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A loading chute and a livestock yard just west of Homedale city limits was underwater Friday as Succor Creek rose with rain and run-off.

Rain, melting snow create problems throughout county

The east side of the county caught the brunt of rain-infused run-off last week.

The Idaho highway 78 washout in the Bruneau area was just the biggest issue folks dealt with as the rain fell and snow melted throughout Owyhee County.

On Friday, District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick ordered the closure of Anderson Loop, which is northwest of Grand View.

"It's still intact, but there's water underneath it, and it will cave at any time," Owyhee

County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

The threat of a roadway cave-in forced the closure of Mormon Boulevard in Bruneau west of Idaho highway 78.

Idaho 51 at Hot Springs Road also was closed Friday because the Bruneau River had begun running over it.

Also on Friday, more flooding was reported near the intersection of Jump Creek Road and Burman Road southwest of Marsing.

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Snow hangs about five feet over the roof of a home in Silver City last week. Submitted photo

Watchman: Silver City weathered winter well

The old buildings in the historic mining town of Silver City came out nearly unscathed after heavy snow last month.

Dave Wilper is serving his last year as the town's winter watchman. He said there was very little harm done to the homes and other structures, and the most serious damage was a couple stovepipes knocked off the roofs of buildings.

In a Facebook post, Wilper said he's amazed that some of the 100-year-old "shacks" survived so well.

He estimates that it will cost less than \$200 to repair what

little damage was done to the buildings, but said the snow was substantial.

"The most snow we've had on the level is around 48 inches, but there are some drifts in town well over 10 feet deep," Wilper wrote. "The snow has settled down to about 30 inches on average, and with all the snow in the last few days is super saturated with water."

Wilper communicates through Facebook with Silver City homeowners about damage done to their buildings by winter weather. He typically makes any small repairs that may be needed. — SC

Marsing OKs irrigation fee hike

No decision on large subdivision

One issue was resolved, but the other remains under consideration after two public hearings before the Marsing City Council.

Sitting as the town's Planning and Zoning Commission, council members did not take any action on a large new subdivision proposed for within city limits last

Wednesday.

But the council did approve higher irrigation fees following two public hearings that attracted about 25 community members.

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

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

county land and south to existing residential properties.

The subdivision would include 196 single-family home lots and seven four-plex units, for a total of 224 dwellings.

The project would be built in five phases, but the exact timeline hasn't been determined.

City engineer Amy Woodruff said there aren't any major issues with the proposed subdivision.

— See **Marsing**, page 4A

Homedale receives \$50K grant



Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen (center) accepts the city's High Five Children's Health Collaborative award from Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health executive director Kendra Witt-Doyle (left) and program coordinator Courtney Frost.

The City of Homedale has received a grant to help with community wellness.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen accepted a \$50,000 check on Feb. 7 that signified the town as a "High Five Ambassador" in a Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health program.

Homedale was one of seven communities selected for an online competition in which folks voted for the town where they'd like to see up to \$250,000 spent on nutrition and health initiatives.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to work so closely with the communities on such an

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Marsing children step in as educators

Marsing Elementary School hosted a “Tech Night” last Wednesday evening. Marsing 21st Century Community Learning Centers site director Ken Price said the goal of the event was to have students show their parents how to log in and navigate the various websites MES teachers are using in the classroom. There were eight classrooms staffed by teachers open to kids and parents to explore the various websites. **Above from left:** First-grader Maylee Astorquia and third-grader Adyson Chadez show Maylee’s dad Jake Astorquia how to get around one of the websites. Adyson is the daughter of J.W. and Amy Chadez. Maylee’s mom is Megan Astorquia. Submitted photo

Merged clerk-DMV job on hold in GV

Work continues on what’s next after U.S. Bank

The Grand View City Council is still trying to replace its city clerk and soon-to-close bank, and the two may be connected in some way.

Mayor Ed Collett said Friday that the city and Owyhee County are still working on combining the city clerk job and the position at the Division of Motor Vehicles office, which is also in City Hall.

Council president John Morrison said discussion about the job was tabled during last Wednesday’s meeting as officials try to figure out if the town will have an actual bank or be forced to rely on a courier service once U.S. Bank closes its branch on March 31.

“We’re working on a courier for that job,” Morrison said of the proposed dual-purpose position. “The county won’t go forward until they have a courier if not a bank for the town.”

There are few details on what a courier would entail, but Collett and Morrison confirmed that Idaho First Bank is contemplating opening a branch once U.S. Bank leaves.

“The bank should let us know in a couple weeks,” Morrison said.

“We are exploring the possi-

bilities only based upon a request from the city,” Idaho First CEO Greg Lovell told The Owyhee Avalanche in an email received Monday.

According to its website, Idaho First was founded in 2005. It has locations in McCall, New Meadows, Eagle and Boise.

“Once we find out if they are going to be down here or if we’re going to have a courier, then we’ll discuss the job,” Morrison said of the clerk position, which currently is being filled on a temporary basis by former council candidate Katy Carothers.

Morrison said Carothers has been the point person on the Idaho First development.

Council members were also briefed on how the warmer weather and melting snow has affected streets in town.

In addition to fixing potholes, the city maintenance crew has been challenged by flooding at the intersection of Roosevelt and Main streets.

“We’ve asked the city supervisor (Bob Servis) to get a couple quotes on fixing that hole,” Morrison said. “We’re always patching it and putting a band-aid on it.”

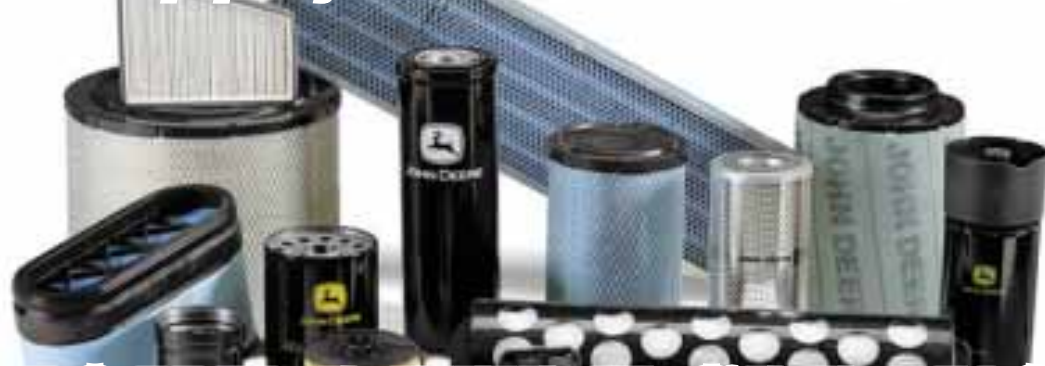
The city is also getting price quotes on repairing a low spot and revamping an existing drain on Boise Avenue near the post office and Eastern Owyhee County Library.

“This winter has been pretty tough on the roads,” Morrison said. “We decided to fix the main roads first and then see how much asphalt we have left.”

— JPB

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Ex-commissioner back with Homedale Highway board

Regular meeting start time changed

It was serendipitous timing for the replacement of a commissioner on the Homedale Highway District.

