cole Valley Christian 48 — Two weeks away from competition didn’t slow down the Trojans in a non-conference victory in Meridian.

“I wasn’t sure how we would come out after having two weeks off,” Grove said. “We came out aggressive and ready to play.”

The coach said good defense and teamwork on offense helped offset 19 turnovers.

Starting the second half with a 12-point lead, Homedale put the game away with a 24-10 run in the third quarter after Grove called for a press defense.



Senior Connor Carter fires a pass out to the perimeter after driving the lane Friday against non-conference opponent Baker, Ore.

But a little halftime pep talk in the locker room with Homedale leading by 12 points, keyed a 24-10 run that put the game away.

Chad Hungate was one of four players to reach double figures for Homedale. He emerged from a season-long dormancy with five three-point goals en route to a career-high 19 points.

“... Chad Hungate caught fire in a big way. Up to this point he had not hit a three pointer in a game,” Grove said. “He hit five in this game. It was good to get that monkey off his back.”

Schamber had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Connor Carter nailed a pair of three-point goals and had 11 points and five steals. Baltierrez chipped in 10 points, while Martell carded six assists.

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Athlete of the Week

Benny Schamber, sr., boys’ basketball

The Play — The forward averaged 13 points per game as the Trojans opened the new year with a pair of victories. He scored 14 points Friday night as Homedale rode past Baker, Ore., in the second half of a 60-49 non-conference victory. Schamber had 12 points on 6-for-8 shooting and grabbed six of his eight rebounds on the defensive glass in a 74-48 blowout of Cole Valley Christian on Jan. 5.

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Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. Emmett, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. Emmett, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.
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Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. Emmett, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Boys’ Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 15, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 15, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 15, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Jan. 13, home vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16 at Skyview Duals, Nampa
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Sports

Marsing boys pick up first WIC win

Huskies fall below M-D in WIC

Lankow, Acuña lead team's scoring for week

Practice paid off Thursday as Marsing High School pulled off its first boys' basketball victory of the conference season.

Senior Rodrigo Acuña posted season-high totals with 15 points and nine rebounds to fuel Marsing's 47-37 victory over visiting 2A Western Idaho Conference foe North Star Charter.

Coach Tim Little called Acuña's performance "arguably" his best of the season. He also had five assists, four steals and one turnover.

Marsing (2-9 overall, 1-2 in conference at week's end) committed a season-low in turnovers.

"We took care of the ball, with only eight turnovers, and our hard work in practice is paying off for us fundamentally on both ends of the court," Little said.

Freshman Enrique Quebrado made his presence known again, hitting a three-pointer and converting a three-point play in the fourth quarter to help Marsing maintain momentum. He led Marsing with 16 points.

North Star's Grant Egen was 8-for-10 from the foul line and led all players with 18 points. Teammate Jon Berger scored nine points, which was one less than

the rest of the North Star scored for the game.

"Defensively we controlled the boards and did a better job with containing penetration, which has been a focus point over the last few week," Little said.

Marsing's Jose Muñoz hit a trey and a two-point bucket back-to-back to start the game as part of his eight-point first quarter. He finished with nine points and three assists.

Jan. 5: Liberty Charter 47, Marsing 38 — The last of Trevor Fowler's three-point goals fueled the Patriots' 12-3 run to close the non-conference game in Nampa.

The Huskies tied the game, 35-35, with two minutes left before Fowler hit a pair of treys to ignite Liberty Charter's pull-away.

Nick Lankow posted a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds to power Marsing.

"He is really getting into a groove and filling the role that I have always tried to instill in him — a blue-collar, hard-working rebound machine," Little said.

"The last few games, he has been playing at an effort level in which even his teammates are amazed."

Quebrado and Dakota Hardy hit three-pointers for Marsing with Quebrado finishing with seven points.

Hardy scored five points as did Connor Rhodes.

Marsing High School's shooting percentage improved in the second half Friday, but the corresponding scoring barrage wasn't enough to prevent a third consecutive defeat.

Home team McCall-Donnelly held on after a big first half for a 53-42 decision that was also the Huskies' third straight 2A Western Idaho Conference loss.

McCall (9-5 overall, 3-3 2A WIC) surged ahead of Marsing (5-11, 2-4) in the conference standings as the second half of the season began.

The Huskies trailed by 23 points at halftime, 37-14, after connecting on only six of their first 16 shots.

Marsing took just eight more shots in the second half, but was able to convert 11 of those 24 field-goal attempts (45 percent).

Elsaa Margarito connected on half of her eight shots, including a pair of three-point goals, to lead the Huskies with 15 points. The sophomore guard also had five steals.

Alex Grant, who also had five steals and four rebounds, chipped in 11 points. She also dished a team-high three assists.

Sheyenne Glorfield drained three of four shots and finished with nine points, while Mackenzie Farrens grabbed six rebounds.

Marsing ended the week having dropped nine of its previous 11 games.

Jan. 5: Melba 51, Marsing 46 — The Huskies trimmed the Mustangs' lead to three points twice in the fourth quarter of a 2A WIC game, but couldn't completely climb a hole created by Melba's 13-3 run to start the second half.

The Huskies pulled to within three points, 49-46, with 10 seconds left in the game, but Melba canned two foul shots to established the final score.

The game was tied, 25-25, at halftime as both teams struggled in field-goal shooting. The Huskies wound up shooting 23 percent (16-for-68) in the game, including only 15 percent in the second half (6-for-39). Melba was 18-for-56 (32 percent) for the game.

Farrens led the Huskies with a double-double, scoring 15 points and snagging 12 rebounds before



Sophomore Elsa Margarito fires up a jump shot during a home conference game against Melba. Photo by Dan Pease

fouling out. Glorfield had nine points and nine rebounds as the Huskies balanced their offensive output. Margarito had eight points, and LeAnn Garcia added six. Three scorers reached double figures for Melba, including senior Jessie Hansen with 14 points (and eight rebounds), and freshman Emma Clark and junior Callie Young with 13 points apiece. Clark also pulled down eight rebounds.



MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Elsaa Margarito, so., girls' basketball

The Play — Margarito averaged 11.5 points per game as the Huskies split 2A Western Idaho Conference decisions. She shot 50 percent from the field and dropped a couple three-pointers, scoring 15 points in a 53-42 loss to McCall-Donnelly on Friday. In a narrow loss to Melba on Jan. 5, the guard scored eight points.

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, home vs. Jordan Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, home vs. Jordan Valley, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 15 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 8 a.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 15 vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Friday, Jan. 15 vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Friday, Jan. 15 vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4:45 p.m.



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Sports

Jordan Valley junior JJ Echave reaches over Crane 6-footer David Steeves to snag one of his nine rebounds in Jordan Valley's 1A High Desert League season opener Saturday at home. Photo by Tara Echave



Jordan Valley boys stifle HDL rival Crane

A second-half surge sent Jordan Valley High School to victory in its boys' basketball league opener Saturday in Crane.

