

# The Owyhee Avalanche

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### Ranchers wrap up winter meeting

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Daniel Richards gavels closed the organization's winter meeting Saturday at the Oreana Community Hall. For more on the convention, see **Page 8A**

## Marsing council might dissolve P&Z

The City of Marsing might follow in the footsteps of Homedale and dispose of its Planning and Zoning Commission.

During last Wednesday's city council meeting, Mayor James Ferdinand floated the idea of transitioning the duties of the P&Z commission to the council.

His reasoning was similar to

those that led to the disbanding of Homedale's commission.

He said having a quorum at P&Z meetings has been an issue for years, and that is only one of the problems.

"We have also noticed that simple applications are taking a

— See **Marsing**, page 5A

## SBOC boss to resign

After a little more than a year on the job, Clancy Flynn is leaving the South Board of Control managerial post.

The 36-year-old wants people to know that the reasons behind his departure are completely personal.

"It honestly and truly has nothing to do with anything job-related,"



Clancy Flynn

said. "I've been 100 percent satisfied with my crew, 100 percent satisfied with the board of directors that I've worked under, and I've been satisfied with the results we started to achieve."

He is disappointed that he won't be able

— See **SBOC**, page 5A

## End of an era: Paul's Markets to be sold

Albertsons will rebrand four stores, including Homedale

After six decades of local ownership, Paul's Market will join the Albertsons chain later this year.

Paul's Market co-owners Stan and Steve Zatica and Albertsons Companies announced the sale agreement Monday afternoon.

Jordan Valley native Paul Zatica started what would become the Paul's Market chain as Paul's Groceteria in December 1955 in downtown Homedale.

The chain grew to nine stores at one point.

"From the day that our family

opened the first Paul's Market store in 1955, we have been a proud Treasure Valley grocer, and we know that the folks at Albertsons share our values and commitment to providing the best to our communities," the Zatica brothers said in a press release Monday.

"We sincerely thank our communities for 60 years of shopping with us, and we look forward to watching how these stores evolve to serve their customers for the future."

Paul's Market stores in Homedale, Kuna, Boise and McCall will be rebranded as Albertsons.

Paul's Market also announced plans to close stores in Caldwell, Mountain Home and Nampa. Albertsons will

acquire those properties as part of the transaction, which is expected to close in April.

"Over its many years operating retail food stores in the region, Paul's Market has developed an outstanding reputation for quality, selection and service," Albertsons Intermountain Division President Brad Street said.

"We are excited to have the chance to add experienced retail employees to our ranks, as well as the opportunity to build on that foundation and earn the trust of Paul's Market loyal customer base."

Albertsons Intermountain Division operates 84 stores in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota and Nevada.



The Paul's Groceteria grand opening ad, which was the genesis for the Paul's Market chain, appeared in *The Owyhee Chronicle* on Dec. 10, 1955.



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Three Marsing restaurant sites within two blocks of one another — including Caba’s Restaurant and Lounge — have been on the market. The Spot sold earlier this month, but Caba’s and The Sandbar remain available.

# Marsing restaurant site sold

## Caba’s, Sandbar still on market

After closing its doors last summer, the former site of The Spot pizza in Marsing could soon reopen.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Luke Burbank said a new owner purchased the building during the first week of

February.

Burbank did not know who bought the building but thinks the menu could be similar to what patrons of The Spot will remember.

“A potential pizza/bar family joint, almost like a sports bar, will be going in there,” Burbank said.

The Spot opened in 2008 under the management of Cindy

Howarth, and was later owned by Steve and Susan Watson.

Meanwhile, two other Marsing restaurants are still on the market. The Sandbar has been closed for about a year, and Caba’s Lounge and Restaurant went up for sale in January.

All three restaurant locations are situated within the first few blocks of Main Street east of the Snake River.

— SC

# Marsing Sr. Center eyes move to Sandbar Restaurant location

## Board floats plan of restaurant, caregiving to keep center going

The Sandbar restaurant in Marsing could be back in business if a new plan by operators of the Marsing Senior Center goes through.

Senior center board vice-chair Pete Smit spoke about the plan at last Wednesday’s Marsing City Council meeting. He said the center has been losing money for years and if it wasn’t for donations and grants, it would be closed.

The idea is to apply for two grants to purchase The Sandbar, which closed 11 months ago. The building has been on the market, and the adjacent The Spot Pizza building, owned by the same person, recently sold.

The senior center board’s plan would also involve selling the current senior center building at 218 Main St., and a couple of homes behind it that were purchased with the original intent of expanding the parking area.

One of the grants would be for \$150,000 from the Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant. A public hearing on the grant application will be held at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, March 2 at Marsing

*“Part of being young is not saying you’re a senior citizen. Our intention is to leave it the name Sandbar, and the senior center will own it. But it will be called The Sandbar.”*

— Pete Smit

Marsing Senior Center board vice-chair



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The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners was scheduled to consider a letter of support for the grant application during Tuesday’s meeting in Murphy.

No results of the meeting were available at press time.

There are few details available on the second grant, which would come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

The asking price for The Sandbar is roughly \$274,000.

If the purchase is made, the business would still be called The Sandbar.

“The name itself, senior center, there’s a stigma about it,” Smit said. “Part of being young is not saying you’re a senior citizen. Our intention is to leave it the name Sandbar, and the senior center will own it. But it will be called The Sandbar.”

It would be operated as a typical restaurant serving breakfast and lunch Tuesday through Saturday.

Smit thinks the business would be similar to The Orchard House in the Sunnyslope area.

The incremental dwindling of state and federal support has led

to this strategy, Smit said.

“We had to come up with additional sources of income because we can’t rely on donations,” he said. “We feel we can make some money out of that.”

Another part of the plan to bring in more funds for the center would be launching “Riverhouse Care,” a home health care service.

The service would extend from the Snake River to Murphy in Owyhee County, and would accept payments from Medicaid, or private money on a sliding scale.

“Our goal is keeping seniors in their homes, and helping them so they can stay there longer,” Smit said.

He added that the service could create some new employment opportunities in Marsing.

“We hope to have 20 or so new jobs, that would be our goal for all this caregiving and services,” Smit said.

He also said the new business model will not jeopardize the center’s non-profit status.

“We’ve already cleared it through the state, and honestly this is the way of centers all across the U.S. because they just have to do something different,” Smit said.

“Federal funding is decreasing, whether we like it or not. We have to look for other sources to support the center because it can’t stand on its own.” — SC

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A mockup of what six new signs to be posted around the Homedale Highway District will look like.

## Commissioners OK boundary-marking plan

People driving into the Homedale Highway District will soon see new signs indicating where the district's boundaries begin and end.

Director of Highways Stewart Constantine asked commissioners to approve the purchase of six signs during the board's meeting last Wednesday.

He wrote in an email that he wanted to buy the metal signs to inform the public when they change from one jurisdiction to another.

The signs will read "Entering Homedale Hwy Dist".

"They would be 18 inches in height, and 24 inches in width," Constantine said. "Cost would be \$26.50 for one, or \$22.87 (each

for five or more."

He said he already has the posts and hardware for the signs.

The signs will be located at:

- River Road and Sipes Road
- Hill Road entering Idaho from Oregon
- South Jump Creek Road and Burman Road
- South Hogg Road and Burman Road
- East Thompson Road at the district line
- East Market Road at the district line

Commissioner Scott Salutregui made the motion to purchase the new signs. The motion was seconded by commissioner Joel Wilson and then approved.

— SC

## Homedale seeks council hopefuls

### Letters of interest accepted until Friday

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen shed some light on the search for a new Homedale City Council member.

The first-term mayor addressed The Owyhee Avalanche's calls for a public process in the search for a successor to the late Vonnie Harkins during his mayoral report at last Wednesday's city council meeting.

The comments, which weren't specifically on the agenda, were the first public comments on the process anyone had made.

"We just didn't lose a councilmember, we lost a friend, and we have to give it a little bit of time to let people decide if they want to try to run," Christoffersen said.

He pointed out that two people interested in serving called the day of the Avalanche's editorial and questioned why anyone would want an elected position when "you get muddled through the paper all the time."

"You can stand assured with me that I'm going to follow the law. I'm going to follow the open meeting laws. I'm going to be ethical on everything I'm going to do," Christoffersen said.

Avalanche managing editor Jon Brown stated the editorial didn't



The public works crew placed this sign Thursday after Mayor Gheen Christoffersen addressed the city council search.

imply any unethical or illegal undertakings and simply addressed the lack of public solicitation for prospective candidates.

"I read through the laws and what I needed to do on it. I didn't need to do that, so it didn't even cross my mind," Christoffersen said.

"That's not something that I have to do, so it didn't cross my mind to do that. We're a very small community. People know we have an opening for the most part, but maybe we should throw

something in the paper and put it out there."

Three possible candidates — former councilmen Tim Downing and Dave Downum and one-time mayoral candidate Samuel Page — were in the gallery for last Wednesday's meeting. Christoffersen said he was scheduled to meet with a woman interested in the position the day after the council meeting, but he didn't identify the candidate.

The morning after the meeting the city maintenance crew was instructed to put up a sign inviting people to submit letters of interest to City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. The deadline to submit letters is Friday. For more information, call City Hall at 337-4641.

To be eligible to serve on the council, a person must:

- Be a U.S. citizen and registered voter who is at least 18 years old
- Have a primary residence in the city limits and be a city resident for at least 30 days prior to appointment

Councilmembers must continue to meet the eligibility qualifications throughout their term of office.

"We want to give people the opportunity to come forth and say if they want to serve the city," Christoffersen said.

"We will be making a decision in a couple weeks or a couple meetings."

— JPB

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# County Democrats announce caucus plans

The Owyhee County Democratic Party is making plans for next month's presidential caucus. The caucus will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 in the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office conference room, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing.

County Democrats chair Pam Roylance said Democrats and independent voters will have the opportunity to cast ballots for a presidential candidate and

select two delegates to represent Owyhee County at the state Democratic Convention in June. Roylance said because state Democrats have chosen a caucus over a presidential primary, next month's event will be the only opportunity vote for a presidential candidate prior to November's general election.

More details will be announced later, she said.

For more information, call Roylance at 250-2458.

# Lincoln Day luncheon launches county GOP primary season

## U.S. senators expected today at Marsing event

District 23 House of Representatives incumbents Rich Wills and Pete Nielsen most likely will meet their Republican primary opponents face-to-face today in Marsing.

The county Republican Party's biennial Lincoln Day luncheon takes place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N. It'll start with an 11:30 a.m. meet-and-greet followed by the luncheon at noon.

State chair Steve Yates will serve as guest speaker.

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

Wills' opponent for Seat A — Christy Zito — and the woman challenging Nielsen for Seat B — Megan Blanksma — attended Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana. Both women live in Hammett.



Mike Crapo

County GOP Central Committee 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. Crapo and U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador face re-election this year.

All candidates for county office and GOP committee positions will

be introduced. The GOP primary is set for May 17 this year.

The luncheon will conclude with an auction.

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).

District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson also faces an election year.

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



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# MSD board to meet Thursday

The Marsing School District board of trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The meeting takes place at the boardroom inside the school district office on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

Patron Jeff Wasson is scheduled to address the board about the high school girls' basketball program.

The school board usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, but the February meeting

was rescheduled because of an anticipated lack of a quorum.

Several regular departmental and administrative reports as well as acceptance of three grants for classroom and school library use will be considered.

The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported last week that the meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11.

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**Seniors** — Lingle, Amanda, 4.0 grade-point average; Pearson, Hailey, 4.0; and Mills, Analeise, 3.78

**Juniors** — Pearson, Taylor, 3.88

**Freshmen** — Draper, Ray, 4.0; Marvin, Todd, 3.86; and Espinoza, McKinlee, 3.8

**Eighth-graders** — Bearden, Elizabeth, 4.0; Draper, D-O, 4.0; and Field, Hannah, 4.0

**Seventh-graders** — Draper, Mattie, 4.0; Jewett, Samantha, 4.0; Juarez, Yesenia, , 4.0; and Jenkins, Laney, 3.86

**Sixth-graders** — Buckingham,

Rya, 3.86; Field, Logan, 3.86; Gomez, Fabiola, 3.86; and Stachowicz, Aleksia, 3.86

**Honors**

**Seniors** — Briseno, Jose Santos, 3.43; Hall, SaKota, 3.43; Hurtado, Michael, 3.43; Shaver, Darcia, 3.43; Erwin, Travis, 3.33; Glaspie, Josh, 3.29; Bennett, Nicholas, 3.25; Jones, Joey, 3.17; and Rathsack, Mathew, 3.14

**Juniors** — Jewettt, Bailie, 3.43; Ayala, Anallely, 3.33; and Herrera, Rose, 3.0

**Sophomores** — Bazan, Carmela, 3.43; Swanson, Sierra, 3.33; and Rutan, Lewis, 3.0

**Freshmen** — Ayala, Victoria E., 3.43; Hall, Allison, 3.33; Garcia, Cristian, 3.29; Lowe, Tyrel, 3.14; Allison, Dalton, 3.0; and Gomez, Martin, 3.0

**Eighth-graders** — Jones, Mirissa, 3.47; Ward, Shelbi, 3.43; Meyers, Kevin, 3.33; Burbank, Ian, 3.3; Flores, Erick, 3.09; and Rutan, Riatta, 3.0

**Seventh-graders** — Alcantar, Jorge, 3.43; Macmillan, Madison, 3.43; Meyers, Abigail, 3.33; Carothers, Braxton, 3.25; and Lindquist, Justin, 3.14

**Sixth-graders** — Crocker Nichols, Trayton, 3.43; Pearson, Reagan, 3.29; and Erwin, Mitchell, 3.17

# Concert to help El-Ada food bank

Some Owyhee area talent will be on display later this month in a musical concert in Homedale.

El-Ada Community Action Partnership’s Owyhee County food pantry in Homedale and The College of Idaho choir will benefit from “Under the Shadow of the Owyhees,” which will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 at the

First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W.

The cost is \$2 and a canned good item.

Homedale resident Rob Townsend will play piano, and Carol Burroughs of Adrian will be a vocalist.

Other performers include:

- Perfect Fourth, which is the C

of I’s elite a cappella group

- Pianist Bob Law of Wilder
- Vocalist Dominic Iaderosa of Parma
- Violinist Jennifer Surrusco of Boise
- Vocalist Bill Buckendorf of Caldwell

For more information, call 337-8791.

# Homedale Sr. Center breakfast returns

The Homedale Senior Center’s monthly fundraiser breakfast returns Saturday.

For \$6, folks can get an all-you-can-eat meal made to order.

The breakfast runs from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

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Feb. 17: Pizza w/assorted toppings, green salad w/tomatoes

Feb. 18: Liver & onions, baked potato, peas, roll

Feb. 23: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, roll

Feb. 24: Philly cheese & steak sandwich, California blend veggies

Feb. 25: Baked fish, baked potato, spinach, roll

## Marsing Senior Center

Feb. 17: Oven fried chicken, potato, peas

Feb. 18: Meatloaf, potato, squash, carrot jello

Feb. 22: Breakfast buffet

Feb. 23: Pork chops, yams, cabbage & apples, couscous

Feb. 24: Beef goulash, potato, peas, roll

Feb. 25: Malibu chicken, au gratin potatoes, beets

## Rimrock Senior Center

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Feb. 18: Chicken a la king over biscuits, spinach salad, applesauce, lemon squares

Feb. 23: Sweet & sour pork, fried rice, egg foo young, coleslaw, almond ding cookie

Feb. 25: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, greens beans, toast, ambrosia salad, peanut butter cookie

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# Birth

## Peggy Lou Larzelier

Homedale natives Steven and Jessica Larzelier announce the birth of their daughter, Peggy Lou Larzelier.

Peggy Lou arrived at 7:21 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at Ashley Regional Hospital Vernal, Utah.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Her siblings are Arianna, Elliot, and Oscar D. Larzelier.

Maternal grandparents are Lydia and Adrian Gonzalez of Wilder, and Oscar and Adolfa Sandoval of Nampa.

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Kathy Larzelier of Wilder.