During last Wednesday’s meeting, Subdistrict 1 Commissioner, and chairman, Larry Prow said fellow commissioner Joel Wilson had to give up his position as commissioner the day he moved out of Subdistrict 2.

“We have 10 days to appoint a substitute to finish out his term,” Prow said.

Wilson’s term expires on June 30. He served as vice-chair, and was elected in 2013, taking over for John Demshar.

Last week, Demshar was appointed as Wilson’s successor.

Former colleague Scott Salutregui commended Wilson for his work.

“I’d like to say that Joel did a really good job,” the Subdistrict 3 commissioner said. “It’s very unfortunate that he did move out of the district.”

Prow said he called Demshar before last week’s meeting to ask if he would like to fill the position.

The chairman made a motion to appoint Demshar, which was seconded and approved by Salutregui.

District secretary/treasurer Teri Uria administered the oath of office for Demshar to once again represent Subdistrict 2.

Demshar’s father, Fred, went on the board in 1985 and served until his resignation in 2011. His son was appointed to fill the vacancy, and he served until 2013 when Wilson took over.

While signing the paperwork to re-join



John Demshar (right) prepares to recite the oath office as given by Homedale Highway District secretary/treasurer Teri Uria (left) at last Wednesday’s meeting as board chair Larry Prow passes along paperwork.

the board, Demshar commented on the timing of his appointment.

“This is kind of strange. Today’s Dad’s birthday,” Demshar said. “He would have been 80 today.”

Fred Demshar passed away in October 2014 at the age of 77.

His son told the board that he intends to file as a candidate to continue serving the district after the term ends on June 30.

“If I can help the commission and the district, I’m going to run,” Demshar said.

The last day to file a declaration of candidacy is March 17. The election is

scheduled for May 16, and the winner will take office on July 1.

Following Demshar’s swearing in, the board was reorganized. Salutregui will now serve as vice-chair while Prow retains his chairmanship. Traditionally, the longest tenured commissioner has sat as board chair.

In other business, Salutregui suggested returning to the former meeting time of

7 p.m., rather than 6 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month.

He said pushing the meetings back makes sense now that the days are getting longer.

Prow and Demshar agreed, setting the next meeting for 7 p.m., on March 8 at the district office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

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Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand (left) receives a ceremonial check from St. Luke's representatives Jean Mutchie (middle) and Janet Miller last Wednesday. Ferdinand won the \$2,000 award for the city after participating in the 2016 Mayors Walking Challenge. The mayor previously said he would like to use the money to start work on some sort of city greenbelt. Ferdinand is in the process of creating a citizens committee in conjunction with the Marsing Bike Project to develop plans for the greenbelt.

✓ Marsing: No public input on fee increase

“The proposal is generally supported by the City of Marsing comprehensive plan,” Woodruff said.

Les Loucks said he spent a lot of time working out the details of the proposal.

“We think we have a plan now that would work for Marsing,” Loucks said. “After quite a bit of talk with people that have businesses in Marsing, and Fire people and the sheriff, they seem to be on board.”

Councilman Chris Even, an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy, cited concerns about people speeding through the subdivision.

Woodruff said the city could do a number of things if speeding becomes a problem, such as putting in speed bumps.

Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart said school trustees are in full support of the development.

“It coincides with our plans for the future with our bond for ex-

pansion,” Stewart said.

Voters will consider the 25-year, \$13.5 million school bond next month.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce secretary Julie Scheu said the city will benefit from having Loucks behind the project because he is a Marsing resident.

“I think Marsing needs someone who is located here and knows the City of Marsing,” Scheu said. “He knows what we want, instead of someone from the outside coming in and wanting their way.”

Another public hearing on the proposed subdivision will be held prior to the council’s March 8 meeting.

Loucks said he realizes that city officials can’t take the development lightly.

“It’ll be a big deal for Owyhee County. It will be a huge deal for Marsing,” Loucks said. “I think if it’s done properly, and it’s done in phases, we can move forward in an orderly fashion.”

There was no public input during the irrigation fee increase hearing.

The council unanimously approved a monthly irrigation fee increase from \$12.40 per acre to \$15.21 per acre. Customers will see the higher fee on next month’s bill. The annual System Operation fee of \$100 per acre was eliminated. In addition to the monthly city fee, water users will be charged a Gem Irrigation District delivery assessment.

The patrons’ annual \$60-per-acre delivery assessment would switch to a monthly scale, meaning folks will pay \$5 per month for water. The idea is to build up an enterprise fund with the additional money held to pay for future system improvements.

In annual terms, city irrigation users with an acre of ground will see their expense jump from \$148.80 to \$182.52 per year. The monthly bill for an acre would be \$20.21.

— SC

✓ Homedale: Riverside Park upgrades next?

important endeavor,” Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health executive director Kendra Witt-Doyle said in a press release on the organization’s website.

“Idaho cities play a lead role in creating healthier environments for our youth. Each awardee has a strong desire to create environments for healthier lifestyles, and we are honored to help guide the transformation.”

Homedale is one of four cities that will receive \$50,000 in funding and technical assistance to help focus on a community project. Plummer, Caldwell and Coeur d’Alene also received support.

“We have to follow their guidelines on how to spend it,” Christoffersen said during last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

“We can use part of it to apply

for another grant. It’s all about healthy eating and exercise.”

Bonnars Ferry, Rexburg and Sandpoint were the top vote-getters in the contest, and they will receive High Five Community Transformation Grants with funding and technical assistance valued at up to \$250,000.

Community leaders were asked to create short videos showcasing the unique aspects of their town and how a grant could help. The videos were posted online, and residents were asked to show their enthusiasm by voting for their community’s project.

More than 5,000 votes were cast statewide.

Christoffersen said one idea has been purchasing playground equipment for Riverside Park, but he warned that such equipment is expensive, costing between \$60,000 and \$200,000.

There are other options, such as using the money to build a path that would make it safer for children to walk to the elementary school.

“They’re big on walking paths,” Christoffersen said of foundation officials. “Maybe this could be an opportunity to use this to get a path out to the elementary school.”

Christoffersen praised the foundation for its previous work in Homedale. He has built a relationship with the organization after two years of participating in the Mayors School Walking Challenge.

Through the walking challenge, the Blue Cross Foundation has awarded grants to the city and the elementary school. The foundation also has provided funding to the Homedale Farmers Market.

— JPB

Presidents’ Day:
Not a holiday for all

Marsing schools
will be in session

Monday is considered a legal holiday, so city and county government offices throughout Owyhee County will be closed, including all Division of Motor Vehicle branches.

All emergency services, including sheriff’s dispatch, Homedale Police, and fire, medical and ambulance services will operate.

Students attending Marsing schools will be in class on Monday. An unprecedented number of emergency closures during heavy snowfall prompted school trustees to add five days to the schedule, including Presidents’ Day.

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

Other Monday closures are:

- The University of Idaho County Extension Office in Marsing
- Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Murphy, Grand View, Bruneau, and Jordan Valley
- U.S. Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View
- The city recorder in Adrian
- Jordan Valley City Hall is normally open on Wednesday and

Thursday only.

- Schools in Homedale, Adrian, Jordan Valley, and Pleasant Valley. The Bruneau-Grand View School District will be closed as part of its regular four-day schedule.
- The Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy is always closed on Monday.
- The Homedale Public Library is closed as are the Bruneau Valley Library (which is open only Tuesday and Thursday) and the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View. The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be open.