JJ Echave scored 10 of his game-high 19 points in the second half as Jordan Valley hammered its host, 54-39, in a 1A High Desert League game. It was Jordan Valley's fifth consecutive victory and brought an end to Crane's five-game unbeaten run.

"The boys played good defense," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said. "Crane is a solid team that plays hard, but the boys played tough."

"They all did a good job offensively and took good care of the ball."

Jordan Valley (8-3 overall

before Tuesday's rivalry home game against Adrian) took control against Crane by holding the home team to five points in the third quarter.

Zeke Quintero scored all eight of his points in the second half as Jordan Valley pulled away in a game deadlocked, 20-20, at the break. Quintero also had seven rebounds, and Echave had nine boards.

Chase Fillmore finished with 12 points, hitting all six of his free throws in the first half. Wyatt Stanford dropped a pair of three-pointers.

Held scoreless in the first half, Jack Bentz put in nine points to lead Crane (8-4, 1-1 before Tuesday's league matchup against Prairie City).

Adrian boys can't catch Crane

Adrian High School rallied against one of the top 1A High Desert League boys' basketball teams but couldn't complete the comeback Friday.

Down by 21 points after eight minutes, the Antelopes pulled back to within four points late in the fourth quarter before falling, 41-31, to visiting Crane.

"It was a tale of two halves. We shot poorly, didn't take care of the ball and didn't defend well. A bad combination," Adrian coach Nolan Shira said.

"There was no quit in the boys as they came out in the second half and played with some fire."

Battling back from Crane's 27-6 first-quarter spurt, Adrian (5-7 overall, 1-1 after Saturday's 42-36 non-league win over Pine Eagle) cut the lead to 35-31 in the fourth quarter before the Mustangs iced the game with free throws.

Joe Valentine led all scorers with 12 points as Crane ended Adrian's two-game winning streak. Teammate Jack Bentz pulled down 13 rebounds.

Mike Griffin posted a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds for Adrian. Dennis Dick and Pau Roget scored seven points each for the Antelopes.

Saturday: Adrian 42, Pine Eagle 36 — Starters did most of the damage for both teams in Halfway, Ore., but the Antelopes' reserves outscored their counterparts, 6-2, to help the cause.

Griffin led Adrian again with 13 points, while Dick put in 10 points to go with four assists.

Kenny Purnell scored five points, but made a big impact with six assists and five rebounds.



Adrian junior guard Pau Roget drives between two Crane defenders during Friday's league-opening loss at home. Photo by Bob Radford

The Spartans' Nathan McCall led all scorers with 18 points.

Thursday: Adrian 62, Burnt River 31 — The Antelopes whitewashed the visiting Bulls in the first quarter to get a jump on a 1A HDL season-opening win.

Kenny Purnell led all rebounders with 11 as part of his double-double, and teammate Andy Walker came off the bench to snag 10 boards as Adrian ruled the glass by nearly a 2-to-1 margin, including a 20-8 edge on Burnt River's end of the court. Adrian had 18 second-chance points, too.

Purnell added 10 points. He played less than 19 minutes and was the only Adrian starter to see more than 17 minutes in the game.

Mike Griffin had 14 points and seven rebounds, while Dennis Dick had eight points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Kirkland Obendorft came off the bench for five points.

Burnt River's Jannis Weinkopf threw in three three-point goals and led all players with 19 points. He also had eight steals but committed seven of his team's 25 turnovers.

✓ Lane: Adrian's Bryson Shira, Furtado pick up wins at weekend tourney

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a tiebreaker loss to Austin Ford of Bonneville.

Wrestling at 126, Rose (13-3) posted a technical fall in the consolation bracket with a 15-0 win over Marsing's Jesse Hay Smith.

Nix pinned teammate Ivan Cortez at 3:34 of their 160-pound consolation bracket match.

Caleb Meligan (126) pinned Mountain View's Brett Case 35 seconds into their consolation bout.

Anthony Beckman (120) pinned Bishop Kelly's Kieran Bruns in three minutes during their consolation match.

Other Trojans wrestling were Jorge Vega (106), Jacob Furlott (132), Dallin Powell and Craig Romriell (152) and Kiefer Cooper (170).

Marsing

The Huskies took nine wrestlers to Nampa with sophomore 220-pounder Mason Hall having the longest stay — and posting his team's only victories.

Hall staved off elimination with a blitz of five consolation bracket pinfalls before Caldwell's Triden Mitchell pulled off a pin in 3:58 of their seventh-round match.

Hall (15-6) had four first-round pins during his run, including a 46-second pinfall against Valliivue's Ramon Martinez and a 31-second stoppage against Central Valley's John Keiser for his final victory in the tournament. He also pinned Spencer Wells from Oregon's Mac-Hi in 39 seconds.

Other athletes taking the mat for fourth-year coach Jon Nelson were Hay Smith, Hayden Kish (132), Joseph Ineck (138), Kaden Goins (145), Oscar Gonzalez and Andy Saenz (152), Seth Black (160), Jesus Duran (170) and Ben Gerthung (285).

Adrian

Bryson Shira collected two victories at 145 pounds, Marcus Furtado (106) notched a consolation bracket victory as coach Eddie Kinkade took five wrestlers to the huge tournament.



Marsing High School wrestling coach Jon Nelson, center, is flanked by two assistants at the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa, including 2015 MHS graduate Noah Grossman, left, who is now attending Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., and Dylan Cady. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

A senior, Shira won his second-round match in the championship bracket, pinning Deon Ration of Clark from Las Vegas, Nev., in 59 seconds.

After dropping into the consolation bracket, Shira pinned Walla Walla, Wash., wrestler

Simon Derby in 3:37 before bowing out of the tournament against Larimie Asher from Class 4A Middleton.

Furtado pinned Kody Easely from Central Valley of Spokane Valley, Wash., in 2:07 in a consolation match. The Adrian

wrestler began his tournament with a pinfall loss against Bonneville's Darrick Stacey (24-2) who finished third in the bracket.

Other wrestlers seeing action for the Antelopes were Kris Ulrich (113), Eduardo Munoz (132) and Juan Figueroa (138).

Sports

Raiders’ up-and-down WIC season continues

Wilder blowout sandwiched between losses

It was all about teamwork last Wednesday as Rimrock High School rolled to a conference girls’ basketball victory in Wilder.

Valeria Lino dished six assists, and three Raiders scored in double figures during a 63-21 1A Western Idaho Conference road win against the Wildcats.

Rimrock (6-5 overall) suffered a narrow 47-45 conference loss to Notus on Friday.

Annie Mills and Bailie Jewett drained three three-point goals each in the rout of winless Wilder.

Two of Mills’ treys came during the Raiders’ game-opening 18-4 run.

Mills also connected on all four of her foul shots and led all scorers with 17 points. The scoring was part of a monster double-double for Mills. She also had 14 rebounds and four steals.

Jewett scored 11 points and had five assists, while teammate Valeria Lino led the team with six assists.

CC Swaney scored nine of her 13 points in the third quarter. She also pulled down seven rebounds and notched a team-high seven steals.

