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## Marsing auction starts with art remembering community member

Joseph Ineck (left) and Logan Stansell show the crowd at the Marsing Disaster Auction a piece of artwork honoring the late Jerry Floyd. The piece was the first item to go on the block after the auction started at 10:13 Saturday morning. It was made and donated by Brian Smith and Dylan Cady. The art was purchased by "the Churruca girls" for \$2,300. Auction committee member James Ferdinand said early estimates show that the 56<sup>th</sup> annual auction brought in more than \$70,000. For more auction photos, see **Page 8A**

## Auction helps Lions help GV

The 61<sup>st</sup> annual Grand View Lions Auction on Saturday is a chance to help the club with its community project efforts.

The auction starts at 1 p.m. inside the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, 205 First St. Lunch will be served for an hour before the auction begins.

Lions Club treasurer Doug Thurman said folks will find a wide variety of auction items up for grabs.

"We've got John Deere

— See **Auction**, page 3A

Contributor Hegerhorst just keeps on quilting, page 2A

## NATIVE SON No. 1



## Marsing celebrates its Super Bowl champion

Above: On Monday morning the Marsing city electronic reader board highlighted Shea McClellin's contribution to the New England Patriots' 34-28 overtime win against the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI on Sunday. Left: Marsing High School juniors Jaden Kinney (left) and Brooke Labit chat in front of a jersey worn by McClellin, an MHS graduate, in his time since leaving Marsing, including the Chicago Bears and Boise State Broncos.

## Ranchers deal with deadly cold; D.C. thaw?

Wary of market, optimistic about Trump; Nettleton convenes OCA

A change in climate — both political and literal — could affect attendance at the county ranchers' winter meeting.

Chad Nettleton says his first full meeting as Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president may not see the fireworks or the folks of previous gatherings inside the Oreana Community Hall.



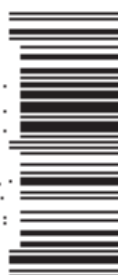
The fifth-generation Owyhee County rancher said the snow and frigid temperatures have been hard on colleagues who calve in the winter. The weather and the business of trying to nurse their operations through high mortality rates could prevent some members from showing up for Saturday's meeting, which begins at 1:30 p.m., after a 30-minute registration period.

— See **Ranchers**, page 12A

"... This winter has been an absolute kick in the teeth."

— **Chad Nettleton**

OCA president on the dire effects the 2016-17 winter has had on ranchers who calve in the winter months



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# Sheriff seizes livestock; Grand View man charged

## Impoundment ordered after dead, frail animals found

A husband and wife are facing misdemeanor criminal charges after authorities took control of horses and cattle near Grand View.

During his Monday arraignment in Murphy, Michael Ray Parker, 65, was accused of animal cruelty and neglect and confining animals without sufficient food or water. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Parker's wife, 57-year-old Billie Jean Santa Maria Parker,

will be served with similar charges soon.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober, who granted a temporary impoundment earlier, delayed hearing County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery's plea to extend the seizure until Parker can show he would be able to afford to feed the livestock.

Grober issued the temporary impoundment order on Jan. 27, two days after deputies responded to a report of dozens of animals dead or dying from malnutrition.

"I do anticipate filing cruelty to animal charges in the next few days," Emery said last week, looking ahead to Monday's hearing. "The first pressing matter was to

obtain a court order to intervene to attempt the loss of other animals."

According to the OCSO incident report, the Parkers housed 80 cows and horses on a 4.5-acre piece of property. The county is taking care of the remaining animals on the property, but a permanent impoundment could result in the relocation of the livestock.

Bowman said responders found 47 horses and 17 cattle on Jan. 25 as well as the carcasses of seven horses and nine cows. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the state veterinarian also assessed the situation.

"There was very little food around," Bowman said. "There was evidence that

(Parker) was feeding, but no food on site. Most of the water troughs were frozen."

Bowman said Parker euthanized one animal when the preliminary seizure order was issued, and a Mountain Home veterinarian dispatched by the sheriff's office had to destroy other animals.

The sheriff's office has incurred the cost of feeding the surviving animals, although Bowman said someone apparently has dropped off hay bales under the cloak of anonymity. During Monday's hearing, Emery asked the court to make the animals' current owner reimburse the county for feed and care expenses.

— JPB

# Quilter continues tradition for community auctions

## Hegerhorst contributes to Grand View, Bruneau benefits

What started as a hobby has become a way for VaLere Hegerhorst to give back to the community.

Folks attending Saturday's Grand View Lions Club auction will have a chance to go home with one of three quilts that Hegerhorst helped make for this year's event.

The Bruneau resident has been donating quilts to the Lions Club since she started quilting more than 10 years ago.

It was a group effort to make one of the quilts she helped create for Saturday's auction.

Dee Kincaid made the top of the quilt that features men's neckties in the shape of flowers.

"She collected men's ties for quite a few years and then decided to put them together," Hegerhorst said. "I just put the quilt together."

Michelle Astle, who quilted the



VaLere Hegerhorst with one of her quilts and a couch filled with quilting supplies. Submitted photo.

project, rounded out the creative trio.

The three women are members of the Grand View LDS church ward's Relief Society humanitarian project.

Hegerhorst pointed out that she can't always complete quilts by herself.

"I appreciate the help that has

been given to me to carry out these projects," Hegerhorst said.

She also helps make quilts for Veterans of Foreign Wars fundraisers, the Boise Rescue Mission, and the Bruneau Boosters Club.

Hegerhorst had a hand in making three other quilts that will be part of the Bruneau Boosters

auction on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Hegerhorst has a certificate of appreciation from the VFW for the quilts she has donated over the years.

She taught herself how to sew and estimates that she helped create about 110 quilts over the past year.

"I get materials from all over,

even Oregon," Hegerhorst said. "Or, some person will die and they'll clean out their closets and I get the materials. I also get materials from yard sales."

She moved to Bruneau from Oxford near the Idaho-Utah border in 1979 with her husband William. The couple has two sons, Grant and Mark, who run Hegerhorst Dairy southwest of Bruneau.

Hegerhorst said trying to lend a hand to people in need has always been important to her.

"It's a sense of helping our community and helping each other," she said. "They use that money for all different kinds of projects, so we like to contribute."

Hegerhorst didn't have a dollar figure on how much has been raised in total with the quilts she has helped create.

However, one of her quilts hit a record-setting price tag in 2016.

"Last year at the Bruneau (Boosters) auction, a quilt went for \$475," Hegerhorst said. "That's the most we've ever gotten."

— SC



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From page 1A



One of three quilts that VaLere Hegerhorst helped create for Saturday's Grand View Lions Club auction. Submitted photo.

✓ Auction: High school library will receive books

bicycles, grinders, lots of hand tools, hay, handmade furniture, several quilts, feed corn, grain, batteries, and fuel,” Thurman said.

He added that people are welcome to donate other items until the auction begins.

BakerAuctioneers will provide the auction services.

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

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at Grand View Gas (formerly Gus’s Gas) and the Y Bar and Café.

Lunch will be served beginning at noon. The menu includes chili dogs and sloppy joes available for \$1.50 each, chili for \$1.25, hot dogs for \$1, soda and water for 50 cents and slices of homemade pie for \$1.50 each.

The auction proceeds go back to the community, helping the Lions Club perform several projects through the year.

Theclubcontinuesconstruction of a greenbelt along Roosevelt Street.

“We’re going to work on it in front of the new cemetery section this coming year,” Thurman said. “As we get donations, then we do

another piece. Going to the north, we’ll have it done this year. Then we’ll go towards the south up to the new (foot) bridge that we put in.”

He added that some of the proceeds from this year’s auction will be used to put in a sprinkler system in the new section of Riverside Cemetery.

The club is also getting ready to hand out scholarships for this year’s Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School graduating seniors, and will soon be buying library books for the secondary school.

“It’s the high school’s turn this time,” Thurman said. “We do the junior high and high school one year, and the next year we go to the two grade schools (Bruneau and Grand View Elementary).”

He explained that school librarians order the new books and turn the bill over to the club.

The Grand View Lions also sponsor the annual Easter egg hunt, eyeglasses for schoolchildren, and local 4-H programs.

The club’s auction raises more than \$10,000 each year.

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

— SC

Felony warrants served

Teenager wanted in Canyon for attempted strangulation arrested

A man facing felonies in two counties was taken into custody outside Homedale on Sunday.

Alex S. Ibarra, 18, was arrested without incident after county and city law enforcement personnel served a \$100,000 felony warrant from Canyon County.

Canyon County officials have charged Ibarra with attempted strangulation and witness intimidation, both felonies, and several misdemeanors.

Owyhee Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Ibarra was arrested at a residence on Idaho highway 19 west of Homedale after 9 p.m. on Sunday.



Alex S. Ibarra

Ibarra is scheduled in court on March 6 for a pretrial conference on the Canyon attempted strangulation charge, and his trial is scheduled for April 25.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Ibarra faces felony and misdemeanor drug charges and misdemeanor motor vehicle charges in Owyhee County. He’s due in court for a status conference on Feb. 24, and has a Feb. 28 jury trial set.

Homedale P.D. makes theft arrests

A Fruitland woman was in court Monday to face a felony theft charge.

Kari Sue Jones, 22, was arrested before 11 p.m. on Jan. 26 on an outstanding Owyhee County warrant.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Jones was picked up after being pulled over for speeding near East Oregon Avenue and North 6<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Jones was in a Murphy courtroom Monday for a preliminary hearing on a receiving stolen property charge that was originally filed in November.

Convicted burglar arrested on warrant

Eidemiller said authorities arrested 28-year-old Arturo Malacara on Jan. 28 on an agent’s warrant connected to a 2014 burglary conviction.

The chief said Malacara also was arrested on a felony theft charge after a search of his Homedale residence.

With HPD officers and Probation and Parole personnel on hand, Eidemiller said items found were reportedly taken from a West Oregon Avenue home earlier.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Malacara is serving three years probation for a 2015 felony controlled substance possession conviction.

He was also convicted on felony burglary and theft charges in 2014.

No court dates have been set, but Malacara remains in custody in Owyhee County Jail on the felony theft by receiving or possessing stolen property charge as well as a felony probation violation hold.

— JPB

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# Dean’s List

## University of Idaho

Several students from local communities earned spots on the University of Idaho Dean’s List for the fall semester. To qualify, students must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a minimum of 12 graded credits during the fall semester, which ended Dec. 16. Listed by hometown are local Dean’s List students, including their college of study and/or majors.	& Economics, Business <b>Michael J. Lejardi</b> — Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering <b>Trenton A. McRae</b> — Law <b>Gabrielle N. Nash</b> — Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Psychology/Communication Studies <b>Laurien D. Mavey</b> — Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Journalism & Mass Media <b>Morgan E. Nash</b> — Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Psychology/Communication Studies	<b>Janey A. Reeves</b> — Agricultural & Life Sciences, Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology <b>Johanna A. Kasper</b> — Agricultural & Life Sciences, Animal & Veterinary Science <b>Morgan Monson</b> — Art & Architecture <b>Ashley M. Burke</b> — Education, Curriculum & Instruction <b>Ana K. Zavala</b> — Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Sociology & Anthropology and Modern Languages & Cultures
<b>Homedale</b> <b>Aubrey L. Nash</b> — Agricultural & Life Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences <b>Jennifer Bautista Ramirez</b> — Agricultural & Life Sciences, UI/WSU Bi-state School Food Science <b>Nash J. Johnson</b> — Art & Architecture <b>Esteban J. Lejardi</b> — Business & Economics, Accounting <b>Jacob O. Murray</b> — Business & Economics, Business <b>Mikel D. Mavey</b> — Business	<b>Marsing</b> <b>Colin J. Lootens</b> — Agricultural & Life Sciences, Biological & Agricultural Engineering <b>Toni S. Farnetti</b> — Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Psychology/Communication Studies	<b>Wilder</b> <b>Madison L. Fisher</b> — Agricultural & Life Sciences, Agricultural & Extension Education <b>Stephanie Linares Vega</b> — Education, Curriculum & Instruction <b>Riley P. Portwood</b> — Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Sociology & Anthropology <b>Jason T. Hathhorn</b> — Science, Physics
	<b>Melba</b> <b>Arizona Harrington</b> — Agricultural & Life Sciences, Agricultural & Extension Education	

# Bruneau Elementary PTO

## to host winter carnival

The Bruneau Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization’s annual Winter Carnival is set for Saturday.

The event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. inside the elementary at 25841 Benham Ave., and will feature food and fun.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m in the gymnasium. The meal of soup in a bread bowl, salad and a cookie will be sold for \$5.

The carnival, and a silent auction, will begin at 6 p.m., in the hallways and classrooms of the school.

Children’s games offering prizes will include:

- Beanbag toss
- Bingo
- Fishing
- Pop toss
- Duck pond
- Dice race

There will be face painting, a cake walk, and a photo booth.

Tickets must be purchased for all of the games and activities. Tickets cost 50 cents each.

Themed baskets will be up for grabs in the silent auction. The themes include “Idaho,” “Building,” “Road Trip,” and “STEAM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math). Basket winners will be announced near the conclusion of the carnival at 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the food sales and auction go to Bruneau Elementary teachers. An informational flyer about the carnival states that the teachers may choose to pool their money together to support a larger purchase associated with the school or classroom needs, or they may choose to spend the money individually on their classroom.

Proceeds from the carnival benefit the Bruneau PTO. The group sponsors activities such as field trips, and purchases playground equipment and other items for the school.

# Homedale High graduates

## earn U. of Idaho degrees

Homedale High School alumni have graduated from the University of Idaho after the fall term in Moscow.

Those receiving their degrees during commencement on Dec. 10 were:

**Trenton A. McRae** — Juris doctor (J.D.) of law

**Lane M. Matteson** — Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in mechanical engineering

**Brett M. Ryska** — B.S. of Business in finance accounting

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## Sinkhole closes Idaho 78 stretch

Three miles of Idaho highway 78 was closed Monday because of a sinkhole.

Owyhee County announced the closure between mileposts 67 and 70 on its Facebook page after 6 p.m. on Monday.

At 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, the county announced the road between Black Sands and Mormon Boulevard was reopened.

Another trouble spot developed during Tuesday morning’s snow. According to Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch traffic, law enforcement personnel were forced to close crossroads on U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing so stranded semis on the Marsing Grade could be freed.

Truckers at the ION Gem Stop were asked to stay put and not travel U.S. 95 during the operation.

## Man jailed on battery, false imprisonment charges

A Homedale man is behind bars after allegedly holding a woman against her will and violating a no-contact order days later.