Some businesses aren’t affected:

- Albertsons in Homedale will be open regular hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The pharmacy will be open with regular hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Homedale Drug will be open as usual from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Logan’s Market in Marsing will be open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Westtowns Disposal Inc. service will collect garbage in rural areas as normal Monday, and its municipal routes in Marsing and Homedale will be covered on the usual days next week.
- The Owyhee Avalanche office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a lunch hour closure from noon to 1 p.m. All advertising and editorial deadlines remain the same.

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Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschool Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Financial education webinar**
12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228
- 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
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Crafts for Kids**
4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting**
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

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

Saturday

- Fundraiser breakfast**
7 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$7 per plate, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Free lunch**
12 p.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Senior center dominoes and card games**
2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sunday

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

Tuesday

- Foot clinic**
8:30 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

- Foot clinic**
9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- El-Ada commodity distribution**
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee County Office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812
- 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
- Friends of the E. Owyhee Library meeting**
7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2324, (208) 832-1949 or (208) 834-2785
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7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

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- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Adrian City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday, Feb. 24

- Idaho Foodbank drop-off**
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- Feb. 15: Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 16: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar, fruit rollup
- Feb. 20: No school
- Feb. 21: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie & fruit bar
- Feb. 22: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- Feb. 15: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, steamed carrots, fruit & salad bar, cookie
- Feb. 16: Hamburger or chicken patty, potato chips, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 20: No school
- Feb. 21: Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans, fruit & salad bar
- Feb. 22: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- Feb. 15: Chicken nuggets or chef salad, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 16: Spicy chicken or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 20: No school
- Feb. 21: Chef salad or pork chop w/butter & herbed potatoes, roll, salad bar, fruit choice
- Feb. 22: Cheesy lasagna or popcorn chicken, dinner roll, corn, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing Elementary

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*
- Feb. 15: Beef tacos, rice & beans, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers
- Feb. 16: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB&J, yogurt, rice crispy treat
- Feb. 17: Spaghetti, Italian breadstick, green beans or PB&J cheese stick, graham crackers
- Feb. 20: Fish sticks, sidewinders, animal crackers or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers
- Feb. 21: Super nachos, mixed vegetable or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers
- Feb. 22: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, green beans or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers, jello

Marsing Middle & High

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar; salad bar and grab-n-go lunches available daily*
- Feb. 15: Beef taco, rice & beans, corn or BBQ chicken sandwich, corn
- Feb. 16: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or chili cheese fries, roll, tossed salad, rice crispy treat
- Feb. 17: Spaghetti, Italian breadstick, green beans or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers, green beans
- Feb. 20: Fish sticks, sidewinders, vegetables, biscuit or chicken squealer, sidewinders
- Feb. 21: Super nacho, mixed vegetable or chili, cinnamon roll, mixed vegetable
- Feb. 22: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, green beans or fish sandwich, jello

Bruneau-Grand View

- Feb. 15: Teriyaki chicken bowl, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies, fruit
- Feb. 16: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
- Feb. 17: Hamburger, potato wedges, baby carrots, fruit
- Feb. 21: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, fresh carrots, pudding, fruit
- Feb. 22: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine salad, peas, breadstick (Rimrock), fruit

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HMS shares top spot at Academic Bowl No. 3

Homedale Middle School broke through in the Academic Bowl last Wednesday.

After a pair of third-place finishes and a cancelled meet, HMS tied for first against competition host Parma.

“Ironically, we tied Parma, whose principal, Stoney Winston, is the husband of our counselor, Brooke Winston,” Academic Bowl advisor Jan Silva said.

“It makes for a good, friendly rivalry.”

Both Homedale and Parma scored 60 points to share the win. HMS had finished third in November in Vale, Ore., and during the season opener in Weiser in October.

The January meet, which was scheduled in Homedale, was cancelled because of a snow day. There is no word on whether there will be a make-up event.

Seventh-grader Eli Heck captained Homedale’s team:

• **Seventh-graders** — Breanna Fink, Ben Gentry, Amber McBride, Logan Romans, James Sheaffer, and Marcus Simmons

• **Sixth-graders** — Ryan Aman, Catie Decker, Lizzie Egusquiza, Maite Frank, Kambell Garrett, Rylan Love, Erikka Mercado, and Bailey Purdom.

Silva is a fourth-grade teacher at Homedale Elementary School, and the team gathers in her classroom once a week to practice.



Homedale Public Library administrator Sharla Jensen (left) receives a \$1,500 check from US Ecology Idaho (USEI) human resources generalist Elizabeth Schwager Thursday afternoon. Jensen said she will use the Helping Hands grant money to purchase two to four more bookshelves for children’s books, depending on how much each bookshelf costs.

US Ecology Idaho awards grants

US Ecology Idaho (USEI), the hazardous waste disposal facility in Grand View, has awarded 10 Helping Hands grants to Owyhee County organizations.

This is the 18th year that USEI has provided grants that benefit county citizens.

This year’s recipients are:

• **Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School** — \$1,000 to help prepare students for college; \$600 for boys’ basketball uniforms; \$500 for journalism class camera

• **Bruneau Elementary School**

— \$200 for exercise equipment

• **Owyhee Conservation District** — \$1,500 for education materials for middle school students on soil/water conservation and farm safety

• **Marsing School District** — \$500 for new non-fiction books offered to all grade levels

• **Homedale Public Library** — \$1,500 for new book shelves

• **Rimrock Senior Center** — \$1,200 for building repairs and

upgrades

• **Bruneau Valley Library** — \$1,000 for new bookcases and non-fiction books

• **Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall** — \$200 for outdoor lighting on the back patio

USEI’s grant committee will begin accepting applications for next year’s grants on Oct. 1.

For more information, contact USEI human resource generalist Elizabeth Schwager at P.O. Box 400, Grand View ID 83624.



Robert Douglas Scott

Coast Guard promotes Marsing resident

Marsing resident Robert Douglas Scott has been promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Scott, whose parents Robert and Margaret live in Marsing, is stationed in Honolulu. He and his wife Karin have two children, Jasper, 3, and Daya, 1.

The 17-year Coast Guard veteran serves as an operational specialist planning maritime search and rescue operations.

Scott graduated in January from the U.S. Coast Guard Chief’s Academy in Petaluma, Calif. The school focuses primarily on advanced leadership skills.

Death notices

JUNE DAVIES, 89, of Homedale, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

KAI STARUP NIELSON, 85, of New Plymouth, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 at a Homedale care facility. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

MANCE GARLANDSMITH, 84, of Marsing, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 at Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. Burial will follow at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.



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Determining best calving season

The tough winter that we are currently experiencing has caused some reflection on the timing of calving season. Livestock producers who have had cows calving over the past 60 days have experienced some very difficult circumstances and much higher than normal calf mortality. This coupled with lower cattle prices in general will negatively affect producers economically.



Scott Jensen

When is the most appropriate time of year to calve? The answer to that question may not be the same for every producer. Economics, management, and health considerations should all be given careful thought and analysis.