Kyla Mills chipped in eight

points.

Desiree Sandoval and Sabrina Winchel scored five points each to lead the Wildcats.

Friday: Notus 47, Rimrock 45 — The host Pirates used a 14-9 fourth-quarter charge to cement a comeback victory in 1A WIC action.

Rimrock held a nine-point lead, 31-22, at halftime.

SaKota Hall scored 11 points to pace the Raiders, who also received nine points from Kyla Mills and eight from Annie Mills. Jewett scored nailed a pair of three-pointers.

Jacylinn Parra led all players with 13 points, while teammate Gabby Okamura added 12 as Notus won for the fourth time in five conference outings.

Jan. 4: Idaho City 47, Rimrock 22 — The Raiders couldn’t overcome a scoreless first quarter and found themselves trailing, 20-7, at the break.

Rochel Cummings scored all eight of her points, and top scorer Joy Billings added six as the once-beaten Wildcats started the game on a hot streak. Billings scored 17 points.

After being held scoreless in the first half, Annie Mills put up a team-high six points after the break. Lino hit a fourth-quarter three-pointer as part of her five points, and SaKota Hall and Kyla Mills rounded out the scoring with four points each.



Adrian High School girls’ basketball coach Gene Mills, left, talks to his players during a timeout Friday against Crane. Seated on the bench, from left, are Erin Nielson, Morgan Bayes, Kylee Skerjanec, Anna Hutchings and Selina Villarreal. Photo by Bob Radford

Adrian girls roll in 2 of 3 in HDL

Adrian High School bounced back from a key girls’ basketball loss Saturday, cruising to a 1A High Desert League triumph.

Kylie Skerjanec led all scorers 12 with points in the Antelopes’ 46-24 destruction of Pine Eagle in Halfway, Ore.

Coach Gene Mills gave many of his players some varsity experience with the game well in hand for the Antelopes (8-4 overall, 2-1 in league).

Anna Hutchings scored eight points, and Selina Villarreal chipped in six.

Friday: Crane 43, Adrian 38 — The Antelopes faltered at the free-throw line and couldn’t complete a comeback in a showdown between two of the league’s top teams.

“It was a good game between two good teams,” Mills said. “Had we shot better from the line, the result may have been different.”

Adrian led 29-28 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Antelopes took 22 free throws – twice as many as the visiting Mustangs – but made just seven (31 percent). Crane put up three more shots than Adrian, and made three more field goals to help lessen the impact of Adrian’s five three-point goals.

Carlee Morton scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Adrian, while Anna Hutchings had five points and nine rebounds. Selina Villarreal added six points.

Hannah Maupin played the entire game for Crane, leading all players with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Thursday: Adrian 47, Burnt River 16 — Mills put enough players on the floor to field four starting fives as the Antelopes won their fifth consecutive game.

“We played 20 girls and looked pretty good doing it,” Mills said after the league opener for both teams.

Host Adrian blanked the visiting Bulls from Unity, Ore., 20-0, in the first eight minutes.

Fifteen of the Antelopes who saw action got into the scoring column, including Anna Hutchings, who had eight points and seven offensive rebounds in less than a quarter of playing time.

Kylie Skerjanec led Adrian with seven steals and three assists and scored seven points. Lauren Baraza and Selina Villarreal scored six points each, while Mariah McLay scored four points on 2-for-3 shooting off the bench.

Shea Swindlehurst led Burnt River with six points and eight rebounds.

Adrian, which forced 27 turnovers, scored 23 points off the miscues.

Jan. 5: Adrian 55, Notus 50 — In a rematch from a Dec. 22 Antelopes loss, Adrian used a strong mid-game run to survive Notus’ all-out blitz in the fourth quarter of a non-league game.

“It was quite a turnaround from the first time we played them,” Mills said. “We played great for three quarters, and they came storming back. We held on for the win, but it was not easy.”

The visiting Pirates scored 25 points over the final eight minutes to slice into Adrian’s 43-25 lead at the end of three quarters.

The Antelopes scored 16 second-chance points.

Hutchings filled up the stat sheet for Adrian with 18 points, five rebounds and three steals before fouling out. Carlee Morton also fouled out, scoring eight points and grabbing four rebounds.

Other Adrian starters Erin Nielson and Morgan Bayes scored eight points each.

Alana Riley (15 points) and Gabby Okamura (12) led Notus’ scorers. Okamura scored 23 points in the teams’ first matchup.



Freshman Taylor Warn (20) puts up a shot against the defense of Crane’s Hannah Maupin during Jordan Valley’s league opener. Photo by Tara Echave

Crane runs away from JV girls in HDL opener

Jordan Valley High School couldn’t make an early big lead hold up in Saturday’s girls’ basketball loss to Crane.

Crane’s fast start to the second half sent Jordan Valley to a 50-41 1A High Desert League-opening loss.

After starting the season 7-1, Jordan Valley has lost three of its past four games.

Crane pushed ahead by a single point with a 17-9 spurt in the third quarter.

Alisha Rogers led the Mustangs

(8-4 overall, 0-1 in league) with 13 points.

Regann Skinner added 10 points, while Taylor Warn had all but one of her 12 rebounds on the defensive side. She also had eight points.

Zoe Warn scored seven points and brought down 11 rebounds.

Jordan Valley visited the foul line only seven times, converting three attempts. The team shot 40.6 percent (13-for-32) from the floor with Rogers hitting three three-point goals.

Homedale Sr. Center breakfast returns

The all-you-can-eat breakfast is back Saturday at the Homedale Senior Center.

The breakfast, which is held on the third Saturday of the month most of the year, takes place from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The price is \$6 per plate.

The breakfast is held as a fundraiser for the center’s operational budget. The event wasn’t held in November and December.

The senior center board of directors holds a meeting open to the public at 1:30 p.m. today.

The monthly foot clinic takes place Tuesday. Appointments begin at 8:30 a.m., and a slot can be reserved by calling the senior center at 337-3020. The cost is \$12.

The second free blood pressure clinic of the month is planned for Tuesday, Jan. 26.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Pleasant Valley

Once upon a time there was a beautiful little valley called Pleasant Valley. Pristine streams ran down from wooded hillsides. Wild game was abundant. Fish flourished. The peasants tilled their farms and irrigated them with mountain water. The livestock grazed the grassy meadows. It was a contented community, though lacking in material wealth.

Word of the scenic beauty of Pleasant Valley spread. People came to admire it. Some stayed. They brought with them treasured flora and fauna from their homes far away. Others followed to do their laundry and build their homes and teach the children of the newcomers.

Those that came formed a committee to preserve the beauty of Pleasant Valley. A planned community was envisioned. Architecture and public buildings were required to conform to a style pleasing to the committee.

Streams were diverted to do the laundry of the newcomers, to water the lawns around their houses and bathe their children. The town became a city. Muddy tracks from the farm trucks detracted from the image Pleasant Valley hoped to project. Animal smells wrinkled eco-sensitive noses. The peasants were encouraged to move to a neighboring valley.