Great-grandparents are Peggy Jackson of Homedale, Nita Clark of Pasco, Lupe Salgado of Caldwell and Andres and Antonia Sandoval of Wilder.

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Feb. 17: Chicken burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar

Feb. 18: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup, veggie & fruit bar

Feb. 22: Hot dog, tater tots, veggie & fruit bar

Feb. 23: Spaghetti, green beans, veggie & fruit bar

Feb. 24: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar

## Homedale Middle

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

Feb. 22: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar

Feb. 23: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, fruit & salad bar

Feb. 24: Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed veggies, fruit & salad bar

## Homedale High

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

Feb. 22: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice

Feb. 23: Hot dog w/baked beans or pork chop w/potatoes/gravy & buttered corn, salad bar, fruit choice

Feb. 24: Cheesy lasagna or BBQ pulled pork sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit choice

## Marsing

Feb. 17: Cheeseburger, chicken nuggets, roll, sidewinders, salad bar & soup

Feb. 18: PB&J, sun chips, pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, salad bar & soup

Feb. 22: Hot dog, baked beans, egg roll & fried rice, mixed vegetable, jello w/topping, salad bar & soup

Feb. 23: Spaghetti, Italian breadstick, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar & soup

Feb. 24: Orange chicken & rice, ham/cheese sandwich, sun chips, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup

## Bruneau-Grand View

Feb. 17: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine salad, peas, fruit, breadstick (Rimrock)

Feb. 18: Haystacks, chips & salad, refried beans, romaine lettuce, fruit

Feb. 19: Pig in a blanket, sweet potato fries, fresh broccoli, fresh fruit

Feb. 23: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fresh broccoli, whole wheat roll, fruit

Feb. 24: Lasagna, garden spinach salad, streamed carrots, fruit

## COSSA

Feb. 17: Taco salad, refried beans, condiments, fruit

Feb. 18: Chicken pot pie, carrots, fruit crisp, fruit

Feb. 22: Chicken enchiladas, corn, salad, fruit

Feb. 23: Sweet and sour chicken, oriental veggies, egg roll, broccoli, fruit

Feb. 24: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn



# 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

**El-Ada commodity distribution**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., corner of Main and 3rd streets, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

**Seniors Decide**  
**2016 Presidential candidate forum**  
11 a.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St. (208) 896-4634

**Lincoln Day Banquet**  
11:30 a.m., meet and greet, noon, luncheon, \$20, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 250-9882 or shawn.dygert@gmail.com

**Bruneau Valley Library speaker series**  
Noon, free, RSVP by Feb. 15, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2282

**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

## Thursday

**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

**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

**Bruneau-GV school board meeting**  
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260

**AA meetings**  
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

## Friday

**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

**Teens and Tweens program**  
4 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

**Fundraiser breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$6 per plate, all you

can eat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Friends of Homedale library meeting**  
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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

**Bruneau Community Auction**  
5:30 p.m., dinner, 6:30 p.m., auction, donations accepted, American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2842

**Game night**  
7 p.m., card games and dominos, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

## Sunday

**Faith Riders winter ride**  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Rafter S Indoor Arena, Allendale Road, Wilder. (208) 249-1595 or (208) 816-0714

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

## Monday

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

**Blood pressure clinic**  
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Marsing Fire Department meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St.,

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

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**Homedale Chamber meeting**  
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

**Senior center pinochle**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

**After-school Story Time**  
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Kindergarteners through third-graders. (208) 896-4690

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# Recession recovery slow in rural areas

Data detailed in the 2015 edition of the USDA Rural America at a Glance report shows that economic recovery is being represented through higher employment rates overall. Unfortunately, the report does identify that rural-area employment still remains below pre-recession levels and rural parts also face issues with population loss, higher poverty rates and lower education attainment than urban areas. The promising information found in the report does represent that employment rates are rising across the board.

Both Metro and Non-metro areas show an increase in employment, leading towards an eventual level that correlates to pre-recession times. Information gathered



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found that rural areas with scenic counties have seen an increase in population growth while those dependent on farming, manufacturing or resource extraction have seen a decrease. Changes in population can have many factors, but two concentrated reasons have been identified — natural change (births and deaths) and net migration (more people moving out of the county than moving in).

Along with the reflection of lower employment rates, poverty rates have continued to rise. Once again, the connection is seen that urban areas have lower rates than rural counties surveyed. Rates show that poverty among minority racial and ethnic groups are the highest of those in the rural areas. It also mirrored past data showing that single-parent households led by females tend to be at a higher risk for deep poverty because of their likeliness to work in lower-wage

positions that are the least stable during economic recessions.

Educational accomplishments of those in rural areas have increased — specifically those completing high school and some college-level work. Just as the trend has been shown throughout the past two decades, it has been shown that between 2010 and 2014 the population segment with lower educational attainment levels has a much higher unemployment rate than for those with higher levels of education.

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# Local lands on Dean’s List at Ohio school

A Jordan Valley student is on the Franciscan University Dean’s List in Steubenville, Ohio. He’s the son of Jordan Valley residents Ron and Caleb Cunningham is a senior carrying a double major of Philosophy and Theology. Nancy Cunningham.

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NEW ROAD – MILITARY HINT – About fifty miles above the present Owyhee crossing (at the mouth of Jordan Creek) a ford and easy crossing have been discovered. Col. Fogus and Mr. Hall have claimed the right-of-way to construct a road from their ranch, on Jordan Creek, via this crossing to Antelope Springs at the mouth of Ives’ Cañon, on the Humboldt road, about forty-five miles from the military post on Queen’s River. This road will shorten the route to Star City, Nevada, at least fifty miles. It, also, avoids the only bad road to that point. From Hall’s Ranch to Antelope Springs the new route is reported by the parties who have examined it to be level, clear of rocks and mud. A ferry would be put in the Owyhee at the new crossing, but for the reason that it is the very place where the Indians are continually passing, and private enterprise can hardly be expected to build roads, bridges, ferries, develop the country generally, and raise, equip and pay a company of men to protect laborers and travel. The route is a most important one and should have a permanent camp of soldiers at the Owyhee crossing. The Indians who made the recent raid and theft on Jordan Creek are known to have crossed at that point, and the signs are abundant that it is their regular ford.

If the military chiefs wish to do good, immediate service to our community which they are sent to protect, they can do so by ordering a detachment of men to the point named, and be kept there during the summer. They would be on the road and have splendid opportunities to arouse any latent fighting qualities which they claim to possess. Captain Walker, at Fort Boise, we are informed, is Department Commander, and we will not charge him anything for suggestions at any time.

BEACHEY MAKES the trip between Boise City and Owyhee in one day. Excepting between here and Reynolds’ Creek, he runs six horses to the stage instead of four as formerly. He’s bound to put passengers through on satisfactory time. He knows how to do so, and does it.



# Cattlemen concentrate on fire, water

A cloud still hangs over Owyhee County's ranching community even months after the Soda Fire smoke has cleared.

But Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana seemed to provide some fresh air and hope for the ranchers who wait to hear more about the Bureau of Land Management's recovery plan — or wait for the next kick to the solar plexus.

More state money has been proposed for the development of rangeland fire protection agencies, and Owyhee RFPA chair Doug Rutan said the organization has acquired more equipment through grants.

Idaho Cattle Association president Laurie Lickley said Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter has put \$140,000 in his proposed budget to help build the network of RFPAs in the state (there are seven now).

More importantly, though, Lickley told Owyhee ranchers that ICA continues to work with BLM officials that would allow grazing in areas affected by wildfires as a "prescriptive tool" to prevent cheatgrass from taking over.

"We feel pretty optimistic about being able to bring forth using grazing a prescriptive treatment as opposed to something they're going to hold off and make you take a non-use on," Lickley said.

It could be a step in the right direction with an agency that consistently balks at the idea of



BLM fuels specialist Lance Okeson discusses the rise in wild fires in the past 15 years.

using livestock to reduce fire risk.

The OCA membership tabled until its summer meeting in July a proposed resolution that would have authorized the board of directors to fund scientific analysis of the effect grazing has after a wildfire.

BLM Boise District fuels specialist Lance Okeson shared a video depicting the violent difference between flame length seen in brush fires and grass fires. The longer flame length was on full display as the Soda Fire roared through sagebrush in August.

BLM fire officials continue to work on the Paradigm and the Tri-State projects, which would create fire breaks with a goal of reducing the likelihood of large, catastrophic fires.

Okeson said Paradigm will be carried out in the fall, creating 300 miles of fuel breaks along the Snake River plain between Boise

and Mountain Home.

"If we can get fires on the Snake River Plain to where we have better control of them and we can shut them down quicker, that means we have more resources to put down into this country," Okeson said.

Okeson said a scoping letter will be sent out in the next month about a developing plan to build fire breaks in the Soda Fire region to protect rehabilitation improvements. That could include targeted grazing.

"The last thing we want to do is get \$50 million in improvements on that landscape and then have it all go up in fire again," he said.

Okeson acknowledged that there is a grazing component to reducing fuel loads, but also pointed out that the animals would have to be on the ground through the summer months to do the most good to reducing fire.

With an eye toward the next fire season, Rutan told the ranches that the Owyhee RFPA recently used a state Office of Species Conservation grant to purchase a Caterpillar D-6 dozer that will be available to fight fires.

Rutan also urged the ranchers to join the RFPA, pointing out that those people who pay annual dues don't have to commit to fighting fires. Anyone who wants



OCA president Daniel Richards, left, accepts an \$8,000 donation to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation from Jordan Valley Rodeo Association board member Vern Kershner.

to fight fires with the RFPA must be a paying member and must go through firefighting training, though.

Rutan also urged cattlemen to lobby their legislators and get the RFPA laws changed so that associations can perform extended attack duties during range fires.

He pointed out that RFPA firefighters had the Soda Fire lined at 5,200 acres, but protocol forced the group to leave the fire after the initial attack was over. There is a 48-hour gap between initial attack and when BLM's Type 2 teams arrive, he said.

"If we had been there, we would have caught it when it jumped the lines," he said.

Rutan also asked the ranchers to implore the Board of County Commissioners about the use of county road district equipment to build fire lines.

Work continues on getting boundary acceptance agreements with rural fire districts, which Rutan said would make fighting wide-ranging blazes such as the Soda Fire seamless between organizations.

OCA secretary Scott Jensen recapped the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation drive to help ranchers affected by the Soda Fire.

"It was very heart-warming to see the number of people from the valley and from outside the area that wanted to help," he said.

Just shy of \$150,000 was donated, and a committee of three non-Owyhee County residents worked to allocate the cash and 400 tons of hay. Some producers received hay and funds and some ranchers received just hay, Jensen said.

Dist. 23B Rep. Pete Nielsen

(R-Mountain Home) told the membership that he had three or four tons of hay that ranchers could pick up at his place.

## Association pushes for stock water law

The OCA membership unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Idaho Legislature to codify the state Supreme Court's stock water rights decision in *Joyce Livestock Co. vs. United States* in Idaho Statutes. Dist. 9 Rep. Judy Boyle (R-Midvale) plans to proposed legislation in the 2016 session.

## Harney County incident sparks action

The aftermath of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge standoff did not push other pressing issues off the radar, but significant time near the end of the meeting was devoted to scratching out the ranchers' response to the Harney County crisis.

The association membership passed a resolution calling for a congressional inquiry into federal land management and agency overreach with an eye toward greater local control of resources and the possible transfer of management to the states.

But a related resolution seeking an investigation into the conduct of federal, state and local law enforcement officials during the Harney County standoff morphed into a letter from the OCA board of directors urging Idaho's congressional delegation to push for an investigation. Some members worried about the permanency of developing a policy regarding the incident, which is what would have resulted with a resolution.

— JPB



Frank Bachman discusses the Gateway West transmission line with new BLM Boise District manager Lara Douglas.



Hanna Wroten shows off the silver bit she won in the membership drawing.

## JVHS presents Valentine's dinner theater

The Jordan Valley High School Drama Department presented a dinner theater Sunday for Valentine's Day.

About 150 people attended the dinner, and a larger crowd showed up for the "A Valentine's Day Production" theatrical

performance.

The school gymnasium was decorated with wedding dresses provided by many local women.

A lasanga dinner with French bread, salad and fruit skewers was served, and Marsing-area

restaurant The Orchard House sponsored dessert, which was billed in the play as the restaurant's "world famous fudge."

The Jordan Valley Drama Department will present another performance at the end of the school year.

## Weapons training continues at Three Creek School

About 11 people attended the Feb. 6 active shooter training class at Three Creek School, according to instructor Todd Eccles of Patriot Defense.

Eccles is presenting an Idaho enhanced concealed carry class at the remote school on Saturday, Feb. 27.

He said the class goes well

with the active shooter training, but folks who didn't attend the Feb. 6 training can still take the concealed carry class, which has a registration fee of \$100.

Contact Eccles at (620) 794-6223 or through [www.patriotdefense13.com](http://www.patriotdefense13.com) or Gus Brackett at [gusbrackett@rtci.net](mailto:gusbrackett@rtci.net) or (208) 308-4962.

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## FFA speech champions



**From left:** State Degree recipients Trace Cline, Wylee Cooper, Ryan Criffield, Hanna Estes and Riley Haun will be recognized in Twin Falls in April. Submitted photo

## Homedale excels at district meet

by Riley Haun  
chapter reporter

Members of Homedale FFA recently had a very successful day at the State Degree and Star sifting and public speaking events at Meridian High School.

Five members earned their State Degrees, the highest degree that can be achieved at the state level in FFA. They were required to pass a knowledge test about the FFA’s history and operations and a parliamentary procedure test, as well as give an in-depth interview about their agricultural projects and experiences in FFA. Trace Cline, Wylee Cooper, Ryan Criffield, Hanna Estes and Riley Haun all accomplished this feat and will be recognized on stage at the

State Leadership Convention this April in Twin Falls.

Also included at this event were the Boise Valley District public speaking runoffs.

Michael Lejardi, Homedale chapter president and district president, participated in the extemporaneous speaking event. This entails preparing a 100-page binder with information on a variety of agricultural topics before the event, then drawing a topic at random at the event and having 30 minutes to prepare a 5- to 7-minute speech using the binder. He placed second in the district with his speech on the future growth potential of agriculture.

Riley Haun participated in the prepared speaking event, having written and rehearsed a

6- to 8-minute speech on Idaho’s controversial “ag-gag” bill. She placed third in the district.

Both speakers also participated in the Owyhee County Farm Bureau speech contest. Lejardi finished first, and Haun was runner-up.

Haun was also named District Star Farmer in recognition of her successful beef entrepreneurship project. Haun maintained accurate and detailed records about her projects throughout her years in FFA, and wrote an application about her goals and the achievements and experiences gained through her FFA work. She will represent Boise Valley District in the runoff for State Star Farmer Award in April’s Leadership Convention in Twin Falls.

## Jordan Valley speakers win district titles

Regann Skinner and Emilee Burch are in La Grande, Ore., today, representing Jordan Valley FFA at the Sectional speaking competition.

Skinner won the Creed speaking championship, and Burch

was tops in the beginning public speaking category during the Feb. 3 Snake River District contest.

Other Jordan Valley district results included:

**Advanced public speaking**

— Jett Warn, sixth; and Wyatt Stanford, seventh

**Sophomore public speaking** — Kirk Eiguren, sixth; and Katelyn Deen, seventh

**Creed speaking** — Taylor Warn, third

# Public to get glimpse of amended Soda Fire plan Thursday

The public will get a look at the Bureau of Land Management’s updated Soda Fire recovery strategy Thursday.

The federal agency’s amended plan for livestock grazing closures and resumption of grazing on allotments will be on display starting at 6 p.m. during a public meeting inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing.

BLM Soda Fire project lead Michele McDaniel said the updated plan will affect all ranchers who have closures on their allotments.

“It’s going to be consistent with our record of decision for the approved resource management plan amendments for the greater sage-grouse,” McDaniel said.

She added that all ranchers affected by the Soda Fire will have

to keep their cattle off scorched BLM lands for at least two growing seasons.

