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Marsing's McClellin to play in Super Bowl

Mayor urges town to celebrate

With a hometown athlete in Super Bowl LI, James Ferdinand is ready for a celebration.

The Marsing mayor sent out an email during the weekend seeking ideas on ways to mark Marsing High School graduate Shea McClellin's appearance in the NFL championship game with the New England Patriots.

"I think it is an amazing thing to have a Marsing High School graduate playing in the Super Bowl," Ferdinand wrote in his email to community leaders.

The fifth-year veteran linebacker and former first-round draft pick signed a free agent contract with the Patriots prior to the season.

The AFC champion Patriots take on the NFC champion Atlanta Falcons in Houston on Sunday.

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Dozens attend The Sandbar grand opening

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand (with scissors) prepares to do the ribbon-cutting honors during The Sandbar café grand opening ceremony Friday afternoon. The Sandbar's Pete Smit stands to Ferdinand's left as other community members and restaurant employees look on. Proceeds from the 501(c)3 non-profit operation benefit Meals on Wheels and Riverhouse Care and help disabled people and older adults in Marsing and the surrounding area, including Givens, Wilson and Murphy and the Sunnyslope area in Canyon County. The Sandbar also offers free, fresh hot coffee to law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency personnel. About 50 Marsing community members attended the grand opening.

Auction veteran back as Marsing chairman

Carter: Disaster committee always needs new blood

A man who is very familiar with the tradition of the Marsing Disaster Auction has assumed a leadership role for the 56th annual fundraiser.



Bobo Carter was chair of the 2008 event and is back to head up the 2017 auction, which

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Homedale EMT delivers baby on I-84

Girl comes into world in Canyon ambulance

Most people cringe when they drive a certain stretch of Interstate 84 these days.

But Lisa Rittenhouse probably can't help a big smile when she drives eastbound through the road construction in Nampa.

Last Wednesday in what the Homedale resident calls "the highlight of my career," she helped deliver a baby girl while a Canyon County Paramedics ambulance made its way to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center on Garrity Boulevard.

"I've taken lots of people in active labor and have been there

"I was just so excited. That was the first time I'd ever done that."

— **Lisa Rittenhouse**
Homedale resident and EMT

on the call, but I've never actually delivered a baby going down the road," the veteran emergency medical technician said.

When the call came in, the nine-year Canyon County EMT and 18-year Homedale Ambulance crewmember set up the ambulance's gurney and made sure

— See *Baby*, page 5A

Local boy chosen MDA ambassador

Garrett Evans, family to help spread awareness of disease this year

The time is right for Garrett Evans to step into the spotlight.

The 11-year-old Homedale boy is the 2017 Muscular Dystrophy Association state ambassador.

His parents, Oscar and Clara-Leigh, say Garrett's selection to the public engagement position is a perfect avenue for the family to give back to the community that has embraced them.

"To us, it's huge to give back, but it's also huge to advocate for diseases that aren't widely known," Clara-Leigh said.

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At left: The Idaho Muscular Dystrophy Association has tapped into the muscle of Garrett Evans (center with his mother Clara-Leigh and father Oscar) as its new state ambassador.



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Cake auction helps HHS seniors

Steve Nash (right) starts the cake bidding as members of the Homedale High School Class of 2017 hold some of the auction lots during halftime of Thursday's boys' basketball game. The first cake sold for \$800, and proceeds from the auction will help fund senior class events, such as the all-night graduation party. Graduation is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 22.

State rejects Homedale library grant

There will be no Homedale Public Library expansion this year.

The state's Economic Advisory Council chose not to recommend the City of Homedale's Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) application for approval during its meeting last week.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said a state Department of Commerce representative called him Thursday to break the news. The mayor announced the decision during the city council meeting that night.

An official letter rejecting the nearly \$500,000 application will arrive at City Hall later.

Christoffersen said the plan now is to huddle and find out how the city can strengthen the application, but he added that very few library projects have earned ICDBG funding.

The grant, which was the first ICDBG written by Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson, sought funding to expand the library's footprint to 4,900 square feet. A 3,600-square-foot building donated by R&M Steel of Caldwell would have been built west of the existing 1,300-square-foot building constructed in 1980.

The library board already has spent about \$30,000 on the project by purchasing adjacent land and razing the old Mormon church that stood west of the library.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram confirmed Monday that because the grant application was not successful, the WAED will not receive any money. Administration fees were to be paid only if the grant was awarded.

Fugitive facing felony charge arrested



Kenneth Campbell

A Homedale man has been arrested on a warrant stemming from a charge filed last year.

Kenneth Campbell, 37, was taken into custody around 3 a.m. on Sunday in Canyon County on a \$25,000 felony warrant issued by Owyhee County.

A bench warrant was issued in October after Campbell failed to appear for numerous court dates.

Campbell was charged with felony aggravated assault on May 19 after Owyhee County deputies were sent to a report of a battery at a Homedale residence.

Campbell was accused of trying to strangle a woman inside the home. The criminal complaint against Campbell states that he grabbed the victim around the neck, causing her to gasp for air, while saying "I could kill you."

Campbell was also charged with a misdemeanor of malicious injury to property for damaging the front door of the home and destroying the victim's eyeglasses.

At deadline on Monday, sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Campbell was still being held in the Canyon County jail in Caldwell.

No court date has been set to continue the case.

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Homedale Chamber in search of returning members

Snow damages meeting place

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce is hoping to see some familiar faces back for 2017.

At the business organization’s Jan. 24 luncheon at The Bowling Alley, Chamber president Gavin Parker gave members a reminder about returning their renewal forms and annual fees.

The luncheon was held in the “birthday room” of The Bowling Alley, because the restaurant banquet room where the monthly meeting usually is held sustained minor damage from recent heavy snow.

“The back room is kind of in disarray,” Parker said. “They had some leaking, and some of the ceiling tiles are down. It’s not actively leaking now. They’ve got that fixed, but it’s just not presentable.”

Two support structures above the bowling lanes of The Bowling Alley cracked because of the weight of snow on the round roof, prompting closure of the lanes while repairs are being made.

Co-owner Donna Marose said she closed the lanes and restaurant on Jan. 11. The restaurant was reopened on Jan. 19, and she thinks the lanes could remain closed for several weeks.

Parker said Chamber member-



The bowling center of The Bowling Alley in Homedale suffered damage from heavy snow on the roof. The restaurant is open, but co-owner Donna Marose said the lanes could remain closed for several weeks.

ship dues would not increase this year, and he would like to have renewal forms returned by the next meeting on Feb. 28.

“You can either drop it by my office, drop it in the mailbox to the P.O. Box, or just bring it to next month’s luncheon,” Parker said.

Parker’s office of Bowen Parker Day CPAs is located at 19 E. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. The Chamber’s mailing address is P.O. Box 845, Homedale, ID 83626.

Parker said being listed in the business directory on the Chamber’s website is a good deal for

what people pay in membership fees, because he thinks the site gets a good amount of traffic.

Annual fees range from \$35 to \$60 depending on how many employees a business has.

Parker is asking all members to go to the Chamber website at www.cityofhomedale.com and update the content regarding their business.

“Click around to the different tabs,” Parker said. “See what you like and what you don’t like. Find what you feel like might be out-of-date.”

According to the business directory on the City of Homedale/

Chamber website, the Chamber currently has 49 members.

During last week’s meeting, Parker also told members that he might try again for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant.

In October, the proposed pathway to shore up school pedestrian safety issues from South 5th Street West to Homedale Middle School scored low in the Idaho Transportation Department’s grant judging because the city has yet to acquire land for the project. The city and Chamber also pursued funding to improve student pedestrian safety at the elementary school.

Parker said he would like to hear thoughts on re-applying for the grant during next month’s Chamber meeting.

“Be thinking about it, and give me your input on whether or not you feel like that is something we should still pursue,” Parker said. “I think the mayor is on board with going after that again, but we haven’t visited about it since late last fall.”

Anyone with questions about becoming a Chamber member can call Parker at (208) 337-3271, or Chamber secretary/treasurer Sheila Matteson at (208) 337-4693.

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The new subdivision being proposed by Les Loucks would be situated between North Bruneau Highway on the east and the Morning Dove subdivision on the west. The development would extend north to a point where city limits meets county land (top of photo) and south to existing residential properties.

Marsing council to hear opinions on irrigation fees, subdivision

Next Wednesday, the Marsing City Council will hold two public hearings before its regular monthly meeting.

The hearings will begin at 7 p.m., in the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St. N.

As part of its burgeoning irrigation plan, the city has proposed increasing the monthly irrigation fee from \$12.40 per acre to \$15.21 per acre.

Bills will increase under the monthly proposal, which would eliminate the current annual System Operation fee of \$100 per acre.

Instead of the annual fee, patrons would pay \$15.21 per acre each month for maintenance. That fee would be in addition to the delivery assessment.

The idea is to build up an enterprise fund with the additional money to pay for future system improvements.

The city pays \$14,500 each year to Gem Irrigation for its water supply. The patrons' annual \$60-per-acre delivery assessment would switch to a monthly scale, meaning folks will pay \$5 per month for water.

Under the current billing structure, a customer with a full acre pays \$148.80 annually in irrigation fees.

Under the new proposal, the bill for an acre of ground (which would be paid at a monthly rate of \$15.21) would jump to \$182.52 annually (an increase of \$33.72). Including the delivery assessment, the bill would be \$20.21 per month or \$242.52 annually.

Sitting as the Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission, the council will also hold a public hearing on a large new subdivision within the city limits.

Les and Lavada Loucks are asking for a preliminary plat for the Meadow Brook subdivision.

The nearly 59-acre parcel is located between North Bruneau Highway and the Morning Dove residential subdivision. The development would extend north to a point where city limits meets county land and south to existing residential properties.

The subdivision would include 210 single-family home lots and seven four-plex units, for a total of 238 dwellings.

The project calls for one non-residential lot that would serve

as drainage and an exit out of the subdivision. The application states that 12 common lots would be for green open space and drainage.

Les Loucks said he met with Marsing city engineer Amy Woodruff on Friday morning.

"It sounded like we were pretty agreeable, and they were pretty agreeable with what we've come up with," Loucks said.

Last year, he backed out of his planned 289-home Meadow Brook Ranch and Meadow Brook Estates subdivision after not seeing eye-to-eye with city officials.

The new subdivision being proposed by Loucks would be on city water and sewer services. There would be no wells or septic tanks.

Using city services was not part of Loucks' last proposal, nor did the plan include curbs and gutters.

"I finally decided that if we're going to move forward, forget all the argument about all this other stuff," Loucks said. "Let's just go with the city sewer, water, curbs and gutters and comply with their ordinance. There shouldn't be any fussing about it." — SC



Homedale native Roy Eiguren (far right), a Boise-based attorney, recently joined, from left, Idaho State Historical Society executive director Janet Gallimore, Idaho Central Credit Union business relationship manager Deanna Turner, and Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter at the presentation of the credit union's \$100,000 contribution to the state museum renovation project. Submitted photo

Homedale native chairs state museum campaign

Two men with ties to Owyhee County are doing their part during the Idaho State Historical Museum renovation campaign.

Homedale native Roy Eiguren, a Boise-based attorney, is chair for the Foundation for Idaho History. The non-profit is the fundraising arm of the Idaho State Historical Society.

Marty Peterson, a Silver City homeowner and retired University of Idaho official who was instrumental in the restoration of the Silver City schoolhouse, is president of the Foundation for Idaho History board of directors.

The son of former Homedale mayor Joe Eiguren, Roy Eiguren recently joined Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and Idaho State Historical Society executive director Janet Gallimore to accept \$150,000 in contributions from Idaho Central Credit Union and Idaho National Laboratory. The donations pushed the private capital campaign to renovate the state historical museum past the halfway mark of a \$4 million goal.

The next phase of the renovation, exhibit fabrication, will begin soon. The state museum will reopen in the spring of 2018. The museum originally opened in 1950.

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Obituaries

Patricia Ruth Knight

Patricia Ruth Knight, aka Gigi, and Gummy, 73 of Fernley, Nevada, formerly of Homedale, Idaho, passed away at home with family members at her bedside on January 21, 2017. Pat was born on January 3, 1944 to Woodrow at Ruthie Hall in Little Rock, AK. She grew up with her only sibling, Jimmy Hall.

Pat married Ralph O. Knight on Dec 11, 1962. They were married for 50 years and resided in Homedale, ID where Ralph passed away in 2013. Pat worked various jobs before becoming a CNA, a career that lasted 40 years.

Pat enjoyed the outdoors, working side by side with her husband on their farm. She loved



long jeep rides in the Owyhee foothills. She also enjoyed being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.



Preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, her eldest son, Wayne Edward Knight; her son-in-law Gary Corbett.

Pat is survived by her daughters, Julie (Gary) Corbett, Casper,

WY.; Rachel (Richard) Bannon of Fernley, NV; son, Wally (Melissa) Knight of New Plymouth, ID.; grandchildren, Tyler Kelly and Jake Corbett, (Julie's sons); Kayla, Abby and Sam Knight, (Wally's children); Lyndsey Cline; Dylan Korth; Braden, Harlee and Madison, (Rachel's children); four great-grandchildren, Emma; Braylee; and Patrick Cline (parents, Lyndsey and Chris Cline); Austin Jamieson (parents, Kayla and Justin Jamieson).

Services will be held at Homedale LDS Church on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 1:00 PM. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services. Interment will follow services at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Car crash claims former Homedale student

Socially conscious even as a child, Fernandez went on to Wilder City Council

A 20-year-old man who made an impact with community service as a Homedale Elementary fourth-grader died after an automobile accident Friday.

