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The bids go on

Marsing tradition continues



Josie, 7, left, and Gene Showalter, 10, stand with Tim Dines while two dozen eggs the children donated are auctioned Saturday. Josie and Gene's parents are Gina and Chad Showalter. The eggs were resold several times and ended up bringing in a total of \$1,150.

Participants recall earliest days of benefit

For some Marsing families, Saturday's disaster auction was more than just an annual fundraiser. It was a heartfelt tradition.

Some of the most familiar names of those who produce the auction include Clapier, Ferdinand, VanWassenhove, Dines, Percifield, Carter, Churruca and Ineck — just a few of the families that remember the phrase "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" each year.

Herb Churruca's uncle Julio and his aunt Juanita were part of the first auction in 1961.

"She took the minutes of the first meeting," Churruca said. "The reason it starts at 10:13 is she wrote 'auction started at 10:13,' so they kept that time."

Churruca's father, Frank Jr., was also involved with the auctions along with his brother Joe, and Herb's brothers Fred and Bruce.

Churruca got involved with the auction in 1991 when he

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Homedale water work to affect some service

Contractor to begin work this week

With work to relocate a 12-inch water main set to begin this week, some Homedale water users could experience short-term service interruptions.

City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith told The Owyhee Avalanche that Warrington Construction of Ontario, Ore., will need two to three weeks to complete the project. Equipment should start rolling into town Thursday.

"It should be completed well ahead of ITD's schedule," Smith said.

Work on the Idaho Transportation Department's planned replacement of the Succor Creek Bridge on Idaho highway 19 west of Homedale should begin in the third week of March. Warrington crews are expected to mobilize into the construction area today or Thursday, Smith said.

Smith said the relocation of the city's water pipe should be complete by the end of the February.

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Charter members keep Lions rooted in Grand View

Annual auction set Saturday

The Grand View Lions Club is celebrating its surviving charter members as its annual auction comes into view.

Tommy Bates and Paul Spang were among the 25 men who formed the club on Oct. 29, 1956. With Adaline "Toots" Urquidi — the widow of charter member Tony Urquidi — Bates, 86, and Spang, 82, are the only people from the Lions International's Grand View ground floor alive today.

"We're retired, but we're still card-carrying members," Spang said.

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Next week

Lions, Eagle Scout, community tackle cemetery expansion.

Wildfire takes center stage at ranchers' winter meeting

Beef school program precedes meeting in Oreana on Saturday

Discussion of the Soda Fire specifically and wildfires in general will take place when the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association

membership gathers in Oreana on Saturday.

The ranching group's winter meeting runs from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. inside the Oreana Community Hall. The University of Idaho Extension's winter beef school precedes the meeting from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

OCA president Daniel Richards will

gavel the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., after a 30-minute registration period.

Association secretary Scott Jensen expects Bureau of Land Management officials to give an update on the Soda Fire, and there also will be a Soda Fire donation disbursement report.

Jensen said all the funds that have been received in the Soda Fire recovery fund

— about \$153,000 — have been spent to help ranchers get back on their feet. The assistance also included about 400 tons of hay.

Fundraising to help Soda Fire recovery does continue, though.

Raffle tickets are being sold for a saddle

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Missing Homedale man found dead

A Homedale man missing several days was found dead Saturday in Leslie Gulch.

The Malheur County Sheriff's Office said 52-year-old Ronald Michael Delaney died of an apparent suicide.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office issued an alert for the man, who reportedly had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, on Friday. His family reported him missing on Feb. 1, according to the OCSO dispatch log.

Delaney left home driving a

1995 Chevrolet pickup on Jan. 29 and was supposed to return on Jan. 31.

Malheur authorities said Delaney's body was found a short distance from his pickup, which deputies located about three miles off Leslie Gulch Road.



Ronald Delaney



Local business thanks its customers with free lunch



Above: The annual NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply customer appreciation luncheon attracted hundreds of people to the Homedale location Friday. Kim Mackenzie said 170 pounds of meat were prepared and 320 people fed. A lunch was served at the Marsing location Thursday. Left: Donna Hulse and her husband, Russ, make their way through the line as servers, from left, Mark Hellekson, Nola Cantrell, Justine Rose, Lane Matteson, Jason Berry and Brian Shields load up customers' plates.

Marsing man, child die in head-on crash

A head-on crash Friday evening in the Sunnyslope area claimed the lives of a Marsing man and child.

Christopher Frazier, 35, and 1-year-old Talon Frazier died at the scene of a two-vehicle crash at milepost 6 on Idaho highway 55 in Canyon County.

Idaho State Police reported that 21-year-old Jarom Empey of Mesa, Wash., was driving northbound in a 2004 Ford pickup when he crossed the center line and collided head-on into a southbound 2011 Kia Optima driven by

28-year-old Stephanie Frazier of Marsing.

Stephanie Frazier and a second child in the Kia were transported by ground ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Empey was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Southbound lanes and one northbound lane were blocked for about four hours.

The crash remains under investigation, but ISP reported that all subjects were wearing seatbelts.

Homedale academy nominees to meet congressmen

Homedale residents Dylan Burks and Victoria Nash have been invited to meet Idaho's congressional delegation Monday.

Burks and Nash are part of the 2016 class for service academy nominees, and they will have a chance to meet the men who

nominated them during a 10 a.m. ceremony at Gowen Field Air National Guard Base in Boise.

Sen. Mike Crapo and U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador will join Sen. Jim Risch and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson for the reception of the state's academy nominees inside

Auditorium B440.

Labrador and Crapo nominated Nash, a 2015 Homedale High School graduate, to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. She is on pace to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School in Rhode Island later this year.

A HHS senior, Burk received a nomination to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., from Risch, Crapo and Labrador.

For more information or to attend Monday's reception, contact Linda Culver by phone at (208) 734-7219 or email at linda.culver@mail.house.gov.

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Environmental firm eyes remediation work in Homedale

Representatives from a Montana-based company will visit tonight’s Homedale City Council meeting to seek permission to do environmental remediation work under South Main Street.

Olympus Technical Services Inc., which has offices in Boise, too, has filed a request for right of entry to the street and an alley west of South Main between West Colorado Avenue and Utah Avenue.

The company plans to expand an air sparge and soil vapor extraction system on behalf of Matteson’s Owyhee Motor Sales. A subcontractor, Earth Energy of Boise, will bore under the roadway and help with the expansion of the system. Air sparge and soil vapor extraction is carried out to remove contaminants.

The permit application will be discussed during the city council meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The permit application says the contractors will provide traffic control and backfill any trenches with road base material.

According to the application, the work on the system at Matteson’s bulk oil plant on South Main Street can start immediately once the permit is approved and signed.

The permit discussion is part of a busy night for the council.

Homedale Farmers Market representatives will unveil their plans for the 2016 season and make their annual request to use Bette Uda City Park later this year.

The council also will take up the issue of expanding Homedale Public Library, which includes the removal of the old LDS church on the property recently purchased by the library board. The library board held its monthly meeting Tuesday after deadline.

Representatives from the Angel Walk and car show also will address the council.

The annual benefit fun run and walk and classic car show is scheduled for downtown on Saturday, May 7.

There is no specific item on succession regarding bringing the council back to the full complement of four members after Vonnie Harkins’ death, but council members and Mayor Gheen Christoffersen often discuss items not on the agenda during their reports near the end of the meeting. No appointment can be made without a specific item on the agenda, however.

GV council plans two meetings in a week

Leaders set to discuss next geothermal steps

Exploiting underground geothermal resources is the topic of a Grand View City Council workshop Tuesday.

The council is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., to take the next step in figuring out the benefits of the naturally occurring hot water flowing in areas under the town.

The council holds its February regular meeting at 6 p.m. today at City Hall, and council members are scheduled to discuss several other infrastructure issues.

City clerk Tammy Payne will give a report on the Idaho highway 167 (Roosevelt Street) bridge project that the Idaho Transportation Department is scheduled to begin in mid-April. The bridge carries traffic over the Snake River between Owyhee and Elmore counties.

Other items include:

- The 2015 audit
- Power backup for the city’s sewer lift station

During the December council meeting, the council learned that powering the lift station with solar energy would be expensive. Project consultant Dan Hand suggested a propane-powered generator. A quote from TK Electrical has been requested, but no update

- A discussion of septic tank contents being dumped into the city’s sewer lagoon and water treatment plant backwash
- The public works report will include an update on the River Road water line extension project.

Marsing council to meet

The Marsing City Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. inside City Hall, 425 Main St.

An agenda for the meeting was not provided to The Owyhee Avalanche before deadline Monday.

However, typical items of business at the meeting include paying bills, an update on Island Park renovation work and a report on Idaho Transportation Department plans to replace the Snake River bridge next year.

The mayor and council also often hear a report from the city’s attorney and an update from John Larsen on the methane gas recovery facility.

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California driver latest to be cited for pot possession

Another California resident has been cited for marijuana possession in Owyhee County.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 52-year-old Cindy Cochran of Grizzly Flats, which is in the Sierra Nevada foothills of El Dorado County, was cited for misdemeanor marijuana possession with intent to use just

before 1 a.m. on Friday.

Deputy Cody Hammond detected the smell of marijuana in Cochran's vehicle after he stopped her failing to maintain her lane in the area of Market Road and Titus Lane outside Marsing.

Hammond found about 5.6 grams of pot, and Bowman said Cochran told the deputy she had a California-issued medical marijuana card.

Bowman reiterated that the cards are not valid in Idaho.

—JPB

Judge orders probation for DUI

A Caldwell resident arrested for driving under the influence in November has been placed on probation.

Robin Lynn Peterson received credit for two days served in

Owyhee County Jail following a Nov. 9 arrest. Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober suspended the remainder of a six-month jail sentence during a Jan. 25 hearing in Murphy.

Peterson must serve six months

probation for the misdemeanor DUI conviction. A six-month probation period also was imposed.

Grober ordered Peterson to pay \$650 in fines and court costs.

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Meeting: Soda Fire recovery fund to benefit from raffle of custom-made saddle

donated by Andy Wilber Custom Saddlery. The tickets cost \$5 each or \$20 for five.

The winning ticket will be drawn during Saturday's dance with proceeds from the ticket sales going into the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation Soda Fire account.

Runnin' for Cover is providing live music again for the dance, which begins at 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, and the money goes toward the upkeep of the hall.

While ranchers' minds are on the economic impact of the Soda Fire, a U of I contingent of Jensen, Neil Rimbey, JD Wulfhurst and Paul Lewin will present the latest phase of their study looking at the socio-economic impact of the ranching industry on Owyhee County.

Phase II of the study is the

expected focus of Saturday's presentation. Jensen said the men have been at work wrapping up a survey gauging attitudes regarding public lands issues and usage. Residents in Owyhee, Elmore, Canyon and Ada counties were polled.

Wulfhurst will report on face-to-face interviews he has been conducting, too.

Doug Rutan will deliver the latest news on the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association.

Other updates planned include:

- Idaho Beef Council
- Idaho Cattle Association report delivered by association president Laurie Lickley.
- Sage grouse from Wilson rancher and Governor's task force member Jerry Hoagland

• Public Lands Council from national president Brenda Richards, a Reynolds Creek rancher

A social hour will be held at 5 p.m., and a potluck dinner will follow at 6 p.m.

Table service and drinks will be provided, but folks are asked to bring a side dish.

The winter beef school also will focus on wildfire as U of I graduate student Chris Schatsneider will present his research on a project in the upper Reynolds Creek area that studied the affect of targeted grazing on the reduction of wildfire risk.

The beef school also will include presentations from Jensen (pasture renovation) and veterinarian Dr. Jim England (handling calving difficulties and calf necropsy).

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Marsing school trustees change meeting to Thursday this week

High school girls’ basketball program to be discussed at rescheduled meet

The Marsing School District’s board of trustees meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The monthly meeting typically is held inside the district boardroom on the second Tuesday of the month, but business manager Deb Holzhey said the February meeting was moved back after two trustees said they wouldn’t be able to attend at the regular time.

District patron Jeff Wasson has asked to address the board regarding the high school varsity girls’ basketball program, and his audience with the trustees is the first item on the agenda

Thursday.

The Owyhee Avalanche has learned that interim coach Jake Dugger was appointed during the January meeting after Jaime Wood was suspended for the remainder of the season after an executive session at the same meeting.

District superintendent Norm Stewart confirmed personnel action involving Wood following the meeting, but draft minutes provided more details into the nature of the action, in which Wood was referred to as “Classified Employee No. 2016-01-01” because of executive session confidentiality practices.

No details of what led to Wood’s suspension have been divulged.

Other items scheduled for consideration during Thursday’s school board meeting include the acceptance of three grants, including:

- A \$150 US Ecology of Idaho Helping Hand grant for Wendy Stansell’s reading program
- A \$1,000 US Ecology of Idaho Helping Hand grant for the district’s three school libraries
- A \$3,000 Whittenberger Foundation grant for the school libraries

— JPB

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More details on USEI’s 2016 Helping Hand grants.

Husky PRIDE award

Katey Hobbs, sophomore

Parents: Nikki Keisel and Brian Hobbs

Business teacher Kim Freeman’s nomination: “She consistently pushes herself to work independently, learn more, stays on task and strives for excellence in all she does. She is a great example for our students at MHS – striving to achieve more by self-motivation and a desire to learn.”

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



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✓ Lions: Club’s community mission hasn’t changed much in six decades

No doubt, they’ll be on hand for Saturday’s auction. The festivities begin at noon with a lunch of chili, sloppy joes, homemade pies and cookies. The live auction kicks off at 1 p.m., and everything will take place inside the Grand View Elementary gymnasium.

Baker Auction Co., will again provide auctioneers at no cost to the Lions Club.

“Baker Auctioneers have been the original auctioneers ... They’ve never charged us a penny. They do it free, gratis,” Bates said. “When you bring in \$15-18,000 at an auction and they do it free, gratis, they’re losing a lot of (commission) income.”

Bates also tips his hat to his neighbors for coming out to the annual fundraiser that fuels the Lions Club’s projects in the area.

“It isn’t just our club. The whole community helps us, and without them, we wouldn’t have an auction,” Bates said. “They do the buying.”

Spang, who joined with his brother Elmer, was the club’s first president. He moved away, but returned to Grand View and the Lions Club in 2001.

The former Grand View

Grand View Lions charter members

Members as they appeared on the club charter dated Oct. 29, 1956:

Tommy Bates	Ben Kotschener
George Bennett	Frank Nielson
Walter J. Biladeau	Jack C. Chugg
L.L. Clark	Lester L. Lewis
Robert Clark	Lew Parker
Thomas A. Collett	Elbert Pollard
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Glen Hipwell	Tony Urquidi
Deemer Hunt	Edsal Woodall
Robert F. Jones	

mayor’s wife, Verla Robison, is club president now. Bates’ wife of 67 years, Ellen, has been a Lions Club member ever since the organization went coed years ago. Before that, the women had their own club.

Urquidi, who is 90, is still active with the Lions.