Moving calving season from early spring (January/February) to late spring can mean a difference in weaning weight of 100 pounds or more. This is entirely because of the age of the calf. However, it is important to note that weight per day of age of the calf is usually higher on later-born calves as they do not require the same amount of energy use to maintain body heat in warmer weather. It is also important to note that the weaning

University of Idaho Extension

weight of a dead calf is abysmally low. You must wean a lot of extra pounds to pay for calves that didn't survive the cold and snowy weather. Lighter-weight calves are also worth more per pound, which may offset weaning fewer total pounds.

Additionally, there may be feed savings for later-calving cows. A Nebraska study showed that summer calving cows required over 1.5 tons less hay/cow/year compared to early spring calving cows. Later calving cows also require less investment in facilities and bedding needed for protection from the cold.

Labor is another consideration. Early spring calving requires more labor to feed, bed, and watch over the cows. Later spring calving can have labor challenges, too, as ranches may be busy with any field work, irrigating, or haying with less attention focused on the calving cows.

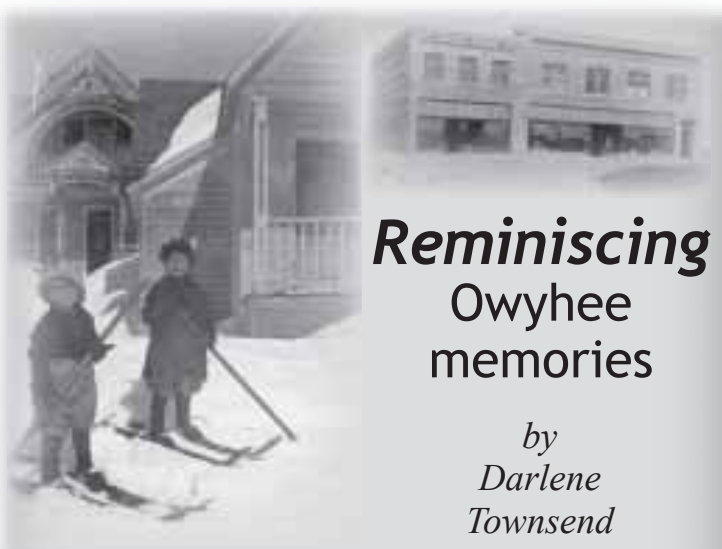
Breeding may provide some barriers to calving later in the spring. Ranchers who run cattle on difficult terrain may experience lower breeding success with the cowherd if cows are widely spread out. For those who run in common with other ranchers, they may want to get the cows bred to their own bulls before turning

them out with neighboring herds. Let's face it, not every producer places the same emphasis on genetic selection.

Late spring calving offers several health advantages over earlier calving. There is usually a decreased risk of contamination with disease-causing pathogens as cows tend to be more spread out. Calves born in late spring are also less likely to be stressed because of adverse weather conditions. Studies have shown that calves born in wet, muddy, and cold conditions have greater energy requirements and diminished ability to absorb immunoglobulins from the colostrum. This reduces the calf's ability to combat scours and other pathogens when exposed.

I encourage you to step back and look at the time of year you calve. Would your cattle benefit from shifting your calving season? Will shifting your calving season fit within your management parameters? It may be an idea worth considering.

— Contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension Office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104.



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by Darlene Townsend

Feeding cows in winter

There is a 40-acre field just south and behind my back yard. In the winter, it has a big bunch of Black Angus cows waiting to calve. I enjoy watching them get fed. It is usually with a pickup pulling a flat trailer behind that is loaded with baled hay.

Watching this today, I recalled one time when I was small being with my father at my grandparents' ranch on Flint Creek. We were on a big wagon that was pulled by a team of work horses. The wagon was pulled up to a huge stack of long hay. The two men had to pitch hay from the stack onto the wagon.

The wagon had runners on it, so it slid across the snow-filled field where hungry cows were waiting. The wagon had a board rack front on which I stood out of the way of the men pitching the load of long hay off to the cows. If I got careless and stepped down, my uncle would wave his pitchfork and tease me about feeding me to the cows. I knew he wouldn't, which just added to the fun for me.

Now, some of the bales of hay are almost as big as our car was then.

— Boise resident Darlene A. Townsend is a fourth-generation Owyhee County native. Born on a farm near the present-day Homedale Middle School, she is a 1953 Homedale High grad. Townsend's great-grandfather, W.H. (William Henry) "Hank" Townsend, came to Jordan Valley in the summer of 1863 looking for gold shortly after Michael Jordan's party arrived. Her grandfather, Albert Vernon "Bert" Townsend, grew up in Silver City, and her father, Darley Louis "Duke" Townsend, was born in Wagon town and grew up in Silver City. Her grandfather owned the Flint Creek cattle ranch now owned by her cousin Vernon Kershner. She returns to Owyhee country whenever she can.

— Readers are encouraged to submit their memories of humorous and historical Owyhee country events. Call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information.



Pleasant Valley students of month saluted

Pleasant Valley School has honored the first students of the month for the 2016-17 school year. From left: Ruby Lisle, 8, (December, parents Jess and Brandi Lisle), Lilly Relk, 8, (October, parents Jordan and Erin Relk), Halle Burch, 12, (September, parents Sean and Andrea Burch), Jalee Maestresjuan, 8, (November, parents Teo and Sarah Maestresjuan) and Lane Jewett, 8, (January, grandparents Lis and David Mackenzie). Each student received a Pleasant Valley Student of the Month T-shirt and a gift certificate for a free meal at the Flat Iron Steakhouse in Jordan Valley. Submitted photo

Grant helps HHS weight training program

Brady Swallow's weight training program got a shot in the arm recently with a grant.

The Homedale High School Body Development teacher's Healthy Trojan program grew out of a weight training class that morphed into a summer program and has been credited with reducing injuries among the school's athletes.

While discussing the weight training program in

June, Swallow mentioned he wanted to grow the program, and upgrade equipment and facilities.

The Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO) has awarded the program a \$2,500 grant.

Swallow, who had applied for \$5,000, will use the funds to purchase flooring and exercise equipment to be installed in the weight training complex inside the school's main gymnasium.



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Ranchers reveal guarded optimism during meeting

Even with new administration, some worry policies will continue

The county's cattlemen took sometimes-bold, sometimes-tentative glances at their future Saturday.

With a new administration still taking root in Washington D.C., the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association held its winter meeting inside the Oreana Community Hall.

There were industry updates and the annual heritage fund donation from the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association (\$10,000), but most of the talk swirled around the federal government and what may or may not change under President Trump.

Early on, there was a ray of hope when Brad Griff from the office of Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho) said aloud what everyone in the room has probably been thinking for years.

"I like to say that no county in Idaho seems as beat up as Owyhee County," Griff said. "Owyhee County is Ground Zero for federal overreach in a lot of ways."

Griff's boss chairs the House Natural Resources Committee's Oversight and Investigations Committee, which Griff said may help fight government overreach into the cattle industry on several fronts.

Already there has been some progress. The House of Representatives repealed the Bureau of Land Management's Planning 2.0 rule, which would have further eroded local input on land management decisions.

But, Griff says, the agency is fighting back against the notion

that Trump's executive order suspending all regulations not yet published in the Federal Register nullifies the late Obama administration record of decision on the sighting of the Gateway West electrical transmission line. Trump officials say the ROD isn't valid because it was never published, but BLM holdovers say that's not the case.