Ismael Fernandez was a Wilder city councilman. He was elected in 2015 at 19 years old.

A memorial service will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. A Rosary recital takes place at 7 p.m. Fernandez's funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell.

Before transferring out of the Homedale School District, he took initiative with a 2007 fundraiser to help Middleton students who had lost their high school to a fire. When he was 5, he raised money to buy Christmas presents for less fortunate children. He also mounted a fundraiser to help victims of the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Idaho State Police say that Fernandez died at a Boise hospital of injuries suffered in a collision with a semi hauling sugar beets on Idaho highway 19 at Allendale Road between Greenleaf and Wilder.

According to ISP, Fernandez was traveling westbound in a 1997 Ford Expedition when his vehicle crossed the center line and struck the side of a 2015 Freightliner driven by Richard Norris, 71, of Nampa.

Fernandez was ejected from the vehicle. He later died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Authorities report both men were wearing their seatbelts.

ISP announced the roadway, which had been blocked in both directions, was reopened in a press release sent at 3:12 a.m., nearly 12 hours after troopers responded to the accident.

The Freightliner and first trailer jackknifed and the second trailer turned onto its side, according to ISP.

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Anna Nathelle McKee

Anna Nathelle McKee of Emmett, passed away peacefully on January 23rd, at her daughter's home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Wilson (Owyhee county), April 4th, 1922, to Charles Fredrick Kelly and Anna (McPheeters) Kelly. She came from an Irish Catholic family and lived most of her childhood in Owyhee County. She attended Wilson grade school and graduated from Melba High School in 1939.

She received her Associates degree in nursing from Boise State University and practiced at Saint Alphonsus Hospital

Nathelle married her best friend, Bob McKee, on April 9th, 1985. This union blended a family of wonderful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Spending time with family was very important to Nathelle and her family loved her for it. She never complained about anything and her every thought revolved



around the health and well-being of her family and friends. There was never a child she met that she didn't treat like her own. The last sentence she said was "I have a wonderful family."

Nathelle was a very talented seamstress, and everyone who knew her treasured her hand-made gifts. She enjoyed painting

landscapes, crocheting, crafting and doting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nathelle was preceded in death by her father Charles Fredrick Kelly, mother Anna McPheeters Kelly, son James Kevin Thompson, brothers Bob, Creighton, James and sister Barbara Haylett.

She is survived by her daughters Shyla Ann Smith (Larry), Linley Stanger (Virgil) and stepson Mike McKee (Kathy). Grandchildren Tracee Kelley (Greg), Stacey Marshall (John), Kevin Stanger (Jamie), Victor Aberasturi (Lisa), John Aberasturi (Tiffany), Kevin Smith (Penny), Steve McKee and great-grandchildren Anna Tayler Marshall, Jeremiah Stanger (Ally), Blake Kelley (Alyssa), Dylan Kelley, Audra Kelley, Ashley Smith, Kaitlin Aberasturi, Ryan Smith, Jensyn Stanger, Kelsey Aberasturi, John Jackson Aberasturi, Jace Aberasturi, Calvin McKee, Fiona McKee, special cousins Virginia Almquist and Berniece Boston and numerous

nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Walter Knox ER staff, St. Luke's 7th East staff, Dr. Hernandez, Dr. Di Vetro, Heather (PA), All Care Hospice, hospice nurse Elizabeth and Rhonda McCue DNS.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Cancer Society.

Death notice

BENNY JOSEPH CARSON, 61, of Meridian, formerly of Jordan Valley, Ore., died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833



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Sweetening up Valentine’s Day

Love is in the air, and it smells like chocolate

Valentine’s Day is a great time to show those who are close to us just how much we love them. In today’s world, love and kindness seem to be getting harder to find. The good news is that we have the opportunity to spread the love not only to those close to us but to people we don’t even know. It can be as simple as holding the door for someone, a smile, or a few kind words. These simple acts could change someone’s day for the better, including yours.

The Owyhee County Extension Office is putting on a Valentine’s workshop for the youth of Owyhee



County ages 5-18. During this workshop, youth will engage in fun, get-acquainted activities, learn something new about an old friend and potentially make a few new ones. They will also get creative making a craft they could give as a gift to a friend or family member as well as make a delicious chocolaty delight. And anytime our youth are whipping up a culinary masterpiece, kitchen safety and basics will be covered to ensure a good experience.

These workshops are a great way for our youth to spend a few hours trying something new, learning some new skills and interacting with other great youth.

This workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Feb. 6 at the American Legion

Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., in Grand View, and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10 at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

There is a \$5 fee per participant that covers all supplies needed for the workshop and a snack.

Space is limited so call the Extension Office to register at 208-896-4104 by Thursday. Don’t miss out on this fun workshop and call today.

Bring a friend and spread the love this Valentine’s Day.

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



Janelle Thompson

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 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Financial education webinar**
12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228
- Wilson Sagehens meeting**
1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.
- Christian Life Club**
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Homedale Talent Show dress rehearsal**
Noon, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. jzieske@homedaleschools.org
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

- Marsing Disaster Auction**
10:13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd N., Marsing (208) 880-8770
- Free lunch**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N.

- 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Senior center dominoes and card games**
2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sunday

- Marsing Gun Club shoot**
11 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 941-1922, (208) 880-6543 or marsinggunclub@yahoo.com

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Youth Valentine’s workshop**
10 a.m. to noon, ages 5-18, \$5, American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 896-4104
- Adult book club**
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Jordan Valley CWMA winter weed seminar**
10 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**
1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- Gem Irrigation District board meeting**
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

- South Board of Control meeting**
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- After-school program**
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

- After-school Story Time**
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- Feb. 1: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 2: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar, fruit snack
- Feb. 6: Hamburger, french fries, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 7: Chicken drumstick, sidewinders, roll, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 8: Orange chicken, steamed rice & broccoli, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- Feb. 1: Crispito, ham/cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 2: Pepperoni pizza or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar, cinnamon roll
- Feb. 6: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 7: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 8: Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- Feb. 1: Chef salad or crisпитos, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 2: Calzone or corn dog, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 6: Pepperoni pizza ripper or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 7: Beef taco or burrito, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 8: Orange chicken or BBQ pulled pork, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing Elementary

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*
- Feb. 1: Enchilada, rice, sweet potato or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers
- Feb. 2: Macaroni & cheese, Italian breadsticks, mixed vegetable or PB&J, cheese sticks, animal crackers
- Feb. 3: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB&J, yogurt, graham crackers, pudding
- Feb. 6: Cheeseburger, sidewinders or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers
- Feb. 7: Chicken penne alfredo, Italian breadstick, broccoli or PB&J, yogurt, graham crackers
- Feb. 8: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers

Marsing Middle & High

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar; salad bar and grab-n-go lunches available daily*
- Feb. 1: Enchilada, rice, sweet potato or BBQ pulled pork, baked sweet potato
- Feb. 2: Macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetable or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers, mixed vegetable
- Feb. 3: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, or PB&J, sun chips, tossed salad, pudding
- Feb. 6: Cheeseburger, french fries or chicken nuggets, roll, french fries
- Feb. 7: Chicken penne alfredo, Italian breadstick, steamed broccoli or assorted sandwiches, sun chips, steamed broccoli
- Feb. 8: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll, corn or pork taco, corn

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 1: Orange chicken, stir-fry veggies, oriental rice, fruit
- Feb. 2: Nachos, tortilla chips & salsa, refried beans, fruit
- Feb. 3: Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, fresh fruit
- Feb. 7: Chicken & noodles, romaine salad, steamed carrots, fruit
- Feb. 8: Chicken patty/bun, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, fruit
- Feb. 9: Soft taco, black beans, salsa, corn, fruit

Senior menu

Rimrock Senior Center

- Feb. 2: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, corn, refried beans, orange, brownie
- Feb. 7: Beef stroganoff w/noodles, broccoli & carrots, roll, banana, jello
- Feb. 9: Pork roast mashed potatoes w/gravy, applesauce, coleslaw, cornbread
- Feb. 14: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cup

Familiar names among auction committee volunteers

The Marsing Disaster Auction committee is comprised of 17 members.

Bobo Carter

Position: Chairman
Responsibilities: Organize auction
Years in Marsing: 20
Years on committee: 20
Best auction memory: "Raising \$101,000 in 2008."



Reason for joining the committee: "To help those in the community who need a hand. Paying it forward."

Audrey Lindemann

Position: Vice-chair
Responsibilities: Donations
Years in Marsing: 40
Years on committee: Four
Best auction memory: "I love everybody's homemade items."



Reason for joining the committee: "To help the community."

Jessica Showalter

Position: Secretary
Responsibilities: Keep records for the committee
Years in Marsing: 35
Years on committee: Four
Best auction memory: No answer
Reason for joining the committee: "To



serve my community. It is so wonderful to see everyone pull together. This is a great community we live in."

Patricia Hammill

Position: Treasurer
Responsibilities: Record-keeping, tax filing, fundraising
Years in Marsing: 12
Years on committee: Two



Best auction memory: "Seeing them auction off a photo last year after the big fire in the Owyhees. It sold and got donated back several times. It is inspiring to see how this community rallies to take care of itself and the people that are in need within it."

Reason for joining the committee: "To be a part of something great, and use my skill set to help my community."

Sheila Carter

Position: Kitchen/food booths
Responsibilities: Organizing each booth with volunteers, and organizing the donations and items required for each booth. Setup and tear down of each booth. Help with the auction.
Years in Marsing: 17
Years on committee: 10
Best auction memory: "Being chairman in 2013."
Reason for joining the committee: "It was in 2006 with my now husband Bobo, and I received help in 2008 for an emergency medical situation. I've been paying it forward all these years!"



Ryan Dines

Position: Donations/setup
Responsibilities: Get donations from certain businesses. Every year help put up the banners on the railroad crossings. Set up for the auction in the days before.



Years in Marsing: 39
Years on committee: 30
Best auction memory: "When I was around 10 I started helping out at the auction when it was held at the Marsing Elementary School. I held up the items as they were being auctioned off. I also enjoyed being the chairman in 2006."

Reason for joining the committee: "My parents have been involved in it from the day I was born. I started going to the auction when I was a kid, and have helped out every year since. I missed one year of being at the auction in about 30 years."

Tim Dines

Position: Help as needed
Responsibilities: Gather a few of the donations, organize auctioneers, go on the shopping trip, and work the stage the day of the auction.
Years in Marsing: 44
Years on committee: 20
Best auction memory: "Peggy Korte's dill pickles selling for \$600 and \$700."
Reason for joining the committee: "To help and give back to the community."



James Ferdinand

Position: Solicitation/advertisement
Responsibilities: Ticket and poster orders, solicitation
Years in Marsing: 10
Years on committee: Nine
Best auction memory: "So many times seeing items sell for far more than their value! Apples sell for \$500 to \$600 each, my daughter Harlee's Basque bread has sold for \$700, and a dozen eggs for several hundred, then donated back to sell again! All for our community."



Reason for joining the committee: "This community comes together for great causes, to support each other, and to offer a helping hand at a moment's notice. I am confident there is not another city like Marsing anywhere! I am just happy to be a part of it."

Jess Ferdinand

Position: Advertising
Responsibilities: Event calendars, solicitation, and assist where needed
Years in Marsing: Nine
Years on committee: Seven
Best auction memory: "I love seeing everyone and enjoy watching my daughter, Harlee, auction off her Basque bread."
Reason for joining the committee: "To help people and this amazing community."



Jason Ineck

Position: Help as needed
Responsibilities: Help with the auction
Years in Marsing: 40
Years on committee: 17
Best auction memory: "The doughnuts."
Reason for joining the committee: "I grew up going to the auction and wanted to do what I could to help out."



Kelly Ineck

Position: Help as needed
Responsibilities: Go on the shopping trip, make sure the stage is ordered and delivered, cook the turkey noodles, and deliver and return any supplies borrowed from the school district.
Years in Marsing: 20
Years on committee: 17
Best auction memory: "Always seeing the community come together."
Reason for joining the committee: "Jason and I were EMTs for the ambulance and decided it was another way we could help out Marsing."



These other committee members were unable to respond to The Owyhee Avalanche's questionnaire:
Cindy Floyd
Lyle Bowers
Joe Usabel
Roman Usabel
David VanWassenhove
Sharon VanWassenhove

✓ Auction: Wife and children have joined the ranks of those who help out

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will begin at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday in the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 126 2nd St. N.
Carter first got involved with the auction around 1998.
He said the cohesion among Marsing residents was the first thing that impressed him about the fundraiser.
"The community coming together and all the people there supporting it," Carter said. "It was a sure fit. This is a small, small town. We raise a lot of money for such a good cause and the people that are in need."
His wife of three years, Sheila, was chair of the fundraiser in 2013. The couple has two grown children, Bobby, 27, and Becky, 23.
Bobby and Becky have also been involved with the auction

over the years.
"They've helped run the auction items out to people," Carter said. "They've been doing it ever since I've been involved in some capacity."
When the Carters aren't helping out with the auction, Sheila runs her own house cleaning business, while Bobo works as an assistant manager for the Boise Project Board of Control irrigation district.
Carter was happy to once again take the chairman position on the auction committee.
"With volunteerism kind of dropping off, that's why I got back on the bandwagon," he said. "I don't want to see this thing die. But, we're just having trouble getting people involved."
The committee had three monthly meetings to organize this year's event, and the group

met each week in January.
Things only get more hectic as the big day approaches.
"I don't know how many hours it is, but there's a lot of us behind the scenes," Carter said. "We'll spend the whole week before the auction setting up at the Legion hall."
He knows there will be even more work when the clock strikes 10:13 a.m. on Saturday.
"We try to get it done in a timely fashion, but it always seems to feel like a long time, 3:30 or 4 o'clock sometimes," Carter said.
He admits that serving as chairman isn't easy, but in the end it's worth it to raise a substantial amount of money to help his neighbors.
"That's our slogan, 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors,'" Carter said. "If I can help raise that money to help people that unfor-

tunately have some situations in their life, that's a great feeling."
He walked away with a distinct honor the last time he was chair.
"I hold the record for raising the most money, \$101,000," Carter said.
In 1961, the inaugural disaster auction raised \$6,000. Last year, more than \$75,000 was raised.
The committee is always looking for new people to come on board, including folks who have gotten assistance from the auction.
"That's all anonymous, so we can't knock on their doors," Carter said. "But if anybody has ever been helped by the auction, or knows somebody that has, and wants to help out in their own way, if you don't have money to buy things, you can come down and volunteer your time."