Cullen Randall Jackson, 27, was arrested Jan. 28 and charged with a string of misdemeanors, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Bowman said Jackson was arrested after leaving a Homedale residence in the 2100 block of Market Road.

After sheriff’s deputies left the residence after responding on Jan. 27, Jackson apparently returned and allegedly held a 40-year-old woman against her will.

Jackson allegedly battered the woman and took away her phone. He left the premises when the woman’s friends showed up the next day to check on her, Bowman said.

Jackson is due in court at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 to face several misdemeanors stemming from incidents on Jan. 27 and then again last Wednesday, a day after he posted \$5,000 bond and was released from Owyhee County Jail.

After the latest incident, he was arrested and brought back to jail where he remains.

The charges include domestic battery without traumatic injury, false imprisonment, unlawful entry, two counts of malicious injury to property, and destruction of a telecommunications device.

In the Feb. 1 incident, Jackson also has been charged with violating a no-contact order that had been put in place after his Jan. 27 arrest.

— JPB

## Passengers cited on drug charges

Three individuals received misdemeanor drug citations after a traffic stop west of Murphy.

There were four Californias in the white 2016 Ford truck an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy pulled over for speeding just before 6 p.m. on Thursday, Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

When the deputy approached the vehicle stopped on Idaho highway 78, he detected marijuana, Bowman said.

The driver, 27-year-old Matthew Decasas of Lancaster, Calif., received a speeding ticket.

The three passengers — William James Razo III, 22, of Lancaster, Calif., 21-year-old Jennifer Parragonzalez of El Centro, Calif., and Jessica Figueroa, 19 of Calxico, Calif., were all cited for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Razo also received a misdemeanor citation for pot possession.

## Marsing, Homedale students eligible to enroll in Caldwell’s online driver’s ed

**Pre-registration open now**

The Caldwell School District will hold a special class for high school students from Homedale and Marsing and other area district who need to take driver’s education.

The online class is open to students from all districts, and will be administered by the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA). The school district will conduct the driving instruction.

The class is intended for students who need a flexible schedule for classroom hours.

The course will run from Feb. 28 to May 1, and will require 30 hours of class instruction. There is a limited number of spaces available.

The fee is \$260 per student, and pre-registration is now available at [www.driversed.caldwellschools.org](http://www.driversed.caldwellschools.org). Payment must be made in full on Feb. 28. The district accepts cash or check. No credit or debit cards will be accepted.

Prospective driver’s ed students must present a permit receipt at registration. Students must be 14½ to acquire a permit from DMV.

Permits are available through Marsing’s DMV office at 19 Reich St., and cost \$21.50. In order to obtain a permit, a person must present to DMV a verification of compliance form from the school office, an original birth certificate, photo ID from both parent and student, and the student’s Social Security number.

For more information on the driver’s ed course, call Pam Howard at (208) 880-9695 or Bill Cooper at Caldwell High School at (208) 371-8196 or email [driversed@caldwellschools.org](mailto:driversed@caldwellschools.org).

## Homedale talent show set Friday

Eighteen student acts are ready to hit the stage Friday for the annual Homedale Community Talent Show.

Singing, dancing, magic, comedy and instrumental music will be performed, according to Homedale schools music director John Zieske.

The show begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday inside the old high school gymnasium.

Kindergarteners through high school seniors will show off their talents in a fundraiser to help send HHS musicians to the Seattle Heritage Festival in April.

Talent show admission is \$3 for students and senior citizens, \$5 for adults and \$12 for families.

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## School menus

**Homedale Elementary**  
*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

Feb. 8: Orange chicken, steamed rice & broccoli, veggie & fruit bar  
Feb. 9: Pepperoni pizza, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar  
Feb. 13: Corn dog, potato wedges, veggie & fruit bar  
Feb. 14: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar  
Feb. 15: Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, veggie & fruit bar

**Homedale Middle**  
*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

Feb. 8: Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 9: Ham/cheese ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 13: Wiener wrap or calzone, fruit & salad bar, string cheese  
Feb. 14: Nachos or toasted cheese sandwich, fruit & salad bar  
Feb. 15: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, steamed carrots, fruit & salad bar, cookie

**Homedale High**  
*All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*

Feb. 8: Orange chicken or BBQ pulled pork, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 9: Enchilada or grilled cheese w/tomato soup, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 13: Spaghetti w/meatballs or rib-b-que, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 14: Chicken tender, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice  
Feb. 15: Chicken nuggets or chef salad, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice

**Marsing Elementary**  
*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*

Feb. 8: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers  
Feb. 9: Hog dog, baked beans, green beans or PB&J, yogurt, graham crackers  
Feb. 10: Chicken sandwich, steamed carrots or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers  
Feb. 13: Chicken nuggets, roll, mix vegetable or PB&J, cheese stick, chocolate chunk  
Feb. 14: Chicken sandwich, steamed carrots or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers  
Feb. 15: Beef tacos, rice & beans, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers

**Marsing Middle & High**  
*All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar; salad bar and grab-n-go lunches available daily*

Feb. 8: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll, corn or pork taco, corn  
Feb. 9: Hot dog, baked beans, green beans or egg roll & fried rice, green beans  
Feb. 10: Chicken sandwich, steamed carrots or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers, steamed carrots  
Feb. 13: Chicken nuggets, roll, mixed vegetable or teriyaki chicken & rice, mixed vegetable, cookie  
Feb. 14: Chicken sandwich, steamed carrots or philly sandwich, steamed carrots  
Feb. 15: Beef taco, rice & beans, corn or BBQ chicken sandwich, corn

**Bruneau-Grand View**

Feb. 8: Chicken patty/bun, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, fruit  
Feb. 9: Soft taco, black beans, salsa, corn, fruit  
Feb. 10: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks & cauliflower, fresh fruit, brownie  
Feb. 14: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, wheat roll, fruit  
Feb. 15: Teriyaki chicken bowl, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies, fruit



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# Obituaries

## Tracy Muschbacher



Tracy Muschbacher, 53, of Wilder, passed away peacefully at home February 5, 2017, surrounded by family and friends.

Tracy was born in San Diego, CA but moved to Wilder to be with her father, Charlie Muschbacher and grandparents, Anthony and Mary Muschbacher.

Tracy had a love for the outdoors and gardening. She worked at The Bowling Alley in Homedale where the owners Mike and Donna Marose and co-workers Jackie Dines and Lisa Rourke became some of her best friends. Tracy was currently employed by WinCo Foods.

Preceded in death by her fa-

ther and grandparents, Tracy is survived by her mother Margie Coats of San Diego, CA, sister Terri (Dave) White of Orlando, FL and a niece and 2 nephews in Florida.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3:00 pm Sunday, February 12, 2017 at The Bowling Alley in Homedale. Friends are encouraged to come and share their memories of Tracy.

A special thank you to Mark Daniels and John Jones for all their help during this difficult time.

Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

## Mary Virginia Purdom



Mary Virginia Purdom was born October 12, 1924 in Fort Hancock, Texas to Earl and Pearl Mae (Williams) Fleming. Mary joined two older brothers, Tom and Earl Fleming, and her younger siblings were Martha J. (Fleming) Grimes, Nick and James Fleming. Mary's dad was a farmer raising cotton, and their family lived in a tent on the banks of the Rio Grande River. The family moved often in search of work during the Depression, and they lived in New Mexico, California, Arkansas, Michigan and Illinois before settling in Eloy, Arizona where Mary attended grammar school. It was there she met her future husband James Woodrow (Woody) Purdom. Mary and Woody married on May 24, 1941 in Florence, Arizona.

Mary and Woody's first son Jim was born March of 1942 in Casa Grande, Arizona as was their second son Bill in June of 1943. When their son Bill was only 13 days old, Woody, Mary and their sons traveled to Wilder, Idaho, sleeping on the desert ground with their two little boys between them. In 1945, Woody was inducted in the Army, and during this time Mary worked in the hop fields and also Garrett Orchards packing sheds. After Woody was discharged from the Army in 1946, they lived in Homedale and then began farming southwest of there on Succor Creek. Mary and Woody hauled hay for two summers for various famers and hauled it to the alfalfa mill, which was located where Helena Chemical is presently located. The hay they hauled there was ground into pellets and shipped on railcar to different areas of the country for cattle feed.

Mary worked in the kitchen at the Senior Citizens Center for several years as she was noted

for her delicious pies and great food.

Mary was preceded in death by her son James Earl (Jimmie) Purdom in February 1957 and her husband James (Woody) Purdom. Mary and Woody were married for 69½ years before Woody passed in December 2010. Mary was also preceded in death by her siblings: Tom, Earl, Nick, and James Fleming and her sister Martha J. Grimes.

Mary is survived by her son, Bill (Judy) Purdom; sisters-in-law Betty Adams and Bennye Hardy Coles; grandchildren: Christi (Dan) Smith, Steve (Tina) Purdom, Greg (Carina) Purdom and Kellie (Travis) Trout. Her great-grandchildren include: Samantha (Alex) Pacoretty, Brandy and Colter Smith, Kyle and Carlie Purdom, Gage, Bailey and Cylas Purdom, and Brady and Tayler Trout and numerous special nieces and nephews, too.

Services will be held Friday, February 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Interment will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences can be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

## Robert Lester Palmer, M.D.

Robert (Bob) Lester Palmer was born in Council, Idaho on June 23, 1938. He passed away on January 17, 2017. His parents, Jennie Butler Palmer and Lester Curtis Palmer, wife Linda and son Curtis preceded him in death.

Bob grew up in Council and attended grade school and high school there. He loved the mountains and spent as much time as possible in the surrounding area hunting, fishing and looking for Indian artifacts. Bob also enjoyed all sports but especially baseball and any horse related activity. Team roping became his passion.

After graduation from high school Bob attended the University of Idaho where he pursued a Degree in Chemistry. His goal was to become a physician and he continued toward that goal at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. He graduated with his M.D. Degree in June, 1964 and accomplished his post-graduate training in St. Louis.

During the second year of medical school Bob met Linda Jane Addison, a senior nursing student at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. They were married September 29, 1962. In the spring of 1965 Bob was drafted. He was given a choice of Southeast Asia (Viet Nam) or the Public Health Service Division of Indian Health in South Dakota. Naturally, he chose South Dakota.

Following completion of his military obligation, Bob and Linda settled in Hamilton, Montana. He began his family practice there in 1967. Bob and Linda acquired a farm outside Hamilton and raised registered horned Hereford cattle and quarter horses for a number of years. In 1976 the family moved to the Wallowa Valley in northeast Oregon. Bob continued his family practice with Winding Waters Clinic in Enterprise, Oregon.

Linda passed away in September 1987 after a long battle with cancer. Bob made a career change to emergency medicine and moved to Walla Walla, Washington in August 1988. He worked in the emergency room of St. Mary Medical Center. He remained in that capacity until his retirement in December 2005.

Bob met Mary C. Porter, a Registered Nurse, while working at St. Mary Medical Center. They built their retirement home near Marsing, Idaho and moved into that home in January 2004. They were wed in September 2005. While Bob commuted to Walla Walla for two years after their move, Mary became the architect and overseer for developing their beautiful yard, home and barn. Bob and Mary loved gardening and very much enjoyed preserving the products of their labor. Later in 2014, Bob and Mary sold their Marsing home and moved to a home in Caldwell with less acreage.

Bob loved to cook, having acquired that skill by watching his mother, a professional chef. After retirement Bob took up, in earnest, an old passion for drawing, working primarily in graphite. He produced portraits of family, friends and pets. He also loved drawing horses, wild animals and old buildings. Bob was a voracious reader especially of action novels. He spent many hours in his "Man Cave," i.e. the tack room in the barn pursuing this activity.

Bob is survived by his wife Mary, 4 children, 2 stepchildren, 4 grandchildren, and 4 step-grandchildren. His children are: Jennifer Sue Peterman of Oregon; Dr. Robert Bruce Palmer and wife Karen of Colorado; Teresa Aileen Palmer and husband Ken Taber of Hawaii; Rebecca Elise Palmer, a teacher in Idaho. Stepdaughters are Dr. Angelia Rene Coletta/Hoff and husband William of Southern CA; Michelle Lynn Bull of Washington. One sister Lucille Gordon lives in Montana.

Bob's final wish was to die at home and this was made possible by the very professional and caring staff from Abode Hospice, Meridian, ID, and wife Mary.

Cremation – Thomason Funeral Home, Weiser, ID

Interment – Hillcrest Cemetery, Weiser, ID.

Memorials – Idaho Food Bank, Special Olympics of Idaho

## Death notices

**JERRY TELFORD HARRIS**, 75, of Homedale, died on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**TRUDI JO SEILING**, 39, of Jordan Valley, Ore., died Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 in Portland. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629



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# Ways to cut your healthcare costs

Around this time of year, it is easy to get a little down with the dreary weather. Statistics show that individuals suffer from an increase in illness, both physical and mental. With this increased chance that you may be paying a visit to the doctor, consider ways that you can cut your healthcare costs.