Pleasant Valley grew. The committee imposed wood burning bans, zoned restricted agricultural areas, stressed cart-pooling on the golf course and recycled the Cultural Center newsletters. After agonizing consideration, they built a nuclear plant because it was the cleanest and least ecologically depleting fuel. Hydroelectric power was unthinkable since it required damming a natural stream.

Eventually, the natural streams could not supply enough water to support the environmentally safe service industries that had become the lifeblood of Pleasant Valley.

The committee again considered damming the stream, but the Concerned Citizens of Pleasant Valley rallied and prevented the dam's construction. They agreed to put bricks in their toilet to save water.

The committee, in desperation approached the peasants, "We want to buy your water and pump it to Pleasant Valley." The peasants asked how they would irrigate their crops and water their stock if they gave up their streams?

"It doesn't matter," explained the committee. "You will be rich."

So they took their water. Then they said to the peasants that were left, "We need a place to dump our nuclear waste ..."

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Rep. Raúl Labrador



From Washington Land management and criminal sentencing policies need reform

It's not every day that two unrelated issues I care passionately about can be discussed in one writing. But the issues of land management in the West and federal sentencing reform were central to the events in Eastern Oregon. The standoff in Harney County has become a big story, landing on the front page of the New York Times and filling the cable news programs for a week.

I have called the protesters' actions civil disobedience. Some have objected to this characterization, but I will leave it to Henry David Thoreau and the other great philosophers throughout history to have this debate, not to the liberal hacks of the Idaho and Washington media. At least we should agree that the protestors should leave the federal property peacefully and will have to face the consequences of their actions. I hope and pray that the protestors and law enforcement quickly reach a peaceful conclusion.

But when the dust settles, important lessons must follow. Westerners are well aware that onerous federal land management has stripped hard-working Americans of the ability to profit from the fruits of their labor. But because of the injustice that sparked the standoff — the

outrageous five-year federal prison sentences for two fires that burned 140 acres of federal land — the rest of the country is starting to learn more about this issue.

Some liberals have demonized the protestors, calling them "domestic terrorists," "Y'all Qaeda," "YokelHaram" and "Vanilla ISIS." Sadly, such demeaning talk makes it easy for the elite media and liberals to ignore the wrongs underlying the protests.

At a town meeting in Burns, Ore., Louis Smith told reporters he was pleased the media are finally paying attention to the plight of rural America. "These guys, I hate to say it, they've woke every one of you guys up," said Smith, whose ancestors homesteaded near the site of the protest, the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Every day of their working lives, families like those of the two men convicted — Dwight Hammond and his son, Steven — feel the heavy hand of burdensome laws and regulations enforced by detached bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

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Wayne Hoffman, president



Idaho Freedom Foundation Otter's proposed entitlements head in wrong direction

Instead of focusing on how he might promote conservative ideas, such as tax relief, Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter used a press conference Thursday to announce that he'd ask lawmakers to create a \$30 million government entitlement program. The entitlement program would provide medical services to people who don't qualify for Medicaid or Obamacare insurance subsidies.

Otter's announcement is bad. His proposal is a government entitlement, something for which Otter has experience. In 2003, as a congressman, Otter planned to vote against a Republican Medicare expansion plan. Otter held out, until his arm was twisted to support the proposal, guaranteeing its passage. This time, no one is twisting Otter's arm. This proposed entitlement program is a creature of his and his administration's creation.

Otter's plan calls for medical providers to receive \$32 per patient per month to provide primary healthcare services to about 78,000 people below the federal poverty line. The money would come entirely from state taxpayers; patients would be required to kick in some money, too, on an income-based sliding scale. According to an Idaho Department of Health and Welfare fact sheet, patients could stay on the program indefinitely.

The Otter proposal provides a formulaic approach to healthcare, declaring that every patient in every part of the state needs the same kind of services rendered through what's called a medical home. And it requires those medical homes to provide a level of primary care treatment dictated by politicians and bureaucrats in Boise.

The plan doesn't put an end to Idaho's county-state single-payer program for indigent care. The proposal contains nothing that would let communities invest in their own creative solutions for providing healthcare services to people in need. It is also silent about the need to help lift people out of poverty and become less reliant on government services.

Otter's proposal should fail to gain traction with lawmakers who really do believe in limited government and who believe that solutions should come from the community and not from lawmakers and state agencies.

The proposal should fail with lawmakers who don't want to create a government entitlement. I suspect it will not gain favor with liberal legislators who just want a check from the federal government for Medicaid expansion.

As I've opined before, there is a conservative way to provide health care services to people who need it, temporarily, and with very limited involvement of politicians, bureaucrats and agencies. It requires leveraging the robust network of private charities and medical providers in the state, letting them create the solutions, partnerships and mentorships that lead people to better care and better health.

Otter's latest health care proposal doesn't do that. It simply makes a new group of Idahoans dependent on a new government entitlement program, which is not a solution at all.

However, Otter's announcement contains a flicker of good news. His proposal very likely means Medicaid expansion is dead for the year. Otter has been notoriously noncommittal when it comes to Medicaid expansion. Having waged war in 2013 to adopt an Obamacare insurance exchange — Idaho is still the only Republican-controlled state in the country to have one — Otter has refused to say whether he'd take the next Obamacare step and expand Medicaid.

Now, instead of playing the annual will-he-or-won't-he-propose-expanding-Medicaid game, Otter's playing a new, but familiar, entitlement game. His idea already has the support of Rep. Fred Wood of Burley and Sen. Lee Heider of Twin Falls, the Republican chairs of the Legislature's Health and Welfare Committees. Other legislators should be more reluctant.

The question is whether Otter will twist arms as hard as his was 13 years ago to get the \$30 million plan passed — and how many legislators are willing to have their legacies tarnished by a yes vote.

— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

Commentary

Financial management

Put financial house in order before buying actual house

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are currently renting an apartment for \$1,200 a month. Together, we bring home about \$7,000 a month, and we'd really like to buy a house soon. Right now we have about \$10,000 in debt on a boat along with ongoing stable bills, food and upkeep for our three horses. What price range of houses should we look at in our situation?

— Michelle

Dear Michelle,
Homeownership is a great goal, but first you two need to clean up your debt and build an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. After that, I want you to save up enough for a down payment of at least 10 to 20 percent. When buying a home on a mortgage, I always recommend the monthly payments be no more than 25 percent of your monthly take-home pay on a 15-year, fixed-rate loan. Now, let's get to the other issues. You have some things in your life that are pulling at you financially.

At some point, you may have to take a long look at the situation and ask the hard question, "What is more important to me: horses and boats or home ownership?" Getting rid of that boat, or finding new homes for one, two or all of your horses, would bring in some cash to put toward your debt and cut down on at least some of the animal maintenance. Anyway, that's how I would look at it. My wife and I both are big fans of boats *and* horses. But we like boats more. One reason is because they don't eat as much! I can't get mad at you about either one, but right now you've got three things pulling at you as financial priorities — home ownership, a boat and three horses. They're all pulling at you, and they're pulling at each other and limiting each other. Of course, you can always buy a lot less in house. But what it really comes down to is what's most important to you. That's the big question, and it's one that only you can answer.