However, even without many new folks joining the committee, he said people can count on the auction continuing to be a yearly tradition.
"I know the people that are involved right now, they're always there," Carter said. "We won't let it go away. If we just have to keep rotating through as chairmen, that's what we'll do."
He also explained what "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" means to him personally.
"Whatever you can do to come down to support this, whether buying the food that day, or buying a raffle ticket, or bidding on an auction item, you're part of this community and you're helping someone in this community," he said.
"They give all that they can to help each other out."

— SC

Marsing Disaster Auction raffle and auction

Some of the items folks can expect to see at Saturday’s annual Marsing Disaster Auction:

\$10 raffle

- **Front-load washer and dryer** — Emerald Insurance Agency in Homedale, Haken Insurance Agency in Marsing and Parma Furniture
- **Half a beef, cut and wrapped** — Spring Valley Livestock
- **55-inch flat-screen television** — Usabel Family
- **Gun/security safe** — Dasco of Idaho Inc., and Rhino Metals
- **Savage Trophy Hunter .270 rifle with Nikon scope** — Owyhee County Farm Bureau agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, who are based in Homedale

\$1 raffle

- **\$250 Marsing shopping spree** — American Legion Post 128, Marsing
 - **Boise getaway** — Disaster auction committee
 - **\$250 cash** — Bobo and Sheila Carter, Russ Lindemann and Audrey Hughes
 - **KitchenAid mixer** — Kelly and Betty Ackerman
- Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the auction, with the drawings to be held after the last auction item is sold.

Auction items

- **Traeger Tailgater grill** — Marsing Hardware and Pump
 - **Homemade Basque bread** — Harlee Ferdinand
 - **Rossi Trifecta gun** — Matteson’s
 - **Rib-eye steak packs** — Three Brothers Cattle Ranchers
 - **Whole pig, cut and wrapped** — Greybell Farms and Rising Star Custom Meats
 - **24-gun Rhino safe** — Showalter Construction
 - **Traeger barbecue** — Campbell Tractor
 - **Tole-painted saw blade** — Mona Lindemann
 - **Home security safe** — US Bank
 - **Monthly bouquet of flowers for a year** — Caldwell Floral (Cindy Heinz)
 - **12-gauge shotgun** — SRM Arms
- Other auction items include:
- **Two tickets to the Marsing Fire Department’s annual crab feed**
 - **Two tickets to the Homedale Fire Department’s annual prime rib feed**
 - **Handmade quilts**
 - **Home-baked items and canned goods**
 - **Cold-weather clothing such as coats and jackets**
 - **Themed gift baskets**
 - **Handcrafted artwork**
 - **Tools**
 - **Toys**
 - **Gift certificates to local businesses**



A few of the items that will be up for grabs at the Feb. 11 Grand View Lions Auction. Submitted photo.

Grand View Lions Auction returns later this month

Elementary students selling raffle tickets

The annual Grand View Lions Auction will be held later this month with proceeds going to several community service projects.

The auction takes place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 First St.

During the auction, the winning tickets in the raffle for a .308 Ruger rifle and a Traeger BBQ pellet grill and smoker will be drawn.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Beginning today, tickets will be available from fourth- and fifth-graders attending Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools.

Tickets can also be purchased at Grand View Gas (formerly Gus’s Gas) and the Y Bar & Café.

Auction items up for grabs this year include a floor jack, a battery charger, a Craftsman tool storage cabinet and tools.

One hundred percent of the auction proceeds go back to the community, helping the Lions Club perform several projects through the year.

Among the community events that the Lions sponsor is the annual Easter egg hunt.

Past auctions have furnished proceeds to finish a cement pathway through downtown Grand View, fund scholarships for Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School graduating seniors and continue the Lions Club’s commitment to provide eyeglasses to Treasure Valley children.

The Grand View Lions Club formed in 1956. The club’s auction raises more than \$10,000 each year.

For more information on the club or this year’s auction, call Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman at (208) 834-2442.

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Brotherhood and benevolence

Homedale man among firefighters set to climb against cancer

Chad Christiansen wasn't one and done with the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb after all. Even though the Wilder Fire District assistant chief said he wouldn't climb the 69 floors at the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle again, he's back training two years later.

This time, the Homedale-area resident is making the effort with fellow Wilder firefighter Trey Markley.

And this time, he's raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) in memory of a woman who lost her cancer battle and in honor of a co-worker who conquered leukemia.

"I wasn't going to do it again because I have bad hips," Christiansen said. "But Trey was going to do it, and he asked me. It's a little closer to my heart this year."

Christiansen is climbing the 1,356 steps (788 feet of vertical elevation) to raise money to fight the disease that has affected Zac Lowder, his NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply co-worker.

Lowder is in remission, and says the importance of Christiansen's climb still remains.

"It makes me feel good to know that he's doing it to make people aware," Lowder said.

Lowder believes that the more people who know about Leukemia and Lymphoma, the better the chances that research and treatment will continue to improve.

"My cancer would have killed me instantly, but (the mortality rate) has gone from 90 percent to 10 percent in the last 10 years," Lowder said.

"They're getting more answers and doing more studies and constantly finding ways to put less stress on the body."

Money raised through events like the March 11 Stairclimb has helped push research and treatment forward. The Seattle fundraiser, now in its 26th year, has contributed more than \$12 million to LLS.

Christiansen is accepting pledges of any amount for LLS. You can contact him at the Homedale Owyhee Auto Supply location on East Idaho Avenue to help out. People can pledge money up to two weeks after the event.



Above: Chad Christiansen (right) and his NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply co-worker Zac Lowder, for whom he will compete in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb next month. **Below:** Christiansen and fellow Wilder volunteer firefighter Trey Markley model the 50 pounds of clothing and equipment they'll carry on their 69-floor journey in Seattle.



Donations can be made on the LLS website, too. Go to www.llswa.org, click on the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb tab and type in Christiansen's name when making a contribution.

Christiansen is also taking donations to help cover the hotel room and fuel that he and Markley will use during their Seattle trip.

Thousands of firefighters will ascend the Columbia Center stairwell in waves. Firefighters tape photos of their inspirations to their helmets and hit the stairs.

Last year, Boise Fire Department sent personnel, as did fire agencies from five different countries, including Australia and New Zealand. Hinting that he might return to the Stairclimb again, Christiansen said he would like to recruit firefighters from Marsing, Homedale and Parma to make a future trip.

This year, some firefighters will be there to set records, but Christiansen is merely racing against himself. He has set a goal of cutting his time in half.

Dressed in full firefighting regalia — 50 extra pounds comprised of an oxygen tank, respirator, helmet and full turnout — and with the air pack in use, Christiansen made the 2015 climb in an hour when fellow Wilder volunteers Craig Lane, Drew Noe and Bryan Walker joined him.

"It's hot in there," he said. "I was thinking, 'Don't fall,' but the biggest thing is not to hold anybody up because the stairwell is only a few feet wide."

Although some of the participants are gung-ho about setting the record book on fire, there still is camaraderie.

"We're a brotherhood," Christiansen said. "I had quite a few guys who said they were done, and I grabbed them altogether and said, 'Hey, let's go!'"

— JPB

Steps to training

There's only one thing to keep in mind when lugging 50 pounds of firefighting equipment up more than 1,300 stairs and making a 788-foot vertical climb.

"Lots of cardio," Wilder volunteer firefighter and Homedale-area resident Chad Christiansen said.

When Christiansen signed up for the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb challenge in November, the skies were clear and the weather was mild. He was able to follow the same training regimen that got him in shape for the 2015 trip.

"I had a 6-foot-by-6-foot chain-link fence that I'd pull up and down the driveway," he said.

Then the snow flew. "This year, I had to do a lot more inside," he said.

But chopping snow in the fields and shoveling a driveway can't mimic the stress the body will feel while climbing 69 floors in Seattle in March.

For his first Stairclimb, Christiansen received permission to use stairs inside the grain elevator at Lansing Trade Group's location in Wilder.

This time around, he's looking into traveling to Boise so he and partner Trey Markley can climb one of the taller downtown bank buildings, such as U.S. Bank, which is 19 floors.

He also has spent a lot of time on a stairclimber, too, and is making sure he's eating right.

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Homedale focuses on snow’s aftermath

Homedale officials are still thinking snow even as piles are removed or melt around town.

During his bimonthly report at Thursday’s city council meeting, public works supervisor Bret Smith said that in the event of flooding because of a rapid snow melt residents should consider pumping water into the flood valves connected to irrigation ditches.

Pumping run-off into storm drains would overpower the sewer system and push too much freshwater into the city’s lagoons.

The hope is that the cycle of daytime melt and overnight freezing slow the run-off and make it manageable.

City crews continued to remove piles of snow from Idaho Avenue, leaving a patch of ice down the center of the street.

The ice and snow have narrowed

the lane of travel, and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said he would ask School Resource Officer Karl Kingston to discourage parents from dropping students off in front of the high school near the 2nd Avenue East crosswalk to mitigate traffic congestion and enhance safety.

Library board member Mike Aebischer reported that he had completed work on clearing the building’s roof and removing snow from around the solar panels. Smith and the council thanked Aebischer for his efforts.

Eidemiller told the council that HPD’s new patrol vehicle would arrive by car hauler either Monday or Tuesday. He hopes to obtain surplus components from Idaho State Police that could be installed rather than buying the prisoner cage and console brand new.

— JPB

Irrigation directors’ meeting times change

The South Board of Control irrigation directors meetings for February and March have been moved from their usual scheduled times.

Both meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month inside the SBOC boardroom. The South Board of Control and irrigation directors for the Gem and Ridgeview districts usually meet on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month.

Board secretary Connie Chadez said this month’s meeting has been moved up a week so the SBOC’s auditor can deliver the 2016 report.

Another reason for moving the next two meetings up seven days is to ensure that bills get paid on time.

Next month’s meeting will take place on March 7.

The Ridgeview board of directors kicks off each month’s rounds of meetings at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem directors 15 minutes later. The South Board convenes at 1:30 p.m.

Homedale library treasure hunt set



Shea Jensen plays with robots named “Dash and Dot” during a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) open house at the Homedale Public Library on Thursday. Shea, 12, is the daughter of library administrator Sharla Jensen and University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator Scott Jensen.

Boys and girls attending Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will go on a treasure hunt Friday morning.

Saturday is “Take Your Child to the Library Day,” library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael is organizing the treasure hunt to celebrate a day early.

The 10:15 a.m. event will feature readings of “Pug, Slug, and Doug the Thug” by Carol Saller and “Stuck” by Oliver Jeffers.

McMichael said children will make paper bag books after the stories.

Friday’s Teens and Tweens session at 4 p.m. will focus on learning coding with the Tinkercad program to get prepared for using the 3D printer. Library administrator Sharla Jensen recently purchased the 3D printer and robots with grant money.

Family movie night marks Valentine’s Day

Parents are invited to a special family movie night at the library.

A free showing of the PG-rated film “The Princess Bride” will start at 5 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11 to celebrate Valentine’s Day.

Free movie showings take place at the library on the second Saturday of each month.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

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Man shot by Ada SWAT faced Homedale charges

Homedale Police were familiar with the Nampa man who died in a confrontation with SWAT officers in Kuna last week. Ramon Milanez Jr., 32, had been arrested in August during a drug bust on Kansas Avenue. He posted \$100,000 bond shortly after being booked into Owyhee County Jail on felony theft and drug charges. Milanez allegedly shot at a Kuna Police officer Jan. 24 as he fled from an attempted stop in a vehicle. He was later shot dead in a subdivision after a manhunt. Homedale Police seized a 1985

Hawk motorhome and a 2007 Hummer H3 when they arrested Milanez on Aug. 4. The RV remains in the city’s gated parking lot. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery filed to claim the vehicles as drug forfeitures. According to the Idaho court repository, both vehicles were forfeited. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the Hummer would likely be returned to the car lot that held a lien. At the time of his death, Milanez was also wanted on several warrants out of Canyon County. — JPB

Plenty of topics at winter weed seminar

Neil Rimbey may have retired from the University of Idaho, but he’s not slowing down. Rimbey, who worked out of the U of I’s Caldwell Research and Extension Center, will be one of the presenters at a seminar in Jordan Valley. The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area’s Winter Weed Seminar starts at 10 a.m. on Tuesday inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95). Rimbey will talk about how western juniper encroachment affects the individual economies of ranches in the area. Pesticide recertification credits for both Idaho and Oregon will be available at the seminar. Other topics to be covered include:

- The High Desert Tri-State Regional Conservation Partnership Program project to mitigate drought in the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region.
- Nicole Sullivan of project leader Trout Unlimited will talk

about the work, which is being funded with \$1.3 million in Natural Resource Conservation Service money.