The argument may change, though, once Trump appointees populate the BLM's national office.

"I think we have people of our own who can have a say on this," Griff said, referring to Secretary of Interior designee Ryan Zinke of Montana and the presence of Idaho resident Layne Bangerter in Trump's natural resources circle.

Griff also defended Trump's executive order removing the United States from Trans Pacific Partnership, saying that bilateral trade agreements could work out better for ranchers looking to import beef than the sweeping, multi-nation deal.

The idea of local control also spurs sage-grouse legislation currently in the Senate and soon to be introduced in the House that would allow states to implement their conservation plans.

"Here in Idaho, we feel the (Idaho Department of Lands and Office of Species Conservation) can do it better," Griff said.

BLM officials from the state office as well as Bruneau and Owyhee field offices attended Saturday's meeting, and even they



Above: Owyhee Cattlemen's Association director Paul Nettleton (far right) listens as Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett discusses stockwater rights legislation inspired by the Joyce Ranch and LU Livestock court victory against the Bureau of Land Management. At Nettleton's right are fellow board members Ken Sevy and Lorna Steiner. **Below:** Mandi Boren accepts the silver bit prize from OCA president Chad Nettleton after winning the membership drawing Saturday inside Oreana Community Hall.



weren't immune from the talk about federal overreach.

OCA board member Paul Nettleton addressed Owyhee

Field Manager Michelle Ryerson over a pending grazing permit renewal in the Fossil Butte allotment. Despite the permittees'

concession on time of use and overall utilization, the BLM is still seeking a 20 percent cut in animal units monthly (AUMs).

Nettleton implied that the agency is making decisions out of fear of possible lawsuits from environmental extremists.

"Is the BLM still managing the rangeland or is Katie Fite and her attorneys?" Nettleton asked.

Alluding to environmentalists' abuses of the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) through which they have received federal reimbursement of attorney fees, Nettleton said:

"They're the only ones who get paid to sue you, but we can sue you, too."

The idea of local control also

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Former board member Jake Miller (left) receives a commemorative buckle from Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Chad Nettleton.

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Above: Dave Tindall snatches up the deck o'cards raffle quilt created by Sharla Jensen, the wife of OCA secretary Scott Jensen. **Right:** Brad Griff, regional director for Rep. Raúl Labrador explains the changes afoot in Washington.



✓ Ranchers: Grazing rates falling, brand fees on rise

From previous page

tinged comments regarding resource management by District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi and OCA member Jackie Benson.

“We need to go back and manage the resource for what resource is out there,” Aberasturi said.

“Let the rancher be the steward of the range,” Benson said.

While the federal climate could be tilting in the producers’ favor under Trump, Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) told ranchers that the Legislature is trying to do its part to help.

The southeastern Owyhee County rancher told the OCA membership that Senate Bill 1101 and SB 1102 seek to codify stock water rights. The bills were sent to printing after Monday hearings in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

Jason Laney of the Idaho Department of Lands told the members that work continues on a new state lands grazing fee formula, and that a public comment period could open in

April. He said, like the federal lands grazing fee, the state fee will be lower for fiscal year 2018.

Meanwhile, state brand inspector Larry Hayhurst said the state brand fees will be going up this year, probably by about a quarter. The factors include increased personnel costs with the opening of a slaughter plant in Kuna and the dwindling herd counts.

Hayhurst said the CSB Packers plant will process 1,700 animals per day, drawing livestock from a 700-mile radius.

“It’s good for the industry, but it’s another responsibility for the brand department,” he said.

The brand department is “entering the 21st century,” Hayhurst said, utilizing part of a brand department/agriculture department appropriation of \$750,000 to purchase software, iPads and printers that will modernize brand tracking and communication between the state agencies as well as with producers who trade in livestock.

— JPB

Allotment ownership advocate to speak in Jordan Valley

The executive director of a new national organization supporting federal allotment ranchers will speak in Jordan Valley later this month.

Dr. Angus McIntosh heads up the Range Allotment Owners Association (RAO), and he’ll answer questions about the new organization during a Feb. 28 meeting at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall.

McIntosh will be on hand between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The RAO includes livestock producers who are allotment owners in 17 western states. Livestock organizations and businesses that support stock-raising agriculture and the constitutional right to own property are encouraged to join as non-voting members.

Through education, informa-

tion and assistance, the organization aims to help allotment owners protect their property rights while promoting the interests of livestock organizations, businesses and communities that depend on the western livestock industry.

More information on the RAO is available online at www.rangeallotmentowners.com.

Open houses address BLM’s grouse mineral withdrawal plan

A series of public meetings continues this week as the Bureau of Land Management continues to examine its plan to withdraw lands from future mining claims as part of its sage-grouse conservation plan.

The public comment period on the federal agency’s draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) runs through March 30.

The BLM plans to withdraw about 10 million acres of federal locatable minerals in certain areas, including a region covering the breadth of southern Owyhee

County and part of Malheur County south and east of Jordan Valley. The Duck Valley Indian Reservation is excluded from the proposal.

Public meetings are being held throughout the West.

Two public meetings are planned in Idaho, both will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- **Thursday** — Shilo Suites, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls
- **Friday, Feb. 24** — Best Western Vista Inn, 2645 W. Airport Way, Boise

Withdrawals also are proposed

in Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

If withdrawn, the lands would be exempt from new mining claims for up to 20 years. Existing mining claims won’t be affected.

The draft EIS is part of what the Department of the Interior has called an unprecedented, landscape-scale effort bringing together the BLM and state and federal partners to prevent the Greater Sage-Grouse from being listed under the Endangered Species Act.

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Winter waylays parts of Idaho 78 in eastern county



Water rushes through a gaping hole that developed under the roadway on Idaho highway 78 last week. ITD photo

The freeze-thaw cycle and the tremendous moisture of this winter finally took its toll on Idaho highway 78.

Several sections of the Owyhee County roadway were closed early last week as Idaho Transportation Department crews dealt with a washout and other weather-related incidents occurred.

A washout at mileposts 86-87 forced the state to close the road from its junction with Idaho 51 near Bruneau east to Hammett on Feb. 7, ITD spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez said.

“There is signage out there now indicating there is a ‘bump’ in the road and that standing water is a potential in that area as well,” Gonzalez said. “We expect more potential water concerns as more

precipitation is on the way and temps remain warm.”

A temporary repair was carried out when crews noticed the damage. The stretch of highway was closed for most of the day.

“Significant amounts of snow, rain and the constant freezing and thawing have contributed to pavement damage on many state roadways, including State Highway 78,” Gonzalez said. “When our crews noticed the issue, in the interest of public safety, they closed the roadway to traffic and began repairs.”

Repair work included fill voids under the roadway with new material.

Work on the road isn’t done either.

Gonzalez said a “longer-term fix” will be carried out once

conditions improve, which isn’t expected until at least spring. The construction schedule will be dependent on the weather.

Owyhee County posted information on several Idaho 78 closures on its Facebook page the day of the incident, and Gonzalez said the ITD information line 511 is a great resource to keep abreast of changing road conditions and closures.

Reader boards also carry road information on highways throughout the state, Gonzalez said.