Affected ranchers can expect more specifics at Thursday’s meeting.

A separate meeting on the new information was held last Wednesday in the community center, but it was not open to the public and only BLM permittees were invited.

McDaniel also wants people to know that damage to the land from recreationists is still a concern.

“We’re continuing to ask the public to please stay out of the area,” McDaniel said.

However, a formal closure is not in place and she said the updated closure and resumption of grazing information is not related to any damage from recreation.

— SC

## BLM schedules burns

Resource preservation and improvement are objectives as the Bureau of Land Management prepares to light several prescribed burns in the coming months.

Two burns are planned in Owyhee County, and the aims include watershed research and reducing both hazardous fuel loading and the encroachment of juniper in the sage-steppe ecosystem.

For information about these projects, contact Josh Renz at (208) 384-3300. 208 384-3472.

The projects include:

### South Mountain

Black lining in preparation for a prescribed burn will take place in a 196-acre area located in Owyhee County 21 miles southeast of Jordan Valley.

The project, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service and private landowners, will study the hydrological impacts of juniper encroachment. Each watershed will be pretreated one year prior to burning by cutting and/or slashing the western juniper in the unit with chainsaws. The watershed will then be burned in the fall or 2017 after pretreatment to allow the cut fuels to cure out.

For the safety of firefighters and to reduce the risk of flames escaping the study area, the unit’s perimeters will be “black-lined” this spring because fuel moistures in surrounding fuels are high and grass has begun to grow, allowing firefighters to utilize these natural barriers to contain the fire.

A 50-foot to 100-foot-wide strip is ignited around the perimeter to burn heavy concentrations of felled juniper that exist adjacent to the control lines. The strip will provide a safety buffer

for firefighters who return in the fall to burn the entire unit.

The public may see smoke on the south flanks of South Mountain March through May, depending on weather and fuel conditions. Ignitions are expected to take one day to complete with mop-up and patrol of the fire for several days after.

### Pole Creek

This 1,400-acre prescribed burn is located 35 miles southeast of Jordan Valley in Owyhee County on Juniper Mountain. It is expected to take place between February and March.

The fire will involve “jackpot” prescribed burning aimed at reducing concentrations of heavy fuels from past juniper-cutting treatments. This treatment will allow only the concentration of fuels created by cutting juniper to be burned and not the surrounding vegetation.

Fire managers will look for weather and fuel conditions that will slow the spread of fire outside of cut juniper areas, including snow on the ground, high fuel moisture or new grass growth acting as a natural barrier. Burn patches will normally be confined to the individual tree debris zone and will be less than two acres, though some larger patches may also occur.

Ignitions of the unit taking two to five days with subsequent mop-up and patrol of the fire for several days. The public can expect to see smoke on the western flanks of Juniper Mountain during ignitions and for several days afterwards.

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in the Avalanche

# Boise wild horse hearing could address Owyhee locales

## BLM takes comments today

Bureau of Land Management wild horse operations in Idaho, which could include transportation to a holding facility in Bruneau, will be discussed this afternoon in Boise.

The public can submit comments during the hearing, which takes place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise.

The federal agency plans to use helicopters and motorized vehicles during management campaigns from now until March 2017, but Twin Falls District public affairs specialist Heather Tiel-Nelson said no gather operations are planned in the Herd Management Areas (HMAs) in the state.

Helicopters could be used to do flight inventories of the

Black Mountain HMA in Owyhee County as well as the Challis and Four Mile complexes, she said.

“We wanted to fly the Black Mountain area to double-check the number of horses we believe we have out there following last fall’s gather,” Tiel-Nelson said.

The 50,000-acre Black Mountain HMA is south of the Snake River between Murphy and U.S. Highway 95.

Last year’s gather in Owyhee County included removing the remaining horses from the Sands Basin and Hardtrigger HMAs in the wake of the devastating Soda Fire. Those horses were evacuated to the BLM corrals outside Boise.

Tiel-Nelson said semi-trucks could be used to move some horses to the Bruneau Off-Range Corrals, which is the agency’s name for the converted confined animal feeding operation site Simplot Co. owns in Bruneau.

Today’s hearing also covers any possible transportation, she said.

Pickup trucks and trailers may also be used to move animals, according to a BLM press release announcing the public comment opportunity.

Comments must include the address, phone number, email, or other personal identifying information of the individual. BLM advises that the information may be made available to the public at any time, and while people can request the information be withheld the agency guarantee it will be able to do so.

For more information concerning wild horse management, or to make oral or written statements to present at the hearing, contact the wild horse and burro specialist for the Challis Field Office at (208) 879-6200 or the wild horse and burro specialist (acting) for the Boise District at (208) 384-3300.



# Bruneau Booster dinner, auction takes flight Saturday

## Drop off donations beginning Friday

Donations are still being accepted for the Bruneau Boosters Community Dinner and Auction, but there already are numerous items ready for the block on Saturday.

Organizers said they have great appreciation for all the items donated for the event, which will be coordinated by local auctioneer Kyle Colyer and his assistant Kirby Isaac.

Auction-goers can look forward to bidding on local hay, tack, tools, homemade cakes, candy, cookies and cinnamon rolls, gift cards and gift baskets.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction and chili dinner inside the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., in Bruneau. The live auction starts at 7 p.m.

For more information on the auction or making a donation, contact Judy McBride at (208) 845-2842.

Auction items can be dropped off at the Post 83 Hall between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The J.R. Simplot Co., has donated the ground beef for the

chili, and punch and coffee will be served. Soda and bottled water will be available for \$1, and homemade pie will be sold for \$1 per slice.

The annual raffle of a Traeger grill is another fundraising vehicle for the Boosters. Jace Prow of Mountain Home's A to Z Lumber donated the grill, and raffle tickets (\$2 each or six for \$10) are available through Booster Club members, local businesses or at the door.

Among the auction items already received:

- A photo by local photographer Jerry Kencke
- Food baskets, including one donated by Morning Star Acres featuring jams, jellies, and pickles
- Two quilts donated by Valere Hegerhorst — a queen size and a twin size — as well as silk scarves
- A mohair cinch made by Jeremy Mink
- Rawhide reins contributed by Jim Hanks
- Honey from Reisinger Apiaries
- Onions given by Tamura Farms in Homedale
- Crystal wind chimes
- Subscriptions to Idaho Magazine, The Mountain Home News and The Owyhee Avalanche.
- Two tickets for dinner and a



A collection of a few of the items that will be on the auction block Saturday night at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau. Submitted photo

- show at the Glenns Ferry Opera House
- Greenfield's ham
- Lucky Perk coffee and gift certificates
- A metal "Welcome" sign
- Money raised from the auction will be used to improve the Bruneau community. Some projects that have been supported include:
- Construction of the picnic shelter in the community park, as well as the continuing upkeep of the park.
- Bruneau High School graduation photographs electronically archived then reframed and put on display in the Legion Hall's dining area.
- Publication of the book "Bruneau Now and Then."
- An asphalt walking path with benches at Bruneau Elementary School
- Legion Hall improvements
- Bruneau Emergency Center construction
- Buying classroom and playground items for local schools
- Scholarships for graduating seniors and attendees of the Idaho Youth Summit.

# County vehicles heading for March Homedale auction

Owyhee County will pare down its fleet of vehicles during March's annual consignment auction in Homedale.

County commissioners declared five vehicles surplus during their Feb. 8 meeting in Murphy.

The vehicles will go on the auction block during the Baker Auction Co.'s Open Consignment Equipment Auction, which begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the beet dump in Homedale.

The vehicles from the sheriff's office headed for the auction include:

- 2009 Dodge Charger
- 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup that was used as a patrol vehicle
- Two 2004 Polaris Sportsman 500cc four-wheelers
- 1997 Ford passenger van that was used to transport jail prisoners

Sheriff Perry Grant wrote in an email that his office has a 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe

that will be used in place of the van. The Tahoe was a drug confiscation vehicle.

The vehicles also will arrive at the auction with some paperwork.

"We have all the titles here along with the VIN inspections," sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Proceeds from the auction will go into the General Fund from which the commissioners could appropriate money for new vehicles.

During last week's meeting commissioners also approved the destruction or disposal of old electronics from prosecuting attorney Douglas D. Emery's office.

The items on their way to a recycling facility include:

- A Dell computer tower
- Three VHS players
- Toshiba laptop
- Sylvania combination TV/VCR
- Computer monitor

# Grand View Lions Auction raises thousands for projects

The milestones were aplenty Saturday for the Grand View Lions Auction.

Saturday's 60<sup>th</sup> annual auction marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Baker Auction Co., providing free services, according to auctioneer J.B. Salutregui.

Tommy Baker was on hand inside the elementary school gymnasium to become the third generation of his family to keep track of bidders.

"We had a very generous group of bidders and a lot of quality items that where donated," Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman said. "I had several people tell me that the auctioneers did a great job making it a very fun day."

Thurman said the auction made more than \$17,000, a jump of \$3,300 from last year. Nearly \$1,800 was raised from the food court and the raffle.

Thurman extended thanks to



Folks get ready to enjoy an afternoon of bidding as organizers prepare the Grand View Lions Auction, which took place Saturday in the town's elementary school gymnasium. Submitted photo

**On Page 14A:** Lions, community members help with Riverside Cemetery expansion

Gus's Gas and Sariah Pearson of the Woodman Organization for donating lunch items.

"Thanks to all the community volunteers who made the dessert table delicious," Thurman said.

Raffle winners included Will Field of Grand View (gun) and Homedale's Greg Kelly (Traeger grill donated by Campbell Tractor in Glenns Ferry).

Fourth- and fifth-graders from Grand View and Bruneau elementary schools received 20 percent of the proceeds from their raffle ticket sales to help fund class projects.

"We want to thank them for their hard work," Thurman said. All the proceeds from Saturday's auction and other fundraising efforts will go back into the Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana communities.

"We would like to thank everyone who makes this day such a success," Thurman said.



# Longtime Marsing employee retires

John Larsen’s trademark humor intact at final council meeting

Now that Marsing’s methane recovery project is up and running, John Larsen figures he has just about worked himself out of a job. He announced his retirement at last Wednesday’s city council meeting and leaves with his last title being methane project manager.

The 81-year-old began his employment with the city in 1994 as a maintenance supervisor and tried to retire in 1997, but returned a short time later.

Larsen has worked for more than half a dozen mayors. Mike Frahm was mayor in 1994, and Larsen would go on to work for Cecil Bish, Jenny Haken, Fay Pfrimmer, Don Osterhoudt, Keith Green and James Ferdinand.

Before he went to work for the city, Larsen was employed by SkyStar, which is now Kitfox Aircraft, as an engineer. He is still a licensed pilot, but sold his plane about two years ago.

Now he intends to spend more of his time playing music with a couple of gospel bands and the Boise Banjo Band. Retirement will also allow him to write more.

“I’ve probably had over 600 articles, short stories and stuff published in my lifetime,” Larsen said. “I was a contributing editor to six different motorcycle magazines at one time, and contributed to Kitplanes magazine.”

Larsen also recently retired from the Owyhee County Historical Society board, which he started serving with in 1998. He was president of the society from 2001 to 2003, and was a director until a few weeks ago. Marsing resident Ron Kiester succeeded Larsen on the board.

One of Larsen’s biggest accom-



Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand (left) presents John Larsen a cake before Larsen's going away party last Wednesday.

plishments with the OCHS happened while he was president.

“In 2001 we built the recent McKeeth Hall, and all that gift shop area was new,” Larsen said.

While announcing his retirement to the mayor and council, he noted some of the improvements he’s seen since he’s been with the city.

“I’m really happy with what you’ve done on that Island Park,” Larsen told council members. “That’s, as far as I’m concerned, one of Marsing’s greatest assets.”

He also stated how much he’s enjoyed working with his colleagues over the years, and said he will still be living just a mile outside of town if anyone needs him.

A Marsing High School graduate, Larsen added that he’s proud of what his hometown has become over the last 22 years.

“We’ve got a good crew, and it’s been a good run,” Larsen said. “I’m walking away pleased with

the results of all these labors.”

Ferdinand expressed his appreciation for Larsen’s loyalty.

“Thank you very much for everything that you’ve done for the city, much appreciated,” Ferdinand said.

During the council meeting, Larsen referenced an issue that has come up repeatedly over the years — stray dogs that wander around the city.

He recalled his first day on the job when he was sitting at the city shop when resident Gene Showalter came through the door and asked him: “When are you going to do something about the (darn) dogs in town?”

Larsen then spent a few more minutes talking about his time with the city.

However, before returning to his seat, he had one question for the mayor and council.

“When are you going to do something about those (darn) dogs?”

— SC



# Husky PRIDE award

Dalton Withers, sophomore

Parents: Daren and Julia Withers

**Math teacher Jenny Carper’s nomination:** “Dalton works hard every day, finishing assignments on time and even willing to help those around him. Dalton is always polite and respectful, which I appreciate greatly.

“Some of the assignments for Dalton’s Algebra II class have been tasks assigned on Khan Academy. Rarely have I found a Khan task that Dalton has not already completed and ‘Mastered.’ Without complaint, he works hard each day.

“Overall, Dalton seems to enjoy math, enjoys doing well, and I am very excited to watch Dalton advance into the upper level math classes in the upcoming years.”



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

# Homedale library hosts finances class

A class at the Homedale Public Library will help people keep better track of their money.

Surine Greenway from the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office will teach “Financially Stable” starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 in the library. There is no fee to attend the class.

Folks are advised to register for the class as soon as possible because space is limited.

An informational flyer about

the class stated that Greenway will talk about how to save a little more each month, and how to find resources to keep finances on track.

People can sign up by calling the library at (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday.

Registration is also available through the Extension Office by calling (208) 896-4104 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Homedale resident John Hayes talks about his ideas for the new library as, seated from left, director Sharla Jensen, Debbie Packer and City Councilman Aaron Tines listen.

# Homedale library expansion idea begins to blossom

### Council OKs razing old church; patron provides renderings

The city council last Wednesday approved the first steps of what proponents hope is a path to a new library building in Homedale.

Library director Sharla Jensen was given the go-ahead to accept a bid to tear down the old LDS church east of the library as well as utilize a volunteer’s renditions to shop plans to an architectural firm.

Marsing-based Showalter Construction bid a net cost of \$2,770 to raze the building on the West Owyhee Avenue lot that the library board purchased earlier.

Councilman Steve Atkins, who had expressed concerns over the timing of the project during the Jan. 28 meeting, went along with the plan last week, saying that he had reconsidered the position in light of future mobilization costs possibly rising if fuel prices began to climb.

Council members acted after learning that Warrington Construction officials wouldn’t bid on the building removal because of Showalter’s low bid.

The Showalter bid also includes a \$500 donation to the library.

The council also accepted scale drawings produced by library patron John Hayes, who now lives in Homedale after retiring from a 20-year career as an architect in New Mexico.

Hayes presented his renderings

of what he envisioned for an expanded building (nearly 4,900 square feet) at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., during the library board’s Feb. 9 meeting inside the cramped original library building.

Hayes began discussing his ideas with Jensen soon after learning that the dream of an expanded library had been rekindled. Ironically, 50 years ago nearly to the day a community group began discussing the space crunch at the original library.

The drawings Hayes shared with the library board, which were forwarded on to the city council the next day, illustrated what the exterior of the new building might look like and also showed an interior concept reflecting a 3,500-square-foot expansion. The current building, which was built in the 1980s, is 1,375 square foot.

Jensen now will take the drawings to architectural firms to gauge the cost of the project.

“My goal is to not use any taxpayer dollars for the building,” Jensen said. “We’ll use grants, donations and have a couple fundraisers.”

During the city council meeting, former council member Dave Downum asked about R&M Steel’s offer to provide a steel structure when Mayor Harold Wilson pushed for a new

library next door to City Hall six years ago. The plan fizzled over questions on how city funds would be obligated to the project and future operation of the library without a taxing district in place.

“They are on the list to go talk to,” Jensen said of the Caldwell firm’s owners Rob and Nancy Roberts. “I wanted to get a little farther into the process before I did because they actually talked before when they were talking about it and they were very willing to help out.”