“She’s a good worker, and she’s always willing to help,” Bates said.

The Lions Club membership has dwindled from the first years, but Ellen Bates is quick to point

out that new members are always welcome.

Lions Clubs with unique or small membership bases run the risk of disbanding as the Mountain Home club did after the air force base was shuttered for a time, Tommy Bates points out.

When the air base reopened and the servicemen returned, the Mountain Home chapter was re-chartered with sponsorship from the Grand View Lions. That was an ironic twist because it was the Mountain Home club that

sponsored Grand View’s charter six decades ago.

“The year we chartered, we had what we called a civic organization, which was just a group of townspeople and business owners in town,” Bates said.

Since its inception, the Grand View Lions Club has held a keen interest in the town’s infrastructure. And, as would be expected, most improvements have had to do with making sight better — either through eye exams and eyeglasses, providing lighting for different areas of town or, as Spang put it, removing the “eyesores” that are open ditches around town.

Bates said one of the group’s first big projects brought lights to Grand View’s streets. Later, the group was instrumental in building little league ball fields more than a half-century ago and then buying old lights from the air force base to light those fields.

Building the baseball fields resembled the herculean effort recently put forth to organize the Riverside Cemetery addition, Bates said.

“The had a salt-grass wasteland

by where the elementary school is now, and we hauled dirt in there, too. Truckload after truckload of dirt,” Bates said. “And we planted grass for a school ball field.”

Another piece of Air Force surplus is the centerpiece of what is today Lions Park, Bates said.

An old military barracks was brought in and used as a Grange Hall. After the Grange disbanded, a 4-H club used the building as a meeting space.

“Eventually they disbanded,” Bates said. “The Lions were looking for a place to meet, so we got a hold of that building and we fixed it up and put in some new flooring and a new roof and put a kitchen in it.”

Although the Lions now meet at a downtown restaurant, the building is still in use today — in a park that was named for the Lions Club in the 1960s. The naming rights grew out of another community project, Bates said, as the Boy Scouts reached out to the Lions to maintain the open space.

“It’s been a good club and it’s been a pleasure belonging to it and working with all the people that’s in the club,” Bates said.

— JPB

✓ Homedale: Few traffic delays anticipated during water pipe relocation

Between eight and 12 homes near the bridge will experience brief water service interruptions during the project, Smith said. Water will stop flowing when Warrington crews have to tie existing lines into the new 12-inch pipe. Smith said he has sent letters to the residents who will be affected.

The water line project will have only a minimal impact on traffic for one day when crews tie into lines near River Road, Smith said.

He doesn’t have a timeline on when that road shoulder restriction will take place.

The majority of the \$90,000 project will be non-invasive in terms of traffic because Warrington will install the pipe by boring a 400-foot path under the roadway, Smith said.

Boring should begin by the end of the week, Smith said.

The traffic impact will pale in comparison to what motorists can expect when the state project

begins. There will be electronic traffic controls regulating one-way travel on the bridge when the replacement project gets rolling.

The city is required to move its water pipe because of a 1979 right-of-way agreement with the state. Last week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche reported that the mandate stretched back to 1972.

In December 1979, ITD gave Homedale a right-of-way permit to install the 12-inch main under

Succor Creek. The pipe helps the tower above the Briar Hills subdivision feed the city’s municipal water system to maintain fire suppression pressure. The Ustick well north of town kicks on whenever the tank’s capacity drops below a certain level, Smith said.

The 1979 agreement stipulates that Homedale must be ready to make adjustments to the location of utilities whenever ITD sees such a move necessary. Those adjustments could include out-

right removal of the structures, according to the agreement.

The agreement covers both the Succor Creek bridge on Idaho 19 and the Snake River bridge, which brings U.S. Highway 95/Idaho 19 into Homedale from Canyon County.

The Snake River bridge also carries a natural gas pipeline and the city’s water line from the Ustick well into Homedale.

— JPB

Obituary

Dolores V. Ihli

Dolores V. Ihli, 83, of Nampa, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2016. Dolores was born on May 3, 1932 to Bernice Maher Birmingham and Richard Birmingham in Jordan Valley, OR.

She married Nicholas K. Ihli on September 29, 1951 at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Homedale, ID. Together, they had three children, Patrick, Teresa and Gerri. Dolores worked as the Owyhee County Treasurer and later opened the Ihli Title and Escrow Company in Murphy, ID.

Dolores is survived by her husband, Nicholas Ihli; sister, Barbara Brown (Joe Amos); sister-in-law, Delores Birmingham; her



3 children, Patrick (Jan) Ihli, Teresa (Eric) Mayes and Gerri (Burke) Black; 4 grandchildren, Jennifer (Will) Montgomery, Brandon Ihli, Lindsay (Kenyon) Nowotny and Katie McAuley and 2 great-grandchildren, Hailey and

Emma. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Dick Birmingham.

Mass will be celebrated for Dolores on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 10:00AM at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa. Interment will follow at Melba Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Owyhee Historical Museum, 17085 Basey Street, Murphy, ID. 83650; or to the Melba Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd. Melba, ID. 83641. Condolences may be left at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Death notices

JUNE ROSE BRIGGS, 82, of Marsing, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES FRAZIER, 35, of Marsing, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 in an automobile accident. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel

TALON EUGENE FRAZIER, 1, of Marsing, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 in an automobile accident. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel

Presidents Day closures listed

Stores, Avalanche office still open

Monday is considered a legal holiday, so city and county government offices throughout Owyhee County will be closed, including all DMV offices.

All emergency service agencies, including sheriff's office, Homedale Police, and various fire, medical and ambulance services will be in operation. The civil clerk's office at OCSO headquarters in Murphy will be closed, though.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, which typically convenes on Mondays, has rescheduled its meeting for Tuesday at 9 a.m. inside Courtroom 2 at the county courthouse in Murphy.

Here is a rundown of other

Monday closures:

- The University of Idaho County Extension Office in Marsing
- Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Murphy, Jordan Valley and Bruneau
- US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View
- The city recorder's office in Adrian
- Jordan Valley City Hall is normally only open on Wednesday and Thursday only.
- Schools in Homedale, Marsing, Adrian, Jordan Valley, and Pleasant Valley. The Bruneau-Grand View School District will be closed as part of its regular four-day schedule.
- The Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy is always closed on Monday. Its regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Homedale Public Library

is closed as are the Bruneau Valley Library (which is open only Tuesday and Thursday normally) and the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View.

The Marsing Senior Center will be closed as will the Homedale Senior Center and Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View. The centers in Homedale and Grand View are typically closed on Monday.

Some businesses aren't affected by Monday's holiday:

- Paul's Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Logan's Market in Marsing will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- The Owyhee Avalanche office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a lunch hour closure from noon to 1 p.m.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Feb. 10: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 11: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 15: No school
- Feb. 16: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 17: Chicken burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 18: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- Feb. 10: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 11: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 15: No school
- Feb. 16: Hog dog or chicken patty, french fries, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 17: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 18: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, steamed carrots, cookie, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

- Feb. 10: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 11: Enchilada or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 15: No school
- Feb. 16: Chicken tenders, roll & butter/herb potatoes or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 17: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 18: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing

- Feb. 10: Teriyaki chicken bowl, corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar & soup
- Feb. 11: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar & soup
- Feb. 15: No school
- Feb. 16: Chicken parmesan, fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding variety, salad bar & soup
- Feb. 17: Cheeseburger, chicken nuggets, roll, sidewinders, salad bar & soup
- Feb. 18: PB&J, sun chips, pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 10: Chicken patty/bun, romaine salad, steamed broccoli, fruit
- Feb. 11: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato salad, corn, fruit
- Feb. 12: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks & cauliflower, fresh fruit, chocolate brownie
- Feb. 16: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, fresh carrots, pudding
- Feb. 17: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine salad, peas, fruit, breadstick (Rimrock)
- Feb. 18: Haystacks, chips & salad, refried beans, romaine lettuce, fruit

COSSA

- Feb. 10: Meatloaf, potatoes/gravy, corn, fruit
- Feb. 11: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, salad & carrots, fruit
- Feb. 15: No school
- Feb. 16: Popcorn chicken, potatoes/gravy, corn & fruit
- Feb. 17: Taco salad, refried beans, condiments, fruit
- Feb. 18: Chicken pot pie, carrots, fruit crisp, fruit

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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

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

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting
7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Thursday

Foot clinic
9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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. (208) 896-4801

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

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

Grand View Lions Club meeting
11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.

Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Knights of Columbus fish fry
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell.

Saturday

Rimrock Food Pantry distribution
9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199

Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting
9 a.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 896-4465

Winter beef school
9:30 a.m. to noon, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 896-4104

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

OCA winter meeting

1 p.m. registration, 1:30 p.m., meeting, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana.

Valentine’s dinner
6 p.m., \$18 per couple, \$10 individual, \$5 for 12 and younger, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Homedale Boosters crab and steak feed
6 p.m., social hour, 6:30 p.m., dinner, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 340-4611 or cgrove@homedaleschools.org

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., public welcome, \$5 at door, bring finger food to share, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Marsing Lions bingo

6:45 p.m., early bird game, 7 p.m., regular games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Monday

Children’s theater auditions
4 p.m., Marsing School District cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Thoughts of pastures spring up

Spring is just around the corner. Spring seems to awaken within many of us a desire to get outside and work on projects. Spring can be a good time to work on improving pastures; however, there are a few things that should be considered before turning over some dirt.



Scott Jensen

First, consider what is growing there now. If weeds are a problem, just disking them under and replanting will not likely get rid of them. Weed seed that currently exists in the soil will germinate and compete with your new grass seedlings. New grass seedlings can often be injured if herbicides are used to control weeds. This is true even when selective herbicides are used. The best plan is usually to control weeds first and then plant the pasture. In extreme circumstances, this might involve allowing the weeds to germinate and then disking or spraying them, repeating the process as many times as necessary. In

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many instances, good weed control practices coupled with good grazing management can solve the problem.

If replanting is needed, it should be done as early in the spring as possible. Dryland/rangeland pastures must be done while there is adequate moisture available. Irrigated pastures should be planted close to when irrigation water will be available. If planted too early, you run the risk of the seed germinating and the young seedlings drying out and dying before water is available. They should also be planted before it is too hot. The first part of April through the middle of May is usually best for planting irrigated pastures.

Perhaps the most frequently asked question is “what kind of grass should I plant?” My answer is that it depends. Irrigated or dryland? How much water do you have available? How frequently will water be available? What will the pasture be used for? How will the grazing be managed? Each of these questions are important because they all affect the management of the

grass. The reality is that to a great extent it doesn’t matter what you plant. Over time, you will get exactly what you manage for.

With that said, there are definitely some grasses that are better adapted to our area than others. Give me a call and we can talk about your specific situation. Additionally, Technical Note 24 published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service is an excellent publication that discusses the attributes of many grass, forb, legume, and woody species that can be found in pastures in the Intermountain West. The publication also contains recommended seeding rates. It is good, unbiased information.

I will be teaching a pasture management session on February 17th in Caldwell. If you are interested in attending, contact Samantha Graf at the Canyon County Extension office at 459-6003 for details and registration.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

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TELEGRAPH – The line of the California State Telegraph extends to Star City, Nevada, a distance of only two hundred miles from the Owyhee mines on a direct course. The line is unprofitable from Virginia City to Star. The Company can make it immediately remunerative by extending it to Boise and Idaho Cities via Owyhee. The benefits would be about equal to the people and Company. The immense benefit that would inure to this community by telegraph communication to San Francisco can hardly be estimated. Our business relations with that city are so great that the slow stage is entirely inadequate, in ordinary matters, to say nothing of transactions, the success of which depends solely upon dispatches. Talk of Railroad or Steamboat communication, now, is only an aggravation of present difficulties, without anything but future hopes. When these hopes can be realized, many of us will have ceased to need any mode of passage. The telegraph can be soon stretched to us with profit to the public and Company.

THE DEDICATION services of the new Church, last Sunday, were very interesting, and listened to by a large audience. The sermon was very appropriate and ably handled. Aided by a melodeon, the Choir consists of nine persons — three female and six male. Mr. J. W. Lissenden presides skillfully at the instrument, and the music of the Choir is not excelled in any Church in or out of a mining town. The building will comfortably seat one hundred and twenty persons, and when the gallery is erected for the Choir, there will be more room. Though not fully completed, the building shows what it soon will be, and is surely a source of pride to the citizens of Owyhee. A bell and town clock have been ordered, and by the time they reach here, the steeple will be ready to receive them. The pious calls of the Church bell will soon remind Christians and sinners that one day in seven is the Sabbath and should be one of rest; and the sonorous stroke of the town clock incline them to remember that time glides rapidly, and that with the same rapidity all are gliding into eternity.

To the efforts and liberality of Capt. M. H. R. Styles, the citizens of Owyhee are chiefly indebted for the early erection of this chapel. Aside from contributing generously from his own funds, he has received for it the sum of \$800 from his religious societies and friends in Brooklyn, New York. The citizens of Owyhee generally have nobly aided the work — and a good work is the result.

Another year of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Auction tops \$70K

Organizers say this year's Marsing Disaster Auction was a resounding success.

Board member James Ferdinand said in an email that preliminary results show the fundraiser brought in more than \$70,000.

Last year's auction raised a little more than \$73,000, which was a decrease from \$78,000 in 2014.

Funds from the annual auction are directed toward relief efforts for fires, funerals, flooding or large medical bills.

The money raised also helps the Marsing Ambulance crew and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the United Way.

Auction board member Tim Dines said attendance was down from last year.

"It's tough that time of year because there's so many of those kids that have Saturday basketball games," Dines said. "A lot of times they'll come and go throughout the day. But it was still a good day."

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

Organizers announced the top Marsing schoolchildren in the annual \$1 raffle ticket sales contest. Abby Percifield sold the most tickets this year. Second place went to Dustin Ingle, and Mila Astorquia took third.

Marsing Elementary School students also competed for a chance to enjoy a pizza in their classroom.

Each third- through fifth-grade class sold \$1 raffle tickets for the auction, and Jodette Lemos' fifth-graders came out on top.

— SC



David VanWassenhove checks out the basket full of Mary Kay products he bought for his wife Sharon.



Kelsey Jerome, 11, gets her face painted by Marsing High School FFA member Dana McGee, 15. Jerome from Nampa is the daughter of Jennifer and Aaron Jerome. McGee is the daughter of Traci and Kirk McGee.



Left: Auctioneer Steve Hall of Nampa volunteered his time to serve as a spotter. Above: Dorothy Hutchings (right) serves a bowl of turkey noodle soup to Fred Norton.

✓ Marsing: People who grew up in town jump right in when they return

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moved back home from Arizona.

"It just amazed me, all of these people getting together, and the fun that everybody was having," Churruca said.

He was an electrician for more than 30 years and put some of his experience to work for the auction's home — the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

"I revamped the whole thing. I made it all GFI (ground fault interrupter) stuff and brought it up to code," Churruca said. "Since 1993, I've been doing the electrical."