In addition to what county officials called “a sinkhole closure” between mileposts 82.5 and 98.6, the county Facebook page also had news of Feb. 7 closures at milemarker 55.

— JPB

✓ Problems: Marsing makes sandbags available to help stem flooding

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On Friday, Bowman reported that the Bruneau River rose two feet overnight and was just below the Idaho 51 bridge.

The bridge was later closed, forcing Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School officials to release children on the bus route in that vicinity earlier than usual Friday. The flooding also forced the cancellation of a junior high school basketball game and Rimrock’s 1A Western Idaho Conference boys’ basketball finale.

Late Friday morning, sheriff’s dispatch traffic indicated that a culvert on Jacks Creek Road in the Bruneau area had washed out.

Bowman said Friday that Castle Creek in the Oreana area was running high, too.

On Thursday, Homedale Highway District and South Board of Control crews worked to reduce ice jams in an irrigation ditch as water swollen Sage Creek rushed through an irrigation ditch near the intersection of Nielsen Lane



A Homedale Highway District truck and pump are stationed at the intersection of Nielsen Lane and Graveyard Point Road west of Homedale on Thursday as crews worked to bring overflow from Sage Creek under control.

and Graveyard Point Road. The run-off sent water rushing through a culvert under Graveyard Point Road west of Nielsen Lane.

“They dug out around a couple little crossings, but they got that taken care of (Thursday),” Eells said.

Kenne Metzger, who owns land on Succor Creek on the northwestern edge of Homedale’s city limits told The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday that

pasture and cow pens were under water. Succor Creek drains into the Snake River.

On Saturday, high water on the Snake River swamped boat docks and picnic areas on the north side of Island Park in Marsing.

Marsing maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson said during last Wednesday’s city council meeting that he had to use gravel to fill a sinkhole on 1st Street North.

In his monthly report,

maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson said he recently used gravel to fill a sinkhole on 1st Street North.

“We cut out the pavement, we dug down below the frost layer, we didn’t see any problems,” Gibson said.

Gibson added that he will fill the sinkhole with asphalt when the weather warms up.

Gibson also has made sandbags available at City Hall for any

Marsing resident who may need some because of flooding. There is a limit of 10 sandbags per household.

During the Homedale council meeting, that town’s public works supervisor, Bret Smith, again asked residents to pump runoff into irrigation flood valves or check boxes, South Board of Control manager John Eells said irrigation canals weren’t experiencing any run-off — yet.

“We’re in good shape, but the (Snake River) is on the rise, and we’re behind the 8-ball getting our pumping plant started,” Eells said. “We may backflush through our pumps.”

Eells also said the Owyhee River was running high.

“Rome is just about under water,” he said, referring to Friday morning flows of 16,000 cubic feet per second.

The river normally runs around 1,000 cfs this time of year, Eells said.

— JPB



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Deficiencies doom Homedale library grant

Councilman blames Western Alliance executive director's inexperience

The campaign to expand the Homedale Public Library is on hold for now.

City council and library board members got a better idea of grant application deficiencies in two separate meetings last week.

According to a letter from Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program manager Dennis Porter, poor scores in three specific areas led to the downfall of the city's proposal.

"The letter ... was pretty clear about, in comparison to the other projects that were submitted, that our cash match percentage was low in comparison," grant writer Tina Wilson said.

Wilson said the number of applications for public facility ICDBG grants nearly doubled over last year, putting a strain on the state's funding allocation of between \$6.5 million and \$7.5 million.

The library project was the lowest-scoring grant application among 23 proposals the state's Economic Advisory Council considered, and one of only four applications that sought money for a project other than water or sewer infrastructure upgrades.

Wilson, who was working in her capacity as Western Alliance for Economic Development

executive director, said the low in-kind funding and a lack of detailed cost estimate from the architect regarding hurt the city's scoring in the plans and studies portion of the scoring.

The application only received 10 out of 30 possible points in the "Plans and Studies" category.

"I'm guessing it's the studies part," library administrator Sharla Jensen said during a Feb. 7 library board meeting. "I did that (library patrons) survey, and I didn't see it in the application anywhere. That was supposed to be the point of it, so I'm not sure what happened there."


Jensen's survey sought input on what patrons envisioned for the library's future. She directed Wilson to include the feedback as part of the grant application.

Homedale's application scored zero in three different areas including local match, local match per capita and a high percentage of state investment driving the project cost.

The city sought \$486,850 in grant funding while contributing \$123,000, the lowest matching total among the 23 applicants. Wilson said many communities were able to leverage voter-approved bonds as matching funds.

Dropped from the grant application was more than \$13,500 to

"No matter what, the architect, whoever, you are ultimately responsible for writing this grant, and because of lack of knowledge in some of the grant work, it did affect it."



— Aaron Tines
Homedale city councilman to Tina Wilson

bring City Hall's restrooms up to Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. That proposal was added in an effort to obtain a \$20,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant.

City Councilman Aaron Tines said he felt Wilson didn't take advantage of the council's input borne out of experience with the ICDBG that helped fund downtown improvements less than a decade ago.

Wilson admitted that her first attempt to write an ICDBG was a learning experience, including not knowing the importance of getting a facility plan from the architect.

"I did not know that I needed to make him provide that, but I know that now," Wilson said.

Tines put a fine point on his argument.

"No matter what, the architect, whoever, you are ultimately responsible for writing this grant, and because of lack of knowledge in some of the grant work, it did affect it," he said.

Wilson defended herself, saying that her inexperience probably only accounted for a 20-point deduction.

"What we got knocked down on was the cash match and the lack of a detailed cost analysis," she said. "That isn't anything that I had control over.

"I will say that my lack of experience in writing a community development block grant — I didn't know I needed to press the architect for that detail to get information regarding the facilities plan. And it was difficult to get numbers, period, out of the architect."

Tines reminded Wilson that

late in the grant process — and in light of the difficulty getting information — the council asked her whether the application should be submitted.

The council hasn't decided whether to re-examine trying for the grant next cycle, but Wilson said the state Department of Commerce officials had some suggestions for success, including using a different architect or getting more detailed information on the facility plan and cost analysis and increasing the city's in-kind matching funds.

Wilson hinted that two of the EAC members were proponents of libraries and might support a meatier grant try.

Jensen told library board members that raising the application score must be a priority if another attempt is made.

"We do need to think of some ways to improve our match obviously," Jensen said.

Board member Mike Aebischer suggested approaching companies such as Lowe's Home Improvement or Home Depot to donate drywall for the project.

Although the council hasn't decided the next move, library board members plan a discussion at their next meeting on whether to file another ICDBG application in November.

— JPB and SC



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Animal cruelty impoundment hearing postponed

Owyhee County has spent thousands of dollars to care for dozens of livestock animals allegedly neglected in Grand View.

The couple accused of misdemeanor cruelty and not having enough feed for their horses and cows were in court Feb. 6.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober continued the county’s request to permanently take possession of nearly 50 animals.

Grober entered a not guilty plea for Ray Michael Parker during last week’s arraignment in Murphy. Billie Jean Santa

Maria also made an appearance but apparently didn’t enter a plea.

Both have retained an attorney, and their pretrial conferences are set for March 20.