Councilmen Aaron Tines and Jerry Anderson, who has a background in construction, attended the library board meeting.

Tines said he would like to see the library board spearhead the project by tracking down bids and renderings and other materials to present to the city council at some point.

Jensen said she wants to enhance the value of the library in the community by reaching out to the school district and offer a place for after-school programming.

She already has used a Walmart grant to expand ebook offerings in another show of the library’s potential.

“My goal for the whole library is to become a district,” she said, adding that expansion would be a great lobbying tool to show citizens the potential for a taxing district-backed library.

— JPB

# Jacks Creek Road closure hearing slated

### Simplot Co. cites security as need to vacate roadway

A public hearing more than three years in the making will be held Monday to determine the fate of Jacks Creek Road between Bruneau and Grand View.

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. It’s part of the Board of County Commissioners weekly meeting in Courtroom 2.

The southern end of the section of the road considered for vacation begins at the intersection of Jacks Creek Road and Davis Road.

It extends northeast where the section of road would end before it crosses into Bureau of Land Management land and intersects Idaho highway 78.

In 2012, the J.R. Simplot Co. asked county commissioners to determine if the road is public or private, and requested that a section of the roadway be abandoned.

On Aug. 27, 2012, commissioners decided the road was public, but never scheduled a public hearing to address Simplot’s vacation request.

In September, Simplot consultant Ron Parks asked that the road be vacated because the company’s feedlot adjacent to a portion of the road has been remodeled for use as a confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) for BLM wild horses.

Parks points out that the company has really only made the request to close the road once.

“This is nothing more than a delay from our September request,” Parks said. “They failed to follow their statutes and ordinances.”

Because the commissioners didn’t sign the document, the 2012 public road decision was never finalized. The error had to be corrected before the BOCC could issue a Nov. 9 decision reaffirming that Jacks Creek Road is a public road.

Simplot did not file an appeal in the 30-day review period after the Nov. 9 decision. With the ap-

peal window closed, the board was able to schedule a public hearing on the company’s vacation request.

Simplot argues the section of road must be vacated for security reasons, such as “the fear of possible acts from the public that could cause damage, and create additional costs to the county,” Parks said.

He said the company is extremely concerned about people causing issues with the wild horses.

“They may not be in there to cause harm, but they’re lined up against the fence,” Parks said. “And then there’s the others that may want to cause harm.”

He added that if the road is not vacated measures would have to be taken to increase security at the CAFO.

So far, people coming to look at the equines haven’t caused any issues.

“There have been some vehicles in, but there’s been no harm done that I’m aware of,” Parks said.

If the road is closed, Simplot — not the county — would be responsible for maintenance. If commissioners abandon the roadway, Simplot would start paying property taxes for that portion of the roadway.

“Right along with the rest of property,” Parks said. “It would become an asset to Simplot, and they would pay property taxes on it like any other land.”

Only two people live on the section of road being considered. Both are Simplot employees living separately in company-owned housing. Only the company, emergency medical services vehicles, and fire and sheriff office would have access to the roadway.

The BOCC said the findings of fact that Jacks Creek Road is a public road included evidence that the U.S. Postal Service used the road, and that school buses have used it. Other findings included that it had been used as a bypass when a nearby bridge was out on the highway, and there was evidence that there had been maintenance done with county funds.

— SC

# Txoko Ona elects officers, gets ready for club mus tourney

The Txoko Ona Basque Club has elected new officers.

The board of directors selected John Lejardi as club president during the annual meeting last month. Matt Larzelier was appointed vice-president.

Mike Frank, Danny Uranga and Lori Aguirre were elected directors. They join board holdovers Fred Egurrola and Joe Mansisor.

Greg Kelly is an alternate.

Uranga serves as treasurer, and LeAnda Uranga is secretary.

The Txoko Ona annual mus club championship tournament will be held Sunday at the Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., and play starts at 10 a.m. The cost to play includes \$35 for a Txoko Ona membership, \$10 for North

American Basque Organization mus fee and \$20 for breakfast and lunch.

For tournament information, call Tony Larrocea at 337-3041 or John Lejardi at 337-3840.

The winning team qualifies for the national mus tournament, which takes place on June 11 at the Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club in Lincoln, Calif. Txoko Ona

played host to the national tournament last year.

The annual Txoko Ona Basque Dance and Auction takes place on Saturday, March 12 at Badiola Arena, 406 Hwy. 95, Homedale. The festivities will start at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$5, and the schedule includes performances by Herribatza Dantzariak, the youth dance

troupe led by Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi, and the Oinkari Basque Dancers of Boise.

There will be a Txingak (weight-carrying) competition, and dancing to live music from Amuma Says No.

Contact a Txoko Ona board member for details on how to donate to the live and silent auctions.

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A Warrington Construction technician bores pipe into the embankment near the Succor Creek bridge.

## Work abounds around Homedale

### Main Street project, home building to start soon

An environmental cleanup company has received the go-ahead to connect monitoring wells on South Main Street in Homedale.

Olympus Technical Services Inc., received a right-of-entry agreement during last Wednesday’s city council meeting, and the firm’s Boise-based subcontractor, Earth Energy, will bore under the street.

Olympus staff engineer Cody Glasnapp told council members that the project will allow connection of eight monitoring wells that were installed on either side of South Main Street in the wake of a 2010 petroleum fuel

spill at the Matteson’s Owyhee Motor Sales bulk plant on the east side of the street.

A 45-foot bore will be performed to connect the wells, and Glasnapp said the contractor will use ground-penetrating radar to locate utility lines under the pavement.

The work was to start after the right of entry document was signed. The council authorized Mayor Gheen Christoffersen to sign the permit at last week’s meeting. Traffic controls will be in place when needed.

In another boring project, a crew from Ontario, Ore.-based Warrington Construction began drilling a bore along the north shoulder of Idaho highway 19 in preparation of relocating a 12-inch water main under Succor Creek.

City public works supervisor Bret Smith said it’ll take two to three weeks to complete the

project, which is precursory work to the Idaho Transportation Department’s plan to replace the Idaho 19 bridge in the spring.

### Residential development resumes at subdivision

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram reported that Kouba Homes of Meridian has secured building permits to construct two single-family homes in the Santa Fe subdivision adjacent to Railroad Avenue on the west end of the town.

Home construction will take place on adjacent lots at 208 and 210 Union Pacific. One home will be 1,280 square feet and the other will be 1,247 square feet. Neither home size includes the garage floor area.

The homes are the first to be built in the subdivision since the housing crash nearly eight years ago.

— JPB

## Road officials remind drivers of Sage Road weight restrictions

With Sage Road viewed as a possible alternate route during replacement of a highway bridge south of town, highway officials are alerting the public about weight restrictions.

The Idaho Transportation Department has provided the Homedale Highway District with new signs that are now posted on the Sage Road bridge over Succor Creek.

This comes after a new load analysis by ITD for the bridge south of Southside Road and

north of Succor Creek Road.

The bridge is rated for 54,000 pounds, or 27 tons, for three or more axles, or 42,000 pounds, or 21 tons, for two axles.

The bridge is only one lane wide with a width of 16 feet.

Because replacement work could tentatively start soon on the bridge that crosses Succor Creek on Idaho highway 19, the

highway district board wants to inform the public of the weight restrictions on Sage Road, as it may be used as an alternate route.

Director of highways Stewart Constantine said replacing the bridge on Idaho 19 is a three-phased project and construction is forecast to last one year.

— SC

## Bower returns to Marsing Fire board

Marsing Rural Fire Protection District (MRFD) commissioners have filled a vacancy on the governing panel.

Jim Bower was reappointed as Subdistrict 2 commissioner.

The action at last Wednesday’s meeting was necessary because neither Bower, who was the incumbent, nor anyone else filed nomination papers in time for November’s election. That left the seat vacant, and fire district officials announced the opening last month.

MRFD secretary/treasurer Bobo Carter said Bower was the only person to submit a letter of interest, “so commissioners re-

instated him as a commissioner again. So he’s been reappointed,” Carter said.

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

The Sunnyslope resident tells people that the fire board is a great place to volunteer their time.

“It’s a good crowd, and the community needs it,” Bower said. “We do a lot with a little.”

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

Subdistrict 2 encompasses the Canyon County portion of the joint district.

— SC

## Woman found at airport with stolen car

### HPD chief: Other charges possible

A 51-year-old Eastern Idaho woman is out on bond after she was found in Homedale with a rental car she’d allegedly failed to return.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Darcirae Mathews was charged with receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle last month at Homedale Municipal Airport when officials recovered a vehicle reported stolen by Hertz.

Eidemiller reported the recovery of the stolen vehicle during last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

Already facing one felony, Mathews could see a drug charge, too, Eidemiller said.

After arriving on scene around 8 a.m. on Jan. 29 at the airport, authorities obtained a search warrant and found residue that presumptively tested positive for methamphetamine, Eidemiller said. He anticipates a felony drug possession charge to be filed once the evidence is returned from the state laboratory. Related misdemeanor drug charges are possible, too.

Mathews bonded out of Owyhee County Jail a few days after her

arrest. No Owyhee County court dates are scheduled.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Mathews has three active court cases in three different counties in Eastern Idaho.

- She’s due in court next Wednesday for a preliminary hearing on a felony fraud charge in Bonneville County.

- She’s has a March 8 pretrial conference for misdemeanor driving without privileges in Bingham County.

- She has a pending misdemeanor DWP case in Madison County.

### Wanted man arrested

A 21-year-old Greenleaf man wanted in Cassia County was arrested Feb. 9 during a traffic stop.

Homedale Police arrested Kendall Brent Herman on a \$1,000 misdemeanor warrant shortly after 10 p.m. at Pioneer and Industrial roads.

According to the Idaho courts repository, a Cassia County judge issued a warrant on Oct. 6 after Herman didn’t show up for a pretrial conference on a probation violation.

Herman was on probation for 2014 a misdemeanor driving without privileges conviction.

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Equipment and manpower was received from several sources during a three-day community-wide project to level and shape more room for Grand View's Riverside Cemetery. Submitted photo

# Riverside Cemetery expansion nears reality after big effort

It probably would have taken the Riverside Cemetery board decades to do what the community pulled off over the span of three days earlier this year.

An Eagle Scout project and an extensive community effort has the Grand View cemetery prepped for an expansion that will be necessary in the coming years, board member Robert Draper said.

"We couldn't have gotten anything done without everybody helping," Draper said, saluting "the generosity and the come-togetherness" of the community.

The cemetery's property south of West Street was back-filled and leveled during a series of work days Jan. 12-14. Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman said about 8,000 cubic yards of dirt were trucked in on vehicle supplied by local farmers and businesses.

Boy Scout Troop 73 prepped part of the land as part of Devin Morrison's Eagle Scout project. The son of Ramona and Danny Masek and his fellow Scouts



Steve Boren, Ray Draper, Christian Sharek and Devan Morrison adjust a tire on a mobile home that was later removed from Riverside Cemetery property in Grand View. Submitted photo

removed barbed-wire fencing and dismantled a mobile home and recycled its components.

The Lions Club contracted Robison Logging and Excavation to fill in a ditch that ran the

## Those who helped

- Boy Scouts Troop 73
- Gary Cunningham
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- Doug Meyers
- Raymond Robison
- Howard Field
- Tom Meyers
- Grand View Lions Club
- Cal and Suzie Low

length of Wood Street, the platted thoroughfare that was never developed and the City of Grand View recently vacated. Robison crews tiled the ditch and filled it with gravel.

Thurman said local rancher George Bennett used his planer to level the ground.

Draper also thanked "the Lions ladies," such as Verla Robison and Lisa Thurman, for preparing food during the three days of transformation work.

"They took care of us really well with the lunches," Draper said.

Draper, who serves on the cemetery board with Paul Spang and Bill Mead, said the entire project is valued at about \$89,000 between materials, labor and machinery employed.

The cemetery district earns about \$4,000 per year in tax revenue, so theoretically it would have taken more than 20 years for the district to get enough money to do the project.

"It never would have happened," Draper said.

The next phase of the expansion is platting the area — which is part of a 3.6-acre piece of ground — for future cemetery use as well as infrastructure such as an irrigation system.

"We are very close to needing the lot," Draper said.

— JPB

# Fish and Game enhancing C.J. Strike WMA habitat

by Roger Phillips  
Idaho Fish and Game public information specialist

Portions of the C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area will look different this spring after Idaho Fish and Game crews remove overgrown Russian olive trees from several segments of the WMA to improve wildlife habitat and hunter access.

"When Russian olives are left unchecked, they dominate and out-compete native tree species, such as cottonwood, in wetlands and other areas," C.J. Strike WMA manager Josh White said.

"Our goal is to manage for healthy shrub/grassland communities interspersed by wetland habitats that provide quality nesting and brood-rearing habitat for upland game birds and waterfowl," he said.

"This project will benefit wildlife species important to Idaho sportsmen and wildlife viewers. By improving the habitat quality of our managed properties, we hope to see

more upland game birds, waterfowl and wading birds using these areas in subsequent years."

The habitat-improvement project will occur on about 15 acres of the Hot Springs Ranch segment and 42 acres of the Bruneau Flood Plain segment. Another 25 acres will be treated on the Bruneau Duck Ponds segment after required environment analysis is completed and approved.

Tree removal will begin in mid-February, and cut trees will be piled and allowed to dry for one or two years before they will be burned. Fish and Game crews will do follow-up work in the coming years to ensure Russian olives do not re-establish in the treated areas.

The C.J. Strike WMA near Bruneau encompasses 11,000 acres bordering the 7,500 surface acres of C.J. Strike Reservoir, Snake River and Bruneau River. It provides habitat for upland birds, waterfowl and a variety of mammals. The WMA also



When Russian olive trees become overgrown, they degrade wildlife habitat and reduce hunting opportunity. Photo by Roger Phillips / IDFG

provides access for hunters and anglers to C.J. Strike Reservoir and the Bruneau River, as well several ponds in the area.

Access to most areas of the WMA will be unaffected by this

project. In areas where work is being done, closures through July 31 are already in place. Access by foot travel is available along the Bruneau River for fishing, but Fish and Game officials ask users

to be cautious of work being done in the immediate area.

For more information about the project, contact Joshua White, CJ Strike Manager at (208) 845-2324 or joshua.white@idfg.idaho.gov.



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# HSD trustees see technology in action

## District begins investigating new HHS gym bleachers

The Homedale school trustees' recent facilities tour was more about educational structure than physical structure.

Board members focused on how technology is helping students when they visited classrooms at all three schools.

"The main focus was seeing what teachers were doing, what their instructional practices look like," district superintendent Rob Sauer said. "To see a whole class setting and the students using that technology was good exposure for them."

The technology, Google Classroom, allows students to submit their work electronically. In addition to cutting down on the amount of materials used, Sauer said the technology gives faculty immediate teaching and feedback opportunities by having the students call up their work on Chromebooks in class rather than waiting until after grading of hard-copy homework.

"This is the world our students in, this technology, so they're pretty comfortable with it and have adapted pretty quickly," Sauer said.

Sauer also said the technology

used throughout the district prepares the students for the modern post-secondary school environment.

"If you look at so much of the work that's done at colleges now, so many online opportunities or using Google submitting your work that way — (Google educational application) Blackboard goes to different programs. It's important to have students exposed to that and have the skill set necessary to be successful when they leave here," Sauer said.

There are carts filled with Chromebooks throughout the three schools, and the high school English students use the devices daily. Chromebooks are also used for the state assessment testing.

Sauer said school trustees were able to see how students also use Chromebooks to do research to build a report.

The trustees also were entertained culturally during the tour. The newly formed high school jazz band performed an original composition by HHS student Ben Holloway in the morning. Sauer said the jazz band was made possible when the middle school agreed not to offer choir at that level.

The primary facilities discussion came in the afternoon when trustees gathered inside the high school gymnasium.

The district is considering replacing wooden retractable bleachers that were installed when the main gym was built in 1972.

Representatives from Design West Architects of Meridian explained replacement options during a meeting with trustees (Zone 4's Shelley Shenk and

Zone 2's Stacy Woods) and administrators (Sauer, HHS principal Matt Holtry and HMS principal Amy Winters).