- Dr. Katherine Lee from U of I will discuss cooperative efforts in weed control.
- Dr. Chad Boyd of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Burns, Ore., Agriculture Research Service station will examine how to be successful in managing annual grasses.
- Bill Buhrig from the Oregon State University Extension Office in Ontario, Ore., will cover pesticide measuring, mixing and adjuvants.
- Weed-sprayer calibration also will be covered
- There will be partner and industry updates at the tail-end of the event.

For more information, contact Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison at (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net. The Jordan Valley CWMA office is located at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Valentine’s Dinner to help Rimrock Sr. Center

The annual Valentine’s Dinner fundraiser at Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View is scheduled for later this month. The dinner, which is one of the center’s biggest fundraisers, takes place at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11. The center is located at 525 Main St. Reservations for the dinner can be made by calling (208) 834-2922. The cost is \$15 per adult couple, \$14 per senior couple, \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$4 for children 12 and younger. Everyone is welcome, center treasurer Kathy Chick said. The menu includes roast beef,

baked potatoes, salads, vegetables and Valentine’s desserts. Coffee, hot and cold tea, milk and water will be available to drink. Senior center coordinator Sarah Carothers said there will also be live music during the dinner. About 100 people attended last year’s dinner. Chick said to make room for the dinner, the usual Saturday afternoon games of cards and dominoes will not be held next week. “Those people that are in charge of the dinner are the ones that usually play, too,” Chick said.

Pros, cons to snow in Soda Fire area

Slow melt good for rehabilitation, but fast melt could trigger erosion

How this winter’s heavy snowfall affects the Soda Fire burn area may not be known until run-off begins. But the Bureau of Land Management took advantage of the blanket of snow last week when it conducted more aerial seeding operations in several areas affected by the 2015 wildfire as well as two other spots in the Boise District that had been hit by recent fires. In an operation that was supposed to last through the end of January, weather permitting, the BLM used mechanical seed dispensers slung beneath low-flying helicopters to drop seed in Coal Mine Basin, Shares Basin, Rockville and Wilson Creek. The operation included seeding 27,000 acres in the Soda Fire area in Owyhee County and Crane Fire and Mile Marker 14

Fire areas elsewhere in the BLM Boise District. The BLM’s other Soda Fire rehabilitation techniques have included hand-planting, drill seeding and herbicides. The agency said conducting the aerial seeding operation with snow on the ground allows the seeds to incorporate into the soil as melting occurs. This will mimic natural seed dispersal as much as possible. “It is possible that when the snow melts, it will increase the available moisture for the vegetation within the Soda Fire (area),” Soda Fire rehabilitation project lead Peter Toma told The Owyhee Avalanche. “However, environmental factors like the timing of snow melt, surface temperature and soil temperature also effect germination and the vegetation response.

“Until the snowpack melts and we are able to access the site, we will not be able to evaluate the conditions on the landscape.” Toma said how much erosion the area experiences will depend on how fast the snow melts and how well established existing vegetation can hold the soil together. “Erosion is a natural process, and the Owyhee Mountains include areas prone to high water flow events and erosion,” Toma wrote in an email. “It is very hard to predict how snow will melt and how the water flows may effect erosion. “If the snow melts slowly, existing vegetation has a chance to minimize erosion. If the snow melts quickly, run-off might be increased and could have the potential to cause isolated areas of erosion.” Toma said erosion is natural and will occur in the area again at some point just as it had before the Soda Fire scarred the landscape. — JPB

Work begins on Bruneau auction

Raffle tickets are on sale and donations are being accepted ahead of the annual Bruneau Boosters Community Auction and Dinner. The event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., in Bruneau. Auction and raffle proceeds will benefit various community events throughout the year and also help fund the booster club’s support in town. To donate, call Judy McBride at (208) 845-2842. McBride asks that no white elephant gifts be donated for this

year’s auction. “That’s how we originally started the auction,” McBride said. “It was all white elephants with things people didn’t want anymore. Last year, we didn’t make enough to make it worth our while, and we need the room.” Donations will be collected at the Legion Hall from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 and beginning at 10 a.m., on the day of the auction. A free chicken chili and French bread dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and homemade pie will be sold by the slice. Folks can peruse silent auction items

and register bids during dinner. The live auction starts at 7 p.m. A Yeti cooler and half a pig, cut and wrapped, will be raffled the night of the auction. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased from a Booster Club member or at the door. Two tickets will be drawn; the first winner chooses between the prizes. The Booster Club purchased the half pig. The Yeti cooler raffle is made possible through a donation by Jim’s Lumber in Mountain Home and the Booster Club.

State outfitters salute BLM staff

Two Bureau of Land Management staffers from the Jarbidge Field Office have received Resource Manager Awards. The Idaho Outfitter and Guides Association honored Field Manager Elliot Traher and outdoor recreation planner Nathan Jayo during the organization’s annual meeting in Boise in December. A group of boating outfitters nominated the men for their professionalism and customer service in permit renewals for the Bruneau and Jarbidge Wild and Scenic Rivers. The nominating group included Wilderness River Outfitters, Far and Away Adventures, Barker River Expeditions and ROW Adventures. “Nathan and Elliot facilitated the renewal process so we could launch on the Jarbidge and Bruneau during peak flows last spring,” Wilderness Rivers Outfitters operations manager Seth Tonsmeire said. “We were able to provide our customers with a perfect wilderness experience.” Traher said the several people in the field office within the Twin Falls District also helped expedite



From left: Wilderness River Outfitters operations manager Seth Tonsmeire, Bureau of Land Management Jarbidge Field Manager Elliot Traher, BLM outdoor recreation planner Nathan Jayo and Idaho Outfitter and Guides Association government affairs liaison Grant Simonds. BLM photo

the permit process. “We had a specific window of time that we could commit to this effort, and if it weren’t for the Twin Falls District and Jarbidge fisheries biologists, archaeologist and Nathan, it probably wouldn’t have worked out the way it did,” Traher said. “I’m so proud of the way they each worked together to complete

the appropriate environmental analysis and collaborated with the outfitters to fine-tune the four special recreation permits to reflect the nuances of the limited floating season. It is rewarding to be recognized for going above and beyond. It was the right thing for us to do, and with a little luck and a lot of perseverance we were able to make it happen.”

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County ranchers ready for Oreana meeting

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting takes place Saturday, Feb. 11 in Oreana.

Before the membership meeting begins at 1 p.m. inside the community hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, the University of Idaho Extension will present its annual winter beef school.

Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen will present Beef Quality Assurance certification and re-certification to kick off the beef school, which runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Travis Allen of Advantage Veterinary will talk about "Cowboy Obstetrics," and U of I assistant professor Dr. Hernan Tejeda will reprise the market outlook that he provided during last month's Idaho Range Livestock Symposium in Marsing.

Lunch sponsored by Merial and Simplot Western Stockmen's will be provided for all attendees. Other beef school sponsors include AgriLines and Select Sires-Hal Harris.

OCA president Chad Nettleton will drop the gavel on the ranchers' winter meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Idaho Cattle Association executive vice-president Cameron Mulrony and U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador's regional director, Brad Griff, are among the scheduled speakers. An update on Bureau of Land Management issues also is scheduled.

There also will be reports from the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board.

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Board and assessment committee also will give an update.

When the meeting breaks up, expected around 5 p.m., there will be a social hour sponsored by AniPro's Dana Rutan and Doug Rutan and Seth Thomas and Logan Thomas of Thomas Cattle.

A potluck will be held at 6 p.m., and folks are asked to bring a side dish.

The annual winter dance with live music from Runnin' for Cover will begin at 9 p.m. A \$5-per-person cover charge will be donated to help maintain the community hall.

Commercial Tire is sponsoring the silver membership bit giveaway, and Miller Livestock Solutions and CowBos are providing a bridle that will be given away.



The Marsing Middle School regional National Science Bowl Team competed Saturday at Boise State University.

From left: co-coach Deidra Little, co-coach Petra Vawter, Nick Case, Hailey Christiansen, Kathryn Brown, Samuel Withers, Alex Gasper.

Submitted photo

Marsing students return to Science Bowl

Experiments, competition and fun for middle-schoolers at regional contest

Marsing students competed in the Western Idaho Middle School Science Bowl on Saturday in Boise.

This was the second year that MMS students have participated in the bowl, which was held at Boise State University. During the round robin competition, the group lost to three Boise schools, but triumphed against Caldwell's Syringa Middle School.

Marsing was the only rural school out of the nine schools that participated in the bowl.

Boise's Hillside Middle School won the event. The students will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the Washington D.C. nationals.

The U.S. Department of Energy-sponsored competition involved answering questions related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

MMS co-coach and science teacher Deidra Little said

BSU professor and astronaut Steve Swanson talked to the students about the importance of science and math while showing entertaining clips of his experiences on the International Space Station and spacewalks.

Between the rounds of competition, the students also worked on electromagnetic experiments.

The Marsing team, which was co-coached by science teacher Petra Vawter, included:

- Kathryn Brown, seventh grade, second year at the bowl
- Nick Case, eighth grade, first year
- Hailey Christiansen, eighth grade, second year
- Alex Gasper, sixth grade, first year
- Amelia Green, sixth grade, first year
- Samuel Withers, seventh grade, second year



Marsing eighth-grader Hailey Christiansen finds out what electricity can do to your hair day during an electromagnetic experiment between rounds of competition at the Western Idaho Middle School Science Bowl on Saturday in Boise.

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Former coach’s classic collection caught in cave-in

Dean Vance
hasn’t seen this
much snow since
the 1950s

Dean Vance has lived in Homedale most of his 84 years. He’s never seen snow like this. The former Homedale High School basketball coach has become more known for his rare classic trucks in recent years, but the buzz around town about his vehicles nowadays is because of the winter’s impact. Add the longtime Homedale resident to the list of folks affected by collapsed buildings.

The roof of his 1,200-square-foot garage on the corner of Idaho highway 19 and Johnstone Road gave way under the weight of snow a month ago.

While he has been able to remove his newer vehicles — a 2003 Dodge diesel pickup and a 2013 Lincoln SUV — four other vehicles were buried under the cave-in.

“We lifted enough of the roof off to get the Lincoln and diesel pickup out,” Vance said.

All the vehicles received damage to some degree. There are dents all over the Lincoln and Dodge pickup, including a crushed lid on a truck bed toolbox that took the brunt of the blow on the Dodge.

Vance was able to drive the Lincoln and Dodge out of the garage, and a crew removed part of the collapsed roof and shored up the sagging front wall with boards.

But Vance’s more recognizable rigs are still stuck inside the shop.

Vehicles pinned inside the shop include the 1958 Dodge Power Wagon that Vance painted himself, a 1948 Chevrolet two-ton



Above: Homedale resident Dean Vance explains what happened when the roof collapsed on the garage in which he parks a 1958 Dodge Power Wagon and 1948 Chevrolet two-ton truck. **Below:** Vance looks at a Ford Ranger pickup that is parked under the rubble facing a 1975 Ford 4x4 pickup.

truck once owned by his father and a 1975 Ford 4x4 pickup. Those vehicles have been fixtures in Homedale parades, and Vance has displayed them during the Angel Walk and Wagons and Wheels show and shines.

A 2007 Ford Ranger is still inside, obscured by splintered and fallen trusses and the caved-in metal roof.

“It’s amazing there isn’t more damage on all of them,” he said.

Vance is planning to rebuild as soon as a demolition crew can remove the rubble — and as soon as the snow melts.

The Navy veteran said the snow around Homedale is the most he has seen in 60 years.

He said the snow piled up around town in January 1957 was comparable in volume to today’s white stuff. But only one storm hit months after he left the service, unlike the 2017 winter that has had snow event after snow event.

— JPB



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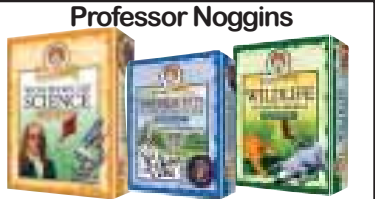
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Trojans Dorsey, Freelove to sign with EOU football

First-team all-conference athletes make it official today



Wyatt Dorsey



Kendall Freelove

Two Homedale High School student-athletes will continue their football careers and studies at Eastern Oregon University.

Seniors Wyatt Dorsey and Kendall Freelove will sign national letters of intent to play for the Mountaineers this afternoon.

The signing takes place at 3:30 p.m. inside the HHS gymnasium foyer.

Trojans coach Matt Holtry announced the

signing day Monday morning.

Dorsey and Freelove were two-way standouts for the Trojans and both played in the El Korah East-West Shrine All-Star Game in November.

A 6-foot, 3-inch lineman, Dorsey is the son of Kristie and Matt Dorsey.

Freelove, who played defensive end and tight end for the Trojans, is the son of Matt

and Jannelle Freelove and Adam and Jamie Bahem.

Dorsey was a first-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference offensive lineman in the fall, and the coaches made him an honorable mention pick on the defensive line.

Freelove was a first-teamer on the defensive line and an honorable mention as tight end.

BIG BASKETBALL WEEK JUST BEGINNING

Huskies to host district opener

Girls stand two wins from state tournament

Marsing High School girls' basketball team will play host to a district tournament opening-round game.

The Huskies are the No. 3 seed for the tournament and will entertain McCall-Donnelly at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Marsing (10-10 overall) heads into the double-elimination tournament on a two-game losing streak.

"We are seeded third heading

into the tournament, which is a pretty good spot for us to be in," Huskies coach Jake Dugger said.

"We have numerous injuries, and the snow days have made the end of our season pretty hectic."