Meanwhile, sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the county has spent about

\$5,000 to feed and care for the surviving animals, which remain impounded on about 4.5 acres outside Grand View.

Deputies has been stopping by the property to feed and water the animals at least twice a day.

— JPB

Boater safety class planned in Marsing

With snow still on the ground, few people may be thinking about boating season, but Mike Rabourn is.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Marine Deputy will present a boater safety class this month.

Rabourn plans the class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Marsing High School, 205 8th Ave. W.

The classes aren’t mandatory in Idaho, but Rabourn encourages boat owners and operators to attend the free course.

Attendees will learn about hypothermia and the rules of the waterway, including being sure to use navigation lights if they’re

boating at night.

All the proper safety equipment, including life vests, will be examined, too.

Rabourn said the boater safety course is a family-friendly event, but daycare isn’t provided for young children. Still, parents who bring their older children have the opportunity to teach them boater safety at an early age.

Boater safety-themed coloring books will be available.

Each course graduate will receive a boater education card.

For more information call Rabourn at (408) 529-9975 or call OCSO dispatch at (208) 495-1154 and leave him a message.

Curious George back at Homedale library

Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will welcome a returning guest Friday.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen said Idaho Public Television education specialist Cindy Lunte will host the event at 10:15 a.m., and bring along Curious George. Lunte visited the library for the first time last month.

Children will explore oceans with the help of Curious George and a hermit crab puppet. They will also make “oceans in a bottle.”

Friday’s Teens and Tweens session will feature creating customized light bulbs that when used, will cast a unique design on a wall or lampshade. Youth ages 10-17 are invited to attend at 4 p.m.

Jensen will teach a small class on 3D printing and how to use the library’s new 3D printer at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25.

Space is limited to five people to match the number of computers at the library. Call or stop by the library to register.

HHS driver’s ed deadline approaches

Tuesday is the final day to sign up for Homedale High School’s third session of driver’s education.

Boys and girls who are at least 14½ are eligible.

The class will be held from 7 a.m. to 7:47 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between March 14 and April 20.

Enrollment forms and driver’s ed contracts are available at the high school office, 203 E. Idaho Ave. The contracts must be returned by March 9 when a student-parent meeting will be held.

The class fee is \$230 plus a

\$21.50 learning permit fee. All fees must be paid by March 2.

Students must have a learning permit before class begins. Permits must be obtained from a Division of Motor Vehicles office, such as the branch in Marsing. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the student to the DMV.

Other prerequisites include:

- Proof of residence
- Birth certificate
- ^a Photo ID
- Social Security number
- Verification of Compliance (VOC), which is available at the high school office

Soft drink triggers hard crash

Soda pop led to a totaled vehicle Thursday outside Grand View.

Leonard Pflugrad, 52, of Nampa and his passenger, 54-year-old Leslie York of Boise, refused medical attention after the 2015 Mitsubishi Mirage the were riding in left Idaho highway 78 and rolled Thursday morning at milepost 64.5 on eastbound Idaho highway 78.

“They were on their way to C.J. (Strike Reservoir) to do some fishing,” Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief

Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

“Basically (Pflugrad) choked on a pop and he actually passed out.”

After Pflugrad lost consciousness, the vehicle gradually drifted off the right-hand should, hit an embankment and flipped on a stretch of Idaho 78 between the LDS church and Mennonite church.

Both men refused medical attention at the scene.

No citations were issued.

— JPB

Passed-out driver charged with DUI

A man faces a felony drunk driving charge after Homedale Police found him unconscious behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Matthew D. Tucker, 25, of Homedale was arrested early Sunday morning in a field near Industrial Road and East Colorado Avenue.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that the man was charged with a felony because of two 2008 driving under the influence convictions in Washington state.

An HPD officer found Tucker passed out and slumped behind the steering wheel with the engine running when he went to check on a Jeep parked in a field.

Once officers were able to roust Tucker, he failed field sobriety tests, Eidemiller said.

Blood-alcohol concentration was measured at .234 and .223, nearly three times the legal limit.

Tucker was transported to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy. He was also charged with misde-

meanor driving without privileges because he was operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license.

Nearly 24 hours earlier, an HPD officer arrested a Caldwell man for DUI and driving without privileges.

Jose F. Jauregui Estrada, 37, was transported to jail after he was stopped on U.S. Highway 95 near Industrial Road.

The man’s BAC registered at .182 and .172, Eidemiller said.

— JPB

Judge hands down DUI sentences

A Homedale man convicted of driving under the influence can avoid nearly a week in jail with community service.

Tony Raymond White entered a guilty plea to a reduced misdemeanor DUI charge in July. He was sentenced on Feb. 1 in the Homedale courtroom of Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

Grober credited White with four days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after Homedale Police arrested him on Jan. 27, 2016. Originally

charged with misdemeanor excessive DUI, White entered a guilty plea to the lesser charge.

After suspending 170 days of a six-month jail sentence, the judge gave White the option of completing the remaining six days through 48 hours of community service.

White must perform the community service by Aug. 1.

The man also must pay \$798 in court costs and fees and will be placed on one year’s probation.

Grober also suspended White’s driver’s license for six months.

Grober handed down a DUI sentence against Homedale resident Robert Aman on Feb. 6 in Murphy.

Grober ordered the man to pay fines and fees of \$750 and suspended his driver’s license for six months. Aman also was placed on a year’s probation and given credit for two days he spent in county jail after his Nov. 3 arrest by a Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy.

California men cited for marijuana

A California man wanted for a probation violation was arrested and cited for marijuana possession when a sheriff’s deputy came upon a vehicle parked in a lane of travel on U.S. Highway 95.

Three Palmdale, Calif., men were found inside a 2016 Chevrolet passenger car with Ohio plates in the northbound lane of U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing before 10 a.m. on Feb. 7.

The two passengers — Brandon Welsh, 34, and 41-year-old Gordon Blackwell — were cited for misdemeanor marijuana possession, Owyhee County Sheriff’s

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Welsh was transported to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy and booked on a \$9,500 bench warrant out of Bonneville County. Welsh was convicted on misdemeanors of marijuana possession and paraphernalia possession in August, and the court issued a probation violation warrant in October for non-compliance.

Bowman said the men, who were traveling to Washington state, were sitting in the parked car apparently trying to read their global positioning system

coordinates when the deputy approached them.

After detecting the odor of marijuana, the deputy called for the sheriff’s office canine unit. Bowman said the subsequent vehicle search, which turned up about an ounce of marijuana in the trunk, was carried out at the Gem Stop ION truck stop. The men and their vehicle were escorted to that area for safety reasons because of slick road conditions, Bowman said.

Gordon was cited and released, while the 24-year-old male driver received no citations.

— JPB

Farm Bureau high school speech entries close Thursday

Time is running out for ninth- through 12th-graders to enter the Owyhee County Farm Bureau’s yearly speech contest.

High school students can present a 5- to 8-minute speech on the theme of “The Many Roads of Idaho Agriculture.”

Owyhee County Farm Bureau women’s chair Mary Blackstock must receive entries in the speech competition before Saturday’s district judging.

Each district champion will compete when the finals are judged on Monday

at the Idaho Statehouse. If a first-place speaker is unable to attend, the district runner-up will compete at the finals.