Modern bleachers, which Design West's Bill Hamlin said could run in six-figure prices, are made from composite, wood and plastic. The seats, similar to those at HMS, can have an electric motor to aid in setup and also feature molded, plastic seats rather than flat, wooden planks.

Sauer said replacement of the bleachers was priced at \$120,000 a few years ago when the district mounted an unsuccessful supplemental levy try.

"I think we're kind of expecting it's going to be along those lines," Sauer said of the price now.

Design West had not submitted new estimates by the time the school board met for its regular meeting on Feb. 8.

Bleacher replacement is one of the top priorities for the district with the renewal of the 10-year plant facility levy, Sauer said. Classroom door locks is another primary focus, he said.

Transportation and maintenance supervisor Tom Muir said the district the district would like to have the motorized bleachers for the high school. Currently, a jack on wheels is used to retract the bleachers before events.

New bleachers also could have side curtains that would prevent people — usually small children — from running under the bleachers and risking injury. Hamlin pointed out that the side curtains would provide another advertising opportunity for the district.

— JPB

# Mother arrested at Marsing school on drug charge

A woman dropping off her child at school was arrested for felony drug trafficking.

Analee Ponce, 23, was arrested on a \$75,000 warrant out of Ada County in the Marsing Elementary School parking lot around 8 a.m. on Feb. 9.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Ponce has a Melba address but lives in Owyhee County. He said the arresting deputy recognized Ponce from previous contact and knew that there was a warrant out for her.

Ponce was transferred into Ada County Jail on Thursday and had her arraignment later in the day.

Ponce was charged with meth-



Analée Ponce

amphetamine trafficking on Oct. 9 for a violation that allegedly occurred 11 months ago.

**Marsing man cited after wreck near high school**

An 18-year-old man received a citation for following too close after he drove into the back of a vehicle that had yielded for pedestrians near Marsing High School.

Bowman said Archie Anderson of Marsing was driving a 1989 Ford Fiesta when he rear-ended a 2010 Honda Accord driven by 32-year-old Santos Marcial Armenta.

Marcial Armenta was driving north on Idaho highway 78 just south of the high school when he braked for people in the crosswalk. Neither Marcial Armenta nor the two juvenile female passengers in his vehicle were injured.

— JPB

# HFD douses smoldering floor

Homedale volunteer firefighters worked quickly to put out a small fire last week.

Fire Chief Dennis Uria said the floor around wood-burning stove inside a shop at residence on Old Dump Road caught fire.

The call came in shortly after 7 a.m. on Feb. 9, and firefighters spent about 30 minutes taking care of the smoldering floor, Uria

said

"Due to the fast action of the homeowner recognizing the situation (firefighters) were able to limit the damage to the area round the wood-burning stove," Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, who also responded to the call, said.

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Homedale boys lose  
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# Avalanche Sports

Huskies host boys'  
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## Top-seeded JV boys begin district title defense

### Girls open postseason Thursday night

Jordan Valley High School takes a nine-game winning streak and the top seed into the boys' basketball district tournament.

Sophomore Chase Fillmore scored 17 points Saturday as Jordan Valley wrapped up the 1A High Desert League regular-season championship with a 48-36 road

win over Crane.

Jordan Valley (18-4 overall, 11-1 in league) finished one game ahead of Monument/Dayville in the race for the No. 1 seed in the 1A District 8 Tournament, which begins Thursday in John Day, Ore.

JJ Echave recorded a double-double Sat-

urday. The 6-foot-2 junior led Jordan Valley with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Eight of his boards came on Crane's end.

Wyatt Stanford also helped limit Crane's second chances on offense. He had eight defensive rebounds to go with nine points and three assists.

Jordan Valley entered the 2014-15 district tournament as the top seed and parlayed it

into a district championship.

**Girls seeded third** — Coach Kelsi Skinner's team closed the season Saturday with a 49-40 loss to top-seeded and second-ranked Crane. No results were provided.

Jordan Valley (16-8, 8-4) takes on sixth-seeded Harper/Huntington at 8 p.m. MST on Thursday in the first round of the district tournament.



Homedale's Jacob Furlott ties up Marsing's Joseph Ineck in a fifth-round bout that decided second place at 138 pounds during Saturday's Marsing Invitational. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

## Wrestlers dial in for districts

### Trojans take trove of titles at Marsing Invitational

Five Homedale High School wrestlers got a taste for championships Saturday ahead of this weekend's district tournament.

Ten Trojans reached title matches in the Marsing Invitational on Saturday, which was the last competition before the 3A District III championships, which will be held Saturday in Parma.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class at district qualify for the 3A state tournament,

which is Feb. 26-27 at Holt Arena in Pocatello. There also are some at-large bids up for grabs.

Senior Nash Johnson crept closer to another school record with a 3-0 run to the 145-pound champion inside the MHS gymnasium.

Johnson pinned Borah's Austan Phomphackdy in 4 minutes, 48 seconds to win the weight

— See *Trojans*, back page

### Champions help Huskies get ready to host big meet

Marsing High School wrestlers are hoping home cooking helps Saturday when they play host to the 2A District III Tournament.

The Huskies fired up the grill Saturday and won two championships during their warm-up event, the Marsing Invitational.

The district championship meet begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday inside the same gymnasium on Main Street. The top three

wrestlers from each weight class qualify for the state tournament, which takes place Feb. 26-27 at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Sophomore Mason Hall remains the third-ranked Class 2A wrestler in the state according to [www.TheIdahoWrestler.com](http://www.TheIdahoWrestler.com) despite beating No. 2 Kameron Nay of McCall-Donnelly a couple weeks ago. Hall solidified his standing as one of the state's

— See *Huskies*, back page



3 p.m., Thursday  
at Middleton H.S.  
HHS (18-5) vs. Timberlake (20-1)

## HHS girls denied in district title game

For the second consecutive season, Homedale High School heads into the girls' basketball 3A state tournament on a losing note.

Playing without their leading scorer, the Trojans fell victim to a Weiser team that appears to be peaking at the right time.

The Wolverines held Homedale to its lowest point total of the season to post a 33-26 victory in the 3A District III championship game Thursday in Ontario, Ore.



Tristan Corta

Weiser (12-10) captured the district's top seed into the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament by knocking off the top two seeds during a week of action at Treasure Valley Community College.

— See *HHS girls*, page 2B

## Marsing girls' furious final week comes up short

### Huskies just miss trip to state tourney

After a tumultuous season, the Marsing High School girls' basketball team came within a victory of a state tournament appearance.

District IV champion Wendell

ended the Huskies' run Saturday with a 47-34 2A play-in game at Mountain Home High School.

Marsing (11-16) lost for only the third time since Jake Dugger took over coaching duties on Jan. 20.

The Huskies went 6-3 down the stretch, including three victories over 2A Western Idaho Conference rival Melba in the span of two weeks.

The last victory over the Mustangs came in dramatic fashion Thursday and put the Huskies in the play-in game.

Sheyenne Glorfield dropped a three-pointer with 13.7 seconds left and Marsing edged Melba, 48-47, at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Marsing trailed by four points with 1 minute, 18 seconds remaining, and it appeared the

Huskies had run out of chances for their third victory over Melba since Jan. 28.

But Mackenzie Farrens knocked down a shot and Glorfield came through with her trey. Melba resurrected its chances after a turnover, but no shot in a flurry at the buzzer would fall.

Glorfield fired in six three-point goals for the bulk of her 20 points. She also had six rebounds

and three assists. Farrens was 5-for-7 from the field on the way to 11 points. She also had five rebounds and two blocked shots. LeAnn Garcia hit a pair of treys and scored eight points.

Marsing trailed by nine points at intermission, but chipped away in the second half to continue a run that included a season-saving 41-21 blowout of Nampa Christian

— See *Girls*, page 3B



Sports

Conference champs pull away from Homedale boys

Connor Carter hits game-winner vs. Payette

Homedale High School played as the fifth seed Tuesday night in the 3A District III boys' basketball tournament after splitting its final regular-season games.

Emmett broke open a close game in the fourth quarter to secure the top seed in the district tournament with a 57-47 home win Friday night over the Trojans. The game was the 3A Snake River Valley conference finale for both teams, and Parma's 65-59 win over Payette dropped Homedale into the No. 5 seed for the postseason tournament at Treasure Valley Community College.

The Trojans faced Parma in an opening round district game Tuesday after deadline.

Benny Schamber led all scorers with 18 points in Homedale's loss Friday. He also topped the Trojans on the glass with eight rebounds.

Homedale (12-9 overall, 4-6 in conference) battled back from a



Homedale senior Lawsen Matteson, right, dribbles upcourt against a Payette defender last Wednesday.

10-point halftime deficit to pull within a basket, 41-39, heading into the final quarter.

Led by Colet Elliott's 14 points, Emmett rode a 16-8 run through the final period to the top seed in

the district.

Chase Martell scored nine points for the Trojans. Josh Tolmie and Lawsen Matteson scored five points apiece.

Last Wednesday: Homedale

46, Payette 45 — After limping off the floor late in the first half, Connor Carter roared back with a game-winning free throw on Senior Night for the Trojans.

The senior put down a free throw with 20 seconds left, and the Trojans dodged a bullet when Payette missed a layup at the buzzer.

"Connor did have a slight sprain in his right ankle the first half," HHS coach Casey Grove said. He came back and had some big buckets for us in the second half and nothing more than clutch free throws at the end of the game.

Carter finished with a double-double of 21 points and 10 rebounds.

in a 46-45 3A Snake River Valley conference win on Senior Night.

Well it was a little closer than I wanted it to be, but a win is a win and wins are hard to come by in this league," Grove said.

Carter connected on eight of 10 free throws, including the game-winner, and he and freshman Mason Kincheloe fired in five three-point goals.

Kincheloe was 2-for-4 from

the arc and scored 10 points, his second double-digit performance in as many varsity games. He also dished four assists.

Homedale forced 14 turnovers, and Carter and Benny Schamber had two steals each.

"One of our goals coming into the game was to put more defensive pressure on our opponents and trying to create more turnovers, and that is what happened," Grove said.

The tone of the game was set in the first eight minutes as Payette settled into a patient half-court offense, and used a zone to limit Homedale's chances. The teams scored only 15 points in the first quarter with Payette clinging to an 8-7 advantage.

"Payette did a nice job of slowing the game down to their pace," Grove said. "We tried several times to speed the game up with no avail."

Homedale committed just 12 turnovers and shot 41 percent (16-for-39) from the floor.

Bryant Gerdes drilled four three-pointers and led Payette with 16 points. Johnny Herrera added 12.

✓ HHS girls: Offense held to lowest point total of season in district final

From Page 12

The Wolverines made twice as many trips to the free-throw line as the Trojans, and it proved to be the difference. Weiser was 15-for-29, while Homedale hit on five of 13 chances.

Second-seeded Homedale (18-5), which played the district final with-

out senior Tory Lane, held a three-point lead heading into the final eight minutes but managed just seven points in the final quarter.

The Wolverines allowed only five Trojans to score, including Tristan Corta with 11 points and fellow senior Gardenia Machuca with eight. Corta was 1-for-9 from

the three-point line. Weiser's Ali Reed and Paige Brown hit one each.

Brown had 10 points, and Reed put in seven.

Carli Swallow put in four points for the Trojans.

Homedale opens the state tournament at 3 p.m. on Thursday against

District 1 champion Timberlake (20-1). Timberlake was the top-ranked team in the final statewide 3A poll, while neither Homedale nor Weiser were ranked. The state tournament will be held at Middleton High School.

"Timberlake is a very good team led by their two guards," HHS

coach Joe Betancourt said. "It will be a tough opening game for us, but I expect the girls to come out and play with the same kind of effort and energy they put on last Thursday night in the championship game."

Emmett, which was No. 5 in the last poll, also made the State field.

# Homedale Trojans

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— 132 pounds

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— 145 pounds

John Collett, sr.  
— 160 pounds

### Girls' Basketball

Varsity  
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Thursday, Feb. 18 vs. Timberlake, 3 p.m.  
If win Thursday: Friday, Feb. 19 vs. Kimberly/Teton winner, 6:15 p.m.  
If lose Thursday: Friday, Feb. 19 vs. Kimberly/Teton loser, 1:15 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 20 (if nec.), time, opponent and location TBA

### Boys' Basketball

Varsity  
3A District III Tournament At TVCC, Ontario, Ore.  
If won Tuesday: Saturday, Feb. 20 vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.  
If lost Tuesday: Tuesday, Feb. 23 vs. TBA, 6 p.m.

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Sports

Adrian wrestler reaches Oregon state tournament

Marcus Furtado earns district runner-up status

Marcus Furtado has a chance to continue the strong close to his wrestling season in the 1A/2A Oregon state tournament. The 106-pound junior will be the lone Adrian High School athlete competing in Portland on Feb. 26-27 after his runner-up showing at the 1A/2A District 4 championship meet Saturday in

John Day, Ore. Furtado (23-10) pinned Hep- pner’s Trevor Chamberlin at the buzzer ending the first round of their second-place match at Grant Union High School. The Adrian wrestler rallied after losing a tight 6-4 decision to Enterprise’s Shane Lund in the championship match. Furtado’s tournament stay start- ed with an 11-0 major decision domination of Kolton Dahl of Burns in the semifinals. The top two wrestlers in each weight class qualified for the state tournament.

Bryson Shira’s prep career ended just outside the qualifica- tion pool at 145 pounds. The senior (25-14) lost the second-place match to Burns wrestler Evan Gunderson by rule. Gunderson beat Shira with a 20-4 technical fall in the semifinals. Shira reached the semifinals when he pinned Wallowa’s Gus Ramsden in 1 minute, 37 seconds of their quarterfinal match. He rallied in the consolation bracket with a 16-2 major deci- sion over Heppner’s Will Lutchter and an 8-2 decision against Rams-

den in the third-place match. Two Adrian wrestlers finished fourth in district action. Juan Figueroa (4-17) needed 25 seconds to pin Grant Union’s James Mabe in the 138-pound consolation semifinal. He then lost the third-place match when Irrigon’s Josue Aguilera got a pin one second before the first round ended. Figueroa began the tournament with a pin in 2:47 of Burns’ Isaac VanTassel in the quarterfinals. At 160, Luke Campbell nar- rowly lost the third-place match,

6-4, to Enterprise’s Zylar Her- mens. Campbell lost in the quar- terfinals, but worked his way into the third-place bout with a pin of Irrigon’s Franco Sanchez at the 4:29 mark. Eduardo Muñoz beat Wallowa’s Auston Brockamp for fifth place at 132 pounds. He kept his tourna- ment going with a pin a 3:04 of Ian Maupin of Burns in the third round of the consolation bracket. Other wrestlers competing in the district tournament for Adrian included Kris Ulrich (113) and Pepper Beed (195).

Adrian girls’ streak ends Antelopes boys fall short

Adrian High School saw its 10-game winning streak and hopes for a tie atop the girls’ basketball league standings end Saturday in Crane. The Mustangs built enough of a cushion with a big second quarter then held on for a 34-31 home win that wrapped up a perfect 1A High Desert League season and the top seed in the district tournament. “It was a very physical game. We played tough,” Antelopes coach Gene Mills said. “We outplayed most of the game, but they got hot in the second quarter and we failed to defend.” Adrian (17-5 overall, 10-2 in league) is the No. 2 seed for the 1A District 8 Tournament, which begins Thursday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore. Crane (21-2, 12-0) will be the top seed after its 19-3 spurt in the second quarter that allowed the Mustangs to withstand Adrian’s furious second half. Hannah Maupin fired in all of her team’s three-pointers (four) and scored 18 points for Crane. Adrian shooters missed on all seven of their attempts from behind the third-point line.