Surine Greenway

The very first place that you can start saving money is by talking to your doctor about the prescription that they write you. If you can have a conversation with them regarding the medication before leaving their office, you can inquire about generic options that you may not otherwise be

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informed of. Another way that you reduce your medical costs is through a little bit of research ahead of time. Sometimes your health insurer will have options online or via a phone representative that can help you in figuring out what your out-of-pocket costs will be with your in-network provider. While this may not always work for the treatment that you are seeking, it never hurts to do a little bit of homework and see what options may be available to you. Believe it or not, almost 50 percent of Medicare claims audited by the government contain errors in them. So, if you take the time to make sure you are reading through your medical bill carefully, you can help capture

those errors and reduce your chance of paying for unnecessary charges. The best way to catch any mistakes is by making sure you receive an itemized bill from your doctor and read through your Explanation of Benefits. If you do happen to catch a mistake that was made, the sooner you act, the better. Start by contacting your doctor's office and informing them of the mistake and ask them to work quickly to resolve it.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach Greenway 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. Column sources: Consumer Reports On Health and [bbc.com/health](http://bbc.com/health)

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

Milk served every day  
Salad Bar available with each meal  
(lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)  
Feb. 8: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots  
Feb. 9: Baked fish, baked potato, California blend veggies, roll  
Feb. 14: Chicken & noodles, California blend veggies, roll  
Feb. 15: Grilled cheeseburgers, baked potato, broccoli  
Feb. 16: Salisbury steak with onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas & carrots, roll  
Feb. 21: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll  
Feb. 22: BBQ chicken on bun, baked potato, carrots  
Feb. 23: Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets, roll  
Feb. 28: Taco salad, chips & salsa

## Rimrock Senior Center

Feb. 9: Pork roast mashed potatoes w/gravy, applesauce, coleslaw, cornbread  
Feb. 14: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cup  
Feb. 16: Tuna melt, tater tots, carrots, pudding, banana  
Feb. 21: Beef roast, baked potato, spinach, roll, pear, cake  
Feb. 23: Ham & potato casserole, carrot/cranberry salad, deviled eggs, bread, berry cobbler  
Feb. 28: Oven baked chicken, parsley potatoes, mixed veggies, bread stick, cottage cheese & pineapple

# 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., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- 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
- Homedale Highway District meeting**  
6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3500
- Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Grand View City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday
- Marsing City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd N., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
- Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

## Thursday

- TOPS 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
- Owyhee Gardeners meeting**  
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829
- Bruneau-GV school board meeting**  
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2260
- AA meetings**  
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

## Friday

- Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Grand View Lions Club meeting**  
11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2442
- Youth Valentine's workshop**  
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., ages 5-18, \$5, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104
- Teens and Tweens program**  
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Game night**  
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older, 2nd Friday of each month. (208) 896-4690
- Homedale Talent Show**  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. [jzieske@homedaleschools.org](mailto:jzieske@homedaleschools.org)

## Saturday

- Rimrock Food Pantry distribution**  
9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199
- Winter beef school**  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 896-4104
- OCHS field trip planning meeting**  
11 a.m., Sandbar Restaurant, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 495-2319
- Free lunch**  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Grand View Lions Club auction**  
1 p.m., Grand View Elementary School gym, 205 First Street, Grand View. (208) 834-2442
- OCA winter meeting**  
1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 850-0780

## Family movie night

- 5 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Bruneau Elementary PTO fundraiser**  
5:30 to 9 p.m., winter carnival, dinner and auction, Bruneau Elementary School, 25841 Benham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2492
- HHS Boosters Crab and Steak Feed**  
6 p.m., \$45, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. Tickets through HHS athletes or Boosters Facebook page
- Valentine's dinner**  
6 p.m., \$15 per adult couple, \$14 per senior couple, \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 for children 12 and younger, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Marsing Lions bingo**  
6:45 p.m., early bird; 7 p.m., regular games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.
- OCA winter dance**  
9 p.m., \$5 per person, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana.

## Monday

- County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**  
3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782
- Marsing Fire Department meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St.

## Tuesday

- Senior center bridge and pinochle**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Homedale Senior Ctr. board meeting**  
1:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- 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
- Melba school board meeting**  
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141
- Library board meeting**  
5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- AA meetings**  
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

## Wednesday

- Coffee club**  
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
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- GV Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at [www.theowyheeavalanche.com](http://www.theowyheeavalanche.com).  
Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com) (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.



# 56TH ANNUAL MARSING DISASTER AUCTION



Dan Gibbens (left) and his wife Shirley pour bags of flour into bins at the doughnut booth Friday night in preparation for Saturday's Marsing Disaster Auction.



Mary Lou DeOsio (right) serves a bowl of turkey noodles to Katy Pearce during the Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday. Auction committee member Kelly Ineck made the turkey noodles.



The McIntyre boys with the eggs they donated to the Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday. **From left:** Bentley McIntyre, Heston McIntyre, and Bridon McIntyre. Bentley, 10, and Bridon, 8, are the sons of Ben and Maria McIntyre. Heston, 7, is the son of Brad and Jill McIntyre. The three dozen eggs sold for \$750.



Renita Ineck (left) and Gloria Watson operate the fryer in the doughnut booth Saturday morning. At exactly 11 a.m., it was announced that all of the doughnuts had been sold.



## Jordan Valley's young dancers set for finale

Jordan Valley's Tiny Dancers will hold their final performance of the high school basketball season Friday during the 1A High Desert League home finale against Huntington. The dancers, who are in fourth grade or lower grades, are led by Jamie Collins. **Back row, from left:** Meg Eiguren, Claire Collins, Camilla Bengoa, Whitlee "Bob" Burch, Kyndra Williams with Lilly Relk. **Front row, from left:** Mesa Mackenzie, Bailey Relk, Deni Maestrejuan, and Ryann Skinner. Submitted photo



## Pep band hits road for TVCC

Homedale High School music director John Zieske (left) plays the saxophone as he leads the pep band through a Journey song at halftime of the 3A District III girls' basketball semifinal at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., on Thursday.





## No mail lost in Monday car fire

You can add engine fire to the familiar mailman’s refrain.

The mail got through Monday morning in spite of a new impediment to add to the U.S. Postal Service’s litany of surmountable obstacles.

About a half-dozen Homedale volunteer firefighters, an engine and a tanker responded to the Sunset Village mobile home park for the report of a U.S. Mail rural route carrier’s vehicle on fire shortly after 10 a.m.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller quickly began spraying water on the vehicle’s grill as firefighters such as Brandon DeMond, Curtis Stansell, Matt Landa and Bryan Badiola tried to figure out a way to open the hood



on the four-door Toyota Sedan to access the source.

Once the fire was under control, Stansell and DeMond worked to get all the postal items out of the back seat of the vehicle.

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employees had arrived and were using a sled to ferry the boxes, large envelopes and other mail items across the park’s icy streets to a waiting substitute vehicle. No items were lost.

— JPB

## Blood pressure checks return to Homedale Sr. Center

Two free blood pressure clinics are scheduled this month at the Homedale Senior Center.

The clinics will run from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Feb. 28. No appointments are necessary.

Appointments are needed for the foot clinic scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21. Slots open at 8:30 a.m., and examinations cost \$12. Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 to reserve a time.

The senior center’s board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The meeting is open to the public.

The ladies coffee group meets at 9 a.m. each Wednesday.

The senior center, located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The center’s thrift store is open until 1 p.m. on those days.

**Firemen, policeman help out the mailman**

*At left:* Brandon DeMond (left) and Curtis Stansell remove packages from the vehicle as Jeff Eidemiller, Matt Landa and another firefighter open the hood for better access. *Below:* Eidemiller began battling the blaze through the grill shortly after arriving.

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# Marsing Lions bingo returns Saturday

The Marsing Lions Club bingo season continues Saturday.

The monthly fundraiser starts with a 6:45 p.m. early-bird game followed at 7 p.m. by a regular set of 12 games.

Bingo takes place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.

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

Daubers and markers are available, and there is also a hot number option.

Proceeds from this month's session will help finance the Lions Club's various programs and events.

Free popcorn will be offered, and additional refreshments will be available for purchase.

Other bingo nights will also take place on the second Saturday of the month for March and April. The group usually makes a decision later in the season on whether to hold a May bingo night.

Different community organizations benefit each month.

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# OCHS looks ahead

## Field trip planning session slated Saturday

The Owyhee County Historical Society is getting ready for warmer weather.

The society will hold its annual field trip planning meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday at The Sandbar in Marsing.

OCHS and anyone who wants to tag along takes a series of field trips to different historical locations in the region throughout the spring and summer months.

Call the museum at (208) 495-2319 for more information on the meeting or other historical society matters.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Other historical society events and meetings are planned throughout the year. All events except for the field trip planning meeting take place at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The next event is:

- **Friday, March 17** — General meeting and speaker, 7 p.m.

# KTVB meteorologist to speak in Bruneau

Fittingly, after snow and poor road conditions cancelled the first installment of 2017, the Bruneau speaker series will welcome a weatherman.

Jim Duthie, an award-winning meteorologist for KTVB NewsChannel 7 in Boise, will speak at the Bruneau Valley Library at noon next Wednesday.

Also a master gardener, Duthie has titled his presentation "Green Thumbs and Weather Forecasts."

Duthie will weave a little bit of weather and gardening together in his presentation. He'll recap the events of this winter from the perspective of southwest Idaho records and climatology. He also plans to discuss how climate change affects Idaho agriculture and gardening, and he'll throw in some folklore.

The free speaker series, sponsored this year by Idaho Power, always features a light lunch. Organizers want to ensure enough space and food is available, so prospective attendees are asked to call (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131 by Monday to RSVP.

A native of Arizona, Duthie has been a Channel 7 meteorologist since 2008 and has nearly 20 years experience forecasting weather in the Treasure Valley.

# Homedale Public Library focuses on Valentine's Day

Three Homedale Public Library events will usher in Valentine's Day this week.

- Parents and children are invited to a free showing of the PG-rated film "The Princess Bride" at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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

- Boys and girls attending Story Time will hear about Valentine's Day Friday morning.

The 10:15 a.m. event will feature a reading of "Pete the Cat: Valentine's Day is Cool" by Kimberly Dean. "Love from The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle will also be read.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said children will make valentine's cards and deliver them to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation center residents across Owyhee Avenue from the library.

- Friday's Teens and Tweens session will include decorating cakes that children can take home for Valentine's Day gifts. Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend at 4 p.m.

McMichael added that Idaho Public Television education specialist Cindy Lunte will return to the library for the Feb. 17 Story Time program. Lunte visited the library for the first time last 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.

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# Marsing council tackles irrigation fees, proposed homes

## Mayor to receive ceremonial check at Legion community center

The Marsing City Council will hold public hearings before tonight's regular monthly meeting.

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

As part of its developing 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 held to pay for future system improvements.

The city pays \$14,500 each year to Gem Irrigation for its wa-

ter 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 the 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.

Once the regular meeting begins, Mayor James Ferdinand is scheduled to receive a ceremonial check signifying the \$2,000 award he won for the city after participating in the 2016 Mayors Walking Challenge.

City Hall actually received the check last month, but city clerk Janice Bicandi said a Blue Cross of Idaho representative will still make a formal presentation with an oversized check during tonight's meeting. The representative cancelled a planned appearance in December because of winter driving conditions. — SC

## Homedale council to hear grant post mortem

### Garbage contract renewal talks also on the agenda

The Homedale City Council could learn more about deficiencies in its library grant application tonight.

Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson, who wrote the unsuccessful Idaho Community Block Grant application, is scheduled to give a report on the results of the application process.

The council meets at 6 p.m. today inside the magistrate courtroom across the lobby from city offices at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen learned in a Jan. 26 phone call that the Economic Advisory Council had decided against moving forward on evaluation of the Homedale Public Library expansion grant.

In a campaign that included the purchase of a parcel west of the existing library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., the library board of directors spearheaded the idea to grow the library's footprint from 1,300 square feet to 4,900 square feet.

By the time numbers were tweaked and crunched, the grant application came in just shy of the state's \$500,000 ceiling on public facilities project.

After Wilson debriefs the council, elected officials will discuss extending the city's garbage-hauling contract with Homedale-based Westowns Disposal Inc.

The usual departmental reports also will be presented.


One item in the police report could be the arrival of the new 2015 Dodge Charger patrol car. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the car arrived early last week, and will help get his department closer to a solid rotation of replacing patrol cars.

The goal is to eventually retire the one remaining non-Mopar squad car, which is a Ford Crown Victoria.

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# Idaho D.C. delegation: Let states steer sage-grouse plans

## Legislation introduced in both houses

States would have the option to use local sage-grouse conservation plans under legislation western Republican senators introduced last Wednesday.

Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch (R-Idaho) are among the co-sponsors of the Greater Sage-Grouse Protection and Recovery Act of 2017. Companion legislation, H.R. 527, was introduced in the House on Jan. 13 with Idaho Congressmen Mike Simpson and Raúl Labrador among the sponsors.

The legislation would allow Idaho and other western states to implement specific conservation and management plans to protect sage-grouse populations

and habitats.

In September 2012, Idaho created its own state plan with guidance from a task force that included Owyhee County District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland and Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson). The state eventually sued, alleging that the Bureau of Land Management essentially ignored the findings that would set up three management zones within sage-grouse habitat.

“If the federal government shares our concerns and goals, it will allow the states to implement their own plans to protect the sage-grouse while at the same time meeting their individual community’s needs,” Risch said.

Original cosponsors of the bill include Sens. Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Mike Lee (R-Utah), and Steve Daines (R-Mont.).

“Sen. Risch and I strongly

support the collaborative work undergone in Idaho, other state governments and a broad range of impacted stakeholders to conserve habitat for the sage-grouse,” Crapo said. “This legislation will provide states the ability to implement locally based land management plans that were developed and will be managed by those who know the local conditions and needs best.”

The Greater Sage-Grouse Protection and Recovery Act would allow states to choose between implementing their own conservation and management plan based on their community specific needs or deferring to federal agencies for greater sage-grouse protection.

The legislation would prohibit the Secretary of Interior from conducting large-scale mineral withdrawals for the protection of greater sage-grouse.

The bill, if passed, would main-

tain the current Endangered Species Act status of the bird for a decade. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined ESA protection is not warranted.

The BLM and Forest Service will be required to report annually to Congress on the status of the species on federal lands under their jurisdictions.

The bill also prevents litigation aimed at upending this compromise that gives state plans a chance to work in response to data on population trends compiled by the federal agencies.

“The current heavy-handed sage-grouse plans needlessly impose restrictions on millions acres of land in Nevada alone, threatening our western way of life while doing little to improve habitat. Our legislation allows western states the flexibility to choose the proper methods to improve the sage-grouse population

while keeping Nevada’s economic stability and community needs in mind,” Sen. Heller said.

“For years, state leaders have worked tirelessly to develop and implement careful, pragmatic plans to protect the Greater Sage-grouse and its habitat,” Sen. Hatch said. “These efforts have paid off tremendously, producing laudable results in the continued conservation and recovery of the species. This legislation will empower the states to continue their good work in conserving the species while simultaneously protecting our lands and jobs from federal overreach.”

Sage-grouse habitat is spread out over more than a quarter million square miles. Currently, the BLM and U.S. Forest Service manage federal lands with sage-grouse habitat under nearly 100 separate land use plans affecting tens of millions of acres.

# Public lands ranchers to see federal grazing fee drop

The Bureau of Land Management has announced a 2017 grazing fee for federal allotments that is 11 percent lower than what ranchers paid last year.

Last month, the federal government set the cost at \$1.87 per cow and her calf per month, known as an Animal Unit Month (AUM). The 2016 public lands grazing fee was \$2.11 per AUM.

The newly calculated grazing fee goes into effect March 1, but is only one piece of the public lands ranching puzzle, Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president Chad Nettleton said.

“It certainly can’t be a bad thing,” Nettleton said of the fee reduction. “The unfortunate thing is we feel the grazing

fees are kind of a drop in the bucket with the other expenses of running on public leases like that.”