Marsing beat the sixth-seeded Vandals (5-15) by 23 points, 50-27, in their first meeting on Dec. 16. McCall-Donnelly narrowed the gap on its home floor but lost, 45-43, on Jan. 23. The second game had been postponed from a few days earlier because of snow road conditions.

— See *Huskies*, page 8B

Crucial 1A HDL tilts loom for Adrian, JV

Adrian, Crane battle for league lead this week

Adrian High School set up a showdown for the league lead with its ninth consecutive girls' basketball victory.

Carlee Morton and Sadie Speelmon fired in two three-point goals apiece in a 79-30 dismantling of Harper Charter in a 1A High Desert League game played on the Antelopes' floor.

Adrian (15-2 overall, 7-0 in league) more than doubled the Hornets' shot chances, converting 33 of 84 field-goal attempts (39.3 percent).

The Antelopes parlayed

— See *Adrian*, page 8B

Jordan Valley set sights on Antelopes

Jordan Valley High School stayed two games behind the league leaders with a crucial girls' basketball game looming.

After a weekend 1A High Desert League sweep, the Mustangs (11-4 overall, 5-2 in league) face a three-game week that ends with a Saturday home game against their archrival and co-league leader Adrian (15-2, 7-0).

Adrian began the week as the fifth-ranked team in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll, while Jordan Valley held on to the No. 10 spot, and 1A HDL co-leader Crane was rated eighth.

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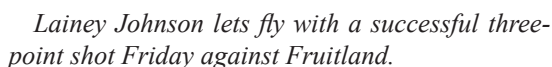
Marsing High School senior Sheyanne Glorfield (3) goes in for a layup against Melba as teammate Alex Grant looks on. Photo by Dan Pease

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Homedale upsets Fruitland to tune up for district.

Trojans upend Fruitland

Faith Jacobson had five defensive rebounds, and Hall grabbed six to help Homedale hold a 21-7 boarding edge on Fruitland's end.



RaAnna Dahle led Fruitland with nine points, Allison Church logged six points.

Homedale fundraiser ticket sales wind down

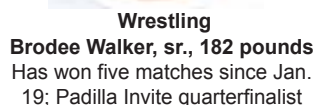
No day-of dinner
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The dinner, live and silent auctions and raffle takes place on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale. The event

- Posting a message to the Boosters Facebook page or
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Athlete Spotlight



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If win Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 7, championship game, 7:30 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Tuesday, Feb 7, consolation final, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity
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If necessary: Wednesday, Feb. 1, home for championship at 6:30 p.m.
Frosh-soph
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament
If necessary: Wednesday, Feb. 1, home for championship at 5 p.m.

Go Trojans!

Sports

Jacob Furlott trains with eye on college career

HHS senior enters indoor track meet

Jacob Furlott has shifted focus to his future. Weeks after leaving the basketball team, the Homedale High School senior is hard at work training for track. “He has started working on preseason track because he really wants to be ready and hit some big PRs (personal records) this year,” HHS track and field coach Heidi Ankeny said.

“He also has hopes of running in college now.” Furlott is entered in this weekend’s New Balance Boise Indoor meet at the Jacksons Track by the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. He will run the 60 meters and the 200 meters. The boys’ 60-meter preliminary heats will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday with the final at 9:35 a.m.



Jacob Furlott

on Saturday. The 200 final is set for 8:45 p.m. on Friday. But how does one further his track agenda when snow covers all lanes of the allegedly all-weather track? “It is mainly just a lot of strength workouts and running a lot of stairs,” Furlott said of his routine inside the high school gymnasium. Ankeny and her husband and assistant coach Luke put together a training program for Furlott, who had been training through basketball practice and weight class during school hours before making his

commitment. “Since starting in on more specific track stuff, he has been doing stairs, core work, leg strengthening drills, conditioning, speed drills and short sprints at about 80 percent of full speed,” Heidi said. Even with the cold temperatures, the training team hoped to move outside to the Deward Bell Stadium in the days before the meet. “We are hoping to clear a lane or two on the track to get him out there this week to work on blocks and give us a little more space,” Heidi said. — JPB

Big comeback puts Jordan Valley boys in control

Mustangs take two-game lead in 1A HDL

There’s still a long way to go in the 1A High Desert League boys’ basketball season, but Jordan Valley has secured at least one tiebreaker. Scoring 38 points in the third quarter, the Mustangs came from behind with a vengeance to beat Prairie City, 78-69, on Saturday and sweep the season series. Jordan Valley has won 11 consecutive games. JJ Echave’s career-high 30 points helped Jordan Valley (13-2, 8-0) beat the host Panthers (9-6, 7-2) for the second time this season and take a two-game lead in the league standings. Echave also grabbed 10 of his 14 rebounds on the defensive glass.

Jordan Valley outscored Prairie City, 38-9, to start the second half to erase a 16-point halftime deficit. Chase Fillmore drained four three-point goals and was 8-for-13 from the free-throw line en route to 22 points. Zeke Quintero scored seven points and dished seven assists to go with six rebounds. **Friday: Jordan Valley 83, Burnt River 14** — Wade Stanford’s 23 points led four scorers in double figures as the Mustangs throttled the Bulls in Jordan Valley. The Mustangs held a 48-2 halftime lead after holding Burnt River scoreless in the second quarter. Stanford added 10 rebounds and connected on 11 of 14 field-goal attempts. Garrett Youren scored 13 points, while Echave added 14 and Kirk

Eiguren kicked in 12. Kort Skinner had four steals, and Stanford led the team with five. **Last Wednesday: Jordan Valley 55, McDermitt, Nev. 40** — Four players scored in double figures as the visiting Mustangs made a first-half lead stand up. Eiguren’s 13 points and nine rebounds led the way as Jordan Valley swept the home-and-home non-league series. The Mustangs doubled the Bulldogs’ early output and held an 18-9 lead after eight minutes. Chase Fillmore, Echave and Quintero scored 10 points apiece for Jordan Valley, which connected on 47.8 percent of its field-goal attempts (22-for-46), including two three-point goals each from Fillmore and Quintero. Echave also had nine boards, and Eiguren led the defense with four steals.



Zeke Quintero grabs the ball during Jordan Valley High School’s crucial victory over Prairie City. Photo by Tara Echave

Huskies ratchet up intensity for 2A WIC’s second half

Boys end first run-through with McCall rout

Tim Little expects the 2A Western Idaho Conference boys’ basketball season’s second half to be chock full of intensity. And the Marsing High School coach is just fine with that. The Huskies (7-7 overall, 2-3 in 2A WIC) wrapped up the first half of the campaign on Friday with a 55-33 blowout of host McCall-Donnelly. “I have realized that the standings are pretty insignificant at this point,” the fourth-year coach said. “Everyone, with the exception of Cole Valley Christian

is in an alley brawl, fighting for positioning.” “Knowing that we consistently come on strong at the end, there is no better group of young men I would rather be in a brawl with than the 12 on my team.” Little’s players showed their scrappiness and heart last Wednesday against state-ranked Cole Valley Christian. The Huskies were hanging tough in the first half before the Chargers’ size took over and set up a 55-43 victory. Cole Valley (13-2, 6-0 and ranked No. 3 by the media and No. 4 by the coaches in last week’s statewide polls) used strong penetration into the key to disrupt Marsing’s defense in the third quarter. Eight offensive rebounds after

the break played a part in the Chargers scoring 17 points in the third quarter and expanding a five-point halftime lead. “This was definitely the difference in the game, as all of their starters are 6 feet and taller plus they have depth with height as well,” Little said. After Marsing kept the game close in the first half, trailing by only three points after eight minutes, Cole Valley pulled away after the intermission. The Chargers capped a 73 percent foul-shooting night by knocking down eight of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter. “I am disappointed with the outcome, but we are starting to get back to playing the way that will get us opportunities to be

successful,” Little said. Tyler Simonson had a co-game-high 11 points for Marsing, and he grabbed six rebounds. Another senior, Nick Lankow, continued his steady play with eight points and eight boards. Enrique Quebrado scored nine points, while Dakota Hardy added seven. Dominic Panchenko paced the Chargers with 11 points. **Friday: Marsing 55, McCall-Donnelly 33** — Hardy hit three foul shots with no time on the clock in the third quarter to help the Huskies shake the Vandals. “This is always a tough road trip,” Little said. Hardy hit the only free throws he would have all night after being fouled while trying to heave a 60-

foot shot as the buzzer sounded with Marsing leading by five points. “He made all three free throws, and gave us momentum heading into the fourth quarter where we allowed only five points,” Little said. The Huskies performed well from the foul line, especially in the fourth quarter, missing only two of 28 chances in the contest. Quebrado was 13-for-15 from the charity stripe for the bulk of his team-high 20 points. He also had five rebounds and three steals. Hardy finished with nine points, while Tyler Wood missed only one shot (3-for-4 from the field and 5-for-5 from the line) and scored a season-high 11 points. Wood also grabbed four boards.

DeMark brothers deliver in Antelopes’ sweep of the week

Adrian High School is back to .500 in the 1A High Desert League boys’ basketball standings. The Antelopes (6-9 overall, 4-4 in league) started its week of routs Thursday with a 65-30 win over visiting Harper Charter.

Friday: Adrian 77, Huntington 45 — The Antelopes rolled through the third quarter on a 25-8 clip to cement its league rout of the host Locomotives. Miller DeMark drilled four of his team’s nine three-point

goals and led all players with 22 points. Warren DeMark was 5-for-5 from the foul line and finished with 18 points and five steals. Two other Antelopes — Ryker Murrey (11 points) and Kenny

Purnell (10 points) — reached double figures, while Roberto Ramirez chipped in eight points and five assists. Purnell grabbed seven of the 10 rebounds that gave him a double-double on Huntington’s glass.

Adrian forced 25 turnovers and scored 24 points off Locomotives’ missteps. Huntington’s Carlos Girard scored nine points and collected six rebounds. Teammate Shawn Clark notched seven assists.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 5, 1992

Evans chosen Farmer of the Year by OSCD

Ross Evans, a farmer in the rural Homedale area since 1948, was announced as the 1991 Farmer of the Year in the Owyhee Soil Conservation District during the organization’s annual dinner meeting on Jan. 29 at the Homedale Seniors Citizens Center.

Evans was chosen by the OSCD board of supervisors in recognition of his conservation management practices, according to Beverly Bauer of Marsing, district clerk. His selection was announced by Dean Brandon of rural Homedale. Evans could not be present for the occasion.

Ray Mansisor of rural Homedale, chairman of OSCD board, served as emcee at the dinner attended by nearly 50 people. An update on the Jump Creek water quality project was presented by Dave Brown, district conservationist, and Dave Ferguson, water quality conservationist, both of the Marsing office of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. Tom Benson of Wilson community, vice chairman of the board, presented a report on OSCD activities during the past year.

U.P. representatives meet with users

Union Pacific Railroad representatives were met with some opposition from area business owners and operators at the noon meeting January 29 at Owyhee Lanes in Homedale.

The representatives, all from the railroad’s marketing department, were in town to discuss the railroad’s possible abandonment of the Homedale Branch line, which runs from milepost 2.0 near Nyssa. Ore., to milepost 33.5 near Marsing.

The line was published as part of an Amended Systems Diagram in the September 25 Avalanche, making it eligible for abandonment.

If the line is abandoned, it will be removed.

Union Pacific representative Dick Peterson told about 50 business and local government representatives who attended the meeting that the line has come under consideration for abandonment mainly because of a lack of revenue.

He said this lack of revenue, coupled with the need for investment in the line in the future to keep it operable, made abandonment an option.

Buck home from Super Bowl

Sid Buck of Homedale has returned from Minneapolis where he watched the Washington Redskins pulverize the Buffalo Bills, 37-24, in Super Bowl XXVI to claim the NFL championship for the 3rd time in 10 years.

Buck’s son, Jason, a defensive end and special teams player for the winning Redskins, may bring his family to Homedale for a visit after he gets settled in Provo for the off-season, according to his father.

Jason’s family here includes brother, Beau, sister, Lilly Williams, and another sister in Greenleaf, Wendy Covey.

Trojans girls out of tournament

Homedale girls’ varsity basketball players ended their roller coaster ride at the District III tournament in New Plymouth Monday night when they were eliminated by McCall-Donnelly in a 44-49 cliffhanger spill.

Amy Binford dunked 17 points to lead the Trojans.

Musicians tapped

Four musical performers in the Homedale High School Choir and Band have been selected for participation this spring in Idaho All-State Choir and Band clinics and concert performances, according to David Smyth, music director in the Homedale school system. One additional singer has been selected as an alternate to the statewide-choir.

Tami Taggart, senior, 1st alto; Nicole Larzelier, junior, 2nd soprano; and Toni Belknap, junior, 2nd soprano, are the students picked for the All-State Choir, with Wayne Jorgenson, senior 2nd bass in the local choir, named alternate. Shelly Ethington, a junior who plays a bassoon, has been picked for the All-State Band.

50 years ago

February 2, 1967

Paul Akichika named Young Farmer of the Year

The Homedale area’s Young Farmer-of-the-Year Award was presented to Paul Akichika Saturday evening at the Sixth Annual Homedale Farm City Banquet held at the Washington school multi-purpose room, according to Don L. Shaffer, newly installed president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Runners-up for the award were: Lynn Taggart, first and Fred L. Demshar, second. The young farmers were selected from a list of nine area farmers chosen from a field of 25 area farmers by the local farm organizations.

Other candidates for the annual award were: Larry Bahem, Theodore W. (Ted) Chadez, Roy Kubosumi, Tony Larrocea, Don Shaeffer and Keith Stansell.