— Dave



Dear Dave,
I don't understand why you don't like it when people properly manage their credit cards and pay them off every month. By doing this, you pay no interest and in my case I even got a free trip to Europe from using my credit card. Please explain.

— Patrick

Dear Patrick,
I truly doubt that I can explain it

to your satisfaction, but here goes. First, the credit card company did not give you a free trip to Europe. They're not going to lose money on transaction after transaction, year after year. The fallacy is that you feel like you've outsmarted a multi-billion-dollar company that studies human behavior at incredible levels. You maybe, *possibly* came out ahead against them during that particular calendar year, but even that's debatable. Over the course of your life, you'll spend more when using credit cards as opposed to cash. There's plenty of research proving this to be fact. If you use a credit card repeatedly with the idea that you're getting a free trip to Europe because you're building up your miles, you spend more. An example would be McDonald's. When they started taking credit cards years ago, they found that the people using them spent 47 percent more. In a good way, you are very unusual. You're not playing over

in the stupid zone like most people who use credit cards. But both the credit card companies and I have found that, on average, your behavior would put you in a class of less than one-half of one percent of their customers. Can 0.5 percent of people handling snakes manage not to get bitten? Sure. But that doesn't mean I'm going to start recommending snakes!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*, which recently passed 5 million copies sold. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, *EveryDollar*, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

✓ Reform: Eastern Oregon standoff focuses national spotlight on issues

From Page 18
Those in the East have a hard time understanding what it's like out here. In Idaho, 64 percent of the land is in federal hands. In five of the counties in the 1st Congressional District — which includes Owyhee County — more than three-quarters of the land is federal, topped by Valley County at 88 percent. Harney County, where the Hammonds live, is larger than Maryland, and 72 percent of it is owned by the feds. Restrictions on grazing, logging and mining have plagued Eastern Oregon, just as they have my district, costing jobs and forcing young people to leave their families and the landscape they love. Inadequate land management has contributed to devastating wildfires. In 2012, the Miller Homestead fire burned 160,000 acres in Eastern Oregon. Last year, the Soda Fire burned 284,000 acres in Owyhee country on both sides of the state line. The Hammonds admitted they started two small backfires to protect and improve their private grazing land. These fires moved to federal lands. Overzealous federal prosecutors charged them with arson under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 and sought the mandatory minimum sentence of five years.

U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan refused to impose the five-year sentence, saying to do so would violate the 8th Amendment barring cruel and unusual punishments. Hogan called such a penalty "grossly disproportionate to the severity of the offenses here." Hogan also said, "It would be a sentence that would shock the conscience." Hogan sentenced Dwight Hammond to three months and Steven Hammond to one year. They did their time. But the federal government appealed, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that they serve the full five years. Both reported to federal prison earlier this month. Their plight prompted a protest march in Burns and the subsequent takeover of refuge headquarters. When the EPA spilled 3 million gallons of toxic waste from a Colorado mine into a river, no one in the federal government was held accountable. But when a couple of ranchers start a fire on their own lands that moves to federal land, they are prosecuted under an anti-terrorism law. The good news is the country is now paying attention and I believe two of the most important initiatives I've worked on in Congress could right these wrongs. The first is shifting control of management of federal lands. I expect momentum to build for my bill to allow local officials to manage up to 2 percent of U.S. Forest

Service lands as pilot projects, as well as other reforms to restore public lands to health and productivity. Second, the Hammond case highlights the need for broad criminal sentencing reform. I am proud to have introduced legislation to reduce mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenders and have worked closely with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle on legislation to further reform criminal sentencing requirements. Reforming mandatory minimums should not end with drug offenders. Mandatory minimums is not just an urban issue. This incident shows that mandatory minimums have been inappropriately applied to a variety of crimes undeserving of the excessive punishment. I will continue to work on legislation to ensure judges have the power to sentence offenders based on the facts and circumstances of each case. Millions of Americans are beginning to learn why we Westerners are so frustrated. One day, I hope we'll look back at the events in Oregon and see them as an important step toward restoring balance in federal land management and criminal sentencing practices.

— Raúl Labrador is in his third term as the U.S. House of Representatives for Idaho's First District. His current term expires this year.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 16, 1991

BLM announces new grazing fees

The Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has announced that the 1991 fee for grazing livestock on federal lands will increase by 8.8 percent.

Effective March 1, 1991, the fee will be \$1.97 per Animal Unit Month (AUM), up from \$1.81. An AUM is defined as the amount of forage consumed in one month by one cow and one calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats.

The fee is set under a formula established by Congress and detailed in Executive Order 12458 dated February 14, 1986. The fee formula adjusts the fair market value for livestock grazing on public lands based on private land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and cost of production. Increases in private land lease rates and beef cattle prices account for the rise in this year’s fee.

Academic decathloners beat Valley of Hazelton

Valley High of Hazelton may have aced Homedale out of the Idaho State A-3 Football Championship in November, but Homedale’s Academic Decathlon team helped to even the score last Saturday.

The local whiz kids beat Valley by 3,000 points at the decathlon competition staged at Centennial High in Meridian, according to AD Coach Frank Craig, who’s just begun his fifth year in the job.

“There were nothing but big schools at this meet,” the coach noted, in reporting that Homedale came in second among four A-3 schools taking part, and came in ninth among the total 16 participating schools.

The A-3 school that topped the Trojans this time out was McCall. “What’s sad about that is when we went into the super quiz (portion of the event), we were 400 points ahead. We always do well in the super quiz – except this time,” he laughed.

Outstanding performers at the latest meet were P. J. Mansisor, junior, 1st; Elise Eidemiller, senior, 2nd, and Han Park, junior, 3rd. Others on the team include: Dave Uberuaga, junior; Jennifer Ethington, junior; Barry Malmberg, junior; Jeff Edmiston, senior; Kerri Willis, junior; Mike Itano, junior; Melissa Griffith, junior; Justin Sherfick, junior; Angie Grant, junior; Joe Rotter, junior; and Mark McAbee, junior.

Cindy Clayton joins city council

Cindy Clayton, a local housewife, community volunteer and substitute teacher, took office as the newest member of the Homedale City Council Friday night at a session unmarred by public disputes. The regular January meeting was delayed for a day when a council quorum could not be mustered for the session called Thursday night.

In appointing Clayton to the post, Mayor Paul J. Fink said, “she would be an asset to Homedale. She does quite a bit of volunteer work at the library and at the senior citizens (center).” He also noted Clayton is vice president of the Homedale PTA.

The new councilwoman and her husband, Chris, have three boys, all in grade school here. She said later she has also served as a substitute teacher in both Marsing and Homedale school systems. Clayton expressed confidence that the council members “are having some success in smoothing out their differences” of late, citing one-on-one meetings that have been taking place.

Matmen place first at invitational tourney

Homedale High School wrestlers flexed impressive muscles at the first outing of their season last Saturday, placing 1st with 136 team points among 12 competing schools of all sizes at the New Plymouth Invitational tournament.