Marsing volunteer firefighter Jeff Percifield became involved with the auction when he moved back to Marsing from Oregon 20 years ago.

Like Churruca, Percifield has relatives that are connected to the early days of the fundraiser. His mother, Alpha, was also part of the first auction.

"I'm not sure how many years she did it, but it was a bunch," Percifield said. "She helped in the kitchen."

His late brother Mike also helped with the auction. In the past few years, Percifield's involvement has focused on getting chorizos and other food for the auction from Logan's Market where he works as a butcher.

"That's about all I do anymore," Percifield said. "I spent about 15 years helping hard and kind of



Herb Churruca checks one of the electrical outlet boxes he built for the area where food is served during the disaster auction.

moved on a little bit."

One of the auctions over those 15 years was a personal favorite for Percifield. He served as chairman in 2000.

"We had a good crew like always. It was a lot of hard work," Percifield said. "You had to miss a lot of your job work to take care of things, but that was part of the community effort and nobody minded."

Ruth Clapier thinks she got involved with the auction around 1972 when she was working as a cook for the Marsing School District.

"They needed somebody to make the chili," Clapier said. "So I would go down there at four o'clock in the morning and make all the chili. I want to say we did

25 pounds of beans."

The wife of Gene Clapier also was part of the American Legion Auxiliary and helped do the paperwork for the auction.

"We did all the bookkeeping. There were no computers, none of that kind of stuff," Clapier said.

She is no longer on the auction board, and switched over to the disbursement board four or five years ago.

Longtime auction organizers have many stories to tell about the tradition of people bidding against each other to increase the price of the items sold.

Churruca recalled when Dick Symms paid \$400 for a single apple, and the time his wife, Donna Churruca, spent about \$350 for a dozen eggs. Percifield once saw a



Longtime volunteer Jeff Percifield shows off his bidder number outside the auction Saturday. Submitted photo

first aid kit sell for \$1,000.

Clapier makes cinnamon twists for the auction every year, and a few years ago they fetched more than \$300 for a dozen.

"I still get, 'Are you going to make those this year?' And I'm thinking, 'No, I'm not going to,'" Clapier said. "But I like to do it, and it's something that everybody likes."

She added that one year a handmade quilt sold for \$1,800.

Looking toward the future, Percifield thinks it will be critical to get the next generation to help.

"We need to get all that new blood coming so this thing lives on," Percifield said. "It's generation after generation that does it."

Churruca acknowledged that some of the participants are get-

ting older, but he's not worried about the auction going away.

"There's a bunch of younger ones stepping up," Churruca said.

He cited Bobo and Sheila Carter, Jason and Kelly Ineck and their sons, and Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand, his wife Jess and their children as just a few of the younger people helping out.

Clapier is optimistic about the future of the auction.

"I hope it never dies. I mean, it's been an absolutely fabulous, fabulous thing," Clapier said. "I think our new blood will take it. We have enough young people that are staying around here that will keep it going."

Churruca says he stays involved because the auction gives people who have experienced a disaster faith that someone is there to help.

"It's like the neighbors helping neighbors saying, that's something I always said that was picked up there somewhere," Churruca said. "I'd like to claim it, but I'm sure somebody would doubt that."

Percifield has always been proud of how he's been able to assist with the auction.

"Helping the community, that's what it's about," he said.

Clapier had an even shorter comment on her thoughts about helping with the auction.

"It's been wonderful. One word, wonderful." — SC

Presidential candidates forum watch party at Marsing Sr. Center

Citizens can submit video questions for Web broadcast

People are invited to the Marsing Senior Center to watch the Seniors Decide 2016 Presidential candidates forum at 11 a.m. next Wednesday.

A press release from the senior center stated that lunch and coffee will be available beginning at 10:45, and can be enjoyed during the forum.

The Seniors Decide 2016 website indicates that all of the candidates running for the Democratic and Republican nominations will participate in the forum.

The forum will be held at George Mason University in Arlington, Va. The senior center will show it on a large-screen television via a high-speed Internet connection.

People can create short videos prior to the forum to ask the candidates questions. For details, go to www.seniorsdecide.org.

For more information on the watch party, call Marsing Senior Center director Alana Squires at (208) 896-4634.

She heard about the forum through the Elderly Opportunity Agency of Idaho.

"They send all the senior centers information on things that would be of interest," Squires said.

This is the first time the center has offered to host a forum like this, and Squires had never heard of the event before.

Because this is new to the center, she doesn't know how many people to expect.

"I really hope a lot of seniors

can attend and become a little more informed with the senior services and what's happening with that," Squires said.

People attending the watch party will be asked to discuss questions such as how viewers will use information from the forum to make a decision about how to vote, or what could the candidates do to build economic security for older Americans?

The Leadership Council on Aging Organizations (LCAO) developed the Seniors Decide 2016 forum.

Organizations involved with the LCAO include the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, the Alliance for Aging Research, Volunteers of America and the National Association of Social Workers.

— SC

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Salad Bar: Lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, canned peaches, canned apricots, salad dressing
Milk served every day

Feb. 10: Hot dog on bun, pork & beans, carrot salad
Feb. 11: Salisbury steak w/onion s& mushrooms, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California blend veggies, roll
Feb. 16: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, roll
Feb. 17: Pizza w/assorted toppings, green salad w/tomatoes

Marsing Senior Center

Feb. 10: Ham & beans, stewed tomatoes, applesauce
Feb. 11: Shredded pork tacos, beans, rice, carrots
Feb. 15: Closed
Feb. 16: Beef stew, cabbage, pears, garlic toast
Feb. 17: Oven fried chicken, potato, peas

Rimrock Senior Center
Milk and juice served every day

Feb. 11: Beef Wellington, mushroom sauce, roll, glazed beets, broccoli salad, pears, surprise cake
Feb. 16: Baked salmon, sweet potatoes, corn, fruit salad, German chocolate cake
Feb. 18: Chicken a la king over biscuits, spinach salad, applesauce, lemon squares

County GOP readies for Lincoln Day

Luncheon set next Wednesday in Marsing

Owyhee County's Lincoln Day luncheon — the biennial gathering of Republican office-seekers and office-holders — takes place next Wednesday.

The county Republican Party event starts with a meet-and-greet at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The cost is \$20, and folks can RSVP by calling (208) 250-9882 or emailing shawn.dygert@gmail.com.

County GOP Central Commit-

tee chair Shawn Dygert said U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo has committed to attending the luncheon, and U.S. Sen. Jim Risch is expected to attend. Republican Party state chair Steve Yates will serve as guest speaker.

Dygert, who will serve as master of ceremonies, said the senators will be given time to speak.

All candidates for county office and GOP committee positions will be introduced.

The luncheon will conclude with a short auction.

Traditionally, candidates for the Republican primary, which takes place on May 17 this year, have announced their intentions around Lincoln Day festivities.

Both Crapo and U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador face re-election this year.

County incumbents whose offices will appear on the primary ballot include first-term Sheriff Perry Grant, second-term Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery and two-term county commissioners Kelly Aberasturi (District 2) and Joe Merrick (District 3).

The entire District 23 delegation — state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Reps. Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home) and Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) — are in election years in 2016.

The candidate filing period runs from Feb. 29 to March 11.

Marsing Lions bingo returns Saturday

Marsing Lions Club bingo returns Saturday for another night of fundraising.

The bingo session takes place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Lions Club president Herb Churruca said 75 people played in January's bingo.

The event begins at 6:45 p.m. with an early bird game. The regular games (a 12-game series) begins at 7 p.m.

The early bird game costs \$1, and the first set of game cards for the regular 12-game series is \$15. Each additional card set costs \$5. Bingo supplies also will be sold.

There is free popcorn plus refreshments and food are available for a price.

The next Lions Club meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday at Alejandra's Mexican Restaurant, 208 Main St.

HHS actors rehearsing for next play

Homedale High School's Drama Club is getting ready to have some fun.

The club's next production is "The Clumsy Custard Horror Show" by William Gleason.

The melodrama will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, and at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Tickets for each performance cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from club members.

"This is one of our all-time favorite productions," drama club advisor DeAnn Thatcher said. "Come enjoy some good laughs, great entertainment and awesome sets."

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Valentine’s dinner aids Rimrock Senior Center

The annual Valentine’s Dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday at Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View.

The dinner, which is one of the center’s biggest fundraisers, takes place at 6 p.m. The center is located at 525 Main St. Reservations for the dinner can be obtained by calling (208) 350-7359.

The cost is \$18 per couple, \$10 for individuals and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Everyone is welcome, center coordinator Sandi Burnett said.

The menu includes BBQ beef roast, baked potatoes, salads, vegetables and Valentine’s desserts. Hot and cold tea, milk, punch and water will be available to drink.

About 120 people attended last year’s dinner.

Because the dinner is being held on the second Saturday of the

month, the senior center’s usual event in that slot on the calendar — Game Night — will be moved to the third Saturday (Feb. 20) only for February.

Game Night typically takes place on the second Saturday of the month and begins at 7 p.m. It will return to its regular schedule on March 12.

Game Night features card games and dominos.

Card games are played each Tuesday and Thursday.

The senior center also presents a family night on the fourth Saturday of each month, which is Feb. 27 this month.

Health screenings for seniors will be available on Tuesday. Appointments for the foot clinic are available between 9:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Exams cost \$15, and reservations can be made by calling the senior center.

Fish and Game praises tipster who broke county poaching case

An anonymous tip is being credited with breaking the case of deer poached in Owyhee County.

An Idaho Department of Fish and Game article on the 2014 incident credits an alert citizen with setting in motion events that led to a Utah man’s conviction in October.

Mark Richens, 34, of Roosevelt, Utah, lost hunting privileges for two years and was ordered to pay \$665 in fines and court costs after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of unlawful taking of a big game animal.

Richens’ crime came to light when a concerned citizen called the state’s Citizens Against Poaching hotline in early November 2014. The citizen became suspicious when he saw what he thought to be an illegally taken mule deer while visiting with two men driving a brand-new tan Ford Raptor pickup at the Boise Stage Stop on Interstate 84 east of Boise.

A tarp-covered buck in the bed of the pickup caught the man’s eye.

Days later, Fish and Game investigators identified one of those men as Richens, and it was discovered that he had just purchased a duplicate deer tag, reporting to the issuing license

vendor that his original Unit 40 late-season buck tag had been lost.

Shortly afterwards, it was determined that Richens was back in Unit 40 hunting trophy mule deer. Officers eventually located both Richens and his hunting partner where they proved to be less-than-cooperative during an interview, suggesting that officers “contact our attorneys.”

On Dec. 19, 2014, in an effort to garner additional information, IDFG released some case information and photographs through media outlets and the agency’s Southwest Region and CAP Facebook pages.

Public reaction was rapid and overwhelming, as the post was quickly relayed from one Facebook user to another.

“We had an amazing response from the Facebook world,” Fish and Game regional investigator Kurt Stieglitz said. “I received a message the very first evening from a caller who identified Mark Richens as the driver of the Ford Raptor and provided other case details.”

Additional information funneled into Stieglitz’s office in the days that followed, allowing him to seek a criminal complaint against Richens for attempting to take a second trophy mule deer.

Fish and Game officers did the legwork, but the real heroes in this case were ordinary citizens, the agency said in its press release.

“We developed a solid case thanks to citizen involvement,” Stieglitz said. “It’s gratifying to know that so many Idahoans value the state’s wildlife and will move quickly to defend it.”

A misdemeanor charge of hunting with an invalid tag was dismissed when Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober imposed sentencing 11 months after the incident took place.

Richens cannot possess a firearm in the state of Idaho nor is he allowed to accompany another hunter into the field during the two-year license revocation.

Richens faces 90 days in jail if he violates his probation.

Persons with any information about suspected poaching activity are encouraged to call the Citizens against Poaching (CAP) hotline at 1-800-632-5999, 24 hours a day.

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Deputies respond to rash of highway crashes

No one was injured in a head-on vehicle accident outside Homedale on Saturday.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 18-year-old Dmitry Yezersky of Nampa was cited for failing to yield to traffic after he attempted a U-turn on U.S. Highway 95 north of Thompson Road shortly before 9:30 a.m.

Yezersky told a sheriff's deputy that he was parked in his 2002 Subaru Legacy on the side of the road when he looked both ways and started to make a U-turn.

At that moment, 57-year-old James McCoy of Melba was traveling northbound on U.S. 95 in a 1998 Ford Ranger.

The two vehicles collided, but no one — included two juvenile females ages 16 and 17 riding in Yezersky's vehicle — were injured.

Minor injuries on Idaho 51

A 20-year-old Bruneau man was cited for failing to stop from a driveway after a two-vehicle accident Feb. 1 a few miles south of the Idaho highway 78-Idaho 51 junction.

Bowman said Pablo Morales Miramontes was trying to turn

left out of his driveway in 2004 Ford F-150 when he crossed the southbound lane and hit George Pierce's 2013 Nissan Renegade hard enough to roll it off an embankment adjacent to the northbound shoulder.

Pierce, a Star resident, and Morales Miramontes' passenger, Pedro Morales Miramontes, were transported to Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home by Grand View Ambulance.

Bowman said Pedro Morales Miramontes suffered a lacerated shin in the 11:48 a.m. accident.

No one hurt in rollover

Icy road conditions are being blamed for a one-vehicle rollover that took place around 10 a.m. on Thursday at milepost 50 on Idaho 51.

Bowman said the two Elko, Nev., residents riding in the 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer — 24-year-old Luis Aguirre-Garcia and 41-year-old Isaura Aguirre-Garcia — escaped without harm.

The vehicle rolled when Luis Aguirre-Garcia, who was driving, failed to negotiate a turn while headed northbound on the ice-covered highway.

— JPB

Bruneau library features Basque history

Basque history and immigration is the focus of the February installment of Bruneau Valley Library's speaker series.

Darryl Jungen, an educator from the Basque Museum and Cultural Center in Boise, will be featured at the library, 32073 Ruth St., at noon next Wednesday.

Jungen is the special instructor of the center's resource specialist program. His appearance in Bruneau is part of the monthly free luncheon and speaker event made possible by a Troxell Small

Community Library Fund grant through the Idaho Community Foundation.

Jungen recently joined the Basque Center staff after 20 years of teaching at the elementary level.

While next week's program is free, organizers ask for RSVPs by Monday from anyone who will attend. This is to ensure enough food is prepared and there is adequate space for the event.

To RSVP, call (208) 845-2282.

Homedale woman on George Fox Dean's List

A Homedale resident is among the 850 undergraduate students who qualified for the George Fox University Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester.


Melanie Schroeder, a junior majoring in English, was announced as a Dean's List honoree at the Newberg, Ore., school.