Master of Ceremonies for the affair was William P. Gigray, Jr., noted Caldwell attorney. The invocation was by the Rev. Edward Alora of the First Presbyterian Church. The Chamber of Commerce president’s welcome was given by Homer Anderson, outgoing president of the Chamber, and followed by the introduction of guests.

The installation of Chamber officers for the ensuing term was held in conjunction with the award banquet as it has in past years. The following officers were installed: Don L. Shaffer, president; Ray Tolsma, vice president; Kenneth Downing, secretary-treasurer, and members of the board of directors, Merrill Baigrie, Harold Wilson, Homer Anderson, Dale Jackson and Roy Schamber.

President Shaffer, in taking office, stated that the Chamber is only as strong as its weakest link – and that we must pull together – or fall apart. He added that any change is good, that we cannot stand still and said that he is optimistic about the future of the area and Homedale.

Junior riflemen elect officers

The Homedale Junior Rod and Gun club held election of officers at their meeting Monday night. Roy Eiguren was elected president; Tom Wilson, vice president; Jacquie Walker, secretary and treasurer, and Joni Uda, reporter.

Step down prizes for the third shooting session were won by Jacquie Walker, Roy Lineberger, Dick Goodloe and Terry Case, respectively.

Scores were as follows: Kneeling: Joni Uda, 193.

Sitting: Roy Eiguren, 275; Carey Inouye, 227; Tom Wilson, 226; Jacquie Walker, 196; Kelly Ferguson, 193; and Royce Lineberger, 182.

Prone: Dick Goodloe, 270; Daryl Jemmett, 254; Terry Case, 242, Randy Fry, 236; Alan Godlevsky, 234, Doug Pottenger, 232; Craig Blessing, 232; Gary Godlevsky, 229; Ricky Breashears, 225; Ralph Matteson, 225; Marsha Case, 220; Kristy Eachus, 193; John Jackson, 188; Tim Funk, 180; Shanley Ferguson, 178; Mike Blessing, 176; Sharon Wood, 174; Bob Gossard, 165; Markee Stimmell, 161; Steve Breashears, 159; Danny Duke, 156; Patsy Lineberger, 155; Carl Hammons, 155; Jana Knight, 151; Charles VanDerhoff, 142; Merle Hammons, 139; and Merl Anderson, 93.

Fruitland takes Homedale 55-47

The Fruitland Grizzlies broke their tie for third place with the Trojans of Homedale with a victory of 55-47 over the Trojans. Fruitland, with a 2-1 record, now stands a solid third in the Southern Division of the SRV-B league. Homedale is a lonely fourth with a 1-2 slate.

Mike Sasaki spurred the Grizzlies to their victory scoring 13 points. Jim Jackson led Homedale with 13 points.

Grand View news

The winners of the Peace Essay contest conducted by the Grand View Lions club were announced today by Tom Collett, club president.

The winner of the first-place award of a certificate from Lions International and \$10.00 from the local Lions Club is Suzanne Harris, a senior at Grand View High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Grand View.

The second place award of \$5.00 goes to Vicky Urquidi, also a senior at Grand View High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Urquidi of Grand View.

140 years ago

February 3, 1877

GRANT has been improving his record recently. He is said to have expressed a doubt whether the electoral vote of Louisiana had been fairly cast for Hayes and Wheeler. He signed the compromise bill and thereby evinced a disposition to respect the wishes of the people in the interest of peace and commercial prosperity. Last, but not least, he expressed a determination not to see Dr. Mary Walker unless she was clad in the habiliments of her sex. All these are favorable indications and evince a desire on the part of the present occupant of the White House to retrieve some of his past errors and give a modicum of tone and reputation to the expiring days of his official career.

THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION. The settlement of the Presidential question by references to a joint arbitration composed of an equal number of members of the Supreme Court, Senate and House of Representatives, while it has many objectionable features, will in all probability result in a peaceful adjustment of the problem which has for the past three months agitated the country to the serious detriment of its business interests. That such a result may be accomplished there are now hopeful indications, and if this be the case the large majority of the people who have the welfare of the whole country at heart, will not manifest a captious feeling even if the method selected to bring about this desirable consummation does not bear a strict analysis from a constitutional standpoint. Viewing the question in its broadest aspects, there is certainly some cause for congratulation in the spirit evinced by liberal-minded men of both political parties in sacrificing party prejudices and party bias for the good of their country. The opposition to this compromise measure precedes mainly from extremists, men who would plunge the country into the horrors of civil war in order to gratify their own malevolent instincts in a determination to make party superior to country. Happily the designs of these revolutionists have been frustrated, and fresh evidence presented to the civilized world showing that the people, through their representatives are capable of meeting a great crisis and defending the growth and stability of republican institutions. The intense desire on the part of the political managers on both sides to handle and control the enormous revenues of the country give way in obedience to the popular demand that this critical question must be settled without bloodshed, and that the business interests of the country must not be jeopardized by a resort to arms in order to please an unscrupulous horde of politicians. The plan now being carried out is not such a one as the friends and supporters of the Constitution could wish for, but it is the preferable choice of two evils, and will we hope result in giving the country the peace and commercial prosperity so urgently demanded at the present crisis.

NOTES FROM SOUTH MOUNTAIN. South Mountain, Jan. 27, 1877.

A few evenings ago the hearts of the South Mountainites were gladdened by the welcome sound of the whistle of the engine at the Bay State mine. It was indeed cheering to hear the donkey bray once more. Since the evening when the poor dumb brute first opened his musical throat this winter, work has been energetically carried on getting the water out of the shaft and the miners will soon be able to go to work sinking.

I am very sorry to have to state that several of our worthy ladies have been on the sick list for some time but hope to be able to report more favorably next week.

A dancing club has been formed here and the girls and boys have a gay time every Wednesday evening. The dancing is interspersed with some very sweet singing by the ladies.

Mr. Dow Vincent has just returned from your city and has opened a restaurant here. Knowing something of Mr. V’s experience in that line of business and his general desire to see the boys happy and contented, we are confident that he will give entire satisfaction to his patrons, for he never does anything by halves. His charges are very moderate, only seven dollars per week. — Amateur.

Sports



Marsing JVs fall in conference tourney
Emily Loucks lunges to put up a shot as teammate Aubrey Villa (34) boxes out during Marsing High School's 60-41 loss to Cole Valley Christian in the first round of the 2A Western Idaho Conference junior varsity tournament Saturday in Melba. The Huskies were the No. 2 seed facing the third-seeded Chargers in the semifinals. Marsing played for third place Monday after deadline. Photo by Dan Pease

Fruitland, Parma handle HHS boys

After a stretch of defensive competitiveness, Homedale High School suffered one of its worst boys' basketball losses since joining the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Scoring 23 of the game's first 30 points, Fruitland blasted the Trojans, 73-33, on Thursday in Homedale.

The Trojans' losing streak reached 10 games Saturday with a 59-43 conference setback on the road in Parma.

Thursday's 40-point loss to Fruitland marked the Homedale program's widest final deficit in conference play since a 69-40 setback in Parma on Jan. 11, 2012. Fruitland beat Homedale, 72-43, on Feb. 5, 2010 on the Trojans' floor.

The 40-point margin was the second-largest this season. Skyview hammered the Trojans by 47 points, 70-23, in the Nampa Christmas Tournament on Dec. 15.

Homedale (2-12 overall, 0-5 3A SRV before Tuesday's game at Weiser) hadn't surrendered more than 52 points in four games prior to Thursday's blowout. The 73 points allowed matched the Trojans' season high, which came in a 73-64 season-opening loss to Cole Valley Christian on Nov. 29.

Homedale has allowed 70 or more points three times this season, but had held two of its previous three opponents under 50 points.

Taking heed of coach Mike Fitch's admonishments to play defense, the Grizzlies forced turnovers on four of five possessions midway through the second quarter Thursday. Drake Stampfli's



Homedale guard Tony Baltierrez goes in for a layup in the second quarter of Thursday's game against Fruitland.

layup with 2 minutes, 18 seconds remaining in the first half capped a 12-4 spurt and handed Fruitland a 35-11 lead.

Trojans guard Carson Brown scored on free throws and a running layup, and fellow sophomore Mason Kincheloe converted a crisp

pass from freshman Nelson Lomeli to fuel Homedale's quick six-point run to close the gap slightly. Kendall Freelove's smooth jump shot with 9.7 seconds left before half kept Fruitland within 18 points.

No statistics were provided for either of last week's games.

MARSING HUSKIES
Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Nick Lankow, sr., post
Averaged 6.5 points, 5.0 rebounds in two games



Girls' basketball
Sheyanne Glorfield, sr., guard
34 pts, 11 rebs total against Melba and Nampa Christian



Wrestling
Joseph Ineck, jr., 145 pounds
Had key wins in WIC Duals and tied for fifth in RD Brown.

Boys' basketball
Varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity

2A District III Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 2, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m.
If win Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 4 vs. Cole Valley Christian, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell
If lose Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Melba or home vs. Nampa Christian or New Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete
Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 11, home for Marsing Pod Tournament, 9:30 a.m.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Mechanical problems



On the coldest morning of last December, my pickup wouldn't start. It wasn't the battery; it turned over. I ground away at the starter, manipulating the manual choke (it's 30 years old) until the battery began to weaken.

Installing my daughter behind the wheel and hooking up the jumper cables, I squirted jets of ether down the carburetor's throat as my daughter ground the starter. Occasionally it would catch and a ball of flame would shoot from the two-barrel!

I broke off and went to town for more ether. My daughter suggested it was outta gas. She switched the gas gauge from MAIN TANK to AUX, "See," she said, "It's empty."

"No," I explained, "You've just switched it wrong. See, the other tank is full."

I used another can of ether to no avail. I released my daughter, unhooked the cables and left my pickup for the wolves.

That night I lay in my bed plotting how to pull it to the mechanic in town when my unconscious mind finally spoke up, "Dummy, switch yer tanks. Yer outta gas!"

Which I was. I haven't confessed to my daughter yet, so if she doesn't read this column I'll still retain my position as "The Perfect Father." Unfortunately, Bruce's whole family was there when Mr. Lanham diagnosed his mechanical problem.

Bruce was a recent arrival to northeast Missouri. As the new Extension Service man from California, he was making big waves. Because everyone knows that California produces people on the cutting edge of agricultural technology!

Bruce's tractor was on the blink. Either the transmission or the linkage was fouled. "I've checked it thoroughly," he told his wife and kids, "I'd better call Mr. Lanham."

Mr. Lanham is to the age where he doesn't worry about coddling people. He asked a few questions over the phone. Bruce, a grad of Fresno State, became impatient explaining he'd done all he could but the tractor still wouldn't start. Would Mr. Lanham please come and check it.

When Mr. Lanham arrived Bruce pointed to the shed, sat down to lunch and answered the phone.

Three minutes later, Mr. Lanham appeared at the kitchen door.

"Are you gonna have to haul it to town?" asked Bruce.

"Nope. It's fixed."

"Great! What was wrong?"

"Hard to explain ..."

"OK, so how much do I owe ya?"

"Not sure."

"I don't understand. Ya fixed it, right? So, how come you don't know?"

"Wull, ya had a wrench stickin' outta yer tool box, so the lid wouldn't close. The clutch pedal was hittin' the lid, so it wouldn't go down all the way. And, Sonny, I never charged anyone to rearrange a toolbox before."

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Dist. 23 Reps. Christy Zito and Megan Blanksma

Inside the Legislature Fast-paced legislative session moves ahead Work begins on tax relief, rural needs

by Christy Zito, Seat A

The third week of the Idaho Legislature is now complete. Being on the State Affairs, Judiciary and Rules and the Agricultural committees has been fascinating. We have finished the rule review pursuant to the recent constitutional amendment.

I am working on the upgraded Castle Doctrine bill, back-to-school sales tax holiday, and a bill to relax regulations for cosmetologists. I have also been participating in researching the possibility of farmers being able to produce industrial hemp. A good bill removing the residency requirement in the Constitutional Carry bill passed last year is making its way to committee.

I attended the Owyhee Conservation District banquet on Thursday evening honoring Jason Miller as conservationist of the year. Getting out meeting new people, and catching up with friends and hearing your thoughts and concerns is the best part of this job.

As a republic of sovereign states, checks and balances



— See Zito, Page 7B

by Megan Blanksma, Seat B

I'm happy to report that we are starting to look at tax relief options due to the current surplus revenue environment.

Two pieces of legislation that I am in support of were introduced Thursday. One proposal would exempt the first \$750 of income from taxation, as well as change the top marginal rate from 7.4 percent to 7.2 percent for individuals and businesses. The threshold for the top rate is currently \$21,810 for those filing married and \$10,905 for those filing single. The other legislation increases the personal property tax exemption to \$250,000 from \$100,000. The combination of the two proposals could provide significant relief to hard-working Idaho taxpayers.

The Resources and Conservation Committee has also reviewed its set of rules and rejected a set regarding oil and gas requirements. In its capacity to reject rules in whole or part, the committee rejected the rule in whole. The hope was that the Otter administration would go



— See Blanksma, Page 7B

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington It's income tax season: Time to be on alert for scams



"As the tax filing season approaches, it is critical that all taxpayers remember to be wary of unsolicited telephone calls and emails from individuals claiming to be IRS and Treasury employees," Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) J. Russell George warns.

He further cautions that the callers are aggressive and relentless.

"Once they have your attention, they will say anything to con you out of your hard-earned cash," George says. "We continue to actively pursue those perpetrating this fraud, and we ask you to remain vigilant and report any calls you receive to our website."

TIGTA released a flyer and poster to help alert taxpayers about fraudulent calls from scammers impersonating Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and U.S. Department of Treasury employees. Links to both and information about the scams can be accessed on the Treasury Department's website, www.treasury.gov.