Junior Selina Villarreal scored 12 points and snagged eight rebounds to pace the Antelopes. Kylie Skerjanic scored eight points for Adrian. **Thursday: Adrian 45, Burnt River 10** — The Antelopes held their hosts scoreless over the second and third quarters, building a 35-4 lead heading into the fourth quarter of a league game. The win Unity, Ore., helped build experience for Adrian’s bench players. The reserves scored 25 points, including freshman Sadey Speelmon (a junior varsity call-up) and Villarreal putting in seven points apiece. Carlee Morton, a junior who started the game, also shared the team scoring lead with seven points. “A lot of kids got a lot of playing time, so it was a positive experience for all of our girls,” Mills said after his team’s 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory. Junior reserve Mariah McLay led the Antelopes with four rebounds, and she scored four points. Selina Lienhard’s six points paced the Bulls.

Adrian High School will start the 1A District 8 boys’ basketball tournament Thursday as the No. 5 seed. The Antelopes crept within four points Saturday against host Crane, but slipped into fifth place with a 55-43 loss in the 1A High Desert League finale for both teams Saturday. “The boys battled hard. We closed the gap to four early in the fourth quarter, but just couldn’t get over the hump,” first year Adrian coach Nolan Shira said. “We’ll take a few days to get ready for the district tourney on Thursday.” The district tournament will be held Thursday through Saturday at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore. The third-seeded Mustangs made up for poor overall shooting (20-for-54, 37 percent) by hitting seven three-point goals and holding Adrian to just 33 field-goal attempts in 32 minutes (15-for-33, 45 percent). Crane forced Adrian into 24 points and scored 14 second-chance points. The Antelopes (8-14 overall, 4-8 in league) cut their halftime deficit in half

with a 12-5 run through the third quarter. Dennis Dick scored 19 points to lead Adrian, but was held to four rebounds. Pau Roget added 12 points, while Mike Griffin grabbed eight rebounds. Crane’s William Clark led all players with 20 points. **Thursday: Adrian 64, Burnt River 41** — The Antelopes started fast with a 24-3 first quarter, and finished with a 48 percent field-goal shooting performance (25-for-52). “(This was) a nice effort by our boys,” first-year coach Nolan Shira said. “(I was) very pleased with the way we played tonight. (We looked) good at both ends of the court.” The Antelopes dominated rebounding with a 23-6 edge on the Bulls’ glass and a 41-17 advantage overall. Kenny Purnell, a 6-foot-2 junior, grabbed 11 rebounds, while 6-2 sophomore reserve Andy Walker pulled down seven boards. Dennis Dick led three Antelopes in double figures, scoring 13 points. Walker added 12, and Mike Griffin chipped in 10 points with six rebounds.

✓ Girls: Huskies beat NC, Melba to reach play-in game

From Page 12 on Feb. 9 on the Huskies’ floor. **Saturday: Wendell 47, Marsing 34** — The Huskies’ run of second chances ran out as the Trojans scored 10 second-chance points on a neutral court. Marsing shot 33 percent (8-for-24) in the first half and trailed by just three points at the intermission, 23-19. The Huskies held a three-point lead at one point. Glorfield filled the stat sheet for Marsing, leading the team with 19 points, five three-point goals, six rebounds, two blocked shots and five steals despite playing with four fouls. Alex Grant ended her freshman season with six points and five assists. Only four players broke into

the scoring column for Marsing. Emma Heitz was 4-for-4 from the foul line for her points, while Mackenzie Farrens had three points and Elsa Margarito added two points. **Feb. 9: Marsing 41, Nampa Christian 21** — Grant and Farrens pulled off season-best performances, and the Huskies raced to a 20-6 halftime lead in a district tournament elimination game at home. Grant was 4-for-6 from the free-throw line and scored a third of Marsing’s six three-point goals en route to 18 points. Farrens collected 13 rebounds, including eight on Marsing’s backboards. Margarito hit a pair of treys and carded eight points and four defensive rebounds. Garcia chipped in six points.



Right: The Marsing girls’ basketball team and coaching staff celebrate after beating Melba in the 2A District III Tournament third-place game at Vallivue High School in Caldwell on Thursday. The win put the Huskies into a 2A state tournament play-in game. Photo by Dan Pease



# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

February 20, 1991

### Irrigation water outlook uncertain

Owyhee Reservoir, which can hold 715,000 acre-feet of usable irrigation water when gurgling to the brim, held about 223,465 acre-feet early last week, farmers attending the South Board of Control’s annual water user meeting in Homedale learned Thursday.

“I can’t give you any predictions what we’re going to have” in the approaching irrigation season, SBC Manager Clyde Hutton told the farmers. The dam has been filling at the rough rate of 500 to 700 acre-feet per day, Hutton noted, but most of the snowfall has simply sunk into the ground.

Hutton said the area snow-pack has been about 55 percent to 63 percent of normal this winter, according to government measurements. But he also noted that the picture may be different by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, depending on the extent of additional moisture received.

Dave Kushlan, seated in the audience, asked how much water was stored in the dam about this time last year. Hutton said he thought there had been around 361,000 acre-feet.

### Trojans vs. McCall Thursday

Homedale High School wrestlers tangle with the McCall Vandals here tomorrow night, after posting back-to-back team wins over Emmett and Bishop Kelly of Boise last week to lift their record to 5-4.

Head Wrestling Coach Bob Stancliff said yesterday that he expects McCall “to be a competitive team for us. They returned about the same number of wrestlers as we did, and they won their own tournament about a week ago. We’re certainly going to need to be ready for them.”

But McCall, it appears, had better be ready for the Trojans, too. In overpowering first Emmett 37-27 then the Bishop Kelly boys 43-24 last week, the locals boosted themselves to a 3-3 record against bigger SRV schools, compared to a 0-6 record against the SRV crowd last year.

Against Emmett, the Trojan standout winners included Ryan Belveal in the 160 lb. class by a 14-5 decision and Jeff Edmiston in the 112 lb. class by a hard-fought 6-4 decision. “Jeff is one of our wrestlers who is improving steadily through the season,” Stancliff noted yesterday.

Other victors against Emmett included: Sam Freitag, 103 lb., 1<sup>st</sup> round pin; Aaron Breshears, 152 lb., 1<sup>st</sup> round pin; Heith Allen, 171 lb., win by forfeit; Harvey Allen, 171 lb., 2<sup>nd</sup> round pin; Jake Volk, heavyweight, 1<sup>st</sup> round pin.

### Trojans blanked in tournament

The Homedale Trojans wound up blanked in District 3 WIC tournament play last week, falling first to Parma 78-63 on Tuesday and then to New Plymouth 114-96 on Thursday.

But the crushing, sudden end of local hopes to beat out the fierce competition among the five A-3 schools this year may not have been a terrific shock to Varsity Coach Bobby Young or to his players. Young had warned in advance that, “any one of the five teams is capable of winning it...Whoever executes the game plan will be right in the hunt.”

Against Parma, twice beaten by Homedale during the regular season, “we really didn’t shoot very well, we really didn’t,” HHS Principal Nolan Taggart said later. (Parma’s field goal percentage was 48 percent compared to Homedale’s much slimmer 31 percent.) The off-night in the bucket department and in grabbing rebounds kept the Trojans behind throughout the game.

Brad Dines was high-pointer for Homedale with 21, followed by Tony Uranga, 16, Josh Hays, 11, Chris Hoshaw, 7, Kevin Alambra, 6, and P.J. Mansisidor, 2.

“New Plymouth played very, very good” in its match-up with the Trojans, Taggart noted, helping to explain the Pilgrims’ impressive three-digit sparkler, despite 65 points contributed to Homedale’s score by two players alone. Hays (33) and Hoshaw (32).

## 50 years ago

February 17, 1966

### Idaho director of NRA expresses opposition to Dodd bill

Opposition to the Dodd bill or any legislation curbing the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms, was expressed by Grant Sanborn, Twin Falls, State Director of the National Rifle Association, in an address at the buffalo banquet sponsored by the Homedale Rod and Gun Club Saturday night.

Mr. Sanborn, whose NRA represents 750,000 members, said any law which disarms law-abiding citizens would make crime easier. He quoted statistics which indicated that factors other than possession of firearms are more often the cause of crime.

About 250 persons attended the affair at the Washington school and were high in their praise of the bounteous buffalo dinner served by the Alpha Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi with the help of F.H.A. girls from the high school. The meat was cooked by Owyhee Meat Pack.

### Parma keeps grip on Dist. 3 wrestling crown

The Parma Panthers defended their District Three wrestling crown successfully Saturday night by piling up 80 points to outdistance second-place McCall-Donnelly by 21 points. Homedale was seventh with 38 points.

The winners and runners-up in each weight class will go to the state wrestling meet in Blackfoot, Feb. 17-19.

Homedale’s Dick Watson was crowned the new district champion with a 9-4 win over Helderman in overtime.

Team scores: Parma 80, McCall-Donnelly 59, Middleton 55, Marsing 53, New Plymouth 52, Kuna 51, Homedale 38, Fruitland 33, Cambridge 8.

Championship: 106 lb., Steve Higgins, Homedale, dec. Doramus of Middleton, 8-6. 136 lb., Watson, Homedale, dec. Helderman, Fruitland, 9-4, (OT).

Consolation: 98 lb. Law, Kuna, dec. George, Homedale 7-0. 123 lb. Inouye, Homedale, dec. Wukasche, McCall-Donnelly, 2-0.

### American Legion and Auxiliary plan hall remodel

The American Legion Auxiliary held a dinner meeting Tuesday, Feb. 8, at El Gavilan.

Guests were Mrs. Rosie Peck, 3<sup>rd</sup> district president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Madge Wiley, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Secretary, both of Melba, and Mrs. Myrtle Smades of Homedale.

A committee from the American Legion Post in Homedale consisting of John Dexter, Commander, Allen Blessing, and Sam Vance reported that the Legion would match the auxiliary’s money in remodeling the Legion hall. They suggested that a building committee be appointed to work with the Legion on how much could be done and what, for the money available.

### Homedale DeMolay attends Grand Master’s Day

Homedale’s DeMolay members and advisers attended the DeMolay Grand Master’s Day in Boise Feb. 12, at the El Korah Mosque. Among the 115 boys having the initiatory degree conferred upon them were G. B. Condra, Barry Wood, Burton Burroughs and Pat Takasugi. DeMolay boys from the Homedale chapter attending were Jon Anderson, Master Councilor; Ross Nishara, Senior Councilor, Barry Fujishin, Secretary and Paul Mills, along with advisers, Homer Anderson, Gerald Condra and Roy Gnaw.

Grand Master Joseph E. Lewis presides over 162,000 DeMolays in 2,500 chapters in the United States and other countries. He has received many honors. Among those in DeMolay are Cross of Honor and Honorary Legion of Honor in recognition of distinguished service to DeMolay, so it was an honor for the Idaho initiates to have Grand Master Lewis personally autograph their membership cards.

### Homedale Locals

Donna Combs was honored at a going-away party given by her mother Tuesday after school. Refreshments were pop, cookies, and candy bars. Those present were Betty Eidemiller, Bonnie Takasugi, Sally Cantrall, Jackie Cahill and Lynn Crummett.

## 140 years ago

February 19, 1876

SOUTH MOUNTAIN NEWS – South Mountain L.T. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1876. Editor Idaho Avalanche:

I have been rather silent of late, and the reason is I have been watching our sick man; now that he is dead I picked up the pen to chronicle that fact. Yes, he is either in a deep swoon, or else he is dead; to all appearances he is too dead to skin. Old South Mountain has passed in his checks. The coyotes are howling the requiem on the hillsides, and are waiting for the bipeds to get out of the way so that they can take possession of his body. He died of malpractice and force of circumstances — singular disease. His vital forces were sufficient to have kept him lively and strong, with reasonable care and good luck. When his resurrection day will come no man knoweth; but come it will sooner or later, but your correspondent doesn’t intend to stay to see him rise, nor even to bury him, nor pick his bones. Peace to his ashes.

Oh! the storm the terrible storm,  
It’s all one can do to keep himself warm;  
Old horses doth howl and bluster around,  
And the snow lies at least ten feet on the ground,  
Ten, did I say? yes fifteen or more  
Lies piled up directly in front of my door.  
In summer we pine for cool breezes and snow,  
And cold, sparkling water from out the deep wall;  
But now I’d prefer that the wind didn’t blow,  
As for drinks, they might come directly from –

The “Storm King: has been “cavorting” around this mountain until the thing has become a “little monotonous” and has a tendency to ruffle a usually placid temper. I don’t usually pay much attention to the weather, but this storm is sufficiently forcible and long-continued to command the respect of the “oldest inhabitants.”

After several ineffectual attempts to start Dewey, Donnelly and Norton away, they were headed towards Silver this morning. They intended to make their way down the cañon as best they could and meet Dow Vincent at its mouth. The mail carrier came in at 3 o’clock and reported having met them at the point they expected to meet Dow but the latter had failed to make the connection. If Dow should fail to connect, it would be the first storm that ever got the best of that old veteran. Again, if he *should* fail to connect, wouldn’t the olfactories of our unwilling pedestrians be regaled with sulphurous odors? It wouldn’t be safe to meet them on the plateau between O’Keef’s and Vincent’s.

INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSIONER Pratt must be a very conscientious gentleman. He recently appeared before a Committee of the House and stated to the best of his knowledge and belief there was no necessity for keeping so many men as are at present employed in his bureau, and that the internal taxes can be collected at much less expense than they are at present. If there is any other official in Washington who believes that his office is too expensively managed, or who is willing to persist in retrenchment, or who believes there is any extravagance in any department of the government anywhere, his name has not yet been passed over to the public for criticism or approval. Mr. Pratt alone enjoys the honor that such a distinction entitles him to and he is to be commended.

ARRIVED WITH HIS MAN – Sheriff C. M. Hays got back from Elko, Nevada by last evening’s stage bringing with him M. C. Hughes, charged with being one of the murderers of B. DeLord at South Mountain on the night of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1875. The examination of the prisoner will take place on Tuesday next before Justice Wickersham, it being impossible to have it come off sooner. As several witnesses will have to be brought from South Mountain to testify in the case. C. A. Dunford, who is also supposed to have been implicated in the murder, has not yet been captured, he having, we understand, gone from Cornucopia to California. Hughes says he can prove an *alibi*, but suspicion points strongly to him and Dunford as being the perpetrators of the diabolical deed.



Sports

MHS boys host New Plymouth in district opener tonight

Record-setting Melba shooter sinks Marsing in finale

Both teams in Friday’s 2A Western Idaho Conference boys’ basketball finale seem to be peaking at the right time.

Unfortunately for Marsing High School, that mean Melba’s Nick Fitts was on fire.

Fitts flung in 12 three-point goals and scored a school-record 48 points as the Mustangs locked up a perfect conference season with a 73-38 blowout of the visiting Huskies.

Still, Marsing (6-15 overall, 5-7 in conference) held on to an advantageous fourth-place finish in the 2A WIC and will open the 2A District III Tournament at home today against New Plymouth (5-15, 4-8). Tipoff is 7 p.m., and a Saturday rematch with top-seeded Melba (16-4, 12-0) is on the line. If Marsing wins tonight, coach Tim Little’s squad will be one victory away from the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. The semifinal is set for 6 p.m. at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

If the Huskies fall tonight, they’ll next play at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in a loser-out game on

the home floor of the higher seed from the bottom of the bracket, which includes No. 2 Nampa Christian, No. 3 Cole Valley Christian and the winner of Tuesday’s play-in contest between McCall-Donnelly and North Star Charter, which was played after deadline.

In Friday’s finale in Canyon County, the Huskies fell behind early. Melba held a 30-point half-time lead after a 27-7 run through the second quarter.

Dakota Hardy amassed most of his 16 points on four three-pointers, while Marsing teammates Connor Rhodes, Enrique Quebrado and Rodrigo Acuña scored five points each. Rhodes also tossed in a trey.

Melba was perfect in 11 trips to the foul line.

**Last Wednesday: Cole Valley Christian 41, Marsing 39** — Dakota Hardy’s 30-foot jump shot at the buzzer didn’t drop this time, allowing the host Chargers to escape with a key conference victory in Meridian.

“It was our ball with 14 seconds left, and the score was tied, 39-

39,” Little said. “We got the last shot up, but a foul was called.”

David Hengst hit both free throws with 0.8 seconds left to give the host team the victory.