Nettleton said ranchers also have to build fences, haul water and retain attorneys to help defend their grazing permits.

The fee, determined by a congressional formula, applies to permittees who graze livestock on hundreds of thousands of acres of BLM land in Owyhee and Malheur counties.

The fee formula, established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, has continued under a presidential executive order since 1986. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM, and any

increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year’s level.

The annually determined grazing fee is computed by using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per AUM for livestock grazing on public lands in western states.

The figure is then calculated according to three factors — current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and the cost of livestock production.

In effect, the fee rises, falls, or stays the same based on market conditions, with livestock operators paying more when conditions are better and less when conditions have deteriorated.

District 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, a rancher in the Reynolds

Creek area, said there is a better way to calculate the fee.

“Way back when I was on the Owyhee Cattlemen’s (Association) board, we tried to get a fee based on forage value, not the price index of a whole bunch of indicators,” Hoagland said. “It was not a complicated fee formula and maybe too simple and fair to implement. It worked in all situations thrown at it. But we could not get the support we needed from the state and national organizations who did not want to rock the boat.”

The 2017 grazing fee of \$1.87 per AUM applies to 16 western states, including Idaho.

— SC and JPB

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### ✓ Ranchers: Trump could help industry or, with TPP, he could hurt it

“If they’re anything like me, this winter has been an absolute kick in the teeth,” Nettleton said.

Nettleton said he has heard of newborn losses between 10 and 60 percent this winter.

“Guys everywhere are having major problems if they’re calving anywhere from December until now,” the Joyce Livestock Co., partner said. “It doesn’t have to be very cold. If a cow doesn’t get (their calves) up quick, they kind of freeze to the ground.”

Nettleton has heard some operators are suffering herd losses the likes of which have not been seen in decades. It’s unknown how the winter deaths will affect a beef market that experts are predicting will be depressed in the coming years.

University of Idaho economist Dr. Hernan Tejeda may have some insight when he presents at the Extension System’s winter

beef school prior to Saturday’s OCA meeting. The beef school will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and also include Beef Quality Assurance recertification with Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen and a talk on cowboy obstetrics with Dr. Travis Allen of Advantage Veterinary. Lunch will be provided to all school attendees.

While the winter may affect the beef market, Nettleton fears President Trump’s executive order pulling the United States out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership may hurt even more. The TPP could have improved the beef trade with Japan by lowering a high tariff. Australian producers may step into the void because of a 2014 free trade agreement under which Japan has been steadily cutting beef tariffs.

Nettleton hopes to have more information on how producers can recover winter losses during the OCA meeting.

He said there is work being done to secure a speaker from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm

Service Agency who will deliver information on the federal government’s Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, the LIP provides benefits for producers who suffer losses beyond the normal mortality rate for a variety of reasons, including adverse weather.

While the winter has been frigid, Nettleton anticipates some thawing in the ranchers’ relationship with the Bureau of Land Management now that Donald Trump is in the White House.

“I have no doubt the relationship will improve,” Nettleton said. “You kind of see it throughout administrations. Through Clinton, it was kind of hostile, then it lightened up (during George W. Bush’s eight years), and then they did what they did to make life difficult during the Obama administration.”

Agency personnel is still changing, and it’s unknown what Montana congressman Ryan Zinke’s impact will be once he is confirmed as Interior secretary.

“I’m hoping it goes a little bit

past personnel and there’s a little different culture there, and they’re easier to get along with,” Nettleton said. “I also see (the possibility of) some legislative and administrative things that will be a little more long-lasting.”

Republican senators already have introduced legislation to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906 under which presidents have unilateral power to designate national monuments. Work also has begun on establishing local control for sage-grouse conservation.

“It sounds like they have intentions to address the Antiquities Act,” Nettleton said. “Guys over in Oregon were terrified of the possible monument with the Canyonlands.”

President Obama never acted on special interest groups’ hopes to create a 2.5 million-acre national monument in Malheur County, and Nettleton hopes legislation will get through the Republican-held Congress to reform the process. He also would like to see steps to curb abuses under the Endangered Species Act and from within the Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency.

Nettleton’s optimism is bolstered by the role Melba resident Layne Bangerter, Sen. Mike Crapo’s former natural resources director, could have in the Trump administration. Bangerter was Trump’s state campaign chair and continues to have the president’s ear as a special assistant.

The OCA president is hopeful that there may be work to reverse the BLM’s Gateway West high-voltage electrical transmission line record of decision, but other issues that impact ranchers may be too far into the process.

Still, he would like to see work toward a more “rancher-friendly” outcome for the Owyhee 68 permit renewals, which in their present form could cut affected producers’ Animal Unit Monthly allowances in half.

“Maybe it’s advanced so far that the stance (agency bureaucrats have) taken all along is how they’re going to continue on it, but I would hope things would improve and they would get some directive from the top.” — JPB

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2/02	7.3	28	9.1	46	25	31
2/03	7.3	27	9.1	41	30	36
2/04	7.4	27	9.3	42	35	38
2/05	7.4	26	9.3	41	33	37
2/06	7.4	26	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
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2/01	10.5	32	10.9	30	16	22
2/02	10.5	31	10.9	31	18	22
2/03	10.5	31	10.9	40	20	32
2/04	10.6	31	11.0	38	35	37
2/05	10.6	30	11.0	42	36	38
2/06	10.6	29	11.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>South Mountain</b>						
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2/05	14.8	45	17.6	39	33	36
2/06	14.7	43	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 35 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 730 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 29 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 252,563 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

**Mr. Rimrock's top finalists**  
Ray Draper (left) was named Mr. Rimrock in the inaugural competition held at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School. Dalton Allison was first runner-up. Submitted photo

## Homedale bridge job could wrap in May

Construction on the new Succor Creek bridge west of Homedale should be completed in mid-May.

Kelley Lower, an Idaho Transportation Department District 3 project coordinator, updated city and county officials in an email last Wednesday.

In his update, Lower confirmed that high water flows shook loose two sections of diversion pipe last month.

The pipe floated downstream about 450 feet and was later retrieved on private property, and Knife River Construction later removed the rest of the diversion pipe from the creek.

The incident showed the force with which Succor Creek can flow, however.


Lower said the creek had been running between 17 and 20 cubic feet per second since the end of the irrigation season. On Jan. 12, when the pipe became dislodged, an Idaho stream flow recorder below the bridge measured the flow at 420 CFS before the creek settled back to 36 CFS by 11 a.m.

After demolition of the remaining section of the 50-year-old bridge, the contractor began excavation to place basalt riprap rock to shore up the locations of the new abutments. The riprap work was completed last week.

"This will protect the new abutments from water flow scouring during the expected high level spring runoff," Lower wrote.

The next phase of the project is pile driving for the riprap shoring wall and the temporary bridge shoring. Production piles also will be driven before the new abutments can be built.

Lower said no specific date has been established for the pile driving to begin.



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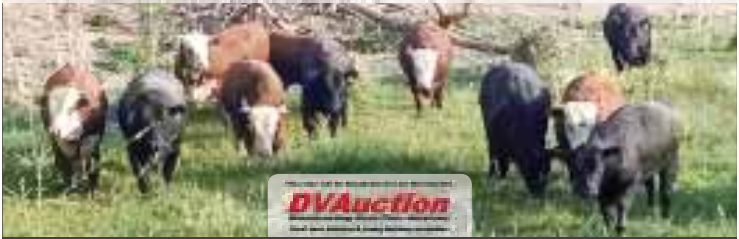
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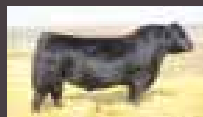
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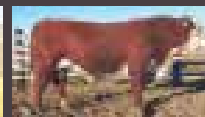
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### Adrian students help prepare for potential flooding

Adrian High School student Selina Villarreal (right) carries a sand bag to the stack pile Friday. Although there was no school, several students were hard at work filling 6,000 sand bags in preparation for the winter snow melt. Bags were distributed quickly to property owners needing help to stem potential flooding because of warmer temperatures, and another two truckloads of sand were expected this week. AHS Yearbook

## Grand View library names titles for book discussion group

### Dr. Seuss day set for next month

The Eastern Owyhee County Library is continuing a newly formed book club and has several other fun events scheduled for the near future.

Library programs coordinator Penny Vance said the “Let’s Talk About It” book reading and discussion program for adults is held once each month at 1 p.m., but there will be two sessions in May. The books of the discussion group’s focus can be checked out at the library.

- March 6 — “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- April 10 — “Pudd’nhead Wilson” by Mark Twain
- May 8 — “Little Women” by Louisa May Alcott
- May 22 — “Catcher in the Rye” by J.D. Salinger

The library also offers “Crafts for Kids” at 4 p.m., each Thursday.

“I have kids from first grade up join me for crafts or games, Wii games, snacks, and a book reading for them,” Vance wrote in an

email. “We’ve had quite a few of these classes already, and the kids have really enjoyed them!”

On March 2, the library will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the pen name for children’s author Theodor Geisel, who was born in 1904.

“Our class at 4 p.m. will be making craft items, have a birthday cake and a party,” Vance said. “We will enjoy readings from some of his wonderful books, and encourage everyone to scoop one or two up to read for themselves, too.”

The library will celebrate Idaho Day on March 4, the anniversary when Idaho Territory was founded in 1863. Guests will hear selected readings from the book “Idaho Today.”

The library located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The library will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Call (208) 834-2785 for more information on the library and its programs.

## Probation for felony domestic violence

A Caldwell man must spend 30 days in jail and then serve three years probation for a felony domestic violence conviction.

Edward M. King was sentenced on Jan. 27 before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan in Murphy.

Ryan suspended a state prison sentence of up to five years and all but 30 days of a three-month jail

term. King must spend 30 days in Owyhee County Jail, too.

King must also pay fines and fees of \$625.50

King was arrested on a charge of domestic battery with traumatic injury on Aug. 31, 2015.

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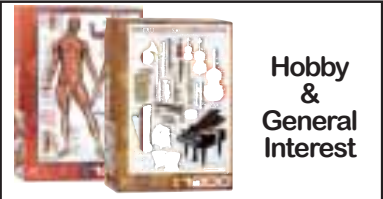
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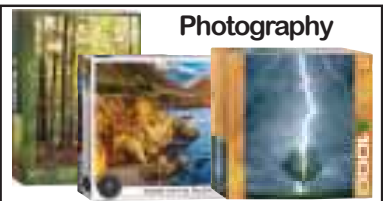


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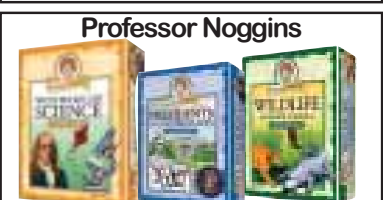
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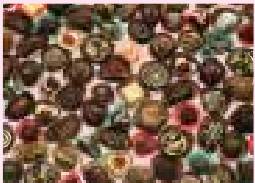
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Subvarsity squads  
capture trophies

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## Brothers in pads, with pens



Kendall Frelove, left, and Wyatt Dorsey sign their letters of intent to attend Eastern Oregon University as Homedale High School football coach Matt Holtry and members of Dorsey's family look on. Frelove's family was watching from his right.

## Trojans Dorsey, Frelove make leap to La Grande

Wyatt Dorsey and Kendall Frelove have completed their college football conspiracy.

The All-3A Snake River Valley conference first-teamers signed to play at Eastern Oregon University last Wednesday in a ceremony before their families, coach and

Homedale High School teammates.

"This is the result of their hard work and time put in and the support and encouragement of their teammates and their families," Trojans coach Matt Holtry told the football players assembled in

the HHS gymnasium foyer.

"But this type of thing doesn't happen if everybody's not in it together. You guys are all part of it."

Dorsey and Frelove have been close friends as well as teammates since they transferred

to Homedale from Vallivue and Marsing high schools, respectively, as sophomores.

"We've always talked about playing at the same school when we were younger, but, I mean, it

— See *Trojans*, page 10B

## Furlott reaches indoor finals

Even though Mother Nature prevented proper training, Jacob Furlott has taken a big step in his athletic dream.

The Homedale High School senior turned heads with his performances in the 60- and 200-meter sprints at the New Balance Boise Indoor track meet in Nampa.

He finished strong in both high school finals, and also gained

— See *Furlott*, page 3B

## MHS meet previews districts

The Marsing POD Tournament could be a scouting party for the hometown wrestling team.

Saturday's round-robin-style event inside the Main Street gymnasium, gives high school coach Jon Nelson another chance to evaluate some of the competition the Huskies could face at the 2A District III Tournament.

"It'll help us figure out, No. 1, seeding for the district tournament, and, No. 2, see how we're going to stack up in the district," Nelson said. "Man, I tell you, if it wasn't for numbers, we would be definitely

— See *MHS*, page 2B

## Adrian wrestlers triumph in their district tune-ups

BEO champions may see foes again on path to State

Two of Oregon's best small-school wrestlers met in La Grande on Saturday.

Adrian High School's Marcus Furtado caught Shane Lund 53 seconds into the third round to win the Bank of Eastern Oregon Tournament's 113-pound championship.

Furtado (30-5) pinned Lund (31-4) at the 4-minute, 53-second mark as the Antelopes' senior won his second tournament championship in as many weekends.

Adrian teammate Drake Marquez also brought home gold, pinning Baker/Powder Valley's G'ovi Quezada

— See *Wrestlers*, page 3B

Homedale wrestlers beat Gooding, page 8B



## JV boys' streak reaches 14 wins

Adrian girls prevail behind Allaire's double-double

Chase Fillmore celebrated his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday with 17 points to help Jordan Valley High School win its 14<sup>th</sup> straight game.

Playing on his home floor on Senior Night, the junior led a balanced scoring attack that pushed the Mustangs to a 67-36 rout of 1A High Desert League rival Adrian on Saturday.

The Mustangs (16-2 overall, 11-0 in league) started the fourth quarter with a 43-point lead and coasted to the boys' basketball triumph.

The victory allowed the Mustangs to maintain their league lead heading into the final week of the

— See *Streak*, page 3B

*At left:* Jordan Valley High School's Chase Fillmore (left) dribbles against an Adrian defender on the Mustangs' floor Saturday night. Photo by Tara Echave



Sports

Huskies fall in district semifinals

Cole Valley hits 70 percent of its field-goal tries

Held below 30 points for the first time in two months, Marsing High School lost in the girls' basketball District III semifinals Saturday.