TIGTA cautions that, "The IRS generally first contacts people by mail—not by phone—about unpaid taxes, and the IRS will not insist on payment using an iTunes card, gift card, prepaid debit card, money order, or wire transfer. The IRS will never request personal or financial information by email, text, or any social media. The IRS also will not ask for a credit card number over the phone."

TIGTA also provides recommendations on what to do if a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS and asking for payment is received. The recommendations include hanging up; reporting the scam via TIGTA's website, www.tigta.gov; and filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov.

Further, TIGTA recommends that attachments in IRS-related email scams should not be opened and links should not be clicked, but rather reported, and encourages

awareness of other scams, such as claims of winning lottery or sweepstakes and solicitations for debt relief offers that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

TIGTA describes the scam as the largest tax impersonation scam ever in the U.S., and reported that 56 alleged scammers associated with five call centers have been indicted, and 21 individuals were arrested in the U.S. Reports of more than 1.8 million people receiving an impersonation call have been made to TIGTA, and more than 9,600 victims have collectively paid more than \$50 million as a result of the scam. An additional approximately \$21 million in losses and more than 4,000 victims have accrued since TIGTA sent out a similar alert last year.

I am trying to help get word out about this scam in the hopes that more do not fall victim to it. It is galling that Americans are spending millions on compliance with an overly burdensome tax code while having to be on guard against scammers manipulating its complexities. Unfortunately, Americans must be suspicious anytime they get a cold call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, given the well-documented difficulties the IRS has just being able to answer legitimate phone calls from taxpayers with questions.

I continue to work for comprehensive, long-term reform of our overly complex and anti-competitive tax code to assist with economic and job growth and ease compliance. Eliminating complexity, broadening the base and significantly lowering rates for all Americans will make the code more clear, easier to meet its obligations and ideally more difficult to exploit.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Commentary

Financial management
Laid off? Roll 401(k) into traditional IRA, not annuity

Dear Dave,
My husband was recently laid off, and he has \$229,000 in a 401(k). He has been told that he should roll it into a hybrid annuity. Is this a good idea?
— Durnae

Dear Durnae,
Absolutely not! It sounds to me like he has been talking to an insurance agent instead of an investment advisor. There's no reason to put a 401(k) into an annuity. Annuities are there to protect money, as it grows, from taxes. Well, guess what? The 401(k) is already protecting it from taxes. I would roll it into a traditional IRA in a series of growth stock mutual funds. You'll have half

the fees, the advisor won't make anywhere near the commission he'd make on an annuity, and you'll get much better results in the end. Yeah, I definitely wouldn't go the annuity route. I don't have a single annuity, and I've got a lot of investments. One of the reasons so many "advisors" push annuities is because they wind up with bigger commissions. Annuities aren't evil or anything, but they're definitely not the proper product for you in this situation. Get away from the guy who gave you this advice, and find a good financial advisor — not an insurance guy — with the heart of a teacher. You need to talk to someone who's interested in help-



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ing you two plan for *your* future, not theirs!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm 37 years old, married with two great kids, and I was just diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. I'm trying to plan for the future, and I was wondering if you have any suggestions for work at home or self-employment ideas for people with disabilities.
— Chris

Dear Chris,
I'm really sorry to hear you're facing this. You're a smart, brave woman to be looking ahead and making plans for the coming years. I suggest you read a book by Dan Miller called *48 Days to Creative Income*. Dan is a friend of mine, and he also wrote a popular book titled *48 Days to the*

Work You Love. The issue you're talking about is very close to his heart, and I think his books will be a great help to you. There's also a book by Richard Bolles. It's called *Job Hunting for the So-Called Handicapped or People Who Have Disabilities*, and it's full of ideas to help you work around the issues you'll be facing. There are lots of people out there — well-known, highly successful folks — who have disabilities and still make good money and have rewarding lives using the principles found in these books. Another great piece of news is it sounds like you have a wonderful support system around you. God bless you all, Chris. I'm praying for you.

Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director

Eye on the Statehouse
Lawmakers should open debate on sales tax on groceries

by Wayne Hoffman
Of all the public policies that enjoy wide support at the Idaho Statehouse, one idea has received consistent bipartisan love through the years: a plan to eliminate the sales tax on groceries. Since 1965, when the state's sales tax was first implemented at three percent, the state has taxed food purchased at the grocery store. Today, the tax is six percent. The money collected doesn't fund schools. It doesn't fund health care programs. It doesn't pay for parks, police or prisons. No, the tax on groceries is collected, held by the state tax commission, then refunded to you — \$100 for each taxpayer and \$100 for each child. Seniors get a bit more. The policy makes little sense. It temporarily removes about \$150 million from the economy for no reason whatsoever. People who don't owe income taxes are forced to file to collect their share of the grocery tax, which annually costs the government — read: We the People — about \$1 million just to process the paperwork. Periodically, the tax commission will require taxpayers to



prove they're really residents of Idaho and thus entitled to receive the rebate. The tax also creates problems — including potential job losses — for Idaho's border communities. Oregon and Washington are like most states; they don't tax groceries as Idaho does. This results in stores opening on the other side of the state line instead of in Fruitland, Lewiston, Moscow and other Gem State towns. In 2001, Republicans and Democrats co-sponsored a bill to get rid of the tax on groceries. The bill was sponsored by conservatives like Rep. Bill Sali, moderates such as Rep. George Eskridge, and liberals like Rep. Roger Chase. Reps. Scott Bedke and Mike Moyle, today the House Speaker and House Majority Leader, respectively, also backed the legislation, which passed the House with only one vote against it. But the bill failed to get a hearing in the Senate. In 2015, eliminating the tax on groceries was included in a plan to lower the income tax rate and increase gasoline taxes. The measure passed the House, but was denied a vote on the floor of the Senate. Today, eliminating the tax on groceries still has wide support among lawmakers. Legislators often tell me they consider it one of the most important tax policy changes Idaho should make, because it would provide instant relief

to individuals and families. Eliminating the grocery sales tax ranks right up there with lowering the state's income tax rate and eliminating personal property taxes. But, this session, no assurances have been made that such a grocery tax proposal will be granted a hearing in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. Some lawmakers think a grocery tax repeal bill won't even be introduced because, though popular, it doesn't have support from key members of the Legislature. Several years ago, Bedke proudly proclaimed that the Legislature is "an arena of ideas." Indeed, it's a place where 105 people from all walks of life and all parts of Idaho come together and present various ideas that they think will help make Idaho a better place to live and work. One of those ideas happens to be the elimination of the sales tax on groceries, which would help Idaho families keep more of their own money and be able to better afford the food they need to live. The Legislature should at least have a debate on the merits of the proposal. What harm is there in having a discussion?
— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

✓ Zito: Website helps citizens track bills

From Page 6B
ensure the Republic will survive as a republic. The power of a republic is always in the hands of the people. The challenge is for the people to own that power and exercise it. Know what bills are being proposed. The process is a fast one as we are a "Citizen Legislature," part-time employees of the people. Things happen fast. The website <http://growingfreedomidaho.com> has a list of bills coming up for a vote. It is an honor to represent you. Your opinions on issues are very important, call or email anytime with your thoughts.
— Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) occupies Dist. 23, Seat A of the Idaho House of Representatives. The 2017 session marks the beginning of her first term. Contact her by email at czito@house.idaho.gov or by phone at (208) 590-4633.

✓ Blanksma: Infrastructure legislation would keep rural communities digitally connected

From Page 6B
back to the rule-making process and collaborate with the oil and gas companies and the land owners to find something more agreeable. I'm pleased to have supported HJR 5, the constitutional amendment that recently passed, confirming this rules review process that puts a check on administrative overreach. I have also been working on some legislation to promote the building of rural technological infrastructure. I have been surprised by the support I have received so far on the project. The lack of access is a problem throughout rural Idaho, and there are many lawmakers that would like to see it addressed. As always, I'm mindful of fiscal impact and am working on options that would minimize or eliminate any cost to taxpayers. This week will be busy, and I look forward to it. The appropriations bills are starting to roll through, and all

deserve strict review. 2nd Amendment Castle Doctrine legislation is in the works by several parties, and I look forward to seeing what comes out of committee. Fish & Game fee increases also appear to be coming. I would really appreciate some local input. Most of the emails I have received so far regarding these issues have come from outside our district. I appreciate the chance to serve and am mindful of your expectations. Contact me anytime through phone or email. If you have time to stop by the capitol, please let me know, and I will be happy to meet up. This is your Legislature; it's my hope that I can help you stay engaged and encouraged by the work done.
— Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) occupies Dist. 23, Seat B of the Idaho House of Representatives. The 2017 session marks the beginning of her first term.

Sports

✓ Adrian: Top 1A HDL teams ranked in state poll

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more shots into a 50-12 halftime lead.

Adrian shares the league lead with Crane (10-3, 7-0), which plays host to the Antelopes in a 1A Oregon coaches' poll top-10 showdown Thursday.

The Antelopes are ranked fifth in Monday's poll. Crane is No. 8.

On the strength of a 27-16 rebounding edge on their own backboards, the Antelopes scored 26 second-chance points. Adrian's defenders held Harper was to just five.

Shyanne Allaire grabbed nine offensive rebounds and finished with a double-double. She scored 10 points and logged 12 rebounds for Adrian.

Morton led all scorers with 16 points, while Lauren Barraza missed just once in six shots for 10 points.

Selina Villarreal led the defense with eight steals. She and Speelmon scored eight points each.

Adrian's defense came up with 27 steals, contributing to Harper's 40 turnovers.

Kassie Jordan led the Hornets (3-8, 1-6) with eight points.



Jordan Valley's Zoey Warn (left) puts up a shot during the Mustangs' win over Prairie City. Photo by Tara Echave

✓ Jordan Valley: Mustangs gain control against PC, but McDermitt mounts comeback

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Saturday: Jordan Valley 50, Prairie City 33 — The Mustangs shook off a first-quarter deficit to gain some breathing room for the No. 3 seed in the district tournament.

The host Panthers faded under the weight of Jordan Valley's 30-18 run through the middle of the game.

Taylor Warn led the Mustangs with 13 points and seven rebounds, while sophomore Regann Skinner added 12 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Prairie City owned a 12-8 advantage after eight minutes.

Alisha Rogers and Zoey Warn scored eight points each, and Nicole Terry added seven to round out Jordan Valley's top offensive performances.

Friday: Jordan Valley 81, Burnt River 15 — Skinner dropped eight of her nine shots, including all eight field-goal attempts inside the three-point line, to lead the league rout at home with 16 points.

The Mustangs bolted to a 22-2 first-quarter lead against the winless Bulls.

Skinner added four steals and three assists, while Zoey Warn posted a double-double with 12 points and 11 steals.

Emilee Burch added seven points and six rebounds, while Allisyn Reynolds scored a career-high 11 points and collected four steals.

Becky Mackenzie chimed in with seven rebound and six points, while Terry had seven boards and eight points.

Baylee Davis scored six points.

Last Wednesday: McDermitt, Nev., 49, Jordan Valley 44 — Skinner scored more than half her team's points, and the Mustangs couldn't hold off their hosts' fourth-quarter comeback.

McDermitt trailed, 32-28, before its largest quarter of the evening fueled the non-league victory. Both teams played to a 13-13 stalemate in the first half.

Skinner converted half of her 16 shots from inside the three-point line en route to 24 points. She connected on just one of nine three-point shots.

Terry led the Mustangs with seven rebounds, and Taylor Warn chipped in nine points and seven steals.

Jordan Valley shot just 28.1 percent (16-for-57) from the floor and went 9-for-17 (52.9 percent) from the foul line.

✓ Huskies: Girls look to bounce back from stumble vs. Nampa Christian

From Page 1B

A first-round victory sends coach Jake Dugger's squad into the semifinals (and within a win of the program's fourth 2A state tournament berth since 2011) against No. 2 seed Cole Valley Christian (16-4) at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

"I think if we can get healthy and have three really good practices, we can make a run at it," Dugger said.

Top-seeded Melba awaits in the other semifinal and will play either No. 4 New Plymouth (9-10) or No. 5 Nampa Christian (8-10). The Mustangs (18-2) wrapped up the No. 1 seed with a 50-37 victory over Marsing on Jan. 24, which was the team's 13th consecutive victory.

The consolation bracket semifinals will be played at 7 p.m. Tuesday on the home courts of the highest seeds in the matchups.

The district championship and district No. 3 berth will be handed out after games played Tuesday at Vallivue. The district's No. 3 seed earns the right to play the 2A District 1/2 runner-up on Saturday, Feb. 11 in either Grangeville or Craigmont in a state tournament play-in game.

Thursday: Nampa Christian

47, Marsing 43 — Seven weeks after getting a 20-point blowout victory (50-30), the Huskies couldn't hold off the Trojans' late charge.

Marsing owned a three-point lead after three quarters in Nampa, but the Trojans closed the game on a 16-9 run for the victory.

The Huskies committed 21 turnovers that led to 11 points for Nampa Christian.

The Trojans' field-goal shooting improved dramatically in the second half. Nampa Christian converted just 25 percent of its shots (7-for-28) in the first 16 minutes, but knocked down 12 of 27 attempts (44.4 percent) after the break.

Marsing played without Mackenzie Farrens' inside presence, and Nampa Christian took advantage with a 35-25 edge on the backboards. The Trojans built an 18-10 advantage on Marsing's glass.

Sheyanne Glorfield scored 22 points and corralled six rebounds — both team-high totals — but only five other Huskies managed to score.

Alex Grant dished five assists, but scored only two points.

Emma Heitz had eight points, and Gabriela Rodriguez grabbed five rebounds.