Homedale’s win was based on a championship clinched by Rick Zehr in the 130-lb. class, plus six other high placers. They included: Harvey Allen, 2nd, 189-lb. class; Kory Bean, 2nd, 145-lb. class; Sam Freitag, 3rd, 103-lb. class; Jeff Edmiston, 3rd, 112-lb. class; and Heith Allen, 3rd, 171-lb. class.

50 years ago

January 13, 1966

Reclamation project to be introduced in Congress – Legislation would include Guffey Dam construction

The Washington office of Senator Frank Church today informed the Owyhee Chronicle by telegram that legislation will be introduced in the United States Congress soon seeking to authorize Guffey dam and units of the Mtn. Home Reclamation Project:

The telegram follows:
“Sen. Frank Church and Rep. Compton I. White will have legislation ready later this month, asking authorization for the largest reclamation project in Idaho history. The bill to be introduced by the Idaho Democrats calls for approval of the entire \$710,000,000 Southwest Idaho Water Development Project and also calls for part of the cost of the project to be charged to power revenue from the Columbia Basin System.

“Church and White said that the draft copies of the proposed bill will be widely circulated to interested Idahoans. The proposed bill will call for immediate construction of the Mountain Home division, consisting of Guffey, Hill Crest and Long Tom units, authorized accelerated studies to be completed within 3 years on both the Garden Valley and Weiser division; initiate feasibility studies on the Bruneau division, including the Wickahoney unit.

“When such studies are complete and accepted by the President and Secretary of Interior, construction of those units will then be authorized. The nearly three-quarters of a billion (B) dollar project will irrigate 490,000 acres of new land and produce 453,000 kilowatts of power in the Mountain Home and Garden Valley division.

“No power will come from the biggest land area of the Bruneau division. It is for this reason that the Idaho Democrats have specified that the bill contain firm commitments for financial assistance for the entire Southwest Idaho Water Development Project from power revenues derived from the Columbia Basin System.”

Office of Senator Church.

Breshears is re-elected head of Rod, Gun club

Louis Breshears was re-elected president of the Homedale Rod and Gun club at Monday night’s meeting.

Z. S. Knight was elected vice-president. Tom Arima was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Dick Fry was re-elected as chief instructor. Henry Sweep was elected executive officer and Dean Vance was elected junior leader.

Attends Boise P.O. dedication

Vic Uria, Homedale postmaster, attended the dedication of the new Boise P.O. and open house, Dec. 29, to view the new building, which is located on South 13th Street.

Many Treasure Valley postmasters were in attendance as well as special guests, including Senator Frank Church and James J. Symbol, regional postal director of Seattle. Senator Church delivered the main dedication speech.

High school news

Two Homedale High School students, Jodene Reimer and Steve Inouye, have been selected as members of the State Honor band which will perform some time during March at Pocatello.

Selected from the high school as members of the State Honor choir, which will also perform with the band at Pocatello, were John Anderson, Jack Matteson, Brian Leavitt, Ray Bicandi, Frank Leavitt and Manuel Abersaturi.

Free throw is Trojans’ margin of victory Saturday

Jerry DeGroat’s free throw in the closing seconds of the game gave Homedale a 55-54 victory over the Middleton Vikings Saturday night at Middleton.

DeGroat wound up with 13 points for high game scorer and Carl Hays backed him with 12.

140 years ago

January 15, 1876

CASSIUS M. CLAY, of Kentucky, is striving to get the nomination for Vice President on the Democratic ticket. While he was Minister to Russia under Lincoln he suggested the wiping out of the Democracy hook and line, bob and sinker. He was once pronounced abolitionist and opened his stump-speech meetings by placing a Navy-size revolver, loaded and in full-cock, before him on the table or rough board behind which he stood.

THE MUDDLE IN regard to the Vice-Presidency has not been cleared up yet. The question was discussed in the Senate yesterday, but no definite action has yet been taken by that body with a view to establishing a clear precedent for the future. If Mr. Ferry enjoys to the full extent the exercise of the functions of the office maintained by the late Mr. Wilson, then the State of Michigan should be represented in addition by two Senators in the same manner as Massachusetts was when Mr. Wilson held the office. In the discussion that has taken place thus far in the Senate there has been a disposition to look more at the results of the possible contingency of the death of the President rather than to act upon the question as its merits warrant in view of the importance that ought to be attached to it. The Democrats in case of such a contingency as is here pointed out, would like to see the Speaker of the House succeed to the Presidential office, and their opinions are shaped from this attitude of the question, while the Republicans allow their views to be warped by a contemplation of a programme entirely different from this, so that neither party seem yet to have grappled with this question on its legal or constitutional merits.

THE SHOOTING SCRAPE AT FAIRVIEW – The shooting affair briefly referred to in yesterday’s AVALANCHE occurred at Thomas Kittle’s saloon, in Fairview, about 3 o’clock. It seems that Stephen Hooker and an old man named Mike Cooney had some difficulty at the saloon the night previous, and during the progress Hooker used a knife in unpleasant proximity to Cooney’s face, cutting the old man on the nose. High words passed and Hooker remarked that he could flog Cooney or any man that took his part. Pat Carroll, who is a friend of Cooney, noticing the inequality of the two on account of age, stepped up and rebuked Hooker for attacking the old man. Hooker thereupon challenged Carroll, and the latter invited him to step outside. Both went out and squared off for action. Hooker made a pass at Carroll with his knife and inflicted a slight wound. Carroll drew off and knocked Hooker down, but seeing that the latter was much the worse of liquor, did not renew the conflict, advising Hooker to sober up. Hooker then made threats that he would kill Carroll on sight, and the latter armed himself for the emergency; they met in the same saloon next day. Both were armed, it is said. Carroll didn’t wait for Hooker to commence the attack. He fired, and, the ball grazing Hooker’s arm, glanced off and struck “Scotty,” the telegraphic operator, who was playing a game of Pedro at the time. The ball him struck on the left arm, below the shoulder, glancing down the bone and effecting a lodgment below the elbow, from which point it was subsequently extracted. Carroll made another attempt to shoot Hooker, but it being an old revolver did not go off. Had the weapon been a good one he would probably have killed the man. Both men are miners. Carroll, we understand, surrendered himself to an officer today, but no one has yet appeared to prosecute. Scotty will be disabled for a time, and we understand that Frank Corbell take his place, temporarily, as a telegraph repairer.

THE SPACE THAT the publisher of a newspaper has at his disposal outside of that in which the news is given, when used in favorable notices of business men and their establishments, given either directly or indirectly, constitutes a legitimate charge and ought to be paid for just the same as we would pay for goods of any description purchased at any kind of store or business establishment.

Mail thief heads to federal prison

A 20-year-old former Homedale resident was sent to prison last Wednesday for stealing mail from the Homedale Post Office.

After his release, Bobby Eugene Riley will serve three years of supervised release.