The fifth-ranked Class 2A team in the state, Cole Valley Christian lived up to its billing with a 70-24 victory at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

The loss dropped Marsing to 11-11, but gave Jake Dugger's club a home game Tuesday with a shot at playing for third place Thursday.

Second-seeded Cole Valley Christian (17-4) meets top-seeded and state No. 3 Melba (19-2) for the championship at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Caldwell. The Mustangs collected their 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory Saturday, 48-26, over New Plymouth.

The third-seeded Huskies took on Nampa Christian after deadline Tuesday with the winner advancing to a Thursday matchup against either New Plymouth or McCall-Donnelly. Thursday's survivor moves on to a 2A state tournament play-in game Saturday.

The state play-in game against the 2A District 1-2 runner-up will take place either at Highland High School in Craigmont or Grangeville.

Saturday's loss to Cole Valley snapped Marsing's 17-game streak of scoring 32 points or



Marsing's Gabriela Rodriguez (left) dribbles into the half-court against Cole Valley Christian's Julia Branahl during Saturday's 2A District III girls' basketball semifinal. Photo by Dan Pease

more. Homedale beat the Huskies, 44-28, on Dec. 1.

Shooting 70 percent from the field, the Chargers never trailed and outscored the Huskies, 23-10, in both the first and third quarters. Cole Valley held a 41-14 lead at halftime. Marsing failed to score in the fourth quarter.

Mackenzie Farrens took nearly half of Marsing's shots and led four scorers with 14 points. Sheyanne Glorfield added five points, three assists and three steals.

Saddled with foul trouble, Alex Grant made only a free throw, while Emily Loucks scored four points.

Farrens had seven rebounds and four steals, while Gabriela Rodriguez collected four boards.

**Thursday: Marsing 64, McCall-Donnelly 28** — Fueled by a start that became their best field-goal-shooting half of the season, the Huskies blew open their district opener with a 23-9 third quarter.

Marsing players connected on 17 of 25 shots (68 percent) in the game's final 16 minutes and shot 50 percent (27-for-54) for the contest.

Marsing, which trailed only once in the game on its home floor, scored 22 points off McCall-Donnelly's 29 turnovers.

Glorfield and Farrens led the scoring. Glorfield fired in three three-point goals and knocked down all four of her foul shots for a game-high 23 points.

Farrens took the Huskies' only other free throws and reached her second-highest point total of the season with 20 points. Here seven rebounds were tops on the team.

Grant sparked the defense with four steals, while LeAnn Garcia, Emma Heitz and Farrens had three thefts apiece.

Elsa Margarito scored seven points and shared the team assists lead with Garcia with three.

✓ MHS: BBQ drawing set

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a contender to run with New Plymouth (for the district title)."

Organizers hope to seed two pods per weight class with the top wrestlers in each grouping winning medals and then facing off for the tournament championship.

Wrestling starts at 9:30 a.m.

The winning ticket will be drawn in the wrestling program's raffle of a Traeger BBQ/smoker. Tickets cost \$10 each or \$25 for three and are available from MHS wrestlers or Nelson at (208) 989-3344. Proceeds will help buy new mats.

There could be as many as eight teams Saturday as programs scramble to get more mat time prior to district competition.

"A lot of teams are short on dates right now because of the weather," Nelson said.

Fellow 2A District III schools Melba and Garden Valley will send wrestlers, while McCall-Donnelly is one of three teams that "probably" will show up, Nelson said. The 2A district championships will be decided on Saturday, Feb. 18, in Melba.

Homedale is among three larger schools competing Saturday. It's possible that the Trojans will see Parma again just one week before the 3A district tournament.

Nelson said he has received commitments from Ridgevue and Capital, and that Meridian may also send wrestlers.

The 4A and 5A programs typically have sent junior varsity athletes to Marsing in the past.

— JPB

# MARSING HUSKIES

## Athlete Spotlight

**Boys' basketball**  
Enrique Quebrado, so., guard  
Average 21.7 points per game and scored 58.5 percent of the Huskies points in three games.

**Girls' basketball**  
Elsa Margarito, jr., wing  
Seven points and co-team-high three assists in district win over McCall.

**Wrestling**  
Adonis Stelzried, fr., 132 pounds  
First-year wrestler continues to improve as district tournament nears.

### Boys' basketball

**Varsity**  
2A Western Idaho Conference  
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 10, home vs. Cole Valley (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.  
**2A District III Tournament**  
Wednesday, Feb. 15, site and opponent TBA, 7 p.m.  
**Junior varsity A**  
2A Western Idaho Conference  
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Melba, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 10, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.  
2A Western Idaho Conference tournament  
Saturday, Feb. 11, & Monday, Feb. 13, site, opponent, time TBA  
**Junior varsity B**  
2A Western Idaho Conference  
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 10, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
2A Western Idaho Conference tournament  
Saturday, Feb. 11 & Monday, Feb. 13, site, opponent, time TBA

### Girls' basketball

**Varsity**  
2A District III Tournament  
(Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)  
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 9, third-place game vs. New Plymouth-McCall-Donnelly winner, 6 p.m.  
If won Tuesday and wins Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 11 at 2A state tournament play-in game, opponent and location TBA  
**Junior varsity**  
Third place, 2A WIC tournament

### Wrestling

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# Sports

## Quebrado's quickness carries Marsing boys

### Huskies win in final seconds to halt skid

Enrique Quebrado put his team on his back Saturday against McCall-Donnelly High School.

The Marsing sophomore scored the game's final four points in a 45-41 2A Western Idaho Conference victory over the visiting Vandals.

Quebrado's basket with eight seconds left snapped a 41-41 tie. Four seconds later, he came up with a steal and hit two subsequent free throws with 2.7 seconds remaining.

Marsing (8-9 overall, 3-5 in conference) snapped a two-game losing streak to maintain a one-game lead over Melba for the No. 4 seed into the 2A District III Tournament.

"We have held the last three teams in league to 41 points or less the last three games, but have only gone 1-2 in those

games," MHS coach Tim Little said. "Focus heading into the last week of league is to maintain the defensive focus but improve our offensive mindset."

Quebrado scored a career-high 28 points to lead all players. Dakota Hardy added eight points.

Miguel Rodriguez scored 15 points for the Vandals, who remained winless in conference. Teammate Josh Waite chipped in 12 points.

Marsing teammates Tyler Wood and Jose Ponce scored six points apiece.

**Friday: Nampa Christian 34, Marsing 31** — The Huskies couldn't make a halftime lead hold up as the Trojans' field-goal shooting improved and Marsing's accuracy remained as low as it was in the first half.

Marsing's defense helped limit Nampa Christian to 4-for-22 field-goal shooting in the opening 16 minutes. Although the Huskies connected on only 18.2 percent of their shots, they grabbed the advantage at

the intermission on the strength of 6-for-9 free-throw shooting.

"It was a well-played game for us, but we came up short," Little said. "Now that we are playing the defense that will allow us to win games, I have to figure out how to improve our offensive productivity."

Nampa Christian used a 13-7 run through the third quarter to take the lead.

Quebrado led the Huskies again with 20 points, while only three of his teammates were able to score.

Dakota Hardy missed all his shots, but dropped in seven of nine free throws for his scoring.

Tre Ponce and Dwight Sevy drained the only shots they took for Marsing's other points, while Nick Lankow led the team with 10 rebounds.

Griffin Carson paced the Trojans with 13 points and six rebounds, including five on the defensive end.

**Last Wednesday: New Plymouth 37, Marsing 32** — In a battle for early position

for the No. 3 district tournament seed, the Huskies' defense was overshadowed by the team's inability to put the ball in the basket.

Marsing held the Pilgrims to nine points in the first half, but only managed to convert 10 of 42 shots over 32 minutes.

"It was a good defensive game for us," Little said. "We did have shooting difficulties."

Quebrado made good on all of his three-point shots and four of his five free throws. He only made two of eight attempts from inside the three-point line, but scored more than half of his team's points.

Quebrado scored 17 points and hit three treys. He also collected three defensive rebounds as Marsing held an 18-7 edge on the Pilgrims' glass.

Hardy added a three-pointer as part of his four points, and Lankow led the team with eight rebounds.

Tre Ponce and Tyler Simonson grabbed six boards each.

Homedale High School senior Jacob Furlott sported a reminder of his next season to stay warmed up during the New Balance Boise Indoor in Nampa. Photo by Heidi Ankeny



### ✓ Furlott: Focuses on lower PRs

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interest from the Eastern Oregon University track and field program.

"Considering the fact that he has really only had six days of practice, all of which have been in the gym and none of which have included a distance of more than 30 yards, and he has never run a 60-meter race or done an indoor, he did really well," Trojans track and field coach Heidi Ankeny said.

Ankeny and her husband, Luke, have been supervising Furlott's training program.

Furlott finished 13<sup>th</sup> in Saturday morning's 60-meter final in 7.34 seconds after snagging one of 16 berths in the championship round with a 7.3-second preliminary Friday. There were about 70 athletes in the 60 meters field, Ankeny said.

Furlott also ran the 200 finals Friday, and finished 36<sup>th</sup> in a field of 86 after a 24.15-second run.

"He was really happy with his results, and so we were," Heidi Ankeny said. "Jacob is the kind of kid that doesn't let

competition get to him. He just goes out there to run and have fun."

Ankeny said Furlott's performance brightens what he's capable of when the high school season begins next month.

"Starting out with these kinds of times is very promising for his outdoor season," she said. "He is running times right now that are very close to his PRs (personal records), so we are certain that we will see those PRs drop early in the outdoor competition."

Furlott's indoor season isn't finished yet, though.

He plans to compete in the Simplot Games at Holt Arena in Pocatello during the weekend of Feb. 17.

Ankeny said they're reaching out to community members to raise funds for the trip. Money is needed for gas, food and lodging for Furlott and Luke Ankeny for two nights in Pocatello.

Checks can be made out to the Homedale High School track and field program and either dropped off at the high school office or given directly to the Ankenys.

### ✓ Streak: Adrian girls beat Mustangs

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regular season.

Senior Garrett Youren scored 14 points, and Zeke Quintero and Kirk Eiguren added nine and eight points, respectively.

Adrian fell behind, 16-2, after the first quarter and didn't recover as Jordan Valley converted half of its 60 field-goal attempts.

The Antelopes (7-11, 5-6) shot 22.8 percent (13-for-57) and committed 18 turnovers.

Warren DeMark had two of Adrian's three three-point goals and led the team with 10 points. Miller DeMark and Ryker Murrey scored seven points each, while Miller and Andy Walker grabbed six rebounds apiece.

Jordan Valley's JJ Echave, another senior, scored just three points, but led all players with nine rebounds, all on the defensive end. Senoir Kasen Skinner nailed a three-point goal and snagged three defensive rebounds.

**Girls: Adrian 54, Jordan Valley 36** — Shyanne Allaire and Carlee Morton scored 15 points apiece as Adrian held on to first place in the 1A HDL with its 11<sup>th</sup> straight win.

The Mustangs (13-5, 7-3) saw their four-game winning streak end despite a game-high 16 points from Regann Skinner. She also had nine rebounds and three steals.

Emilee Burch grabbed 18 rebounds for Jordan Valley, including 11 defensive boards. Taylor Warn had six steals and eight points.

Rebounding was nearly even on the Mustangs' backboards, but Adrian capitalized on its end with 18 second-chance points.

Allaire led Adrian with 10 rebounds to cap a double-double performance. Lauren Barraza also collected six rebounds and dished a team-high seven assists.

Adrian's Anna Hutchings scored 11 points.



Adrian's Carlee Morton (left) tries to drive around Jordan Valley's Regann Skinner on Saturday. Photo by Tara Echave.

**Junior varsity**

**Girls: Jordan Valley 23, Adrian 20** — Katelyn Deen's 10 rebounds and eight points sparked the Mustangs, who stormed back in the second half to grab a league victory.

Baylee Davis and Becky Mackenzie had four steals apiece. Mackenzie logged seven points and collected nine of her 10 rebounds on Adrian's end of the floor.

### ✓ Wrestlers: Marquez works fast to reach 182 final; two others finish 5th

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five seconds before the end of their 182-pound title bout.

Two other Adrian wrestlers — Wade Bond (120) and Enrique Delgado (145) — won their final matches of the tournament to bring home fifth-place medals.

Furtado's championship run may have been a preview of the battle for the 2A/1A District 4

championship on Feb. 17-18 in Heppner. He only wrestled twice, but pinned would-be district opponents both times.

After two byes into the semifinals, he pinned Grant Union's Airron Glimpse in 66 seconds.

Marquez, on the other hand, had to take down a Class 4A wrestler in the championship match after

beating two foes he may see in the district meet.

Neither of Marquez's preliminary bouts made it out of the first round. It took only 42 seconds to pin Ethan Holmgren of Heppner/Ione in the quarterfinals. Jonny Sarbacher of Enterprise fell at the 1:32 mark of their semifinal.

Bond saw nothing but District 4 competition in his bracket. He

posted consecutive consolation triumphs to capture fifth place.

In the medal match, Bond pinned Union/Cove's Jaxon Blackburn in 1:11. He ended the consolation semifinal against Grant Union's Braden Spencer in 52 seconds.

Bond slipped into the consolation bracket after Cole Farwell of Enterprise (35-5)

posted a 17-0 technical fall.

Delgado also rallied after Crane's William Johnson pinned him at 1:57 of their quarterfinal.

Delgado pinned Hermiston's Delmar Parker with one second to spare in the opening round of their fifth-place match. In the consolation semifinals, Delgado got Heppner/Ione's Charles Cason at the 2:17 mark.



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

February 12, 1992

### Owyhee County planning group formed Monday

About 40 people attended a public land use hearing in Murphy Monday.

The meeting was the beginning of a process to develop a comprehensive land use plan for the county’s private and public lands.

Fred Grant, an attorney who has a background in several types of planning, has been contracted by the county commissioners to coordinate the effort, and guide a newly established planning committee.

Grant explained the need for a local plan to be in place that defines the county’s economic stability and custom and culture.

He said if the plan is implemented, in accordance with federal law, the county will have a say in how land is used within the county.

Federal agencies will be required to coordinate the action with the plan.

Grant stressed the importance of the county working together to establish the plan, and learning to understand the interdependence of farmers, cattle ranchers, merchants and all county residents.

“Owyhee County exists together,” Grant said. “What affects one, affects the other.”