Tyler Wood fired a full-court pass to Hardy to set up the final shot.

Nick Lankow was 5-for-8 from the free-throw line for the bulk of his co-game-high nine points, and he led Marsing with 11 rebounds. Hardy went 3-for-4 from the foul line and finished with nine points, too.

“We were extremely patient, which helped against Cole Valley’s huge lineup, and we went to the free-throw line 16 times,” Little said.

The Huskies connected on 10 of the 16 attempts. Freshman Enrique Quebrado hit a pair of free throws and a three-pointer as part of his nine points.

Senior Rodrigo Acuña was 4-for-6 from the floor for eight points to go along with three steals and four boards.


Kylan Ross and James Rose scored eight points apiece for Cole Valley.




Junior Dakota Hardy drives into the lane against a Melba double-team during Friday’s 2A Western Idaho Conference season finale on the Mustangs’ floor. Photo by Dan Pease

# MARSING HUSKIES

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Boys’ basketball  
Varsity  
2A District III Tournament  
Wednesday, Feb. 17, home vs. New Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
If win Wednesday: Saturday, Feb. 20 vs. Melba, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 6 p.m.  
If lose Wednesday: Tuesday, Feb. 23, opponent, site, time TBA


Junior varsity A  
Season complete

Junior varsity B  
Season complete


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Saturday, Feb. 20, home for 2A District III Tournament, 10 a.m.

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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense  
The gun battle

As radical Islamic terrorists continue their penetration of the United States and mentally deranged psychos attack unsuspecting pedestrians, our country seeks solutions. Conservative Constitutional fundamentalists stand by the law and support arming everyone! Whereas progressive liberals insist on disarming everyday citizens and depend on government to protect everyone! Yet compromise is hard to find.

Speaking for myself, I know many reasonable supporters of the Second Amendment and the National Rifle Association who would be amenable to some restrictions on sales of some automatic weapons or ground-to-air missile, for instance. So why can't we compromise with the anti-Second Amendment's political promises? Simple ... we do not trust our own government. We know there are those who would disarm us all.

The wisdom of our forefathers was prescient. They knew that men in power would immediately begin to take freedom away from the citizens they serve. The most precious of which is freedom of speech. We have reached a point in our history where plutocrats are trying to outlaw anything offensive they determine might hurt someone's feelings. Like termites, these opponents of free speech gnaw away at our most powerful right ... the right to speak our mind. An American citizen should not have to look over her shoulder before she expresses her opinion, be it religion, profanity, racist, unkind, profound, offensive, untrue or beautiful. In a country founded on a Christian moral foundation, we encourage "Love thy neighbor as thyself" as a guide. But, by law, we permit the foulest of behaviors to be allowed. The government does not have the right to deny the First Amendment to any lawful citizen. Nor do states or cities. No court, mayor, governor or college president has the right to restrict legal citizens from voicing their opinion. But they do.

So how do these specious political weasels get around the law? The writers of our Constitution could see them coming. They knew that somewhere down the road government officials would try to eliminate the First Amendment, the Right of Free Speech. We are watching them in action today. It is the first step toward dictatorial control. Laws being enacted by unelected bureaucrats, uncontrolled looting and crime under the guise of legitimate protest, cartels smuggling people and drugs across our border, terrorists with no name, yet the throttled media mince around, clouding the truth in the name of political correctness and diminishing our right to vocally object. Where does it end?

The writers of the Constitution built an impervious wall to protect our precious Right of Free Speech. It is called the Second Amendment, to wit ...

"... necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." How clear is that?

Though many power-seekers down through the ages have tried every legal maneuver to taint, disclaim, and misinterpret the Second Amendment as vague, "out of context", outdated, not applicable in a modern world and susceptible to "executive order", they have failed.

NOTE: The FIRST AMENDMENT COULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT THE SECOND AMENDMENT.

As soon as the gun-banners can disarm us, THE PEOPLE, democracy will be on its way out. It's very depressing to watch injustice, needless killing, and terrorist bombing in our own backyard, but most of all, it is a sad state of affairs when we cannot trust our elected and appointed leaders.

P.S. December 2015 Congressional survey: 9 percent approval.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee  
Postal disservice



On Saturday, Forest Fretwell and David Rutan listened to complaints of overreach and bureaucracy for five hours in Oreana.

But while their ranching colleagues vented about the Bureau of Land Management, the men might have been thinking about a different font of federal frustration.

The Fretwell and Rutan families and more than 40 other U.S. Postal Service customers in the Idaho border region of South Mountain have been trying for years to reconcile their generations-old rural existence with a modern macro view about mail delivery.

After trying to get to the bottom of the situation last week, it's fairly easy to understand the years of frustration South Mountain residents like the Fretwells and Rutans have endured — and makes one question exactly what the definition of "service" in the U.S. Postal Service's name is.

The USPS recently denied an application to give the South Mountain community its own postal identity through its own ZIP code. That means those customers must continue to use the ZIP code of the nearest post office — Jordan Valley, Ore. — and endure the pitfalls of an automated and electronic society. The area is officially designated as part of the Jordan Valley ZIP code, but that seemingly hasn't halted the problems.

Because the South Mountain folks live in Idaho, the last lines of their postal identifiers — as can be expected — have Idaho as their state. But with an Oregon post office being the closest U.S. Mail outpost, those residents must use an Oregon ZIP code with their Idaho address.

That confuses websites that are programmed to recognize Idaho ZIP codes with Idaho addresses, resulting in credit

card transactions being rejected as suspected fraud because of the irreconcilable difference between an Idaho address and an Oregon ZIP code.

The incompatibility between the physical address and post office location also makes it difficult to obtain vital records electronically and, it is feared, could interfere with grazing permits and other business transactions.

Although USPS-related memos and policy seem to implore flexibility in border problems, the conduct of some humans in the postal service is contradictory.

The service's Western Area Office in Denver rejected the ZIP code application recently even though a Congressional Research Service report from 2006 reiterated that the USPS' ZIP Code Boundary Review Process — developed a generation ago — promises "every reasonable effort" to consider and "if possible accommodate municipal requests to modify the last lines of an acceptable address and/or ZIP code boundaries."

Getting specific answers is difficult.

A USPS public affairs officer for the Northwest — whose office is in Phoenix — provided a generic response about the service's ZIP code policy and objectives (it boiled down to "cost-effective" and "accurate" mail delivery) when approached with a list of emailed questions regarding the South Mountain situation.

A follow-up email was greeted with a response that said the PR person had sent all the information he was able to provide on the issue.

It's pretty easy to understand the residents' frustration after that type of exchange.

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Dr. Caleb Verbois

Vision and Values  
Antonin Scalia's successor should maintain Constitution originalism



I had the great privilege to hear Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia speak on three separate occasions and once to meet him in person after hearing him announce a decision. You can learn a lot about someone by reading his or her work, but some things have to be seen to be fully understood. Scalia was known for his public role as an associate justice and a staunch originalist. But he should be appreciated for much more than that — as a man with a genuinely wonderful sense of humor, as a man who loved his family, and who loved God. However, most of us only really know Scalia through his public work on the Supreme Court, and his insightful, sometimes biting opinions.

Scalia was an originalist, but he was very careful to define what he meant by that. To understand the Constitution as an originalist did not mean reading it strictly, or narrowly, or as a Republican — it meant recognizing that the Constitution was written by 18<sup>th</sup> century men in a particular time, context, and with a particular meaning. As an example, Scalia noted that if it were not cruel and unusual in the 1790s to sentence a convicted murder to the death penalty, then the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment in the Eighth Amendment should not be read as banning the death penalty. That, for Scalia, was an easy question for an originalist to answer.

There are much harder questions, and Scalia would have been among the first to recognize that originalism has its weaknesses. He once wrote an essay titled "Originalism: The Lesser Evil." But he long maintained that it was, quite literally, the only possible way of reading the Constitution for two important reasons. First, originalism requires careful historical and legal reasoning to determine what

the terms and language of the Constitution meant when it was written. As Scalia loved to say, that sort of research is literally the only thing lawyers are particularly good at. The second reason Scalia said originalism was essential is because to read it any other way, as a living document or an aspirational text, is to expect lawyers to be something quite different than what they are — to expect them to be moral philosophers or policy-makers. And really, Scalia asked with a twinkle in his eye, who would pick nine lawyers to be moral philosophers?

For Scalia, the only justification for the Supreme Court's power of judicial review to strike down laws that violate the Constitution is that the Constitution has a specific meaning that we can know. If not, there is a real problem. By what authority can the Supreme Court strike down a democratically passed law, if not by an appeal to a specific, clear meaning of the Constitution?

That is why Scalia said that moving to any method of interpretation other than originalism would, in the end, destroy the Constitution. If justices are not bound to a specific understanding of the Constitution, we should not pick them on their legal qualifications. We should pick them based on their politics. Scalia was confirmed to the court unanimously in 1986, despite being known as a conservative. He liked to say that would never happen now, because the Senate has realized if they are not picking originalist judges, they are picking people to be judges who will behave rather like senators.

Given the politicized nature of the Supreme Court, it

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Commentary

Financial management  
Don't use credit cards to give to the church

Dear Dave,  
What is your opinion of churches encouraging members to do e-giving with credit cards and debit cards?  
— Melissa

Dear Melissa,  
I'm against debt, so I'm not particularly fond of churches asking people to use a debt vehicle to pay their tithes. I realize that few businesses and organizations distinguish between debit cards and credit cards when accepting payment. However, this practice bothers me a lot when it comes to churches. The Bible mentions debt several times in Scripture, and every time it does, it's always in a negative light. It's not a salvation issue or anything like that, but

the Bible basically says debt is a foolish thing.  
Now, I think e-giving in itself is fine. But if I were the pastor or on the leadership board, and we had an e-giving process, I would strongly encourage people to use debit cards and not credit cards. There's nothing wrong with a draft or an ACH (automatic withdrawal) kind of thing. A lot of people do that and like the ability to give online.  
But I don't want a giving situation to your church turn into debt to you. And it does just that when it's a credit card!  
— Dave  
Dear Dave,  
I just bought a new smartphone, and the company I'm with offers



insurance for the device. Do you think it would be wise or foolish to do this?  
— Lisa

Dear Lisa,  
The purpose of insurance is to transfer a risk that you can't afford to take. When it comes to things like cars or houses, I absolutely recommend that people have insurance. Most folks couldn't just write a check for another car if the one they drive were totaled. It's the same with a house. If your home is destroyed, the insurance takes care of things instead of putting you in the position of having to pull tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars out of your own pocket for a new home — also something most people can't do.  
No, I don't insure inexpensive things like smartphones. And if a smartphone is an expensive item to you, then you probably shouldn't have that phone. I mean, there's

nothing wrong with having a cell phone if you can afford it. But if you tear up a phone or it breaks down and you can't afford to replace it out of your own pocket, then you've got too much phone!  
— 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  
Climate change directive further hamstrings military

by Dustin Howard

When our national focus was still sane, the U.S. Department of Defense had a singular goal: Defending the U.S., while maintaining the capability to wage war on two fronts. What did that look like? If the United States were drawn into a two-front war like World War II, we would be able to triumph.  
So what happens when you take on so many priorities that the objective actually becomes more elusive? We should ask the Pentagon after they implement Directive E 4715.21, or the directive relating to "Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience."  
The directive comes as a direct result of Executive Order 13653, President Obama's effort to institutionalize his stance on climate change within the government. The thinking goes, "If the effects of climate change are imminent, shouldn't we make the appropriate preparations?" What could go wrong?  
For starters, what happens when the military procuring weapons is based not solely on cost, reliability and effectiveness? Does the introduction of "climate

sustainability" disrupt this already cumbersome balancing act? Producing cost-effective, functioning technology is already a challenge that the defense establishment grapples with. Doesn't this create more problems than it solves?  
This is corroborated by the Daily Caller's report, which excerpts the report by saying "The way in which DoD acquires its weapons platforms and supplies will also see significant changes. According to the document, the assistant secretary of defense for acquisition will overhaul "policies to integrate climate change considerations into mission area analyses and acquisition strategies across the life cycle of weapons systems, platforms, and equipment."  
That's pretty bad, but it gets worse. It also creates "climate boards" that will integrate the new standards into all layers of the services.  
Worse still, the military's tactical aims are being complicated, according to Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning, "Sergeants leading a platoon should not be worried about the environmental sensitivity of a rice paddy that needs to be traversed to

achieve their mission, while providing the maximum security for the personnel under their command. Tank commanders should be afforded all the training they need no matter how much fuel is expended in the process. And Naval captains should run their ships at the speeds that are necessitated by the immediate needs of the situation. Instead, President Obama would install bureaucratic boards and other second-guessers along with real time tactical climate change assessments that would be held over officers' heads should they choose what was deemed to be a climate change-insensitive course of action."  
A three-year moratorium on the Obama climate order should be instituted by Congress to assure that the full impacts can be realized before doing great damage to the technical capabilities of our armed forces, as well as damaging our capability to project force. If we want to return to the original mission of our military, which is readiness, Congress itself must be ready to flex its Article I muscles. Our safety may very well depend on it.  
— Dustin Howard is a contributing editor at Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Postal: Sleet and snow may not hinder mail, but apparently borders do

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But perhaps the answer to the problem — regardless of how inane it may seem — is in the wording of the policy itself. A municipality must request the change.  
It's very well possible that the South Mountain application was rejected because there is no municipality to represent the area. But one can only speculate without answers from the USPS.  
Maybe the answer lies in Murphy, and Washington D.C.,

and elsewhere in Oregon.  
Late last year, the Gresham (Ore.) City Council filed a request for a new ZIP code for part of its town that includes 30,000 people. If the Postal Service finds the application meritorious, a survey will be sent to affected customers to continue the process. The Postal Service has until this week to respond to the December request, which is apparently the latest attempt in an effort that began in 1998.  
Although another South Mountain ZIP code application

apparently can't be filed for months, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners might be the municipal body that is needed to make a request official.  
The county commissioners should start the process with a formal request — and by obtaining support from Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) — to do what the Postal Service apparently is unwilling to do.  
Get the mail through and end their constituents' headaches.

✓ Scalia: Schumer vascillates on his SCOTUS appointment philosophy

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is no surprise that Washington began squabbling over Scalia's replacement less than 48 hours after his death. Democrats are already declaring that Republicans are duty-bound to confirm President Obama's replacement. Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) has been particularly insistent on this. But this is nonsense. Democrats have made it quite clear in the 30 years since Scalia was confirmed that a confirmation hearing is no longer a sure thing, and candidates should be evaluated on their record

and method of interpretation. Moreover, no justice has been appointed and confirmed in an election year since 1940. Sen. Schumer, in his rush to insist Republicans rubber-stamp Obama's appointee, has apparently forgotten his own promise in 2007 when George W. Bush was president, that "We should reverse the presumption of confirmation."  
Scalia was right about the danger that the appointment of justices to the Supreme Court would be politicized if the court itself came to be seen as a political instrument. That,

I think, is why it is so important that Scalia's successor think about the Constitution as Antonin Scalia did: that is, as a document with a knowable, if imperfect, historical meaning — as an originalist.  
— Dr. Caleb Verbois is an assistant professor of political science at Grove City College and an affiliated scholar at the John Jay Institute. He teaches American Politics and Political Theory and specializes in American constitutional thought.



# Public notices

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GRANT ACTIVITIES

The City of Marsing is submitting a proposal to the Idaho Department of Commerce for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in the approximate amount of \$150,000. The proposed project is to purchase and renovate an existing commercial building in the City of Marsing that will serve as the new Senior Citizens Center.

The hearing will include a discussion of the application, scope of work, budget, schedule, benefits of the project, how ICDBG funds will benefit low and moderate income persons, and location of the proposed project. The application, related documents, and ICDBG Application Handbook will be available for review.

The hearing has been scheduled for March 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Marsing City Hall. Verbal and written comments will be accepted prior to and at the hearing.

The hearing will be held in a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodations will be available, upon request, five (5) days prior to the hearing in a format that is usable to persons with disabilities. For more information, contact Janice Bicandi at 208-896-4122.