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				Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
02/02	5.6	23	9.4	28	6	15
02/03	5.6	23	9.4	26	-1	16
02/04	5.7	22	9.6	35	23	29
02/05	5.8	23	9.7	37	18	28
02/06	5.6	24	9.6	41	18	28
02/07	5.6	23	9.6	48	17	31
02/08	5.5	21	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
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02/03	9.0	n/a	11.0	27	19	23
02/04	9.2	n/a	11.2	32	27	29
02/05	9.6	n/a	11.3	40	29	33
02/06	9.7	n/a	11.3	44	35	38
02/07	9.5	n/a	11.3	45	35	38
02/08	9.6	n/a	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/02	12.8	40	21.0	31	15	20
02/03	12.9	40	21.1	28	16	22
02/04	13.0	41	21.3	31	25	28
02/05	13.2	41	21.5	42	26	34
02/06	13.1	41	21.5	45	32	36
02/07	13.2	40	21.5	47	34	39
02/08	13.2	39	21.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 15 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 552 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 12 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 108,459 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Lenten fish fries benefit K of C

Lenten fish dinners begin Friday at the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell.

Six dinners will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Friday during Lent. The final dinner in the series sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 3086 takes place March 18.

Members from the Disabled American Veterans Carrie L. French Chapter 1 of Caldwell will

be honored on Feb. 19.

The cost is each night is \$10 per person, \$8 for senior citizens and children ages 5-12, and a family can eat for \$35. The menu includes baked or fried Alaskan cod, homemade coleslaw and chips (fries).


The church is located at 1122 W. Linden St., in Caldwell.

The dinners are the K of C's biggest fundraiser of the year and have

been held for 20 years. Proceeds help fund college scholarships for graduating seniors from the Our Lady of the Valley parish.


Other Knights of Columbus community projects include donations to Pro-life billboard campaign; Stanton healthcare, an alternative to abortion; assistance to send a medical missions team to Haiti; Christmas bikes and coats for children.

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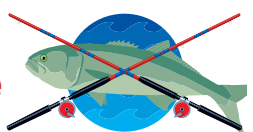
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Local Fish and Game officer earns state honor

Craig Mickelson has done his fair share to advance Idaho Fish and Game’s mission in the Homedale-Marsing area and elsewhere.

Shikar-Safari Club International has taken notice, naming the veteran senior conservation officer the 2015 Idaho Wildlife Officer of the Year.

“It makes me feel pretty good,” Mickelson said. “I was pretty humbled when I got the award.”

“I really love my job and love putting a lot of time and effort into my job, so it was very rewarding to get this award.”

Mickelson received a pewter plaque and a lapel pin during the Jan. 28 Idaho Fish and Game Commission meeting in Boise.

His name also will be included on the permanent Wildlife Officer of the Year display in the Department of Fish and Game’s state headquarters in Boise.

He also may be featured in Shikar-Safari Club International’s spring issue dedicated to all the wildlife officers of the year, the organization’s Wildlife Officer of the Year chair and incoming president Bruce Keller said.

“We honor these people. Their life is tough and the work is hard,” Keller said.

Keller said each Wildlife Officer of the Year also becomes eligible for a \$20,000 life survivor benefit that would go to their spouse and children if the officer is killed in the line of duty.

“People think all they do is go around checking tags and measuring horns and antlers, but they also work on anti-poaching and



Shikar-Safari Idaho Wildlife Officer of the Year recipient Craig Mickelson stands with his family outside Fish and Game state headquarters. **From left:** Father-in-law Bryant Reinhard, wife Alice Mickelson, mother-in-law Janice Reinhard, son Charlie Mickelson, Craig Mickelson, son Louie Mickelson, mom Pat Mickelson and dad Chuck Mickelson. Photo by Matt O’Connell / IDFG

anti-trespassing,” Keller said.

“Their job is a lot more dangerous than people think. Just in the last couple years, two of the officers we honored have been killed in the line of duty.”

Mickelson’s immediate supervisor, Matt O’Connell, made the nomination.

“In the three years I have supervised him, Craig has been a consistently high achiever and has set a great example for other officers with his community involvement in events like the LeRoy Breshears fishing event,” O’Connell wrote in an email.

“Other officers put on fishing clinics, but few set up jet boat rides for families that may not have a chance to do such things outside of that special fishing day event.”

Mickelson said he was surprised by the honor, but had an inkling something interesting was

going on when his boss requested that he provide security for the commission meeting. The suspicion deepened when Mickelson spotted his family — including his mother and father Pat and Chuck who live in western Washington.

Shikar-Safari International is a worldwide organization of hunters that supports a wide range of conservation causes with emphasis on wildlife law enforcement. The organization recognizes outstanding law enforcement officers in the United States and around the world.

Mickelson’s contributions were outlined before he received the award.

“Craig is an enthusiastic, high-energy conservation officer whose efforts this past year were beyond the call of duty,” Fish and Game Enforcement Chief Greg Wooten said. “His contributions to the department and the public he serves

are immeasurable.”

Among the efforts outlined in O’Connell’s nomination:

- Efforts to increase compliance with special largemouth bass fishing rules at Lake Lowell by educating anglers, including creating bilingual signs and business cards listing the rules and the Citizens Against Poaching hotline.
- Enhancing conservation efforts by assisting in sage-grouse lek surveys and raven surveys and winter deer capture. Mickelson also helped release a mountain lion who had become ensnared in a leg-hold trap.
- Added eight carsonite signs from Homedale to the Owyhee River to an Oregon/Idaho border marking project. There are now 24 signs to help hunters and law enforcement officials distinguish the boundary and prevent possible cross-border hunting violations.

“Craig has built a great rapport

with agencies throughout Canyon and Owyhee counties with his honest communications and willingness to help out others in need,” O’Connell said.

He is a coordinator for the annual LeRoy Breshears Kids’ Fishing Day and WICAP fishing day for children in Marsing.

Mickelson also has taken prosecuting attorneys from Owyhee and Canyon counties on ride-alongs and has successfully led cases involving Oregon hunters harvesting deer illegally in Idaho. He also holds monthly breakfast coordination meetings with agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

“Craig was the perfect candidate for this award because he is an effective enforcement officer who diligently protects Idaho’s fish and wildlife while also being an excellent customer servant who treats the public well,” O’Connell said.

“Craig is tireless in his pursuit of catching poachers and those who would steal our natural resources and does it in a professional and courteous manner.”

Mickelson has spent about eight years on the Homedale/Marsing beat and began his stint as a conservation officer in 2002 in Riggins. He also has been stationed in the Twin Falls area during his career.

In addition to his conservation officer duties, Mickelson serves as a field training officer, teaching, coaching and mentoring new recruits.

— JPB

Public invited to Homedale church’s Sweetheart potluck

The Sweetheart Banquet returns to Homedale’s First Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

The church has held a potluck to recognize a sweetheart of the year annually since 1987.

This year’s event begins with

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11 a.m. worship at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W., followed by the celebration where a person from the congregation is honored for his or her outstanding work.

The Sweetheart celebration is a potluck and will be set to 1950s décor. The service — led by Pastor Bruce Swanson — and event are open to the public.

For more information, call the church at (208) 337-3060.

Marsing Fire vacancy to be filled

Commissioners for the Marsing Rural Fire Protection District (MRFD) will appoint someone to fill a vacancy on the governing panel tonight.

The board meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the fire hall at 303 Main St., Marsing.

The appointment is necessary because Subdistrict 2 Commissioner Jim Bower nor anyone else filed nomination papers in time for November’s election. Fire district officials announced

the opening after checking into the protocol.

At deadline Monday, MRFD secretary/treasurer Bobo Carter said no one has filed a letter of interest for the position currently held by Jim Bower. If nobody challenges the incumbent, Bower will automatically be appointed to represent Subdistrict 2 once again.

Bower has been a commissioner for 12 years, and commissioners serve four-year terms.

The last time there was a vacancy on the board was when Bower began serving.

Carter explained that the delay in making the appointment was because no one has ever challenged a district commissioner during his time as secretary/treasurer. Carter stated that it took this long for he and the commissioners to properly interpret Idaho Code.

Subdistrict 2 is in Canyon County including an area around Sunnyslope where Bower lives.

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Auditions take place Monday in Marsing for the Missoula Children’s Theatre (MCT) production of Peter and Wendy. The Marsing Music Boosters are sponsoring the MCT performance in town. An open audition will be held at 4 p.m. Monday in the Marsing school cafeteria. About 50 to 60 students will be cast, and the audition is open to all students in local districts from kindergarteners to 12th-graders. Rehearsals will be held throughout the week, and the

public performance will be presented at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 20 in the cafeteria. For more information, call Teri Belle at (208) 908-1699 or email funnylizard@mac.com. All MCT shows are original adaptations on classic children’s stories and fairytales. MCT is the nation’s largest touring children’s theatre and has been touring the world for more than 40 years. MCT’s mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.

Homedale Legion plans BBQ to help cancer fight

George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 Cmdr. Bob Warner is rallying the troops for a friend. The Legion Post in Homedale will play host to a benefit barbecue on Saturday, March 19. Proceeds will help pay medical bills in Homedale resident Michelle Fleck’s fight against rectal cancer. Fleck is a waitress at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant. The barbecue will feature three ribs or a chicken leg quarter for \$8 or a combination of two ribs and chicken quarter for \$12. There

will be a limited number of 250 tickets made available. Each meal includes side dishes of potato salad and beans, a roll and a beverage. Warner said ticket sales will end on Saturday, March 12 to give organizers leeway to ensure enough food is prepared. Mountain Home resident Henry Commenia is doing the cooking, and Bruce Caba is donating his commercial smoker for the event, Warner said. For more information on the alcohol- and tobacco-free event, call Warner at (208) 965-0314.

Boating safety classes set

Owyhee County Sheriff’s waterways deputy Milt Greenwood is planning boater safety classes. Two free all-day classes will be offered in coming weeks, including Saturday, Feb. 20 in Marsing and Saturday, March 12 in Homedale. The Marsing class takes place at the Marsing High School library, 209 8th Ave. W., and the Homedale

class will be held at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Registration is available at the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website, www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov by clicking on boating link on the homepage. For more information, contact Greenwood at (208) 250-7261 or mgreenwood@co.owyhee.id.

Auditor to BOCC: County had good year

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) heard some good financial news at its meeting last week. Accountant Jared Zwygart of Nampa-based Zwygart and Associates gave his Fiscal Year 2015 audit report at the Feb. 1 meeting. He said his firm found no problems during its analysis. “There’s no issues,” Zwygart said. “Your financial statements are in accordance with accepted accounting standards.” The county started the fiscal year with almost \$8.4 million in total assets, and ended with nearly \$8.9 million. That figure includes just over \$2 million in cash and nearly \$3.9 million in investments. As of Sept. 30 — the end of FY 2015 — the county had \$2.9 million in the general fund. That compares to \$2.5 million for FY 14. The Road and Bridge fund ended with \$786,817 (down from \$825,441 at the end of FY 2014) and the Indigent and Charity fund had \$589,105. That compares to \$503,501 in Indigent and Charity the previous fiscal year. Miscellaneous government funds were at almost \$1.2 million on Sept. 30, an increase of about \$208,000 over FY 2014. The county budgeted \$3.5 million for revenue, but brought in \$700,000 more than anticipated. In FY 2014 the county budgeted \$3.6 million for revenue, and received \$375,681 over that figure. Expenditures also reflected a bright spot. The county expected to spend \$4.5 million for the fis-

cal year, but actually only spent a little less than \$4 million. The previous fiscal year the county budgeted to spend \$4.5 million but expenditures only totaled \$4.1 million. Zwygart stated that, overall, the new audit looked good. “We agree with the figures you had on your monthly books,” Zwygart said. “Your expenditure report, and budget expenditure summary could have been relied upon during the year.” He added he was impressed that county officials stayed so close to what they expected to spend. One example of how close the budgeting was is the Solid Waste line. The county budgeted \$231,223 but spent \$225,197. Two new line items in the audit are pension liability and deferred inflows. The liability was about \$1.2 million and the deferred inflows were nearly \$770,000. The lines were previously not required to be listed in the county’s audit report. “So you now magically have \$2 million worth of debt,” he said.

However, he assured the board that the line items are not something to be alarmed about. “Everybody is just kind of ignoring that debt, because it’s not a debt that you can pay off because it’s all related to retirement funds,” Zwygart said. The requirement to include the items is part of new governmental accounting standards that arose over concerns that some cities and counties around the U.S. paid health insurance premiums for employees after they retired, but never showed that on their books. Some governments — such as Detroit — went bankrupt and tried to back out of paying for the insurance, Zwygart said. “Your type of pension retirement plan should not be on there because that possibility cannot happen at your level,” Zwygart said. “It’s PERSI’s (Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho) level it could happen. Your obligation is gone because you have passed that on to the state, but this is just one of the rules.” — SC

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Jordan Valley boys surge to top

Stanford gets 31 as Mustangs beat Panthers for 8th straight

Absorbing the loss of emerging scorer Zeke Quintero, Jordan Valley High School's boys' basketball team surged to the league lead Friday.

The Mustangs withstood Monument/Dayville's three-point barrage, holding on for a 56-50 overtime victory on the road that pushed Jordan Valley to the top of the 1A High Desert League standings.

After thrashing Prairie City, 75-36, on Saturday, Jordan Valley (17-4 overall, 10-1 1A HDL) holds a half-game lead with a Saturday home game against Crane remaining in the regular season. Monument/Dayville (17-5, 8-2) visits Burnt River on Friday and finishes at home in Monument, Ore., against Harper/Huntington on Saturday.

Jordan Valley traveled to Dayville, Ore., on Friday for the showdown for the league lead without the services of the freshman Quintero, who was lost for the season after he fractured his wrist.

"We had to come up with a new game plan for the upcoming games, and the boys worked very hard to prepare themselves," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said.

Wyatt Stanford scored 12 of his team-high 18 points as Jordan Valley built a 10-point halftime lead.

— See **Boys**, page 2B



Jordan Valley senior center Wyatt Stanford shoots over Monument/Dayville's Tanner Walczyk during Friday's crucial victory. Photo by Tara Echave

Trojans rally for another state berth

Homedale plays for girls' district title Thursday

Even with the pep band right next door, the Homedale High School student section was eerily still Friday night.

That is, until senior Tory Lane finally entered the 3A District III girls' basketball semifinal after spending the first eight minutes on the bench.

The record-setting sharpshooter stepped into the game and ignited a 49-41 victory over Parma that propelled Homedale into the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament for the fourth consecutive season.

The four straight state tournament appearances coincide with Lane's arrival on campus. The senior extended her single-season three-point goal record

— See **Trojans**, back page



Homedale senior Makayla Aberasturi dribbles down the floor after a first-half steal Friday night in Ontario, Ore.

HHS parlays top seeds into subvarsity titles

Homedale High School's subvarsity girls' basketball team walked away champions last Wednesday.

The Trojans' frosh-soph club, coached by Brady Swallow, beat Fruitland in the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship game to wrap up a perfect 12-0 season against conference foes.

Coach Taryn Corta's junior varsity team also brought home the title after beating Weiser.

Scores from the championship

games were not provided.

The Homedale squads were the top seeds, so they earned first-round byes in their respective tournaments, both of which were played in Weiser.