### Fritzley to retire after 31 years

Homedale Elementary School Principal Herbert Fritzley is resigning at the end of the 1991-92 school year. The 31-year veteran school administrator’s letter announcing his decision was read to Homedale School Board trustees at their Monday night meeting.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Ed Marshall, Trustees Dick Freund, Petra Rose, Bruce Sibert, Ron Geertson and Frank Haylett set a March 19 deadline for the receipt of applications from those seeking the principal’s job, aiming at picking a new administrator by April 18. Marshall also suggested that school district advertisements in professional educational publications aim at finding a principal from within Idaho.

Trustees agreed informally to establish a screening committee to set criteria to consider in picking a new principal and to screen applicants before finalists are referred to the board for possible interviews and a hiring decision. Geertson and Freund volunteered to serve on it, along with up to six elementary teachers, Marshall and one or more community representatives.

Jon Cline, a spokesman for a delegation of six elementary teachers present and for the Homedale Association of Teachers (HAT), said that teachers here desired to have “input” into picking the new principal. Marshall welcomed the request as did a couple of the trustees.

### Rimrock trio attended national FFA conference

Three Rimrock FFA members recently attended the National FFA Made for Excellence (MFE) seminar in Boise.

Jason Tindall, Kelly Simper and Wade Smith attended the seminar.

The two-day MFE personal development program helped students learn techniques for dealing with peer pressure and on how to set and achieve goals.

### Ducks Unlimited members hold shoot at Homedale

About 40 Ducks Unlimited members participated in a fun shoot at Skyline Hunting Club west of Homedale Saturday.

The clay shoot was a fundraising event. Funds are used to restore and develop wetland habitat for the continent’s waterfowl.

Founded in 1937, Ducks Unlimited is a private, nonprofit organization, and is the largest of its kind. There are 500,000 members nationally, including about 5,000 in Idaho.

Funds from Saturday’s shoot will likely go to one of 14 projects in Idaho, ranging from one at Rose Lake in Northern Idaho to the organization’s newest project at Thousand Springs.

## 50 years ago

February 9, 1967

### City to install new street light

The installation of a street light in the alley behind Homedale Supply in block 40 was approved at the City Council meeting Monday night.

Claims against the general fund amounting to \$6,588.29 were paid and in the sewer bond fund for \$9,499.26.

Mrs. Jewel Scott made a request that the North and South stub alley in block 62 be closed.

The garbage contract with Emery Parrill was renewed for another five years.

### Triplet calves born at Kents

Triplet Aberdeen Black Angus calves were born at the Lawrence Kent place, south of Homedale, on January 30. The two male calves, Billy and Sandy, are doing fine, but Candy, the female, was found dead Thursday morning, Feb. 2.

Mrs. Kent states that the female calf was left with its mother and appeared to be in good health. She thought that the mother might have accidentally laid on the calf during the cold night. The other calves have been bottle-fed since birth.

According to veterinary statistics, triplet calves among beef cattle occur about once in 106,979 births.

The cows at the Kent place are really keeping up with the rash of multiple births. Mrs. Kent reports that two sets of twins have been born since the triplets.

### Marsing gym dedication held

The new Marsing High School gymnasium was dedicated in ceremonies Friday night. Members of the school board cut the ribbons to officially open the facility.

Walter Opp, Nampa, was the general contractor and Lewis Keys, the architect for the new gymnasium, which presently seats 720 people, but has a seating capacity of 1,985 when installation of all bleachers is completed.

The welcome was given by student body president Larry Swinney, who then introduced four members of the board: Harold Curt, vice chairman, Mrs. William Brunel, Mrs. Mel Ezell, and Julio Churrunca, chairman.

A fifth member, Kenneth Belknap, was unable to attend.

The Marsing High School band presented several numbers under the direction of Gerald Van Order, music director.

An American flag was presented to Marsing Junior High School by Mel Ezell, commander, and Bill Copley, adjutant of Marsing Post No. 128, American Legion.

### Prepare to “fire”

Instructors Tom Arima, Louis Breshears and Glen Page watch their young students as they prepare to “fire” at the bulls-eye during a practice session at the Homedale Armory. The instructors are members of the Homedale Rod and Gun club, who sponsor the Junior Riflemen lessons. In firing position are: Marsha Case, Terry Case, Merle Hammons, Tim Funk, Royce Lineberger, Daryl Jemmett and Doug Pottenger.

### Major Brunzell graduated from AF Staff College

U.S. Air Force Major Bryan W. Brunzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Brunzell of Murphy, was graduated January 20 from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

Major Brunzell was one of 270 officers and government officials from the Untied States and allied nations in the 40<sup>th</sup> graduating class at the Department of Defense professional school.

Major Brunzell is being reassigned to Randolph AFB, Tex.

The major, a graduate of Jordan Valley High School, received a B.S. degree from the University of Idaho and his master’s degree at the University of Southern California. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau. Major Brunzell was commissioned in 1951 upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

## 140 years ago

February 10, 1877

A TRIP TO JERUSALEM. Granite Creek, I. T., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1877. *Editor Idaho Avalanche:*

I staid a week or two down the valley recently in order to get acquainted with the farmers. It is very probable that we placer miners may have to resort to some other business this coming spring. Indeed, the prospects for miners to have anything like a good supply of water are but very slim, consequently some of the boys are beginning to look a little sour. So off I went in company with Mr. Maxwell, a resident of Jerusalem and a true type of hospitality. We undertook the journey on foot over the mountains. On our way we encountered several pine squirrels, jack rabbits, coyotes and other ferocious animals, but thanks to a young demijohn or rather an overgrown bottle of some kind of fluid which we had along with us we fought courageously and accomplished our journey, safely arrived at the residence of that venerable pioneer Billy McQuillon, who most cordially greeted us and our demijohn. After a few moments’ conversation we concluded to leave Mr. Demijohn and Mr. McQuillon together and continue our journey down the creek. Fifteen minutes walk took us to the residence of Mr. Mann, better known as “Buckskin Jack.” His ranch is a mile long, but not quite so wide, however; there is no part of it so narrow that a wagon can’t pass between the fences. Jerusalem was our destination so we could not tarry. Reaching the house of Mr. Brainard, where we got a kind reception, we spent some time in surveying the ranch and outfit. Here at the foot of the snow-clad hills is what may be called an independent home, a good farm with plenty of irrigation as well as barns, stables, a dairy and such accoutrements as are necessary on a farm. Mr. Brainard is one of the most extensive stock raisers in Boise County and a pleasant kind-hearted gentleman, who unlike a good many more never blows about his money’s worth.

Higher up in a sunny nook is the abode of my friend and companion Mr. Maxwell, where he lives free from the trials and troubles of matrimony, occasionally singing his favorite song: “I have no wife... To trouble my life.”

Here too resides the amorous James Hog, whose uxorious qualifications are almost universally known. He says of the fair sex: “Thin and thick, fat, short and tall... Black, brown and white, I love them all.”

Farther down at the junction of the Two Forks, in a neat little cot, lives M. E. Newman. As he has taken a partner for life, ever recently, and, it was rumored among the boys that broomsticks don’t last long there, we did not care to intrude on his hospitality.

Last, but not least, we arrived at Mr. Daley’s, styled, very appropriately, “The Travelers Home.” I will not attempt to describe the manner in which guests are received and treated here. Suffice it to say dancing, singing and all such amusements are in order almost every night, while the days are spent in sleighing, horse-riding, deer-shooting and the like. If there is anyone who wishes to spend a week in the country, I say to him, go to Jerusalem; yes, but be careful you don’t leave your heart there. There is a school there for the young and a burying ground for the old and useless; bewitching young ladies, if you can spark them, and a host of other attractions. Scarcely had I began to realize my happiness when some mischievous brat brought word into the Basin that I was doing well down the valley. A rush in this direction followed. A glance at my shabby apparel, plainly told me that I could not stand the test of competition, so I decamped. The events of my homeward journey will be reserved for another letter. OBSERVER.

THERE will undoubtedly be a change in the mode and manner of electing a President hereafter. When the Constitution was framed there were less than three million people in the country. Now there are nearly fifty millions. What might have been suited to the country nearly a century ago in its then infant condition would reasonably be expected to come far short of the requirements of the present, when such great changes have transpired. The present electoral system ought soon to be numbered among the relics of the past.



Sports

Panthers elude Trojans in semis

Homedale High School rallied in the second half, but couldn't pull off the upset against top-seeded Parma on Thursday.

The Panthers held on through a torrid fourth quarter for a 48-40 victory in the 3A District III girls' basketball tournament semifinals at Treasure Valley Community College.

Led by Adyson Harris' 15 points, Parma led throughout and held serve through a fourth quarter in which the teams combined for 36 points.

Homedale leading scorer Josey Hall notched a double-double of 11 rebounds and 15 points, converting five of six foul shots. Teammate Faith Jacobson hit the Trojans' only three-pointer in 14 team tries on the way to eight points, and Lainey Johnson added six points and four steals.

Ashley Burks had five points and four rebounds, while Carlie Sawyer grabbed four boards.

Parma, which led by as many as 14 points, received 12 points from Madison Jackson, while Harris' 10 boards helped the Panthers rule in rebounding.

The two teams locked in a defensive struggle in the first eight minutes, but Parma used a rebounding advantage to build a 20-10 lead after a 10-2 run midway through the second quarter. Darcie Condie banked in a three-point shot to give the Panthers their 10-point edge.

Homedale had been as close as 10-8 when Burks knocked down two foul shots with 5 minutes, 38 seconds left before halftime.

Jacobson hit a running jump shot and two free throws to get Homedale within six points, 20-14, with 66 seconds left in the second quarter.

**Jan. 31: Homedale 34, Payette 28** — The desperation of elimination nearly bit the Trojans in the district play-in game as the Pirates played their closest game of the season.

Fifth-seeded Payette closed its season on a 43-game losing streak, but challenged No. 4 Homedale throughout the loser-go-home contest.

The Pirates (0-22) pulled to within one point, 15-14, at halftime after scoring 11 points in the second quarter. It was the biggest offensive production in a quarter by either team.

The Trojans were able to inch ahead, but never led by more than six points.



Homedale senior Carlie Sawyer (center) rises up for a jump shot as Parma defenders converge during Thursday's semifinal at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Lainey Johnson and Jacobson each converted a three-point attempt, and they shared the scoring lead for Homedale with seven points apiece.

Burks scored six points, while Carli Swallow had five rebounds and scored all of her points on 4-for-6 free-throw shooting.

Neither team shot well, but the Pirates' accuracy took a nose-dive after halftime. Payette shooters connected on only three of 19 attempts (15.8 percent) in the final 16 minutes and shot 22.2 percent (8-for-36) for the game.

Homedale converted 13 of 52 shots (25 percent) to make up for the Pirates' edge in successful three-pointers and free throws.

Kadee Winn scored a game-high eight points for Payette.

HHS boys locked in at No. 5 district seeding

Unable to sustain the momentum of a fast start, Homedale High School fell to its 12th consecutive boys' basketball loss Friday.

Payette overran the visiting Trojans in the fourth quarter of their 3A Snake River Valley conference game, posting a 63-46 victory.

Homedale (2-14 overall, 0-7 in conference) will have the fifth seed in the upcoming 3A District III Tournament in Ontario, Ore. The Trojans will have to win a play-in game against either Payette or Parma on Tuesday at Treasure Valley Community College to keep their first season under coach Chad Mann going. Payette and Parma, which play tonight, ended last week as the only two teams eligible for the No. 4 seed.

After falling behind in the second quarter, the Trojans roared back against Payette on Friday to tie the game at halftime.

Payette outscored Homedale, 22-9, in the fourth quarter to extend a four-point lead after 24 minutes.

No statistics were provided.

Homedale crept one setback closer to being the first Trojans squad to go winless in conference since the 2011-12 team.

This year's skid is the longest since that team from five years ago lost six in a row in January and wound up dropping 10 of its final 11 games to finish 4-17.

Homedale closes the conference season Friday in Fruitland.

**Jan. 31: Homedale 58, Weiser 40** — The second time around against the state's top-ranked 3A team didn't go as well.

Homedale became the fourth consecutive team to hold Weiser under 60 points, but the Wolverines managed their third double-digit margin of victory in four games.

Weiser posted its eighth straight victory in a 3A SRV game played in Washington County. No statistics were provided.

The Wolverines, who won for the 16th time in 17 games this season, entered the game as the top 3A team in both statewide polls (media and coaches).

On Jan. 14, the Trojans played host and gave Weiser its closest game of the season, falling 47-43. Weiser then beat its next five opponents by an average margin of nearly 12 points.

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# Homedale Trojans

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**Boys' basketball**  
Nelson Lomeli, fr., guard  
Has started most of the season for the Trojans.

**Girls' basketball**  
Ashley Burks, jr., post  
Scored six points vs. Payette and had key baskets vs. Parma in district tournament

**Wrestling**  
Jorge Vega, so., 106 pounds  
Originally at 113 lbs., Vega has found his stride at a lower weight. He had two impressive wins last week.

**Boys' basketball**  
Varsity  
3A Snake River Valley conference  
Friday, Feb. 10 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.  
3A District III Tournament, TVCC, Ontario, Ore.  
Tuesday, Feb. 14 vs. Payette/Parma, 6:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
3A Snake River Valley conference  
Friday, Feb. 10 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.  
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, Parma  
Monday, Feb. 13, opponent TBA  
Wednesday, Feb. 15, opponent TBA, if nec.  
Fresh-soph  
3A Snake River Valley conference  
Friday, Feb. 10 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.  
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, Parma  
Monday, Feb. 13, opponent TBA  
Wednesday, Feb. 15, opponent TBA, if nec.

**Girls' basketball**  
Varsity  
3A District III Tournament, TVCC, Ontario, Ore.  
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 9, second-place game vs. Parma-Fruitland loser, 6:30 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
3A SRV champions, 13-3 overall  
Fresh-soph  
3A SRV champions, 12-2 overall  
Wrestling  
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 11 at Marsing Pod Tournament, 9:30 a.m.

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Go Trojans!



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
Small animal repair

This lady cornered me at a party a while back and asked me what it meant when her cat started tearing big chunks outta the carpet, sharpened his claws on the Lazy Boy and all the hair fell off his tail. I said, “Ma’am, it means it’s time to git a new cat!”

Small animal veterinary practice was always a mystery to me. When I escaped from vet school, I never had any intention of curing anything that barked or played in a sandbox! But life is full of ironies. Through a series of setbacks, I found myself out of work and starving. A local veterinarian proposed that I take over a small animal clinic for a week while he went to Yuma. Hunger will drive a proud man to do the most desperate things.

Doc left town Sunday afternoon. Sunday night, I received my first emergency call:

“Is this the vet?” asked an authoritative voice. “This is Dr. Black,” I said nervously.