Riley, who is listed as a Nyssa, Ore., resident in the U.S. Attorney’s Office press release, was sentenced in a federal courtroom in Boise last Wednesday.

Senior U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge ordered Riley to serve four months in prison after which he will be on probation. He must also perform 100 hours of community service.

Riley entered a guilty plea on Oct. 29 to an allegation that he broke into the post office boxes and removed mail to steal the contents. He was caught on surveillance camera breaking the federal law.

The U.S. Postal Service Postal Inspection Service investigated the incident after preliminary work by the Homedale Police Department.

Drug raid defendant sentenced

Mercado’s federal trial set for March

One of three people arrested in a May raid on a Homedale residence has received a withheld judgment.

If 32-year-old Amber Marie Seal completes her probation successfully, she has the opportunity to have a felony methamphetamine possession conviction expunged from her criminal record.

Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey put the withheld judgment in place during a court hearing last month. Huskey did attach a 180-day discretion jail sentence and \$685.50 in fines and court fees to the felony.

A drug paraphernalia misdemeanor charge was dismissed, but Seal was ordered to by \$300 in restitution.

Seal was arrested along with Danny Mercado and Quinton James Cornia when law enforcement officials served a search warrant on a house in the 500 block of White Cloud Circle on May 21.

Felony weapons and drug charges were filed against Mercado and Cornia, who are both felons.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery, acting on a request from the U.S. Attorney’s Office, dropped state charges against Mercado in July. Subsequently, Mercado was slapped with a federal indictment on similar drug and weapons felonies.

Mercado’s federal trial is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22 in Boise.

Cornia is scheduled for sentencing before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan at 9 a.m. on Feb. 26.

According to the county court clerk’s office, Cornia has agreed to enter a guilty plea to felony drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession charges in exchange for dismissal of the felony gun possession count. The plea deal won’t be official until the court accepts it at sentencing.

Nuke exec sentenced; CEO still on the lam

Former VP gets 30 months for stock fraud

The CEO is still a fugitive, but another executive of a would-be nuclear power company that sought to build in Owyhee County is heading to federal prison.

Jennifer R. Ransom, the 41-year-old former senior vice-president of administration for Eagle-based Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. was sentenced to 2½ years behind bars before Senior U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge.

A Meridian resident, Ransom must serve three years of supervised probation, including six months under house arrest, once she has completed her incarceration for securities fraud.

Ransom also must forfeit \$580,780 and pay \$116,138 in restitution to investors in the company that tried to build a nuclear power plant first in Owyhee County then Elmore County then Payette County.

“This sentence sends the clear message that those who take actions to intentionally mislead stock purchasers for their own personal gain will be held accountable,” U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson said. “Our securities markets require, and investor decisions rely on, fair dealing, not deception.

“Ms. Ransom’s intentional decision to disregard her obligations as a corporate vice president warrants her prosecution and punishment in this case.”

Former AEHI president and CEO Donald L. Gillispie remains a fugitive sought by the U.S. Marshals Service after he failed to appear for two arraignment hearings in May.

Ransom’s offenses were laid out in a plea agreement itemized in Thursday’s announcement.

A licensed securities agent, Ransom joined AEHI in 2007.

The government asserted Ransom, Gillispie and others involved with AEHI schemed to defraud or deceive AEHI investors by artificially controlling or fraudulently affecting the price of securities. Some investors bought restricted stock directly from the company, while others bought shares on the open market for a higher price.

Prosecutors said the scheme involved Gillispie and Ransom recruiting nominees to buy AEHI stock to artificially inflate the market price. AEHI funds obtained almost exclusively from investors were given to two nominees to fund the stock purchases, the government said.

Ransom received shares of AEHI as executive compensation. From June to September in 2010, during attempts to artificially inflate the market price of the company’s stock, Ransom sold about 1,000,000 shares for a windfall of \$657,326, the plea agreement states, adding that approximately \$580,780 was the proceeds of securities fraud.

The IRS Criminal Investigation Division and FBI investigated the case.

Probation, restitution for burglar

A 42-year-old Homedale man will serve three years’ felony probation for breaking into a Homedale auto parts store.

Charles S. Montgomery was arrested more than a year ago after a Dec. 6, 2014 break-in at the Homedale NAPA location.

During a Dec. 23 hearing, Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan ordered probation and court costs of \$595.50 after Montgomery entered a guilty plea to felony burglary.

Ryan suspended a state penitentiary term of three to 4½ years and ordered Montgomery to pay \$2,938.88 in restitution.

Man in parked SUV faces DUI

A man found in an SUV with two flat tires was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence last Wednesday.

Jerald Jackson, 68, of Nampa bonded out of Owyhee County Jail on Thursday morning, hours after his arrest near milepost 24 on Idaho highway 78.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Jackson was found in a 2005 Chevy Trailblazer that was parked with the engine running in a driveway on Idaho 78. He told a deputy he had planned to fix the flats in the morning.

Bowman said from the state of both shredded tires, it appeared Jackson had driven on the rims for some time after the flats occurred.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES December 7, 14 21, 28 2015 December 7

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$62,222 Road and Bridge \$113,294 District Court \$12,846 Probation \$1,201 Historical Society \$554 Indigent & Charity \$217 Revaluation \$473 Solid Waste \$13,015 Weeds \$120 911 \$3,101 County Vessel \$6 Waterways \$16 Off Highway Vehicles \$158 Economic Development \$652

Approved the 2015 – 2016 BHC Intermountain Hospital Agreement. Approved the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report in the amount of \$115,145.00.

Approved Resolution 2015-33; *Setting monthly lease payments to be paid demand.*

Approved Resolution 2015-34; *Close Bachman Grade Road and Silver City Road for automobile travel, effective immediately due to icy, snow and weather conditions, until further action of the Board of Commissioners.*

Approved Intermountain Communications Portable Radio request for the Grand View Emergency Evacuation Plan in the amount of \$1,419.75.

Approved tax cancellation for parcel RP01S02W289990A. Approved tax cancellation for parcel RP00100530140A. Approved tax cancellation for parcel MH07S04E123400A. Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 15-34.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 15-32.

December 14

Approved BLM Right of Way IDI-31665. Approved personal property tax cancellation for parcel pp5900402A.

Approved personal property tax cancellation for parcel pp5900401A. Approved CAT Board, Board Member nomination of Rick Yzaguirre. Approved the 2015 Annual Road Report. Approved letters to AT&T and Verizon regarding service in various locations in the county.

December 21

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$43,502 Road and Bridge \$2,978 District Court \$7,552 Probation \$657 Health District \$4,363 Historical Society & Museum \$1,220 Indigent and Charity \$200 Revaluation \$834 Solid Waste \$1,549 Weeds \$499 911 \$4,560 County Vessel \$179 Economic Development \$412

Approved Resolution 2015-35; Ratification of approval by the Board of County Commissioners and distribution to members of the Idaho Delegation a letter supporting Malheur County opposition to monument designation.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for Matthew Lampman. Approved amendment of previously approved Indigent and Charity case 15-27.