The frosh-soph Trojans knocked off fourth-seeded Weiser, 36-19, in the semifinals before beating No. 3 Fruitland.

The Homedale JV beat fourth-seeded Emmett, 37-30, in the semis to set up its win over No. 2 Weiser.

Furtado wins another title

Marcus Furtado continued to surge in the final weeks of wrestling season Saturday.

The Adrian High School 106-pounder had his second consecutive championship weekend, capturing the Pine Eagle Invitational championship.

Furtado, whose first bout of the tournament came in the semifinals, pinned Enterprise, Ore.'s Shane Lund in 4 minutes, 25 seconds in the championship final.

Furtado (21-9) routed Colton Anderson of Baker/Powder Valley, 13-2, in the semifinals in Halfway, Ore.

Bryson Shira also medaled for the Antelopes, taking third place at 145 pounds.

Shira earned the bronze medal when he pinned Irrigon, Ore.'s Josue Aguilera five seconds into the second round of their match.

Shira stayed alive in the championship bracket with a tough 6-4 quarterfinal decision over Nyssa, Ore.'s Adam Van Meter.

Dustin Range of Crane pinned Shira (22-13) in 1:44 in the semifinals.

Adrian's Eduardo Munoz (10-18) finished sixth at 132. After losing in the opening round, he picked up a pair of consolation bracket victories. He dominated Crane's JayJay Balowski, 11-0, then beat La Grande, Ore.'s Hayden Shafer, 7-2, in the consolation semifinals.

Damon Sawyer from Irrigon's edged Munoz, 8-6, in the fifth-place match.

Luke Campbell picked up a victory in the 152-pound consolation bracket with a 51-second pin over Grant Union's Cameron Hallgarth.

Kris Ulrich (113) and Pepper Beed (195) also competed for the Antelopes.



Grant leads Huskies

Alex Grant drives against Melba during Thursday's victory that sent Marsing High School into the 2A District III girls' basketball semifinals Saturday. Find out how the Huskies did on **Page 5B**

MHS hosts wrestling

Marsing High School's wrestling team should be plenty rested for its round robin pod tournament Saturday.

The tournament will be the Huskies' first action since the RD Brown Invitational on Jan. 30 in New Plymouth.

Homedale, Vallivue from Caldwell, Borah from Boise, New

— See **Wrestling**, page 5B



Jon Nelson

Sports



Homedale's Tanner Miller works against a Mountain View opponent during junior varsity matches at Thursday's tri-meet. Photo by Machele Randall

Rush of pins sends HHS to win

Wyatt Dorsey won in 25 seconds Thursday as Homedale High School downed Emmett in a conference dual meet. Dorsey pinned Hunter Higginbotham in the 285-pound match, and the Trojans picked up 30 points on forfeits in a 46-34 3A Snake River Valley conference victory on the Huskies' mat. Senior Nash Johnson, who is the state's top-rated Class 3A wrestler at 145 pounds, moved up to 152 in his 14-0 major decision over Colton Watts. Johnson improved his school-record career win total to 141 with his rout of Watts and a pin of Jordan Potter in a 145-pound match during a non-conference dual against Mountain

View that was part of the tri-meet in Emmett. Emmett led, 24-12 when Shane Keller pinned Korben Fitzgerald in 1 minute, 48 seconds to win the 145-pound bout and set off six consecutive victories for the Trojans. Third-ranked John Collett picked up a forfeit at 160 pounds for the deciding points against Emmett. Emmett's Monte Zufelt, ranked third at 126, pinned No. 5 Caleb Meligan in a battle of state-ranked wrestlers. Drake Villarin, who is ranked among the state's 138-pounders, pinned Homedale's Jacob Furlott in 2:19. The Huskies'

other state-ranked wrestler, No. 4 220-pounder Coby Yates, got a forfeit. Mountain View 47, Homedale 30 — Senior Swiss exchange student Julian Hartmann pinned Mavericks 182-pounder Cameron Fabbi in 2:51 to get the Trojans within five points, 35-30, but Mountain View sealed the non-conference victory with a pin at 195 and a forfeit victory at 220. Johnson pinned Potter in 4:22, and Collett took down Mountain View 160-pounder Daniel Skelton at 2:56. Meligan pinned Mountain View's Brett Case in 1:12 at 126 for the Trojans' other on-mat victory.

Boys: Mustangs get upper hand on top district spot

From Page 1B "The boys played their butts off Friday," Fillmore said. "They controlled the game until Monument/Dayville got hot in the third and hit some big 3s." Jordan Bowlus knocked down three treys in the second half, and Hayden Schafer and Dakota Emerson also hit treys as the Tigers took the lead. Emerson led the hosts with 15 points. "But our boys stepped up and played some pressure defense and fought back to tie the game (47-47), which put us in overtime," Fillmore said. The Mustangs converted seven of 12 free throws, and Jett Warn hit his only field goal of the night in the overtime for the win. Warn also grabbed eight rebounds. Garrett Youren and Kirk Eiguren hit key foul shots in the overtime, which helped cushion the loss of JJ Echave, who spent most of the night on the bench with foul trouble. "I was proud of all the boys and thankful for Garrett and Kirk they really stepped up for us," Fillmore said. Eiguren and Echave scored seven points each with Eiguren snagging 12 rebounds. Chase Fillmore hit half of his eight free throws down the stretch and finished with 13 points. Saturday: Jordan Valley 75, Prairie City 35 — The Mustangs won for the 14th time in 15 games, riding Stanford's 31 points. JJ Echave dominated with a double-double, notching 21 points and 17 rebounds as Jordan Valley stretched its 1A HDL win streak to eight games. Chase Fillmore and Stanford dropped two three-pointers apiece during the Mustangs' 25-point first quarter. Jordan Valley closed the game with a defensive effort that allowed the Panthers just Jonathan Lawrence's free throw over the final eight minutes. Garrett Hitz paced Prairie City with 12 points.

Two-sport HHS athlete wins crab feed contest

Wyatt Dorsey was the top ticket-seller for the Homedale Boosters Club crab and steak feed. The Homedale schools athletics fundraiser takes place Saturday at Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale. Dorsey sold 18 tickets and won \$100 from an anonymous donor. Dorsey was a lineman for the football team, and he is wrestling for the Trojans at 285 pounds. HHS co-athletic director Casey Grove said that about 315 tickets had been sold as of Monday. For more information, contact Grove at (208) 340-4611 or cgrove@homedaleschools.org.

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Athlete of the Week

HHS Girls Varsity Basketball

The Trojans earned their fourth consecutive trip to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament with a 49-41 victory over Parma in the district semifinals Friday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. Homedale snapped a third-quarter tie with a 17-9 run through the fourth quarter. This year's state tournament begins on Thursday, Feb. 18 at Middleton High School

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
3A District III Tournament
At TVCC, Ontario, Ore.
Thursday, Feb. 11, championship game vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament champions

Frosh-soph
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament champions

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Payette (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12 at Emmett, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 3A District III Tournament, TVCC, oppo time TBA

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12 at Emmett, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 15 at 3A SRV tournament, Fruitland, opponent, time TBA
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Frosh-soph
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12 at Emmett, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Thursday, Feb. 11 at Payette, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12 at Husky pod tournament, Marsing, 10 a.m.

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Sports

Homedale boys lose crucial game to Weiser



Homedale High School freshman Mason Kincheloe battles tough defense from Weiser’s Alberto Sanchez on Saturday night.

Trojans trying to salvage No. 4 seed to district

The Weiser Wolverines were exactly what Homedale High School boys’ basketball coach Casey Grove thought they were. Weiser shot 62 percent from the field after halftime to take control of what was shaping up to be a defensive struggle Saturday night on the Trojans’ floor.

With the 3A District III Tournament looming next week, the Wolverines put a serious dent in the Trojans’ seeding with a 63-52 3A Snake River Valley conference win.

“I thought Weiser was going to be the toughest team in the conference coming into the season, and they demonstrated their talents on Saturday night,” Grove said. “They shot the ball extremely well in the second half.”

Weiser shooters were 5-for-7 from the three-point line to break open a game Homedale led, 27-24, at halftime. The Wolverines avenged a 64-60 home loss to Homedale on Jan. 21.

Homedale committed 20 turnovers while Weiser took better care of the ball and gave it up only eight times.

The Trojans (11-8 overall, 3-5 in conference) held the lead throughout the first half, but near the end of the second quarter the game bogged down as Homedale’s shooting froze up momentarily.

The Trojans wound up connect-

ing on 46 percent of their field goals, but only got off 48 shots.

Freshman Mason Kincheloe hit six of seven two-point shots and finished with 12 points.

“Mason Kincheloe had an outstanding varsity debut,” Grove said.

Senior Connor Carter fell three assists shy of a triple-double. He hit the Trojans’ only three-pointers as part of his 13 points and pulled down 14 rebounds.

Another senior, Benny Schamber, connected on five of six field-goal attempts for 14 points.

Lawsen Matteson had seven rebounds.

Homedale wraps up the regular season with Senior Night today against Payette (8-11, 0-8) and at Friday road game against Emmett (11-7, 7-1), which holds a one game lead over Weiser (16-3, 6-2) for the No. 1 seed in the district tournament but would lose a tie-breaker with the Wolverines.

The best seed Homedale can get is No. 4, but the Trojans would have the fifth seed if they finish tied in the standings with Fruitland (10-9, 5-3) and Parma (10-9, 3-5).

Feb. 2: Parma 47, Homedale 40 — The Trojans couldn’t get shots to fall and were shackled with one of their lowest scoring nights of the season in a confer-

ence loss on the road.

“It was an ugly game shooting from both teams,” Grove said. “We were just a little worse.”

The 40 points was the second-lowest total for Homedale this season. The Trojans won a 37-35 game against Wood River during December’s Today’s Dentistry Nampa Christmas Tournament.

Including the loss to Parma, HHS had scored fewer than 50 points in four of its previous seven games, and the Trojans’ record in sub-50-point games this season is 2-4.

Homedale hit 33 percent of its shots (17-for-52), while the Panthers were successful on 37 percent of their attempts.

“We got all the open shots we wanted all night. We just couldn’t connect,” Grove said.

Homedale held a 28-26 lead after three quarters, but Parma caught fire with 21 points over the final eight minutes.

Tanner Kramer led the Panthers with 11 points.

Connor Carter scored 13 points, but cold shooting hampered his teammates. Schamber (3-for-10) had seven points, and Chase Martell (2-for-9) scored five points.

Josh Tolmie and Schamber had six rebounds each, while Carter led the effort with eight boards. He and his brother, Garrett, dished three assists each.

Adrian girls edge Jordan Valley in OT; JV boys cruise

Adrian High School needed overtime and a clutch performance to settle the battle for second place with Jordan Valley.

The Antelopes converted a steal with 10 seconds left in regulation to force overtime then hit free throws for a 59-56 1A High Desert League win over the visiting Mustangs on Feb. 2.

Adrian’s seventh consecutive win helped widen the Antelopes’ advantage for second place over Jordan Valley.

Adrian shot just 54 percent (18-for-33) from the foul line, but got the shots to fall at the right time while scoring 10 points in the extra period.

The Mustangs had a better shooting night all the way around, including hitting 17 of 36 field-goal attempts (47.2 percent). Adrian took 26 more shots and converted just two more field goals (30 percent).

The Antelopes made their hay with defense again. Coach Gene Mills’ squad forced 24 turnovers and scored 15 points off the miscues.

Kylie Skerjanic had seven steals to lead the Antelopes. She put in 12 points as one of three Adrian scorers to reach double figures.

Morgan Bayes connected on seven of 10 free throws and led Adrian with 19 points, while Carlee Morton went 9-for-14 from the line for the bulk of her 12 points.

Taylor Warn was 9-for-15 on free throws to score all of her points for Jordan Valley. Regann Skinner emerged a leading scorer again with 12 points, and Alisha Rogers was 4-for-5 from the field (including

perfect on three three-point goals) for 12 points.

The Mustangs’ Morgan Caywood (5-for-6 at the line) chipped in 11 points, and Zoey Warn was 3-for-4 from the floor and 4-for-5 on free throws to amass 10 points.

Boys: Jordan Valley 68, Adrian 37 — JJ Echave’s double-double fueled the Mustangs’ league rout of their hosts on Feb. 2.

Jordan Valley, which inched ahead briefly into the league lead with the victory, bolted to a 36-15 halftime lead as Echave worked on a 16-point, 13-rebound performance. He snagged eight boards on his team’s backboards as the Mustangs held a 19-10 advantage of second-chance scoring.

The Mustangs were opportunistic in transition, too, converting 20 Adrian turnovers for 16 points.

Echave’s dominance on the glass helped Jordan Valley grab more than twice as many rebounds as Adrian (43-20), including a 24-6 edge on Adrian’s end of the floor.

German exchange student Dennis Dick led Adrian with 10 points. He also had a co-team-high five rebounds. Mike Griffin snagged five boards, and he and Kenny Purnell each scored six points.

Jordan Valley’s Wyatt Stanford led all scorers with 18 points, while Garrett Youren and Zeke Quintero scored eight points apiece.

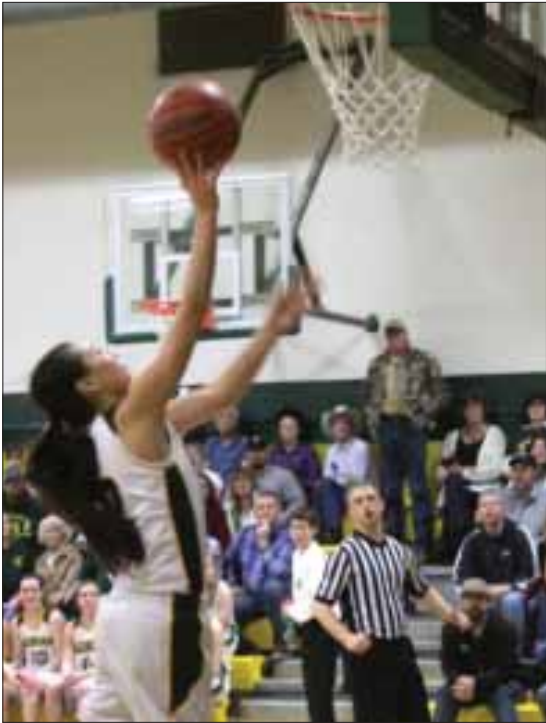
Quintero was later lost for the season because of a wrist injury.



Jordan Valley’s Kirk Eiguren splits a pair of Adrian players while lunging for the basketball. Photo by Tara Echave

Sports

Adrian girls lock down No. 2 seed at district tourney



Adrian's Selina Villarreal goes in for a layup against Harper/Huntington. AHS Yearbook staff

Antelopes need two wins to tie for 1A HDL crown

Despite what its coach viewed as lethargy, Adrian High School has set up a possible showdown for the top seed in the girls' basketball district tournament.

The Antelopes' ninth consecutive victory, a 38-23 road win against Prairie City on Friday, locked up the 1A District 8 Tournament No. 2 seed and kept Adrian within one game of league-leading Crane with two games left in the 1A High Desert League season.