“My name is Dr. I.M. Good, I’m an M.D. from San Francisco; internal medicine.”

“Gulp!” (What if he sues me for malpractice?)

“Something’s the matter with my wife’s dog.”

(I can always go back to riding pens)

“I expect you’ll be able to fix him right away.”

(I wonder if they let you keep a guitar in Leavenworth?)

I stayed up with the pore little dog all night. I sat there reading my Big Book of Dog Diseases, administering cures and praying. By the grace of God, he survived. I knew that I had very little to do with the dog’s recovery and keeping my license. It was the first of many examples where I learned by doing.

It was one of the longest weeks of my life. Big dogs, little dogs and cats, fat cats, even a monkey with the scours! A woman called me about her sick parakeet. I couldn’t think of a single parakeet disease!

“Have you taken the bird’s temperature?” I asked stalling for time.

“With what?” she asked, dumbfounded.

“You could use the thermometer you put in the Thanksgiving turkey,” I suggested helpfully.

She hung up on me!

The only miracle cure I managed was on a constipated Dachshund named Gretchen. After my treatment, she weighed 10 pounds less, and they had to repaint the clinic room walls!”

When I look back on my relationships with dogs and cats, I realize I’ve been feeding them almost all my life. I’m not really sentimental, but I take care of them.

At present Okie and Rudy are on guard; coyotes are bad around here. Jay Jay, the barn cat, sleeps in the saddle house. He has his own dish, but in one corner on the floor two or there times a week, you can see the remains of mauled lizards, feathers, a gizzard and/or rodent tail.

And, Okie’s old, so I’m on the lookout for a new dog so Rudy’s heart won’t break when Okie goes.

Well, maybe I’m just a little sentimental.

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Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito



Inside the Legislature  
Parents’ rights, tax relief  
in focus at Statehouse in Boise

If all goes as planned the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the Idaho State Legislature is almost one-third over. A learning experience it has been. From the outside looking in, I, like many, wondered why so many bills were passed. It has been interesting to see that many of the bills that come to the floor are simply to change a phrase or a word. Some add a line that will add clarification to a law. Others may take a line out, also adding clarification. There are bills voted on that do away with outdated laws. This gives new meaning to the phrase, “Words have meaning.” On my desk, I have a Webster’s 1841 dictionary. The reason I chose this edition is that is the definition of the words in this era of dictionary will give a more accurate understanding of the original intent of the writers of the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

A short summary of the process of becoming a bill: Laws begin their life at the capital at the Legislative Services Office. The awesome people that work in that office receive

written proposed legislation, they research the topic, and craft the legislation in the “language” of law. The new legislation is referred to as an RS, short for Routing Slip. This RS is private property and is owned by the legislator submitting the information and requesting the RS.

Often we hear of proposed bills, but until the day the RS is presented in its perspective committee, unless the owner of the RS has made it public, we really may not know the contents.

On that first introduction the respective committee, will hear the RS presentation of its sponsor. More than one person may testify about the proposed bill. Committee members can ask questions and then ultimately decide and vote whether the RS is to be written as a bill. At that point, the bill is prepared and a hearing scheduled where further testimony for and/or against the issue is heard At

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Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington  
Furthering nuclear power  
innovation benefits Idaho

For the past three years, the Research and Business Development Center and the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) have worked together to quantify INL’s economic impact. The recent report on the lab’s economic contributions in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 demonstrated the substantial benefits nuclear research brings to our great state. Removing roadblocks that prevent continued innovation in the nuclear sector so that our state can continue to benefit from INL’s great work is important.

This year’s report included the following highlights on the lab’s significant economic footprint:

- “In FY 2016, INL operations added \$1.9 billion to Idaho’s gross economic output.”
- “During FY 2016, INL contracted to purchase more than \$136 million worth of goods and services from Idaho businesses.”
- “INL employees’ spending creates an additional induced impact of more than \$473 million on Idaho’s economy.”
- “INL’s average employment for FY 2016 was 4,077 employees.”
- “An additional 3,336 jobs are created or sustained by industries that support INL operations.”
- “INL employee spending creates or sustains an additional 3,863 jobs throughout Idaho.”
- “The combined employment impact accounts for 11,276 jobs.”
- “INL’s increased economic activity in FY 2016 led to a nearly \$324 million, or 20.4 percent, increase in output when compared to FY 2015.”
- “This resulted in a net increase of 1,983 jobs throughout Idaho.”
- “Added employment at INL and supporting businesses fueled growth in labor income by almost \$92 million — a 13.1 percent increase compared to FY 2015.”
- “The combined value-added impact of innovation at INL and supporting businesses improved by more than \$142 million or 15.2 percent from FY 2015 to FY 2016.”

Remarkably, innovation at INL is credited with a boost of more than \$142 million in one year alone. This reinforces the importance of fueling innovation by making the

legislative and policy changes necessary to enable more advancements in nuclear energy. As the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress kicks off, I am working with my colleagues in Congress and the new Administration to advance legislative changes that would make it easier for America to remain innovative in the nuclear sector.

Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) recently joined me in re-introducing S. 97, the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act (NEICA). The legislation would direct the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to prioritize partnering with private innovators to test and demonstrate advanced reactor concepts. The measure authorizes the creation of a National Reactor Innovation Center that brings together the technical expertise of the National Labs and DOE to enable the construction of experimental reactors. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) would partner with the DOE in this effort, which would enable the NRC to contribute its expertise on safety issues while also learning about the new technologies developed through the Center. This measure strengthens the abilities of national laboratories to partner with private industry to prove the principles behind their ideas. This bill is an improved version of legislation introduced in 2016 and is the companion to a bill also recently re-introduced and passed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

We have the opportunity to make sound statute adjustments that enable growth at INL that can further benefit Idahoans and our nation. There is bipartisan agreement in Congress that nuclear energy and nuclear research have been underutilized as a reliable, safe, clean and efficient part of our national energy portfolio. We are working to eliminate barriers to innovation within the private sector and strengthening collaboration with our national labs to maintain American preeminence in nuclear energy.

— 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 Your “debit or credit” answer really matters sometimes

**Dear Dave,**  
I take classes online at a public university that is several hours from my home. I tried to pay for my classes the other day, and my Visa debit card was not accepted. I got a message saying credit cards and cash were the only payment options. How can I take care of this without wasting an entire day driving to campus to pay with cash?

— Amy

**Dear Amy,**  
Don't worry, there's no need for you to drive all the way to campus and back just to pay for your classes. You can run a debit card like it's a credit card, and they will accept it. The machines don't recognize the difference, whether you type in a credit card number or a debit card number.

Just select “credit” when it asks for payment method. It's just like when you step up to pay for something at the store and they ask the old credit or debit question. You say credit, so you don't have to enter your PIN (personal identification number), and it all stays in the Visa system.

You're just using it wrong, and that's why you're having trouble. Just remember this in the future, and best of luck with your classes!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband and I have been debt-free, except for our mortgage, for a few years now. Recently, we've been thinking about moving back to our home state to be closer to family. We've



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found a home we're interested in, but it has a large utility tower on the property not far from the house. Should we still consider this home?

— Denise

**Dear Denise,**  
The downsides are simple. One, you've got to look at the stupid thing every time you're sitting on your patio. Two, when you get ready to sell it, everyone who looks at the house is going to have the same concerns you have. It's not going to appreciate in value, and you're going to have trouble selling it when the time comes.

If you're willing to put up with those two things, you might get a steal of a deal on this place because no one else may want this house. And when I say a steal, I'm talking around 40 percent off the appraisal. To me personally, it would be enough of an eyesore that I probably wouldn't buy. Again, that's just a personal opinion.

Keep in mind that if you go through with this, when you get ready to sell it you're going to

lose out on any money you gained in the buy. Someone is going to do the same thing to you. I'm not completely killing the deal, but I definitely wouldn't buy it to live in. As a rental? *Maybe*, if I were going to keep it forever. Because people will always rent. But honestly, I wouldn't want to put up with the hassle in either scenario.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

## Letter to the editor

### Marsing road crew excels at snow removal

I would like to take this time to highly commend the Marsing (Gem Highway District) road crew on the magnificent job they have done this winter to keep our road clear of snow.

I have spoken with several neighbors, and we all feel the same way. Maybe they could give a seminar on efficient and rapid snow removal.

P. T. Rathbone  
Marsing

### Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

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- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director

## Eye on the Statehouse Plan could stop property tax hikes

Each year, property owners face explosive tax increases that make it harder to pay the mortgage or afford the taxes necessary to stay in one's home. Rep. Mike Moyle, a conservative Republican from Star, has a possible fix, which he introduced on Thursday.

Moyle's plan addresses a problem that has plagued taxpayers since the property tax statutes were rewritten more than 20 years ago. Back then, the state government told local governments they could only increase their total property tax collections by three percent a year (not counting annexations and new construction).

But, local governments were told not to worry. If they decided *not* to take the full three percent, the state tax commission would keep a running tally of the money the government decided to forgo — and the local government could always come back later and retrieve this “forgone balance.” That clawback can happen at any time, and it often does, which causes your taxes to skyrocket.

For example, let's say your local city government has a property tax budget of \$50 million. It could raise property taxes by three percent a year, but it doesn't. Instead, it opts to increase its property taxes by just one percent a year. After the third year, the city has given up collecting more than \$3 million.

But then, in the fourth year, there's a change in government: a new mayor and a new city council with new priorities. They've decided to collect that \$3 million in forgone balances, as well as raise the city's property taxes by the full three percent allowed by law.

Suddenly, property tax collections will charge forward by nine percent, and taxpayers must absorb that *plus* their annual increases caused by rising market values. In cities and counties across Idaho, that's exactly what's been happening, and it's not surprising to find a person's property taxes go up as much as 25 percent. In short, local elected officials budget conservatively, and then years of work evaporate when a new regime comes into power and wants to spend on some big project, with surprising and often devastating financial consequences for the unsuspecting property owner.

Moyle's House Bill 103 would let local governments not only budget conservatively but take the next big step: tell the state tax commission not to count some or all of the potential tax money it forgoes when it doesn't tax to the fullest. Local governments would not be compelled to act, but they could, and several local elected officials have said they look forward to telling the tax commission that their decision to keep taxes low should be one that sticks.

Moyle's plan would let government officials lock in their frugal budgeting without fear that their efforts will come back to haunt taxpayers. It's the sort of assurance property owners have needed for two decades, and maybe after this legislative session, they'll finally get it.

— 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.



## ✓ Statehouse: Grocery sales tax repeal a good next step in tax relief

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the hearing, the bill can be referred to the full House for readings and then ultimately a vote. The public is welcome to attend committee hearings and the floor sessions.

There has been a lot of talk about parents' rights. From the use of CBD oil for epileptic children, parental rights to not have their children vaccinated, to school choice. I am a firm believer that parental rights are bestowed to us by our Creator. They are not to be taken lightly, and are to be protected.

We heard debate last week and passed HB67, a tax relief

bill. It was a start. I believe that more work can be done — a good first start would be repeal of the grocery tax. To collect the tax and then spend administrative dollars to manage the money and then to return it to the citizens is an issue that deserves a close look.

Locally I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to John Richard, who is retiring a president of the Owyhee County Farm Bureau. John has been a strong and good leader for many years. He will be missed. Tim Lowry will be a solid leader as well. Both families are among the most honorable that I have ever had the privilege to meet.

Always feel free to contact me. We are in this together. It is humbling, to say the least, to know that I represent so many good people. The state of Idaho is indeed great. We can and should be an example to the nation of a state government that works for the people, all of the people.

— 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](mailto:czito@house.idaho.gov) or by phone at (208) 590-4633.



# Sports

## Fillmore flings half-court basket, thrills Mustangs

Jordan Valley High School cruised past Harper Charter on Friday, but that doesn't mean the game didn't have its exciting moments.

Junior Chase Fillmore beat the halftime buzzer with a 47-foot heave (farther than half-court) to highlight Friday's 75-25 road win over 1A High Desert League foe Harper.

The three-pointer was part of Fillmore's seven points as the Mustangs rolled.

Zeke Quintero paced Jordan Valley's scorers with 16 points, while Kirk Eiguren chimed in with 12.

Every Jordan Valley player scored in the blowout. JJ Echave added eight points and six rebounds.

Wade Stanford came through with seven of his 11 rebounds on the offensive end and finished with seven points.

Kort Skinner and TJ Davis scored six points each, and Davis led the team with five assists before fouling out. Kasen Skinner scored three points, and Garrett Youren had seven points and seven rebounds.

Jordan Valley held a 21-point lead after eight minutes.

**Jan. 31: Jordan Valley 68, Burnt River 32** — Eiguren had 15 points in the Mustangs' easy league victory in Unity, Ore.

Davis had 12 points and led the team with four assists as Jordan Valley opened on a 27-2 tear through the first quarter.

Youren and Wade Stanford grabbed nine rebounds each, and Stanford chipped in eight points while making all four of his foul shots. Three players (Kasen Skinner, Chase Easterday and Echave) scored six points each.

### Girls

**Friday: Jordan Valley 84, Harper Charter 29** — Five players scored in double figures as the Mustangs rolled to their fourth straight win and fifth in six league games.

Alisha Rogers fired in three three-point goals for the bulk of her team-high 15 points. She also had five rebounds and four steals.

Taylor Warn notched 14 points and nine rebounds, while Zoey Warn and Nicole Terry scored 12 points each. Terry also pulled down six rebounds.

Emilee Burch filled up the stat sheet and closed out the double-figure scorers with 10 points, six steals and seven boards.

The Mustangs scored 27 of the game's first 29 points and held a 41-12 halftime lead.

Jordan Valley began the week with a 95-14 shellacking of Burnt River. No statistics were available.



*Above: Homedale High School's Brayden Miller looks to the referee in the waning moments of his 160-pound exhibition against Weiser's Quinton Schock. Miller won by pinfall. Left: In another Jan. 31 bout, Jorge Vega (113) lifts Parma's Jordyn Jenkins off the mat. Vega stopped Jenkins one second before the end of the second round.*

## Senior fuels Trojans' tough tangle vs. Parma

### Padilla goes 2-1 in three-meet SRV week

Joel Padilla's defensive performance highlighted the night as Homedale High School wrestled close with Parma.

A senior transfer from Middleton, Padilla thwarted Dre Salinas' takedown attempts by hopping on one leg for several seconds during each of the first two rounds before riding a second-period scoring flurry to a 7-2 decision on Senior Night.