Approved a letter to BLM Boise District Manager regarding the Owyhee County Travel Management Plan.

Approved the purchase of 2

AED’s, not to exceed \$2,000.00 per unit, for the Owyhee County Extension Office and the Owyhee County Probation Office.

Set the hearing date for the Jacks Creek Road request for abandonment for Monday February 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

December 28

No meeting was held on this date. The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

Published: January 13, 2016.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FEBRUARY 22, 2016 AT 10:00AM TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF JACKS CREEK ROAD AS A HIGHWAY OR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SHOULD OCCUR as provided by Idaho Code §40-203.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing testimony and taking evidence in the proposed road abandonment and vacation request filed by J.R. Simplot Company. The hearing will take place on February 22, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho.

GENERAL LOCATION: Jacks Creek Road traverses through portions of the south half of Section 21, portions of the west half of Section 28, and running on the shared section line of the SE¼SE¼ of Section 29 and the SW¼SW¼ of 28 terminating at Davis Road, all in Township 6 South, Range 5 East, of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is identified as Jacks Creek Road.

AT SAID HEARING, all interested parties will have an opportunity to be heard in relation to all matters pertaining to the proposed road abandonment and vacation. Written comments may be sent to the Owyhee County Clerk at PO Box 128, Murphy, ID, 83650; all comments must be received by 5:00 PM on February 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the Owyhee County Clerk 208-495-2421.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above-noticed meeting should contact the Owyhee County Clerk at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

/s/Joe Merrick Chairman
Owyhee County Board of Commissioners
Published: January 13, 27, & February 10, 2016.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Jack’s Creek Idaho Power office, on Friday January 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola, Secretary 587-2789
1/13/16

Public notices

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR DOCK REPLACEMENT AT BLACK SANDS RESORT

Owyhee County will accept sealed bids addressed to: Clerk of the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners, Black Sands Dock Replacement, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, no later than close of business at 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time, henceforth “MST”) February 5, 2016.

Schedule of events are as follows:

- RFB issue January 11, 2016. Publish dates January 13th & 20th. Full bid details will be available at www.owyheecounty.net.
- Site walk-through and question and answer session for potential bidders will be held at 10:00 A.M. MST, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015 at the Black Sands Resort, CJ Strike Reservoir, Grand View, ID.
- Written questions should be submitted no later than close of business FEBRUARY 5, 2016, addressed to the Owyhee County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, 83650 or can be faxed to 208-495-1173.
- Questions will be answered by FEBRUARY 10, 2016.
- RFB response deadline is close of business, FEBRUARY 19, 2016.
- Opening of bids will commence at 10:00am (MDT) FEBRUARY 22, 2016. 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 www.owyheecounty.net Owyhee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

1/13,20/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. CV 2015-0795 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 BARTON G. BUEHLER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named 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 or delivered to Carol L. Booth, Personal Representative of the estate, at 1303 12th Avenue Road, Nampa, Idaho 83686, and filed with the Court pursuant to Idaho Code Section 15-3-804.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2015.

/s/CAROLL L. BOOTH, Personal Representative

AARON L. SEABLE, HAMILTON, MICHAELSON & HILTY, LLP, Attorneys at Law, 1303 12th Avenue Road, Nampa, ID 83686 Phone (208) 467-4479 Fax (208) 467-3058 aseable@nampalaw.com ISB No. 7191, Attorneys for Petitioner 1/6,13,20/16

TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Arthur Lee Pope, a married man as his sole and separate property as grantor, to Alliance Title and Escrow Corp as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc. as beneficiary, dated August 18, 2006, recorded August 25, 2006, in the mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, as Document No. 257849, and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR6 on August 22, 2014 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho, as Document No. 284651, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit:

LOT 8 AND THE WEST FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 73 OF CITY OF HOMEDALE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 20 E Oregon Ave, Homedale, ID 83628

There is a default by the grantor or other person owing an obligation or by their successor in interest, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale

in the event of default of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantors’ failure to pay when due the following sums: monthly payments beginning February 1, 2014 through December 16, 2015 in the total amount of \$9,875.91 which includes a suspense balance of \$210.00; together with title expense, costs, trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: \$58,533.51 with interest thereon at the current rate of 3.38000 percent per annum beginning January 1, 2014; plus escrow advances of \$2,599.01; plus late charges of \$121.73; less a suspense balance of \$210.00; plus other fees and costs in the amount of \$4,978.64; together with title expense, costs, trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will on April 13, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 AM, at Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the City of Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the real property described above, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the trust deed together with any interest which the grantor or grantor’s successors in interest acquired after the execution of the trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of the sale, including reasonable charges by the trustee.

In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word “grantor” includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words “trustee”

and “beneficiary” include their respective successors in interest, if any.

Robinson Tait, P.S., 710 Second Ave, Suite 710, Seattle, WA 98104
12/30/15;1/6,13,20/16

STATE OF IDAHO NOTICE OF SALE OIL AND GAS LEASES ADA, CANYON, CASSIA, GEM, OWYHEE, PAYETTE, TWIN FALLS, and WASHINGTON COUNTIES February 17, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Idaho, pursuant to IDAPA 20.03.16, will offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction State oil and gas leases in Ada, Canyon, Cassia, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, and Washington counties on February 17, 2016.

The lease tract list and additional information concerning the lease auction will be available: online on January 15, 2016 at: <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/oil-gas/leasing/index.html>; or by writing the Idaho Department of Lands, 300 N. 6th Street, Suite 103, Boise, Idaho 83702; or by calling Dave Schwarz at (208) 334-0260.

1/13,20/16

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

57-11861, DALE VAN ES, JACKIE VAN ES, 8222 DESERT DR, MARSING, ID 83639

Point of Diversion SENE S3 T02N R05W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED DRAIN Tributary JUMP CREEK

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 1.52 CFS

Total Diversion: 1.52 CFS

Date Filed: 6/4/2015

Place of Use: IRRIGATION T02N R05W S2 L4(NWNW) SWNW

T02N R05W S3 L1(NENE) SENE

Total Acres: 76

57-11872, JOHN M CAROTHERS, PO BOX 385, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624

Point of Diversion SENW S7 T08S R01W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.12 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.12 CFS
Date Filed: 11/2/2015
Place of Use: STOCKWATER

T08S R01W S7 L1(NWNW) L2(SWNW) SESW

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/25/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director 1/6,13/16

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Co. will be held at the Jack’s Creek Idaho Power office, on Friday January 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola, Secretary 587-2789

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT Malheur County Local Work Group

Who: All, the public is invited.

What: Malheur County Local Work Group Meeting

Where: Educational Service District, 363 A St. West, Vale, Oregon

When: February 10, 2016, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Why: USDA-NRCS is holding a local work group meeting to gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Malheur County.

Contact: Lynn Larsen; District Conservationist, Malheur County; USDA-NRCS, 2925 SW 6th Avenue, Ste. 2, Ontario, OR 97914. 541-889-7637 x103 lynn.larsen@or.usda.gov

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