"We didn't come out with a lot of energy and seemed to do just enough to get the win," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "We will have a good week of practice next week as we look to close out regular season play at Crane

next Friday."

Adrian (16-4 overall, 9-1 in league) takes on Burnt River in Unity, Ore., on Thursday before traveling to Crane for the regular-season finale.

Anna Hutchings led Adrian's effort against Prairie City with 12 points and eight rebounds. Selina Villarreal chipped in eight points, and Morgan Bayes added six.

The Antelopes turned in their signature defensive effort, shutting out the Panthers over the final eight minutes. Prairie City committed 30 turnovers, and Villarreal had six of Adrian's 21 steals.

Thursday: Adrian 48, Harper/Huntington 39 — A big first half carried the Antelopes to victory in a league home game.

Adrian got out to a 30-16 lead at the break and then held on behind three players attaining double-figure scoring.

Carlee Morton notched 13 points and seven rebounds, while Morgan Bayes chipped in 12 points and eight boards.

Kylie Skerjanic scored 11 points.

Bayes led the defense with seven steals. Adrian netted 21 steals and scored 15 points off 27 LocoNets turnovers.

Selina Villarreal scored seven points and collected five steals.

Harper/Huntington's Shyanne Allaire led all players with a double-double of 18 points and 14 rebounds. Haylee Lunt added 11 points for the home team.

PC boys rain 3s in Adrian's fourth straight loss

Improved offensive execution wasn't enough to save Adrian High School from its fourth straight boys' basketball loss.

Prairie City limited the Antelopes to five third-quarter points in a 60-51 comeback victory in a 1A High Desert League game played on the Panthers' court.

"It was probably our best offensive game in weeks. We played within ourselves, distributed the ball well and took shots within the offense," first-year Adrian coach Nolan Shira said. "We just were unable to defend the perimeter, and they shot extremely well from beyond the arc."

Prairie City (11-10 overall, 4-7 in league) nailed 10 of 19 three-point goals (52 percent) and snapped a three-way tie for fourth place. Adrian (7-13, 3-7) and Harper/Huntington finished the weekend a half-game behind the Panthers.

Adrian wraps up the regular season with road games against Burnt River on Thursday and Crane on Friday.

Three Antelopes scored 10 points apiece, and Mike Griffin added 10 rebounds to complete a double-double performance. Dennis Dick grabbed seven defensive rebounds and distributed five assists, while Roberto Ramirez came off the bench for his season-high 10 points on 4-for-5 shooting. He knocked down half of the Antelopes' four treys.

Adrian scored 16 points on second chances, but Prairie City was opportunistic with 13 points off 16 Adrian turnovers.

Levi Biurke was 6-for-9 from beyond the three-point line and led three Panthers in double figures with 21 points. Garrett Hitz had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Thursday: Harper/Huntington 43, Adrian 40 — The LocoNets took advantage of their hosts' slow start to creep within a half-game of the Antelopes in the league standings.

Adrian rallied from a 21-15 halftime deficit, but couldn't complete the comeback and lost its third straight 1A HDL game.



Adrian High School German exchange student Dennis Dick, left, puts up a shot against Harper/Huntington's Garrett Fisher. AHS Yearbook staff

field-goal attempts (27 percent) and shot just eight percent (2-for-23) from beyond the three-point line.

Adrian forced the LocoNets into 20 turnovers and got more points off turnovers and more second-

chance points than Harper/Huntington, but it wasn't enough.

Dick missed 13 three-point tries and was 5-for-22 from the floor, but he led the Antelopes with 11 points.

Alvaro Martinez Urina hit half

of his shots and tallied 10 points for Adrian, while Kenny Purnell corralled 11 rebounds and chipped in six points.

Will Butler posted a double-double of 14 points and 12 rebounds for Harper/Huntington.

Hunter Ed class scheduled in March

Registration is available for a hunter education class set for Wilder next month.

Wayne Hungate is instructor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game class.

The class will be taught on seven days between March 21 and April 2.

Classes will be held at the Wilder Fire Station, 111 2nd St., in Wilder, and they'll run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day, including March 21-22, March 24, March

28-29 and March 31.

The April 2 class is a voluntary range day scheduled for the Homedale Rod and Gun Club on U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing.

About half of the 30 slots are still available. Participants must be 9 years old by March 21. Cancellation is available until 6 p.m. on March 20.

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Sports

Huskies fade in girls' district semifinals

Top-ranked Cole Valley Christian took control in the third quarter to beat Marsing High School in a 2A District III girls' basketball semifinal Saturday.

The Huskies trailed the once-beaten Chargers by just four points at halftime, but Cole Valley sped off to a 57-49 victory at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Alex Grant led Marsing (9-15 overall) with 12 points, while Mackenzie Farrens had a team-high seven rebounds. The Huskies played Nampa Christian in an elimination game in Marsing on Tuesday after deadline. The winner plays Thursday at Vallivue for a shot at third place and the district's berth in Saturday's state play-in game in Mountain Home.

Cole Valley (20-1) meets fellow 2A Real Dairy Shootout qualifier New Plymouth for the district championship at 7:45 p.m. Thursday at Vallivue.

Holly Golenor scored 20 points to lead three Chargers in double figures.

The Huskies scored 19 points in the fourth quarter, but couldn't overcome an 11-point deficit at the start of the period.

Thursday: Marsing 53, Melba 46 — The Huskies never trailed, winning for the fourth time in five games to move into the district semifinals.

Junior Sheyanne Glorfield fired in three three-pointers and led all scorers with 17 points during the opening-round game on the Mustangs' floor.

Shooting 40 percent (9-for-22) in the first half, the Huskies jumped out to an 18-11 first-quarter lead then held Melba at bay.

Marsing nailed five three-pointers in the first 16 minutes. LeAnn Garcia and Elsaa Margarito dropped in two apiece.

Garcia had eight points and five rebounds, including four boards on Melba's end. The Mustangs struggled from the field, connecting on just 18 of 64 shots (28 percent).

Farrens grabbed 10 of her game-high 13



Marsing High School's Emma Heitz heads toward the basket against Melba on Thursday night. Photo by Dan Pease

rebounds on the Mustangs' glass.

Grant scored 12 points and led the Huskies with four steals.

Marsing scored 19 points off turnovers and

led by as many as 11 points.

Julia Reeves paced Melba with 10 points, while teammate Emma Clark had 11 boards and eight points.

✓ Wrestling: Homedale among teams scheduled

From Page 1B

Plymouth, Melba and Garden Valley are scheduled to six wrestlers for Saturday's tournament at the MHS gymnasium.

The action in the six-man pods begins at 10 a.m.

The Huskies didn't participate in last weekend's Weiser Invitational as originally planned.

Fourth-year coach Jon Nelson said the Marsing roster was depleted by injuries, illness and the fact that two wrestlers were taking the SAT on Saturday.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Alex Grant, fr., girls' basketball

The Play — Grant averaged 12 points per game as the Huskies split their first two district tournament games. She was 6-for-8 from the free-throw line and had six assists and four steals in Thursday's 53-46 win at Melba that put Marsing in the semifinals. She scored another 12 points in Saturday's 57-49 loss to top-seeded Cole Valley Christian.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament

If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 11, third-place game vs. TBA, Vallivue H.S., 6 p.m.
If win Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 13 vs. District 4 champ, Mountain Home H.S., 3 p.m.

Junior varsity
Season complete

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 12, home for Husky pod tournament, 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13 at 2A WIC Tournament, TBA
Monday, Feb. 15 at 2A WIC Tournament, TBA

Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13 at 2A WIC Tournament, TBA
Monday, Feb. 15 at 2A WIC Tournament, TBA

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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense
The Show Ring Judge



The judge stood in the show ring as the yearlin’ bulls arrived.
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A thousand purebred standoffs and a million county fairs
And despite his regal bearing, he didn’t put on airs.

Oh, maybe just a little but nobody seemed to mind,
The purple robe and scepter made the show look more refined.
He stood straight with self-assurance and whispered to his aide
As the bulls marched in a circle, years of breeding on parade.

It took him near an hour to arrange and classify
But he finally stood triumphant to explain his reasons why,
“I’ve judged these shows for forty years. The cycles come and they go.
They either get smaller or larger and I just roll with the flow.

I sort ’em according to tallness. Their height from withers to claw.
I line’m up in that order, accounting for blemish or flaw,
Then I pick the size that’s pop’lar and give that bull the high sign
And anything taller gets shuffled back to the end of the line!

It’s a method that I’ve adopted that has set my mind at ease
And though it’s often successful, not every purebred man agrees.
So, I allow for some dissention but like any Boy Scout
I always prepare for disaster ... by knowin’ the quickest way out!”

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Preserving access to government



Transparency and open access are two of the cornerstones of a democracy, and yet it seems constant diligence is necessary to ensure both concepts.

Although waiting a sufficient amount of time before searching for a successor is respectful, the Homedale City Council should begin the process of filling the position that opened with the death of Vonnie Harkins.

Today’s meeting marks the second since Harkins’ passing and yet nothing is explicitly included in the agenda regarding starting the process. It’s not unusual for Mayor Gheen Christoffersen or council members to bring something up during their all-too-vague “mayor and council reports” section, but something as important as representation should be specifically itemized in any agenda.

One could assume that no succession talk will happen tonight, but one could also surmise that at least one former council member could be interested in the job. Former councilman Tim Downing sat quietly in the audience for the Jan. 28 meeting.

It is incumbent upon Christoffersen and the council members that the appointment of the next city councilperson be as open as possible. Jerry Anderson’s appointment to

the board after Kim Murray’s resignation wasn’t necessarily carried out in broad daylight, but at least Anderson had been in citizens’ minds after his unsuccessful run to unseat either Aaron Tines or Steve Atkins in November.

Still, Anderson’s appointment came without an open call for anyone interested in the position.

Perhaps Homedale should take a page from the Marsing Fire District’s playbook. After Jim Bower failed to file notice he would seek re-election, MFD ran a legal notice announcing a vacancy and seeking interested parties. Granted, Bower did eventually send a letter of interest and the district board did wait a couple months to actual announce the vacancy, but at least the commissioners appeared to act above board.

Homedale officials need to do something similar before bringing the council back to full strength.

Call for letters of interest. Then pick a successor from among those who submit.

It’s the open and honest way to do things, and — who knows? — the city could find a bright new star who has fresh ideas and a different outlook.

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Program encourages young leaders to continue roles



Young leaders hold great promise for the future of our country. They are tomorrow’s innovators and problem-solvers, and encouraging them to become engaged citizens can bring lasting solutions to our nation’s most complicated issues. The U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) is once again providing an opportunity for Idaho students to develop their leadership skills.

The U.S. Senate established the USSYP 54 years ago. The program’s creators recognized the future leadership potential of students elected to student body offices in high schools across the U.S. and that they should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country’s political process. The program is meant to increase an understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, the responsibilities of federal officials and the importance of decision-making.

Through the program, 104 delegates (two representing each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity) are selected via a competitive process to travel to Washington, D.C., to learn about our federal government and leadership. Since the program’s establishment, Idaho has been designating two delegates per year to participate. I had the honor of joining fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch in announcing the two Idaho students selected as this year’s Idaho delegates to the 54th annual USSYP that will be held March 5-12, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

This year, Ashlynn Hall of Twin Falls and Mark Jerome of Boise were chosen from students across Idaho to be part of the student delegation who will attend the program’s annual Washington Week. Ashlynn Hall attends Canyon Ridge High School where she is the student body publicist and is involved in show choir, Business Professionals of America and the National Honor Society. She is also a recipient of the Bronze Congressional Award and currently serves as Magic Valley’s Distinguished Young Woman. Upon graduation, Ashlynn plans to attend Brigham Young University where she will study communication disorders and, later, plans to pursue an advanced degree in occupational therapy.

Mark Jerome attends Borah High School where he is Student Body President, a member of the National Honor Society and participant on both the football and basketball teams. Additionally, Mark has been awarded the Borah Senator’s Choice Award, was recognized as sophomore of the year and has received All-Southern Idaho Conference Academic Honors on numerous occasions. In 2015, Mark was the Gem Boys State Governor. Upon graduation, he plans to attend college and major in business and minor in political science, focusing on a career in the business field.

During their week in the nation’s capital, Ashlynn and Mark will have the opportunity to attend meetings and briefings with senators and congressional staff, the President, a Supreme Court justice, leaders of cabinet agencies, an Ambassador to the United States and top members of the national media. They will also tour many of the national monuments and several museums renowned to the District. The USSYP also provides each delegate with an undergraduate college scholarship. No government funds are utilized for the program.

Two alternate delegates have also been selected. They are Olivia Ott, of Ketchum, who attends Community School, and Jonathan Pulsipher, of Rexburg, who attends Madison Senior High School.

Idaho is brimming with promising young leaders, and this program provides one of many opportunities that enhance interest in public service among future leaders. I congratulate this year’s delegates on their selection and commend Idaho’s youth working toward a sound future for our communities, state and nation.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. He will attend the Owyhee County Republicans’ Lincoln Day luncheon next Wednesday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., in Marsing.