2A District III Tournament

Thursday's games, played at 7 p.m.

Game 1: No. 5 Nampa Christian (8-10) at No. 4 New Plymouth (9-10)

Game 2: No. 6 McCall-Donnelly (5-15) at No. 3 Marsing (10-10)

Saturday's games at Vallivue H.S., Caldwell (Winners to 2A State)

Game 3: No. 1 Melba (18-2) vs. NC-NP winner, 6 p.m.

Game 4: No. 2 Cole Valley Christian (16-4) vs. Marsing-MD winner, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games at 7 p.m. at higher seed

Game 5: NC-NP loser vs. Game 4 loser

Game 6: Marsing-MD loser vs. Game 3 loser

Feb. 9 at Vallivue

Third-place game: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m. (winner to 2A state play-in game, time and location TBD, Saturday, Feb. 11)

Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 24: Melba 50, Marsing 37 — The Huskies' early lead crumbled under the weight of the Mustangs' 17-7 run in the second quarter as the conference regular-season champs won their 13th consecutive game.

Melba entered the game ranked No. 3 in both the Class 2A statewide media poll and the coaches' poll

Marsing's shooting went cold in the second half, and Melba capitalized on 23 turnovers to

build a lead as large as 19 points.

Kori Pentzer's game-high 17 points paced the Mustangs, and teammate Mary Ellen Cossel added 14. Pentzer also led Melba with eight rebounds, while Callie Young chipped in six points and Allie Herman scored four points.

Farrens converted five of seven shots and led Marsing with another double-double of 11 points and 13 rebounds. Not including last week's unreported McCall-Donnelly game, Farrens

has 10 double-doubles in her 15 games for Marsing this year, and she is averaging 12.7 points and 11.7 rebounds per game.

Glorfield was the Huskies' leading scorer with 12 points. She also had four of her five rebounds on the defensive end.

Hailee Bennett had five defensive boards to continue an impressive stretch of rebounding.

After starting the game connecting on eight of 21 shots (38.1 percent) and leading by as many as eight points, Marsing missed 26 of their final 33 field-goal attempts.

Jan. 23: Marsing 45, McCall-Donnelly 43 — Glorfield knocked in three consecutive three-pointers down the stretch as the Huskies rallied.

McCall-Donnelly owned a 28-25 lead after 24 minutes before the senior scored 14 of her game-high 22 points.

Farrens added nine points, and Alex Grant scored all eight of her points in the second half.

The Vandals used a free-throw line advantage to build a 20-15 halftime lead. McCall players connected on eight of 12 foul shots in the first half, and leading scoring Johana Salinas drained nine of 11 fourth-quarter free throws to finish with 11 points.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On February 22, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Beau and Jessica Showalter seeking to establish a single-family residence on a 5-acre parcel to be divided from a 40 acre parcel of land, parcel number RP02N05W144200A. The property is in an agricultural zone, located off Poison Creek. The subject property is located in a portion of the SE1/4 of the NW ¼ of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by William and Kim Jordan seeking to establish a single-family residence on a 7.59-acre parcel of land, parcel number RP04N06W241831A. The property is in an agricultural zone, located off River Road near Homedale, Idaho. The subject property is located in a portion of the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.

2/1/2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MARSING MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER

In compliance with Idaho Code 63-1311A, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Marsing Community Center located at 126 2nd Street N. to discuss increasing the irrigation fee from \$12.40 per acre per month to \$15.21 per acre per month. The proposed fee increase is intended to cover the cost of providing irrigation services. Written or oral comments are welcome. Auxiliary aids or services for persons with disabilities are available upon 48 hours of advanced notice.

Please contact the city clerk's office for additional information at 425 Main Street, or call 208-896-4122.

Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer

1/25;2/1/2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On February 8, 2017 the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

Leslie and Lavada Loucks, applicants, request approval of a preliminary subdivision plat for Meadow Brook Subdivision, a 58.95 acre parcel that will include 217 residential lots, one (1) non-residential lot, and 12 common lots. The project is located immediately west of N. Bruneau Highway and east of Morning Dove Subdivision. The application also includes a special use permit for eight lots

to be developed as fourplex multi-family residential units.

Written comments must be postmarked to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, ID. Written comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2017 or at the hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the Marsing Community Center, 126 2nd Street N, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2017

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LIEN SALE

Unit G-4, Jefferson Davis, 704 N 5th, Parma, ID 83660. 9x13 Unit containing motorized chair, generator, wood stove, trunks, tools, misc. items. Will be sold by sealed bid on February 11, 2017. Sealed bids will be accepted that day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628. Cash Only. Payment is due at time of sale. No Refunds. All items including trash are to be removed in a timely manner.

2/1,8/2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. ID-LTE-16002862

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 16, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, 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 and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

A parcel of land situate in the Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet; thence South 89°48'00" East, parallel with the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel with the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48'00" West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described parcel:

A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence

North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet; thence South 89°48'00" East parallel to the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel to the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48'00" West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 3886 JUMPCREEK, HOMEDALE, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by GARY MCCOSHUM, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND CASSANDRA HAMMAR, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of ECHO L. HALL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Beneficiary, dated 12/31/2013, recorded 1/9/2014, under Instrument No. 283027, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by ECHO L. HALL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN.

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 is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 12/31/2013, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 9/3/2016 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$193,614.07, together with interest thereon at 6.625% per annum from 8/30/2016, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: 1/13/2017.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services

Trustee By Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704

Phone: 888-342-2510

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

57-11884, ROBERT A THOMAS, KELLY A THOMAS, 17947 SHORT CUT RD, MURPHY, ID 83650-5089

Points of Diversion SW(ALL) S29 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

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Total Diversion: 2.45 CFS

Date Filed: 9/20/2016

Place of Use: IRRIGATION T04S R01E S27 SW(ALL) T04S R01E S28 SWNW SENW SW(ALL) SE(ALL) T04S R01E S29 SESW SE(ALL)

Total Acres: 290

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 80856

MARSHALL W BECKER, 31383 MUD FLAT RD, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624; has filed Application No. 80856 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-11633, 57-11635, 57-11637, 57-11639, 57-11641, 57-11643, 57-11645, 57-11647, 57-11649, 57-11651, 57-11653, 57-11655, 57-1202, 57-1205, 57-1207, 57-2285A, 57-2285B, 57-7036, 57-7037; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx. The purpose of the transfer is to create a 745.9 acre permissible place within a 1,278 acre boundary. Changes to the rights will accurately describe all active points of diversion. Water will be used at the current place of use 6

miles south of Grandview.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 79779, JR SIMPLOT COMPANY, PO BOX 27, BOISE, ID 83707; has filed Application No. 79779 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 2-10187, 2-10202, 2-2153, 2-2154, 2-2308, 2-2423, 2-7060B, 2-7206, 57-11632, 57-11634, 57-11636, 57-11638, 57-11640, 57-11642, 57-11644, 57-11646, 57-11648, 57-11650, 57-11652, 57-11654, 57-185, 57-187A, 57-187B, 57-2152, 57-2225B; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx. The purpose of the transfer is to create a 2,504.7 acre permissible place of use within a 2,876 acre boundary. Water will be used at the current place of use approximately 4.0 miles south-west of C.J. Strike Dam.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at 208-334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer (s) please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code §§ 42-203A and 42-222. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 2/20/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director

2/1,8/2017



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Sports

R.D. BROWN INVITATIONAL, NEW PLYMOUTH

Huskies’ Hall cruises to tournament title

Four teammates place at N.P.

Mason Hall dominated Saturday in his R.D. Brown Invitational championship run.

The Marsing High School junior needed just two victories to win at 220 pounds in the New Plymouth wrestling tournament.

And neither of those matches went the distance.

Hall pinned Weiser’s Darrian Hoobery in 65 seconds for the title after La Grande, Ore.’s Wes Howard, 17-0, with a technical fall in a semifinal that lasted just two rounds.

Four other Huskies placed in the tournament.

Jaden Kinney started the day with two first-round pinfalls and finished fourth after Eagle’s Brennan Ray pinned him in 1 minute, 39 seconds of their 170-pound third-place match.

Kinney pinned Glenss Ferry’s Keyton Cook in 1:17 to set up a pin in 1:23 against fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference wrestler Abraham De La Torre of Melba in the quarterfinals.

He fell into the third-place



Mason Hall

match when Meridian’s Mason Smith prevailed in 1:02 of their semifinal encounter.

Senior Oscar Gonzalez rallied from a quarterfinal loss with two consolation victories for fifth place.

He secured fifth place at 160 pounds with a hard-fought 3-0 decision over Union, Ore.’s Riley Bruce.

Like Kinney, Gonzalez came across a conference foe, pinning McCall-Donnelly’s Ben Olson in 54 seconds to open the tournament.



Marsing High School 170-pounder Jaden Kinney (top) had the upper hand early in his third-place match against Eagle’s Brennan Ray. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

After a quarterfinal loss to Nyssa, Ore.’s Adam Van Meter (pinfall at 4:28), Gonzalez reeled off three straight victories to close his tournament.

He pinned Eagle’s Sean Covino in 4:40 and beat Damian Curriel of Echo/Stanfield, 6-2, to reach the fifth-place match.

Joseph Ineck was given a fifth-place medal at 145 after his prospective opponent, Meridian’s Caleb Twait, had reached his

maximum number of matches in one day.

Ineck opened with an 11-2 major decision over hometown wrestler Josiah Campbell, but lost in the quarterfinals.

Ineck rallied with a hotly contested 8-4 decision over Parma’s Skyler Maiden and a 7-0 win over La Grande’s Hayden Shafer.

Freshman 132-pounder Adonis Stelzried wrestled into the

semifinals and wound up fourth after an 11-4 loss to Weiser’s Jeb Johnson in the third-place match.

Stelzried beat Ty Hammond of Union, 6-0, in his tourney opener and pinned Burns wrestler Dawson Williams six seconds before the first horn in the quarterfinals.

Kadin Goins (152) won his opener, pinning Melba’s Levi Martin in 2:43.



Adrian’s Marcus Furtado (right) wraps up Ezra McIntosh for the title at 113 pounds. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Furtado claims championship

Marcus Furtado won another tournament championship to lead two Adrian High School medalists at the R.D. Brown Invitational.

Furtado pinned La Grande, Ore.’s Ezra McIntosh late in the first round of their championship match at 113 pounds during Saturday’s wrestling tournament in New Plymouth.

Pepper Beed also won his final match of the tournament, pinning Union, Ore.’s Gavin Hankins at 2:42 for fifth place at 220.

Enrique Delgado won a preliminary match at 145, pinning Marsing’s Bastian Ackerman in 3:37.

Wade Bond picked up a consolation bracket victory at 120 pounds. The freshman downed Burns, Ore.’s Kolton Dahl by major decision, 10-2.

Eduardo Munoz (132) also won a consolation match, defeating Jackson Huskey of Bishop Kelly, 10-6.

Furtado’s championship journey included an 82-second pin against Meridian’s Jared Rivera in the semifinals. He pinned Cole Isaacson from La Grande, Ore., in 3:47 in a quarterfinal match. Furtado’s tournament began with a 7-0 decision against Bishop Kelly’s Ronald Lopez.

Comeback-crazy Marsing just misses WIC Duals title

In a day of dramatic momentum swings, Marsing High School lost the Western Idaho Conference Duals championship by a razor-thin margin.

Host New Plymouth beat the Huskies, 39-36, for Friday’s title.

The near-miss preceded Marsing’s eighth-place finish in the 20-team R.D. Brown Invitational on Saturday in New Plymouth. There were only five Class 2A squads in the field.

“This was a huge feat both days, and we only filled eight of 15 weight classes,” MHS coach Jon Nelson said. “I’m very proud of this team and how good they are wrestling.”

Two of the Huskies’ WIC Duals victories came by a margin of four points.

New Plymouth 39, Marsing



Kadin Goins (top) prepares to pin Melba’s Scott Eliason. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

36 — The Huskies’ only loss was also their closest match as the hometown team used forfeits at 182 and 195 to forge the victory.

Marsing surged ahead, 30-27, when Jaden Kinney earned a forfeit at 170 pounds

The Huskies rallied from a 27-3

deficit with power and precision.

Hayden Kish (138) pinned Dean Johnson in 4:58, and Oscar Gonzalez needed just 1:23 to dispatch Tye Nasker at 160.

Joseph Ineck (145) beat Josiah Campbell, 7-2, during the run.

Marsing’s Justin Ineck (113) defeated Kyle Slagle, 7-1.

Marsing 40, Melba 36 — Kinney’s 58-second pin of Abraham De La Torre at 170 gave the Huskies the cushion they needed.

Kinney’s quick work of De La Torre was the last of six consecutive MHS wins that erased Melba’s early 24-6 advantage.

All the wins were by pin except Gonzalez’s 10-2 major decision over Levi Martin at 160.

Joseph Ineck (145) put Hank

Svedin on his back in 2 minutes, 48 seconds to tie the match, 24-24, and Kadin Goins got Mustangs 152-pounder Scott Eliason in 1:23 to put Marsing ahead.

Adonis Stelzried started the streak with a pin of Micah Curtis in 1:28 of their 132 match.

Marsing 30, McCall-Donnelly 26 — Junior 220-pounder Mason Hall’s win by forfeit pushed the Huskies ahead in a match the Vandals had led on the strength of back-to-back forfeits.

Gonzalez pinned Parker Pyle (4:50 at 160), and Kinney got Tater Bentz (52 seconds at 170) to give Marsing a 24-14 advantage.

Marsing 48, Garden Valley 6 — Goins pinned Grizzlies’ 160-pounder Richard Lindstrom in 1:47 of the only on-mat action.