James Ferdinand, Mayor, 425 Main St. PO Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639

This Notice can be provided in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and/or persons with limited English proficiency upon request.

*Al ser solicitada, ésta notificación puede ser proveída en un formato fácil de usar para personas con discapacidad y/o personas con conocimientos limitados del Inglés.*

2/17/16

## LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Date:** February 9, 2016

**To:** All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals

**Subject:** Environmental determination for the Bruneau Wastewater Improvements

In accordance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), "Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants" (IDAPA 58.01.04), an environmental review has been performed and a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) issued by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the following project:

Bruneau Wastewater Improvements  
Owyhee County  
Bruneau, Idaho

This environmental determination was made as a result of the review process indicating no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project. There may be several environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

Short-term impacts may occur during project construction that include temporary disruption of the collection and treatment system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for the implementation of any and all appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts to environmentally sensi-

tive elements during construction activities as well as managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- **Air Quality:** Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the "Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho" (IDAPA 58.01.01.651). IDAPA 58.01.01.651 states that reasonable precautions shall be taken for dust control and suppression by using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, DEQ recommends that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes best management practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.

- **Cultural Resources:** If archaeological artifacts (such as beads, arrow heads, pottery, fabric, grave goods, glass, metal fragments, or other human-made objects that appear to predate 1960) or human remains (such as bones, bone fragments, or teeth) are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO), Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Burns-Paiute General Council shall be notified. Mitigation measures will be implemented as directed by SHPO and the tribes, and work will not resume at the discovery site without their consent.

- **Stormwater:** Stormwater shall be avoided by having equipment available to put appropriate containment systems into service in a timely manner. Examples of containment systems include silt fences, temporary berms, and vegetative or mulch cover, and installing drains to control surface runoff and to minimize soil loss.

- **Waters and Wetlands:** The Buckaroo Ditch may be temporarily impacted during construction of a new gravity pipeline. Should the proposed crossing of this water be completed by open trenching, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #12 may be required. Appropriate BMPs will be implemented as required and wherever possible to avoid or minimize impacts to this water.

- **Noise:** Impacts to sensitive receptors in the general vicinity of project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.

The following permits will be obtained for the project:

- Section 404 CWA Nationwide Permit #12 (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) (if necessary, see above)

- Any other local, state, or federal permit required for activities taking place during project construction.

**Beneficial Impacts:** Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long-term positive effects, improving groundwater quality through reduction of effluent pollutant loads applied to agricultural land.

**Purpose of Project:** The purpose of the proposed project is to improve public health and the environment by repairing existing wastewater treatment facilities, providing additional wastewater treatment capacity, improving the efficiency of the wastewater land application, and separately treating drinking water treatment residuals.

**Description of the Project:**

The proposed project consists of the following improvements:

Phase 1  
• Construction of a lined lagoon. The lagoon should be at least 4 acres and will include an underdrain system, a new north bank and connection with the existing transfer structures and pipelines.

- Construction of a "deer proof" fence around the wastewater lagoons.

Phase 2  
• Construction of a second lined lagoon. This will include a new transfer structure, a new irrigation pump station, and the installation of a new gravity pipeline to the existing reuse (land application site) immediately east of the existing lagoon area.

Phase 3  
• Installation of a new liner at the existing south lagoon.

**Copies Available:** Copies of the full FONSI, the December 30, 2015 *Bruneau Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Master Plan*, and the December 30, 2015 *Bruneau Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Environmental Information Document* are available for public review on DEQ's website at [www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities) or at the following locations:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706, Grant/loan SERP contact: Mike May – (208) 373-0406

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise Regional Office, 1445 North Orchard Street, Boise, Idaho 83706, Regional Office contact: Kevin Ryan – (208) 373-0184

Bruneau Water and Sewer District, P.O. Box 194, Bruneau, Idaho 83604, Contact: Stacey Buckingham, President – (208) 845-2188

**Public Comments:** Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision must be submitted on DEQ's website at [www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities) or addressed to the following contact:

Mike May, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Loan Program, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before March 18, 2016. Public comments will be considered in finalizing the planning phase of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication.

Barry N. Burnell, Water Quality Division Administrator  
2/17/16

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2016.

JONATHON HALLIN, Trustee, 601 E. Front Ave., Suite 502, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 (208) 667-0517

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## PUBLIC HEARING

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho 83644 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Middleton at the address indicated above on April 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.





# Public notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1 OF BIG SKY ESTATES NO. 1, PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED OCTOBER 26, 1978 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 156593 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 600 E. Selway Dr., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by FRED CUELLAR JR. and BELINDA CUELLAR, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST SECURITY BANK, N.A., recorded May 15, 2000, as Instrument No. 232341, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on May 15, 2000, as Instrument No. 232342, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust

Note dated May 12, 2000, in the amount of \$678.00 each, for the months of June through December, 2015, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 7.25% per annum from May 1, 2015. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$38,767.24, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum from May 1, 2015.

DATED This 22nd day of January, 2016  
RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE  
2/17,24;3/2,9/16

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the hour of 10:30AM, of said day, on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Tract 1:  
A portion of the South One-Half, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, from which the center of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, bears

South 01°55’38” East, 2,547.15 feet; thence

South 0°18’00” West 90.00 feet along the Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 32°58’00” East 11.92 feet along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

North 89°57’44” West 50.54

feet along a line parallel with and 100.00 feet Southerly from (measured at right angles) the Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence

North 24°45’55” West 236.65 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 24°45’55” West 10.49 feet to a point; thence

North 60°33’13” East 74.50 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway, said point being

South 33°18’36” East 135.75 feet from the Southeasterly right-of-way of 1st Street South; thence

South 33°18’36” East 49.25 feet along said Southwesterly right-of-way of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 86°44’03” West 87.67 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Excepting all mineral and mineral rights as reference in Deed recorded June 18, 1992 as Instrument No. 208169 official records, and in Deed recorded June 1, 1998 as Instrument No. 225034 official records of Owyhee County.

Tract 2:  
A portion of the South One-Half, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, and a portion of the North One-Half Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING from which the center of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian bears

South 01°55’38” East 2,547.15 feet; thence

South 0°18’00” West 90.00 feet along the Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 32°58’00” East 11.92 feet along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

North 89°57’44” West 50.54 feet along a line parallel with and 100.00 feet Southerly from (measured at right angles) the Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence

North 24°45’55” West 236.65 feet to a point; thence

North 86°44’03” East 87.67 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway, said point being

South 33°18’36” East 185.00 feet from the Southeasterly right-of-way line of 1st Street South; thence

South 33°18’36” East 102.53 feet along said Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 0°18’00” West 34.22 feet along said Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Excepting all mineral and mineral rights as reference in Deed recorded June 18, 1992 as Instrument No. 208169 official records, and in Deed recorded June 1, 1998 as Instrument No. 225034 official records of Owyhee County.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 117 Bruneau Highway, Marsing, ID 83639, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE EXACT LOCATION OF SAID PROPERTY, PLEASE CONTACT ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP. AT 208-947-1553.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Paul B. Silvis and Heather A. Silvis, husband and wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mark D. Perison an unmarried man as Successor Beneficiary, recorded July 11, 2012 as Instrument No. 278089, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$70,692.28 together with interest thereon at the rate of 11% per annum, as evidenced in

Promissory Note dated June 29, 2012. Payments are in default for the months of November 2015 through and including January 2016 in the amount of \$244.34 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of February 9, 2016 is \$23,401.98 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon. In addition to the above, there is also due any impound fees, late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$23,401.98, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: February 5, 2016  
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,  
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer, Phone: 208-947-1553. File No.: 300320 / Customer Ref No. Silvis/Perison

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV2016-0837  
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 MARY ELLEN LOOTENS, Deceased Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho 83606.

DATED this 11 day of February, 2016.

Helen Nicolosi, Personal Representative  
2/17,24;3/2/16





Owyhee County Church Directory		
<p><b>Homedale Calvary Homedale</b> Pastor Rich Wright 24 West Idaho Ave</p> <p>Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday (208) 880-4033</p>	<p><b>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</b> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</b></p> <p>For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>	<p><b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Ivan Shetter 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p><b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron &amp; Martha Hwy 19 &amp; 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>
<p><b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children &amp; Youth Ministries 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday CLC: 4:00 pm</p> <p>www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</b> 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p><b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</b> 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p><b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake &amp; Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p><b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm</p>	<p><b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</b> 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult &amp; Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p><b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY</b> Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p><b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b> 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p><b>St. David's Episcopal Church</b> 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605</p> <p>208-459-9261</p> <p>stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
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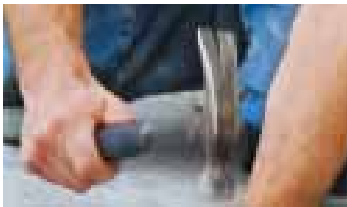
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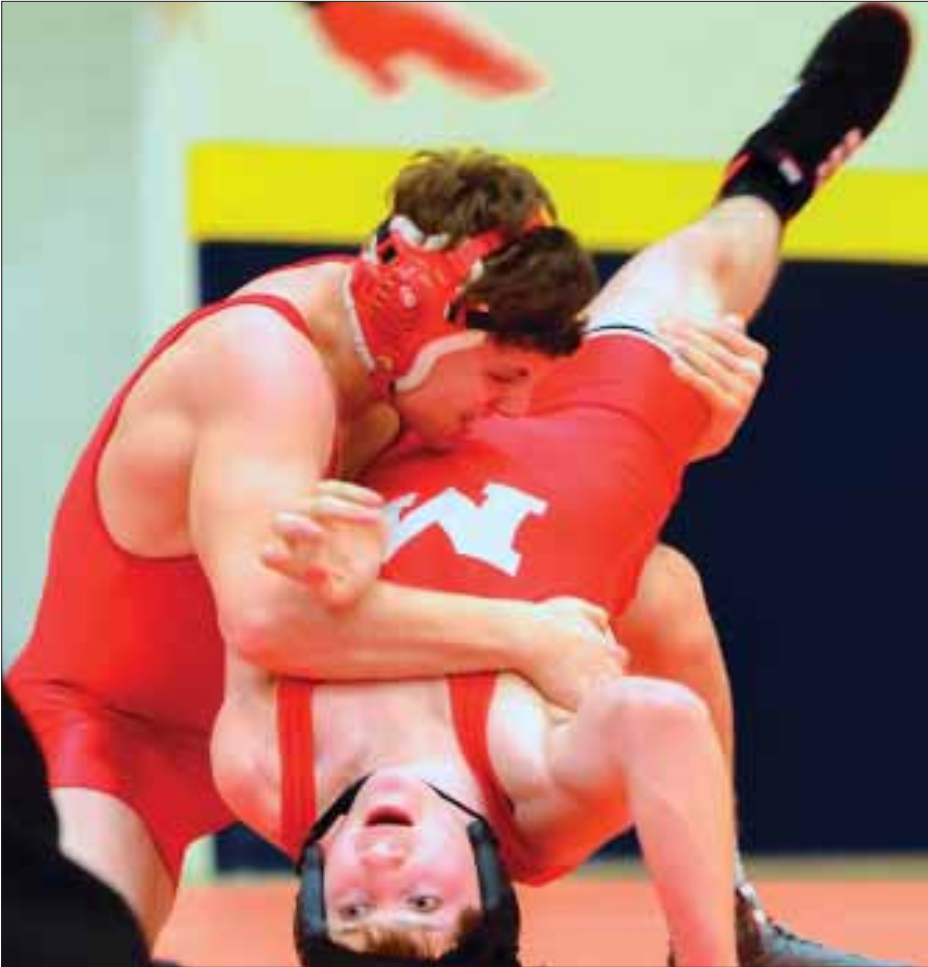
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# Sports

## ✓ Trojans: Johnson, Collett keep up state-caliber pace ahead of district



Homedale 160-pounder John Collett puts Melba's Brayden Dunn on his head during Saturday's Marsing Invitational. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

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class, and he takes a 41-5 record and the state's top Class 3A ranking into Saturday's district tournament.

The senior, who now has a school-record 147 career victories, is two wins from breaking Jeremy Ensley's single-season victory record (42 set in 2005). Johnson now has 114 takedowns, which shatters his own single-season record of 105 from a year ago.

Senior John Collett, the third-ranked 3A wrestler in the state at 160 pounds, ran his season record to 23-2 with a championship march that ended with a 67-second pin of teammate Ivan Cortez in the title bout. Cortez won his pool with three victories before meeting Collett.

Homedale's other state-ranked wrestler according to TheIdahoWrestler.com — 126-pounder Caleb Meligan — wasn't listed in the Marsing results posted on [www.trackwrestling.com](http://www.trackwrestling.com).

Jaeger Rose also had to win his pool then beat another wrestler for a Marsing crown.

The freshman wrapped up an undefeated 3-0 pool run with an overtime victory against Melba's Jake Svedin then he notched the tournament championship with a pin of Marsing's Jesse Hay Smith in 5:05.

Sophomore Anthony Beckman pinned Garden Valley's Traven Weihe 32 seconds

into the second round of their 120-pound match to sew up the title. He also pinned New Plymouth's Henry Kipper in 52 seconds

Junior Pedro Vasquez locked up a gritty championship with a 6-3 decision over New Plymouth's Chayce Roberts in the third and final stage of the 132-pound round-robin tournament

Swiss exchange student Julian Hartmann, a senior, was runner-up at 170 pounds. Hartmann pinned three opponents — including Borah's Lincoln West in 23 seconds — before losing the pivotal fifth-round match when Dallin Beus of New Plymouth pulled off a pinfall with 51 seconds left in the second round.

Junior Jacob Furlott pinned Marsing's Joseph Ineck 16 seconds before the end of their final-round match to secure second place at 138 pounds. Furlott's only loss was an opening-round pin at the hands of class champion Cody Svedin of Melba.

Wyatt Dorsey's third-round loss to Borah 285-pounder Christian Reyes proved the difference as the junior brought home a silver medal with a 3-1 record. Dorsey ended his tournament with a 32-second pin of Melba's Ty Bahem.

Adrian Monreal rallied from a loss to teammate Craig Romriell to win his pool at 152 pounds, but he lost the championship match to Marsing's Oscar Gonzalez, who prevailed in 3:02.

## ✓ Huskies: Freshman 126-pounder Hay Smith wins round robin pool

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top 220-pound wrestlers with his 3-0 run through the tournament.

Hall cemented the championship in front of a home crowd when he pinned Borah's Brody Martinez in 57 seconds during the third and final round of action. Hall's three victories came with first-round pins with the Martinez match coming in as the longest of the day. He pinned Borah's Nathan Johnson in 20 seconds and dispatched New Plymouth's Austin Pennington in 23 seconds.

Marsing's other hometown championship came at 152 pounds when junior Oscar Gonzalez pinned Homedale's Adrian Monreal in 3 minutes, 2 seconds. Monreal and Gonzalez had captured their respective pools before facing off for the title.

Gonzalez won his pool with a tiebreaker victory over Joe Becker from Borah.

Jesse Hay Smith, a freshman wrestling at 126 pounds, won his pool with a pair of first-round pins and took Homedale's Jaeger Rose into the final minute of their championship match before settling for second overall.

Hay Smith pinned Garden Valley's Bryce Edwards in 17 seconds in what could be a preview of a district matchup.

Sophomore Joseph Ineck pinned Cameron Young of Borah (50 seconds) and Homedale's Jordan Packer (1:09) during a 2-2 showing that was good for third place at 138.

Another Marsing freshman, Hayden Kish, finished fourth in



**Above:** Sophomore 220-pounder Mason Hall pins Nathan Johnson of Borah on his way to a championship Saturday at the Marsing Invitational. **Right:** Oscar Gonzalez (top) pins Homedale's Adrian Monreal for the 152-pound championship, which was the Huskies' second title of the afternoon. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

the 126B pool.

Senior Andy Saenz (145) and sophomore Jesus Duran (160) were runners-up in their respective pools. Ninth-grader Kaden Goins was third in the 145A pool.

Junior 285-pounder Ben Gertung finished fifth in his weight class.