Commentary

Financial management
Teach son about money, but remember he’s a kid, too

Dear Dave,
I’ve started my four-year-old on an allowance structure and a chore chart. I also have a mini-envelope system with spending and saving set up, but I’m having trouble helping him distinguish between the two. How can I solve this?
— Monica

Dear Monica,
At that age, any type of saving is going to be more of a glorified, long-term spending plan. The point is to teach them to delay gratification when you’re first starting out. And when you’re only four, two weeks is long term.
The contents of the spending envelope should be kind of spontaneous. Let him take it on trips to the store, and if he wants

a pack of gum or whatever, he can get it. The saving envelope, though, stays at home. Then, as he grows and his mind and reasoning develops a little more, you can really start teaching him about long-term goals and how to get there — including giving.
Don’t try to force a four-year-old to think five or 10 years into the future. We’re just trying to teach lessons here, and it doesn’t have to be done perfectly. Just be intentional, and try to find teachable moments as you go along!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I’ve been following your plan, and I’ve finally gotten out of debt and feel I have control of my finances. I’m also single, and



I was wondering if you have any tips for how to gracefully mention financial topics and budgeting when you’re on a date.
— Paula

Dear Paula,
Well, I don’t recommend bringing it up on a first date. If I’m a guy on the initial date with a girl and the first thing out of her mouth is about finances and handling money, that’s going to be pretty strange.
Now, if the first date turns into another and another and another, then you might start talking about the deeper things in life and where you both stand. As you start talking about more serious subjects, you’ll begin to learn if there’s enough of a basis for a real relationship.
But the first date is just sort of an introduction, right? You’re both seeing if there’s any initial, mutual compatibility. Asking someone how much they make, or where they are on their debt snowball in

this scenario is officially weird — even by *my* standards. In other words, use manners and tact. Those may be old-fashioned words these days, but in most cases they work well.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business as well as the CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets. Dave’s latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government
Momentum builds to restore oversight set forth in Article I

by Robert Romano
On Feb. 3 on Capitol Hill, Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) spearheaded a new effort in conjunction with Hillsdale College and several lawmakers dubbed the Article I Project.
The well-intentioned, well-timed project by Lee, who has long urged for the restoration of the constitutional separation of powers, comes in an era when \$2.6 trillion out of the \$3.9 trillion federal budget is spent automatically by agencies on so-called “mandatory” spending without any real vote in Congress.
The project comes at a time when Congress has long since delegated much of its law-making powers to unelected, unaccountable agencies that produce hundreds of thousands of pages of rules nobody understands.
And it comes at a time when President Barack Obama issues arbitrary executive actions at whim and whose pen and phone are now legendary.
In other words, restoring Congress’ Article I power of the purse is exactly what the doctor ordered to fix what ails Washington, D.C., which is an out-of-control executive branch and its many agencies that have grown far beyond what the Framers of the Constitution intended or ever envisioned in 1787.
Lee is definitely on to something.
That is why Lee and other lawmakers should consider

supporting legislation offered by U.S. Rep. Ken Buck (R-Colo.). The “Consolidated Appropriations Amendments of 2016” seeks to begin the process of restoring Congress’ rightful, constitutional powers by defunding specific executive overreaches by the Obama administration.
The bill includes policy riders that have already passed House appropriations committees and that have passed the House of Representatives on the floor, such as an amendment that would stop a Department of Housing and Urban Development rule to rezone any city or county that accepts any part of the \$3.3 billion of annual community development block grants.
These numerous provisions were unfortunately left on the table during the omnibus negotiations, but they represent policies that have already been vetted by House leadership. They have already been through the process.
The legislation would also put a ban on any midnight regulations by the Obama administration.
In short, Buck’s Article I supplemental provides a real pathway to actually accomplishing something this year to bring a halt to the Obama agenda for the last 11 months of his presidency.
As Buck told Americans for Limited Government in a statement, “Article I is not a brand, a motto, or a Facebook graphic. It’s a constitutional principle. We must rein in the

executive branch right now with legislative initiatives in the House and Senate.”
Buck continued, “The Article I Consolidated Appropriations Amendments Act includes several provisions to rein in overreach on environmental, labor, and other issues. Passing 12 appropriations bills instead of one omnibus will leverage the congressional power of the purse. And placing a sunset on all federal programs gives Congress the chance to assess whether programs really serve their purpose and the American public.”
The legislation has already gained real momentum in the House of Representatives, with cosponsors as diverse as conservative stalwart U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) and House Rules Committee Chairman U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions (R-Texas), indicating that Article I is something that can bring Congressional Republicans together.
Also backing the bill are Reps. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.), Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), Glenn Grothman (R-Wis.), Barry Loudermilk (R-Ga.), Matt Salmon (R-Ariz.), Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.) and Scott DesJarlais (R-Tenn.).
With mounting support, the bill would be a great way to usher the Article I Project into the U.S. Senate. The Buck bill and Lee would be perfect together.
— Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Access: Public records could be restricted

From Page 6B
While Homedale has the perfect opportunity to embrace a new voice, it seems the Secretary of State’s office is trying to make it more difficult for media outlets to contact those folks who decide to run for office.
House Bill 388, which has been referred to the State Affairs committee, would broaden exemptions to public records.
Among the new exemptions floated by the Secretary of State’s office is a provision that would make it difficult to obtain cellphone numbers and email addresses for candidates seeking elected office. For the most part, this wouldn’t be much of a problem. After all, if a person is running for office, chances are he or she is going to want to be accessible — especially to the media.
But, there is precedence in Owyhee County in which a candidate was unwilling to deal with the local newspaper, so it’s not too much of a stretch that another candidate

— here or elsewhere — might want to come along and run a stealth campaign that avoids media exposure (favorable or otherwise).
There doesn’t appear to be any broad reason to exempt candidates’ cellphone numbers and email addresses from public disclosure. Responsible journalists will use the information prudently.
The scope of the bill should be narrowed to address whatever perceived issue there is.
In light of the fact that most folks today only have cellphones, the bill would cut off an important avenue in vetting candidates.
It’s puzzling that the bill singles out electronic and cellular communication only.
H. 388 has been printed and referred to the House State Affairs Committee, but it’s best that the bill get no further traction in the 2016 Legislature until the impact on public records access can be ascertained.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 13, 1991

Three posse members presented 20-year buckles

Three members of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse were presented silver buckles in recognition of 20 years of service.

The presentation was made by Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton during the organization’s annual banquet last Saturday night. The banquet was held at the Marsing American Legion Hall.

The trio included Joe VanWassenhove and Challen Watson of Marsing, and Fred Jayo of Grand View.

Also during the banquet, the president’s position passed from Fred Jayo to Bruce Sibert of Homedale.

Approximately 75 people attended the banquet.

Resolution passed supporting troops

Owyhee County Commissioners Dick Bass of Reynolds Creek, Chester Sellman of Bruneau and George Hyer of rural Homedale have passed a resolution expressing strong support for the military men and women serving America in the Persian Gulf war.

On a motion by Hyer that was seconded by Sellman, the commissioners recently adopted Resolution No. 91-01 declaring their joint support for the troops, including the men and women of Owyhee County serving in the Armed Forces.

It states: “We, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 American servicemen and women risking their lives in defending the interests and principles of the United States of America: and

WHEREAS, all citizens of the State of Idaho should take great pride in the manner in which our troops are representing the United States of America;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, that the Owyhee County Commissioners support the troops in the Persian Gulf, the President of the United States, the men and women of Owyhee County serving in the Armed Forces.”

Drive begins for city park flag

A drive is getting underway to erect a lighted flagpole in Homedale City Park so that the Stars and Stripes can be flown 24 hours a day in honor of United States military personnel taking part in the Persian Gulf war.

Ray Hicks, operator of the Sunset Village Mobile Home Park in Homedale, revealed Monday that he has been contacting city officials about the project. Hicks said he has already been in touch with U.S. Senator Steve Symms in Washington, D.C. to request that an American flag be flown over the U.S. Capitol that can then be flown here in honor of local men and women participating in Operation Desert Storm.

Two vocalists chosen for musical program

Two seniors at Homedale High School, Janet Brown and Christie Combs, are taking part in a prestigious All-Northwest musical seminar and concert program in Seattle this week.

Brown was selected for the All-Northwest Jazz Choir from auditioning students in six states — Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Combs was selected for the All-Northwest Girls Chorus from auditioners in the same six-state region.

Trojans win over Payette, Parma; now entering districts

The Homedale Trojans wrapped up their regular season with rousing wins over Payette and Parma before entering the A-3 Western Idaho Conference district tournament in Fruitland this week.

Going into the tournament, Varsity Coach Bobby Young said yesterday that the Trojans have won three big ones in a row, “and that definitely has to be a confidence-builder.” One of those three wins was last week’s 108-96 fly-away over Payette, which Young pointed out proudly “is the most points any Idaho team has scored this year in a single game.” And that’s not just among A-3 teams, but among all Idaho high school teams.

50 years ago

February 10, 1966

Drill team is organized at high school

Twenty high school girls were chosen as members of the newly-organized drill team during tryouts held recently at Homedale High School.

Practice sessions have been held at the school with Mrs. Deward Bell in charge of the group. They plan to make their first public appearance, Feb. 19 at the basketball game here with Notus.

Outfits that the members will wear will be white semi-fitted drop waist dresses. The skirts will be pleated with red insets. A tie will come from the shoulder seams and tie in a square knot. The girls will also wear red leotards and white gloves.

The following girls will make up the drill team: Joyce Galemore, Pam Gerdes, Allene DeVore, Karen Kushlan, Marsha Richards, Becky Carter, Debbie Kushlan, Marilyn Curtis, Joan Proctor, Jodene Reimer, Gail Phillips, Marilyn Cegnar, Kathi Phelps, Eloise Van Slyke, Claire Jemmett, JoAnn Bell, Sherry Kushlan, Janice Richards, Pam Vanderhoff and Sheryl Bell, drill mistress.

Nevadans to produce Owyhee County Rodeo

The Prunty Brothers of the Diamond Day ranch of Elko, Nev., were hired as producers for this year’s Owyhee County Rodeo, at the rodeo association’s meeting Monday evening a Bicandi’s cafe, Robert Basey, president, announced.

The rodeo will again be a 4-day event, scheduled for Aug. 17-20.

The Prunty Bros. will feature some of the best horses in the West and will also present the famous palomino silver halter bucking horses. A bull named Moby Dick will also be brought to the rodeo. He has only been ridden twice in 180 tries.

This year’s rodeo promises to be the best rodeo ever held at the Owyhee County Fair. The board feels very fortunate in obtaining someone of this caliber in Homedale, Basey declared.

Announcer will be Kenny Troutt. Another special feature will be a number of bucking Shetland ponies for junior contestants.

Frosty Palace to re-open Feb. 14

The Homedale Frosty Palace will re-open at 10 a.m., Monday morning, Feb. 14, according to Dub Simpson, owner. The Frosty Palace in Kuna, opened Monday of last week, under the new management of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Trautman, former Homedale residents.

City Council sets budget Monday evening

The regular monthly meeting of the Homedale City Council was held Monday evening, Feb. 7, at City Hall.

Bills totaling \$3,190.72 were approved and paid, according to City Clerk Kenneth Downing.

The Council set the 1966 budget. Total for the general fund will be \$67,800; Fire fund \$2,481.45; Bond fund \$2,600; Recreation fund \$2,800; and Sewer fund \$13,000.

The Council also held a discussion on a proposed ordinance controlling coin-operated gas pumps. City Attorney Richard Eismann will prepare this ordinance.

Knights of Columbus meet at Marsing

The Knights of Columbus held their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 3, at the American Legion hall in Marsing, with 20 members present, according to Paul Zatica.

Eddie Hoff, district state deputy, was featured speaker. Also present was Grand Knight, Joe Ineck of Caldwell.

The men enjoyed playing cards after the meeting. Refreshments were served by Justo Yzaguirre of Marsing.

The next meeting of the Knights will be held in Marsing, until a suitable room for a meeting place in Homedale is obtained.

140 years ago

February 12, 1876

THE ALMOST incredible statement is made that no less than seventeen hundred men and women in the United States, at the present time, professionally practice what are termed the arts of astrology as a means of livelihood, and it is further estimated that their dupes may be numbered by millions.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION – Under the direction of Professor Butler, the pupils of the Silver City School will give an exhibition to-morrow (Saturday) evening in Champion Hall. Admission, 50 cents; reserved seats, 75 cents. The hall will be decorated with specimens of the pupils’ penmanship, mapping, drawing, painting in water colors and crayons. The programme for the occasion is a splendid one and embraces songs, readings, recitations, dialogues, etc. It will be a very interesting entertainment, well worthy of patronage, and we hope to see a crowded house. Give the juveniles a rousing benefit. Programmes will be distributed around town this evening. Reserved seats can be procured at the Hall all day to-morrow.

FALL OF A ROOF – The roof of the shed constituting a part of Regan & Co.’s livery stable, fell about 9 o’clock this morning. Fortunately there were no animals in that part of the building at the time, and no serious loss of life occurred beyond the destruction of an unlucky cat which happened to be adjourning there at the time. The fall occurred from the weight of snow on the roof breaking the cross-piece.

FROM THE VALLEY – Frank Corbell returned, yesterday, from a trip to Sinker Creek. At a distance of five miles from Fairview, where the snow is from ten to forty feet deep, he found mild weather and no snow. There are large herds of stock there and the animals generally are looking very thin. Venison is abundant and as soon as the storm clears some of it will be forwarded to town.

CONDITION OF STOCK – Mr. Sommercamp, who returned recently from the Snake River Valley, reports that the stock has been doing well thus far this winter. Cattle are in good condition and doing rather better than they did at this time last year. The last storm has probably been more serious than any of the preceding ones, but if the weather becomes no colder than it has been, the loss of stock this winter will be much less than it was last. Much of the beef that has been brought to town lately is quite tender.

AN ASSESSMENT of fifty cents per share has been levied on the capital stock of the War Eagle Mining Company, delinquent March 11th, day of sale April 3d. The War Eagle is a good mine. Russ Carter is Superintendent and will bring it out all right.

ATTENTION, MALE bipeds! Remember that the ladies have a right this year to take you to a dance, so buy the oysters, treat to the cigars, button your gloves, fasten on your skates, and other little things you have heretofore considered as exclusive privileges of your own.

OWYHEE STOCKS – In San Francisco Stock and Exchange Board yesterday afternoon there were 350 shares of Golden Chariot sold at 1 3/4; 245 War Eagle, 50c; 900 Empire 1/3, 1/2, 3/4; 700 Poorman 50c, 49c.

IT IS a pertinent question, to ask whether we fellows, whose grand daddies “fit” and bled in the revolution, are not going to have our expenses paid to the Centennial? We pause for a reply.

THE COMPANIES on War Eagle Mountain, Idaho, who are largely in debt to the employees for wages, proposed to lease them the mine for a limited period, allowing them the entire product to liquidate their claims – *San Francisco Press*.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES January 4, 11, 19 & 25, 2016 January 4

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$45,258
Road and Bridge \$7,518
District Court \$710
Probation \$836
Historical Society \$9
Junior College \$500
Solid Waste \$5,035
911 \$326
County Vessel \$233
Waterways \$15
Taxing District \$132
Economic Development \$389

Approved a Certificate of Residency to CWI for Desirae Young.

Approved Extension Office part time hire of Janelle Thompson at \$10 per hour beginning 01-04-06.

Approved a lien on Indigent and Charity case 15-35. Denied Indigent and Charity case 15-28.

January 11

Approved Resolution 2016-01; Adjusting the Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Travel in Personal Vehicles, associated with Official County Business, and for Jury Duty Travel to fifty four cents (.54¢) per mile).

Approved Resolution 2016-02: Establishing twelve (12) Voting Precincts in Owyhee County. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland.

Approved R&B#1 hire of Jacob Greiner to begin 1-11-16 at \$15 per hour. Approved YMCA Employee Wellbeing Program Partnership Agreement.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to CWI for J. Medina-Garcia, and to CSI for M. Hinton, A. Purvis, N. Boone and L. Conant.

Appointed Commissioner Aberasturi as Chairman of the Board, District Magistrate, Southwest Dist. Health Dept., Western Alliance and Treasure Valley Partnership Commissioner.

Declared the entire county as a noxious weed extermination are.

Appointed Commissioner Hoagland as Road and Bridge #1 Supervisor.

Appointed Commissioner Merrick as Road and Bridge #3, Solid Waste and Planning and Zoning Supervisor.

Set the Indigent and Charity 2016 burial fee at \$750.00. Designate The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of the county. Denied Indigent and Charity case 15-34. Release Indigent and Charity case 11-12 lien. Approved All Hazards Committee letters. Approved a Parks and Recreation Grant Application.