With the Trojans surrendering 12 points by forfeit at 98 and 106 pounds, the Panthers survived, 40-36, in the last of three 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meets held inside the Homedale gymnasium on Jan. 31.

Four of the Trojans' five upperclassmen collected victories against Parma on Senior Night, and Padilla was perfect in two starts after beginning the evening with a 10-0 major decision against Nick Ruddell during the team's 66-22 loss to Weiser.

Tanner Miller (145) also wrestled in front of a home crowd for the final time in his prep career.

The Wolverines also beat Parma, 45-29.

**Parma 40, Homedale 36** — Padilla

never trailed Salinas and seized control with a reversal and a takedown in the second period after breaking free of his opponent's standing leg-hold.

Senior 152-pounder Shane Keller threw Skyler Maiden hard onto his shoulder early in the second round, prompting an injury timeout. Thirty-six seconds later, Keller got the pin for the first of three consecutive HHS wins to close out the dual.

German exchange student Christian Bauer pinned Joey Renfro in 2 minutes, 41 seconds in the 170 finale.

Brodee Walker (182) started the meet with a 51-second pin against Hunter Tarr.

In the match of the dual, sophomore Robert Nix (195) scored a third-round reversal to win a 3-2 battle against Junior Angeles and give Homedale an early 9-0 edge.

Another 10<sup>th</sup>-grader, Jorge Vega, wrestled tough Jordyn Jenkins at 113 pounds before notching a Trojans pinfall one second before the close of the second round.

Sophomore Jaegar Rose needed just 23 seconds to pin Parma's Layne Murdock in the 132 bout.

**Weiser 66, Homedale 22** — Padilla, Rose and Nix kicked off their two-victory outings in the night's first dual, but the overpowering Wolverines stopped three

matches in the first round and posted six pins overall.

Rose got another opening-round stoppage, pinning Weiser's 132-pounder Brody VonBrethorst six seconds before the first horn.

Padilla's match with Ruddell was the only one to go the distance, and Nix put the Wolverines' Ryan Leverenz to the mat at the 3:23 mark of their encounter at 182.

Freshman Michael Babcock (126) pinned Weiser's Matthew Morris in 3:24.

Junior Brayden Miller pinned Quinton Schock in 3:33 during a exhibition match at 160.

**Fruitland 66, Homedale 18** — Nix was the only Trojan to gain an on-mat win during a conference dual staged on the road last Wednesday.

Nix earned Homedale's first points of the meet when he pinned Cody Murphy at 3:38 of their 195 match.

The Grizzlies rattled off victories in the first eight bouts before Nix broke through.

Vega battled before falling, 7-6, to Fruitland 106-pounder Miguel Medrano. The only other match to go the distance saw Cameron Russell defeat Padilla, 7-1, at 160.

## Nix notches pivotal pin in Trojans' win

A busy week tested the mettle of Homedale High School's wrestlers.

During a four-way meet last Wednesday, the Trojans split non-conference duals with Gooding and Buhl in Fruitland.

**Homedale 33, Gooding 30** — Robert Nix's pin of Gooding 182-pounder Daniel Loera gave Homedale the necessary cushion to pull out a victory.

When Nix pinned Loera 1 minute, 45 seconds into their match, it gave Homedale

a 33-18 lead.

Joel Padilla (160) was the only other HHS wrestler to score points on the mat. He edged Nathan Pauls to cap back-to-back victories for a 27-18 Trojans lead.

Fellow senior Shane Keller (152) earned a forfeit to snap an 18-18 tie.

**Buhl 45, Homedale 32** — Nix's 7-6 tiebreaker victory over Indians' 195-pounder AJ Dominguez started Homedale's march to a stalemate, but Buhl rallied with

Victories in the lighter weights.

After Wyatt Dorsey earned a forfeit in the heavyweight bout, the meet was tied, 21-21, but Buhl used a forfeit and four pinfalls to win five of the remaining six matches.

Jorge Vega (106) beat Buhl's Eric Gutierrez by technical fall, 21-4, and Michael Babcock (126) pinned David Razo in 5:08 for Homedale's other victories.



*Rimrock junior Valeria Lino (12) fights through the Notus defense for a shot during Thursday's 1A, Div. I District III tournament game in the Pirates' gymnasium.*

## District losses end Rimrock's run

Much like it closed the regular season, Rimrock High School surged in the first round of the 1A, Div. I District III girls' basketball tournament.

The Raiders couldn't keep the momentum, though, and lost, 40-37, to host Notus on Thursday.

Rimrock's season ended Saturday at Columbia High School in Nampa with a 40-30 defeat to Riverstone International.

First-year coach Todd Snyder's squad (11-12 overall) won four of its final five 1A Western Idaho

Conference games and just missed an automatic berth into the double-elimination portion of the district tournament.

Sixth-seeded Rimrock crushed No. 11 Wilder, 45-14, in a district play-in game on Jan. 31.

No. 3 Notus opened Thursday's quarterfinal game on a tear, using quick hands on defense and accurate shooting to score the game's first 12 points.

The Raiders found their footing about halfway through the first quarter and began denying the

Pirates second chances at the basket.

Sophomore guard Mylee Meyers helped Rimrock in the opening frame, scoring eight points. She cut back-door into the lane, took a pass from senior Bailie Jewett and put in a layup in the latter stages of the Raiders' 14-3 run to close the quarter.

Hannah Field, a 5-foot, 9-inch forward, hit a layup with 55 seconds left in the first quarter to bring Rimrock to within a point, 15-14.



# Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave, Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Verizon Wireless & Technology Associates Engineering Corporation Inc. requesting that they be allowed to install a new, 106-foot tall wireless communication facility at 300 W. Idaho Ave (Highway 19).

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk, City of Homedale  
2/8,15/2017

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

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Katy Carothers, acting City Clerk  
1/31/2017

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  
1/25;2/1,8,15/2017

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

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 2.45 CFS

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](http://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](http://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](http://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

## Adrian girls tame Crane in 1A HDL

Adrian High School held off Crane to get the upperhand in their girls' basketball league standings.

Anna Hutchings' six steals backed up a double-double and helped the Antelopes hold off the Mustangs, 50-42, in a battle for first place in the 1A High Desert League.

Crane caught fire in the second half to nearly erase Adrian's 20-point lead. The Mustangs outscored the Antelopes, 18-8, down the stretch but came up short.

Adrian took a half-game lead in the 1A HDL with its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory. Crane's nine-game winning streak ended.

Three Antelopes scored in double digits, including Hutchings, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Carlee Morton led the way with 12 points, and Selina Villarreal logged 11 points. The two starters had four steals each as Adrian racked up 20 thefts.

Adrian counter-acted Crane's 51 percent field-goal shooting (17-for-33) by taking more trips to the free-throw line. Although the Antelopes shot only 48 percent (14-for-29) from the charity stripe, coach Gene Mills' squad made 20 more trips and scored eight more points than Crane.

The Mustangs' Taylor Crafts led all scorers with 19 points. Teammate Elizabeth Jenkins tossed in 11 on 5-for-7 shooting. The pair collected five rebounds each.

**Jan. 31: Adrian boys 74, Huntington 35** — The Antelopes built a 20-point halftime lead and never looked back in winning their third straight league game.

Miller DeMark buried 10 of 14 field-goal attempts, including going 5-for-7 from behind the three-point line, to lead all players with 27 points. DeMark logged a double-double with nine of his 11 rebounds coming on the Locomotives' end of the floor.

Kenny Purnell added a pair of treys to highlight his 16 points. He shared the team lead of four steals with Warren DeMark, who chipped in nine points.

Adrian players sank 45.5 percent of their shots (30-for-66), and scored 16 points off turnovers.

The Antelopes knocked down nine three-pointers in all as Roberto Ramirez added two more on the way to seven points.

Carlos Girard scored 13 points to pace the Locomotives.



Homedale High School all-conference football players Kendall Frelove and Wyatt Dorsey are surrounded by their parents, siblings and coaches during their national letter of intent signing last Wednesday.

## ✓Trojans: Players' character impresses EOU

just kind of worked out," Frelove said. "It was kind of our plan anyway, but it just worked out."

The teammates traveled to La Grande, Ore., together for their official visits to the campus that is home to the NAIA national semifinalist and fourth-ranked team in the postseason poll. The Mountaineers posted a 10-3 overall record and went 8-2 in the Frontier Conference last season.

"On the way home we talked a lot about it," Dorsey said of the idea that had been bandied about while lifting in weight training class or jawing during football or baseball practices.

By becoming part of 10 Idahoans in EOU coach Tim Camp's 29-member Class of 2017, the seniors continue a pipeline of sorts to the school.

"Each player was recruited based on the fact that they come from a really good high school with good coaching with Coach (Matt) Holtry," EOU coach Tim Camp said. "I believe in him. He runs a great program."

Former HHS standouts Michael Eby and Levi Elsberry both played at Eastern Oregon. After two years, Elsberry transferred to The College of Idaho when the football program was rekindled. Eby went on to a productive professional indoor football career.

Two years ago, Brady Brown committed to EOU.

"We're excited to see them progress through Eastern Oregon. We can't wait to get them on campus and get them working within our program," Camp said. "We're very excited to have them be a part of the football program, and again, I think Coach Holtry does an awesome job there at Homedale.

"And any guy that's coached by Coach Holtry I'd love to coach."

Both Dorsey and Frelove have knowledge of the EOU program through indirect and direct links.

"I knew coach really liked it up there," Dorsey said of Holtry. "He likes (Camp) a lot. They're really good friends."

Frelove actually already has played football on the EOU campus.

"I went up there this summer for their camp and talked to some of the players that helped ref games," he said. "I thought they were really cool."

Of course, there's more to picking college than the comfort level with the coach and players who will welcome you.

"It's a great atmosphere up there, and I can also get my ag degree through them, so that was a big decision-maker for me," Dorsey said.

Dorsey chose between EOU and fellow Frontier Conference member C of I. He'll concentrate on offensive line duties in La Grande, and said he was impressed with his position coaches' acumen.

Frelove, who wasn't recruited by any other schools, likes EOU because of its Business degree program and its proximity to the Treasure Valley.

"It was close enough that I can still go out and start my own life, but it's close enough that I can come home when I need to," Frelove said. "They have a great program academically, too."

The prospective defensive end or tight end said where the Mountaineers finished at the end of the season didn't hurt the appeal either.

"I think each player is different, but at the same time I think that they'll have an opportunity to come in here and redshirt and improve their worth, so I'm excited about that," Camp said.

"I think each player can bring different things to the table. They come from a successful program. They have good grades. They're young men of character."

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Sports

Homedale girls sweep subvarsity basketball titles

Frosh-soph prevails in wild finish;  
JV beats Fruitland, too, at home

Homedale High School won subvarsity girls' basketball titles in dramatic fashion against bitter rivals.

Lizzy Schamber rattled in a free throw with 15.8 seconds left as the Trojans' frosh-soph edged Fruitland, 23-22, for the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship.

In the nightcap in the Trojans' gym, sophomore Amaya Carter scored 12 points and junior Lauryn Fisher contributed 11 as HHS slipped by Fruitland, 46-43, in the junior varsity tournament final.

Coach Casey Grove's JV team finished the season with a 13-3 record.

Homedale's all-freshman frosh-soph squad (12-2), coached by Courtney Ford, prevailed after a wild finish with a Fruitland team featuring 10 sophomores and two freshmen.

The teams were deadlocked, 15-15, after Homedale's Gracie Dines sank a foul shot 37 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Neither team could maintain control of the basketball with several changes of possession. Fruitland eked out a 20-17 lead when Elizabeth Snyder picked up a Homedale turnover and made a baseball-style pass to Sage McDaniel for a layup with 3 minutes, 38 seconds to go.

Homedale's Amaya Beckman answered with a roof-raising three-point bank-shot to tie the score, 20-20, less than a minute later.



Beckman and Delaynie Dorsey banked in free throws to put Homedale ahead, 22-20, with two minutes left.

Despite several errant passes by the Grizzlies, Homedale couldn't widen its lead, and McDaniel's jump shot with 1:15 remaining knotted the score again.

Beckman stole a tipped pass to thwart another Fruitland possession with 28 seconds left, and Dorsey grabbed a clutch offensive rebound to set up Schamber's heroics.

Fruitland still had a chance to win with 7.4 seconds remaining, but Beckman stole an inbounds pass under the Grizzlies' basket.

Fruitland had the final possession, but McDaniel dribbled too long, and the shot attempt left her hand after the game-ending buzzer.

Homedale scored the opening



Left: Homedale's Amaya Carter goes up in a crowd for a shot in the first quarter of the 3A Snake River Valley conference junior varsity girls' basketball championship game last Wednesday on the Trojans' floor. Above: Homedale frosh-soph players hoist the championship trophy after last Wednesday's victory.

seven points in the JV final, including the first five points from Fisher on a jumper and three-pointer before the seven-minute

mark. Olivia Cardenas also scored five points in the first eight minutes. She and fellow sophomore Ma-

kayla Kelly popped back-to-back treys to push Homedale's lead to 15-6 with about two minutes left in the opening stanza.

Jordan Valley M.S. basketball still winning

The Jordan Valley Middle School girls' basketball teams are keeping up their winning ways.

The Colts shook off the effects of a five-hour bus ride in time to pull off a sweep of Prairie City on Jan. 28.

The junior varsity scored a basket in the final 45 seconds to secure a 20-18 victory. The varsity

rolled, 35-15.

Jordan Valley played host to Willowcreek on Jan. 26. The varsity triumphed, 34-22, while the Colts' JV had another tight contest, prevailing 19-15.

The latest batch of games began on Jan. 24 when Jordan Valley hit the road and beat Four Rivers, 22-12, in Ontario, Ore.



Emily Loucks fires what would be the game-winning free throw in Marsing High School's 31-30 victory over McCall-Donnelly on Jan. 30 in the third-place game of the 2A Western Idaho Conference junior varsity tournament. Photo by Dan Pease

Late foul shot lifts Huskies JV to 3rd

Marsing High School finished third in its junior varsity conference girls' basketball tournament.

In a Jan. 30 game that started slow and finished dramatically, Emily Loucks sank a free throw late to push the Huskies to a 31-30 victory over McCall-Donnelly. The 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament was held in Melba.

The No. 2 seed Huskies shook a slow offensive start to lead, 25-18, heading into the fourth quarter. The Vandals went on a run to take the lead with less than two minutes remaining.

The Huskies, who only trailed by four points after not scoring in the first quarter, found range from outside with three three-point goals to pull within a point, 10-9, at halftime.

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