January 19

Approved a YMCA Employee Wellbeing Program contract. Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$135,253
Road and Bridge 23,550
District Court 2,667
Fair 1,596
Probation 3,969
Health District 4,363
Historical Society & Museum 1,151
Indigent and Charity 248
Revaluation 3,631
Solid Waste 25,107
Tort 3 911 2,616
County Vessel 362
Waterways 1,656
OHV 1,227
Taxing District 320
Economic Development 2,348

Approved a legal representation contract with PerkinsCoie.

Approved a pay raise for R&B #1 employee JC Fuquay.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to NIC for Brian Purtell and Certificates of Residency to CSI for Clayton King, Devina Orndorff, Clarisa Orndorff, Donna Wilson, Madison Burbank,

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT P.O. Box 67, Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2015, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2013, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before May 30, 2016, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/13	Misc Costs
Terry D. Borden	Sec 11 T2N R4W Lot 3	2013	8.54	38.68	36.43
David or Samantha Branin	Sec 32 T3N R4W PT SESE	2013	86.37	47.38	36.43
Sharon Engle	Sec 10 T2N R4W PT SWSW	2012/2013	200.27	51.18	36.43
John Franklin	Sec 28 T3N R4W PT SESE	2008-2013	1544.87	696.04	36.43
Joe & Necia Lootens	Sec 28 T3N R4W PT NWSW	2008-2013	1295.51	560.15	36.43
Scott Jensen	Sec 28 T3N R4W PT NESE	2010-2013	1163.00	498.63	36.43
Jordan & Jennifer Knarr	Sec 16 T3N R4W PT E1/2 NENW	2010-2013	506.46	166.49	36.43
Adan Ponce	Sec 31 T3N R4W PT NESW	2009-2013	664.75	232.23	36.43
Dana Rivera	Sec 32 T3N R4W PT SESE	2011-2013	267.80	62.88	36.43
Brian Thompson	Sec 33 T3N R4W PT SWSE	2012/2013	242.20	69.98	36.43
Three W's No. 1 LLC	Sec 35 T3N R5W PT NWNE	2012/2013	894.53	396.56	36.43
Shaun & Mary Westrand	Sec 24 T3N R5W PT NENW	2013	146.21	25.90	36.43

Dated this 13th day of January, 2016

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Connie Chadez, Treasurer

1/20,27;2/3,10/16

Alexandria Larios, Luis Alvarez, Lewis Rutan, Elsa Margarito and Dana McGee.

Approved purchase of a loader for R&B #1 with 2 annual payments of \$74,607.23. Denied Indigent and Charity case 15-35. Approved a contract with Baker Auction to sell surplus county property on March 5, 2016.

January 25

Reconsidered the January 19, 2016 PerkinsCoie contract decision.

Approved a letter of support regarding the boat dock replacement for the Marsing Island Park Boating Improvement Project.

Designated the polling places for the March 8, 2016 Election.

Approved 2 quotes for the Homedale Police Department relocation of a fence (\$4,142.00) and relocation of the gate opener and controller (\$666.16) to be purchased with BHS grant funds.

Approved and signed the Western States Equipment purchase agreement for a CAT Loader previously approved 1-19-16.

Approved Certificates of Residency to CSI for Samantha Woods and Laila Golrangi, and 1 Certificate of Residency to CWI for Laila Golrangi

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-01.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 16-01.

Approved a letter to Paul Smyth, attorney for PerkinsCoie.

Approved Resolution 2016-03; Ratification of approval and signature by the Board of County Commissioners of a contract for legal services between PerkinsCoie and Owyhee County.

Approved a contract for legal services with PerkinsCoie. The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.
2/10/16

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 TO CREDITORS CASE NO.: CV-2015-0737 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of: ROBERT HENRY LEE JR., aka ROBERT H. LEE, and DOLORES JANE LEE, aka DOLORES J. LEE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative

of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED This 16th day of January, 2016.

/s/ Randall Lee Randall Lee, Personal Representative c/o Richard A. Cummings 960 South Broadway Avenue, Suite 315 P.O. Box 1545 Boise, Idaho 83701 Telephone: (208) 367-0722
1/27;2/3,10/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2016-0819 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **GORDON E. STANFORD**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 6 day of January, 2016.

Winston Gammett c/o Ronald P. Rainey, P.O. Box 26, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-0026
1/27;2/3,10/16

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO AVOID FORFEITURE

A CLAY ATKINS AND JACOBA S ATKINS, PO BOX 276, BRUNEAU ID 83604, have filed an Extension of Time to Avoid Forfeiture for water right 2-10318, with a priority date of 9/3/1964 from the Snake River a tributary of the Columbia River in the amount of 5.55 cfs and 1455.0 af for 291.0 acres. Water right 2-10318 was partially decreed on June 15, 2009. **The extension is requested to avoid**

loss of the water right due to non-use and will eventually be part of a transfer to more accurately reflect how it is used. Water right 2-10318 is appurtenant to 291.0 acres of land located in Township 06S, Range 05E, Section 2 in Owyhee County. For additional information concerning the property location, contact IDWR State Office at (208) 287-4800, or search under <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code §42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the proposed application must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, State Office, 322 E Front St., PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0098 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before **02/22/2016**. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

Gary Spackman, Director
2/3,10/16

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 51-13111

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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 2/22/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
2/3,10/16

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016, AT THE HOUR OF 11:00 o’clock A.M., local time, of said day, at the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, Jonathon D. Hallin, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, together with fixtures, of the following described real property in Owyhee County, Idaho:
This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15 of Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence South 00°04’05” West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on R.O.S. Instrument No. 165969 on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, said point also being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 89°54’51” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 439.88 feet; thence leaving said North boundary and bearing South 24°27’45” West a distance of 165.26 feet; thence South 56°24’01” East a distance of 141.72 feet; thence South 00°03’35” West a distance of 211.27 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Parcel 5; thence North 89°54’51” West along said South boundary a distance of 787.33 feet to the Southwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence traversing the West boundary of said Parcel 5 as follows:
North 10°57’29” West a distance of 254.02 feet;
North 51°42’29” West a distance of 226.70 feet;
North 20°13’29” West a distance of 53.82 feet to the Northwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence South 89°55’08” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 542.88 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Together with a 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement described as follows:
A 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress easement being a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 14,

Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, the centerline of which is more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence South 00°04’05” West along the West boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 309.62 feet to a point on the North boundary of Parcel 5 as shown on Record of Survey Instrument No. 165969, on file in the Office of the Recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89°54’51” East along the North boundary of said Parcel 5 a distance of 1265.77 feet to a point on the centerline of the Old Bruneau Highway; thence South 08°13’59” West along said centerline a distance of 223.80 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said centerline and traversing a curve to the left having a radius of 95.84 feet, a central angle of 37°25’19”, an arc length of 62.60 feet and a long chord which bears South 61°19’15” West a distance of 61.49 feet; thence South 42° 35’ 57” West a distance of 66.89 feet; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 150.26 feet, a central angle of 62° 19’ 14”, an arc length of 163.44 feet and a long chord which bears South 73° 45’ 34” West a distance of 155.50 feet; thence North 75°04’49” West a distance of 185.28 feet; thence North 84°44’08” West a distance of 318.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Commonly known as: 6900 Wild Game Lane, Marsing, Idaho 83639.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust described as follows:
A Deed of Trust to secure an indebtedness of \$232,987.00, and any other amounts as therein provided, payable under the terms, conditions, provisions and stipulations thereof:
Dated: May 8, 2009
Grantor: Joseph Hill and Loretta Hill, husband and wife
Trustee: Title One
Beneficiary: Mountain West Bank
Recorded: May 14, 2009
Instrument No.: 268175

Re-recorded: June 19, 2009
Instrument No.: 268467
THE GRANTORS NAMED HEREIN ARE LISTED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 OF THE IDAHO CODE. No representation is made whether or not they are currently responsible for the obligation listed herein.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is in default for failure of the obligors to pay the monthly payments for September, October, November and December 2015, and January 1, 2016. As of January 11, 2016, the outstanding principal balance owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust was \$203,174.45, plus accrued interest and late charges in the amount of \$5,935.90. Additional interest accrues at the rate of 4.980% per annum or \$26.92806 per day. Grantors must also pay outstanding taxes, interest, penalties, late charges, service charges, appraisal fees, title policy fees, and any other disbursements, costs, fees or expenses incurred or paid by the Beneficiary and/or Trustee associated with this Notice of Default and/or foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust, Promissory Note, or by Idaho law. JONATHON D. HALLIN, Attorney at Law, is successor trustee of said Deed of Trust.
DATED this 1st day of February, 2016.
JONATHON HALLIN, Trustee, 601 E. Front Ave., Suite 502, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83814 (208) 667-0517
2/10,17,24;3/2/16

CANCELLATION STATE OF IDAHO FEB. 17, 2016
PUBLIC AUCTION OF OIL AND GAS LEASES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Director of the Idaho Department of Lands has cancelled the February 17, 2016 auction of oil and gas leases in Cassia, Owyhee, and Twin Falls counties.
On February 4, 2016 a majority of the nominations for the scheduled auction were withdrawn by applicant. The oil and gas leasing rules (IDAPA 20.03.16) do allow applicants of lease tracts to withdraw their nominations up to 7 days before a scheduled lease auction upon notification to IDL.
Contact Dave Schwarz, Minerals Leasing Program Manager if you have questions. daveschwarz@idl.idaho.gov or (208) 334-0260
2/10/16

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Sports



Homedale sophomore Ashley Burks looks to the basket against heavy Parma defense during Thursday's first half at Treasure Valley Community College.

✓Trojans: Senior heats up after missing warm-ups

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to 52, knocking down three treys during the semifinal victory at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

With the score tied at the end of three quarters, the Trojans scored 17 points in the final period to secure the victory.

Second-seeded Homedale (18-4) takes aim at its second district championship in three years at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday against Weiser (11-10), which knocked off No. 1 Emmett, 53-45, in Friday's early semifinal.

The Trojans had to work for their 10th win in 11 tries Friday night even with Lane pouring in 19 points in three quarters. Trojans coach Joe Betancourt said Lane sat out the first quarter because she missed the bus because of work. She didn't arrive until her teammates had already started warming up for the game.

Even with Homedale's careless ball-handling, cold shooting and lack of rebounding, Parma had to scratch and claw to a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Trojans were 2-for-11 from the floor and committed seven turnovers in the first eight minutes.

The miscues had stretched to nine before Lane delivered a three-point wakeup call to the Trojans' student section while throwing a hush across the previously

raucous Parma spectators.

The Trojans' fans continued to roar when senior Makayla Aberasturi hit a pull-up jumper to tie the game, 14-14.

Lane's second trey of the night with 3 minutes, 51 seconds left in the first half squelched another of Parma's turnover-fueled runs. After sophomore Ashley Burks blocked a shot by Parma leading scorer Madison Jackson, Lane downed a pair of free throws to give Homedale at 21-20 lead — its first of the game — with 1:58 remaining.

Burks hit a pair of free throws and converted Aberasturi's fast-break assist for a layup as Homedale mounted a 25-22 halftime lead.

A freshman, Jackson led all scorers with 20 points.

The Panthers won a tightly contested third quarter to tie the game, 32-32, but Homedale limited Parma to nine points in final eight minutes.

The Panthers were hampered by poor shooting even during the first quarter. Parma converted 11 of 56 shots 19.6 percent, while Homedale hit 14 of their last 38 field-goal attempts to finish 16-for-49 (32.7 percent)

Burks, Aberasturi and Tristan Corta scored six points apiece for the Trojans. Senior Gardenia Machuca came away with eight points.

Marsing boys look forward after winning streak ends

A week after its winning streak came to an end, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team focuses on its chances for the No. 3 postseason seed.

Nampa Christian halted the Huskies' three-game 2A Western Idaho Conference winnings streak with 50-37 victory last Wednesday during Marsing's Senior Night.

Tonight, the Huskies (6-13 overall, 5-5 in conference) will try to secure a piece of third place with a win over Cole Valley Christian (7-11, 6-4).

The Chargers downed Marsing, 36-34, on Jan. 15. The Huskies can secure the No. 3 seed in the 2A District III Tournament with a victory over Cole Valley tonight in Meridian and a win over unbeaten conference leader Melba on Friday, or with a win over Cole Valley tonight and a Cole Valley loss to Nampa Christian on Friday.

The Huskies fell into this situation after last week's loss to the second-place Trojans (12-7, 7-3).

Nampa Christian connected on seven three-point goals in the game while the Huskies suffered a cold night from the floor.

"We struggled shooting and did not control the game like we had hoped," MHS coach Tim Little said. "Offensively we were tight and rushed shots. Defensively we lost focus of the game plan and failed to defend some specific things that we practiced last week."

Dakota Hardy scored 10 points for Marsing, which stayed within five points until Nampa Christian began to pull away in the second half. Nick Lankow collected nine rebounds for the Huskies.

Jose Munoz added seven points, and Rodrigo Acuna led the team with four steals and



Marsing High School senior guard Rodrigo Acuña looks to dish the ball after splitting Nampa Christian defenders on Senior Night in the Huskies' gymnasium. Photo by Dan Pease

three assists.

"The large crowd and pressure of the game may of had an impact with our execution on both ends," Little said.

Peyton Brothers and Joshua

deJong drained three treys apiece for the Trojans.

Brothers scored 12 of his game-high 17 points in the second half, and deJong finished with 11 points.

Rimrock girls' season concludes

Rimrock High School's girls' basketball season came to an end Saturday in Nampa.

The sixth-seeded Raiders lost, 46-34, to No. 7 Ambrose in a 1A, Div. I District III Tournament elimination game at Columbia High School.

Rimrock (11-10 overall) ended the season on a three-game losing streak, including a 45-17 loss at third-seeded Horseshoe Bend in the opening round of the district tournament.

Thursday: Horseshoe Bend 45, Rimrock 17 — The Raiders trailed by 27 points at halftime, 32-5, after getting shut out in the final eight minutes of the opening half.

Rimrock's defense rallied in the second half, but the deficit was too much to overcome.

Kyla Mills scored led Rimrock with seven points and seven rebounds, while Valeria Lino had three steals.

Katie Renfro scored 13 of her game-high 19 points in the Wildcats' 17-point first quarter. Alexis Quijas hit a three-pointer as part of her nine points.

Jan. 29: Horseshoe Bend 34, Rimrock 28 — Just as the Raiders opened the district tournament with a loss on the Wildcats' floor, coach Bobby Jean Colyer's squad ended the 1A Western Idaho Conference season with a setback in Horseshoe Bend.

Renfro scored five of her nine points in the fourth quarter as the Wildcats broke open a game that had hovered with a two- or three-point margin at every break.

Annie Mills and SaKota Hall

were the only players to score as Rimrock managed just four points in the fourth quarter. Horseshoe Bend rode a 13-4 streak to the final buzzer.

Quijas led the Wildcats with 13 points and six rebounds, and Renfro came away with six steals.

Mills had a team-high seven rebounds and shared the team scoring lead with Bailey Jewett. Both put in seven points.

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