The contest includes cash prizes and is open to all public, private and home-schooled students in Owyhee County.

Contest entry forms and more information can be found online at www.idahofb.org/index.php?action=programs.women.

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Prep work begins for MRW chili cook-off in Murphy

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue is once again putting out an open call for chili cooks. MRW's sixth annual Firehouse Chili Cook-off takes place on Saturday, March 25. It coincides with the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring bazaar at the museum complex in Murphy.

Categories for this year's cook-off include:

- Chili (no bean)
- Texas red chili
- Chili Verde (green)
- Vegetarian chili
- Anything Goes Chili

There will be a People's Choice Award again this year, too. The entry fee is \$20 for the first recipe and \$10 for each additional entry from the same team. The

public can taste the chili entries beginning at 11:30 a.m. A \$5 donation will be asked.

For entry forms, rules and more information, contact info@mrwfire.org or (208) 495-2154. Anyone who wants to be a cook-off judge or is interested in volunteering can contact organizers, too.

Entries will be accepted on the day of the event, but organizers warn that all the good spots may be taken.

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When — Saturday, Feb. 25
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Meal details — Chicken chili, French bread, punch and coffee. Homemade pie available, \$1 per slice
Other concessions — Soda and bottled water available throughout event, \$1 each
Raffle — A Yeti cooler and half a pig, cut and wrapped. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased from a Booster Club member or at the door the night of the auction.
Donations — To donate items, call (208) 845-2842 or drop them by the Legion Hall from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 and beginning at 10 a.m., on the day of the auction.

Legacy of giving back behind auction

The annual Bruneau Booster Club Auction, scheduled for Feb. 25, will help continue a tradition of completing community projects and fulfilling needs.

The club started its mission of benefitting and enhancing the community in 1988.

Past projects include:

- Construction of the community park's picnic shelter and continuing upkeep of the park.
- Preservation of all Bruneau High School graduation class photos by framing them and electronically archiving them. The class photos are on permanent display in the dining room at the American Legion Post 83 hall in Bruneau.
- Construction of a quarter-mile asphalt walking path at Bruneau Elementary School for students and the community. Four metal benches also were installed around the oval path.
- Each year, the Boosters have scholarships available to graduating Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School seniors.
- Proceeds have gone to the American Legion Post 83 building fund and the building fund for the Bruneau Quick Response Unit's Emergency Operations Center.
- The club was involved with publishing and then selling the book "Bruneau and Beyond," which outlined the history of the community's first 100 years.
- Supporting Rimrock's Vo-Ag Department for needed additional equipment for use in the classroom.
- Helping Bruneau Elementary School to update technology and pay half the cost of a new laminator. Funds were used to purchase document cameras, mini iPads and iPod sets for each elementary classroom.
- Contributing to the Bruneau Wilderness Garden at the elementary school.
- Purchasing new desks and chairs for Desert View Christian School in Mountain Home.
- Buying new helmets for Rimrock High School's football players.

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School patrons asked to pass bond, levy

Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View set March 14 elections

Two school districts serving Owyhee County students will seek voter approval for tax initiatives next month.

Marsing School District’s ad hoc committee held a community meeting regarding the proposed 25-year, \$13.5 million bond last week.

Bruneau-Grand View school trustees have put a two-year, \$1 million supplement levy question on the March 14 ballot, too.

Friday is the final day to pre-register to vote in either election. Eligible citizens may also register the day of the election at their polling place. Mail-in absentee ballots can be requested from the county clerk until March 3. The Marsing bond election will be decided by district voters in Owyhee and Canyon counties, while the Rimrock levy will be voted on by patrons in Owyhee and Elmore counties.

Marsing superintendent Norm

Stewart said between 15 and 25 people — including committee members — showed up for the community meeting on Feb. 6. Also on hand were Jim Main from DesignWest and former Middleton schools superintendent Richard Bauscher, who is serving in an advisory role.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 inside the school district boardroom on 8th Avenue West.

Bond elections must pass with a two-thirds majority vote.

Stewart said if passed, the bond would not affect property taxes. Rates will stay at the current level of \$315 per \$100,000 of taxable value.

The district looks to use the bond to build a new middle school and add a gymnasium, build a new library and make other improvements to the existing high school. The current gymnasium turns 50 years old this month.

Other elements of the proposed scope of work include a covered walkway between the elementary school and district cafeteria, grading and paving parking lots and various safety upgrades throughout the district.

— JPB

County polling places set for next month’s election

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners officially listed the polling places for the March 14 election during its Feb. 6 meeting.

Only a few precincts will be active on March 14 because of the limited ballot, which will include a school bond election in the Marsing School District and the Bruneau-Grand View district’s supplemental levy question.

The polling places remain the same as they have been for recent elections:

- Absentee or mail ballot — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy
- North Marsing — Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W.


- 2nd St. N.
- South Marsing — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave.
- Oreana — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road
- Grand View — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.
- Bruneau — American Legion Post 83, 32536 Belle Ave.

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voter registration closes Friday and will re-open on Election Day.


March 3 is the final day to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot, and in-person absentee ballots can be requested until 5 p.m., on March 10.

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2/08	7.8	26	10.0	42	29	37
2/09	7.9	24	10.5	50	40	43
2/10	7.1	21	10.6	44	32	39
2/11	6.8	19	10.5	38	15	28
2/12	6.5	19	10.3	40	11	25
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Reynolds Creek						
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2/08	11.5	32	11.9	45	33	39
2/09	11.0	26	12.0	49	41	46
2/10	n/a	18	12.2	42	30	38
2/11	n/a	17	12.2	30	23	26
2/12	n/a	17	11.9	34	21	27
2/13	n/a	17	12.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
2/07	14.9	45	17.8	41	27	33
2/08	15.9	49	18.6	42	32	38
2/09	16.2	46	19.8	47	39	43
2/10	n/a	41	19.8	41	29	36
2/11	14.8	41	19.9	34	21	27
2/12	14.9	41	19.8	45	24	33
2/13	14.8	41	19.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 51 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 10,067 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 32 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 361,197 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

Man walking down street busted for drugs

A man was arrested on suspicion of drug possession after a Homedale Police officer recognized him as a wanted subject.

Charles Jewel Dennis, 48, of Homedale appeared in court Monday in Murphy on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Dennis was arrested after 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 as he walked down North 2nd Street West near Idaho Avenue.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Officer Casey McGrew made contact with Dennis after recognizing he as someone wanted on a probation violation warrant connected to a 2012 driving under the influence conviction.

“When Officer McGrew attempted to handcuff the suspect, Dennis stated he had a meth pipe in his pocket,” Eidemiller said.

In addition to the pipe, which tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine, McGrew also found oxycodone and Tylenol pills, Eidemiller said.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery charged Dennis with felony and misdemeanor drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession.

— JPB

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Alex Grant (center) goes in for a layup as New Plymouth's Morgan Jenkins (13) and Kenzie White (2) try to defend. Photo by Dan Pease

Huskies' late rally reward: Ririe

Marsing makes State with comeback win

Marsing High School dramatically qualified for the 2A girls' basketball state tournament Saturday.

Shaking off the effects of a long bus ride, the Huskies erased an eight-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Grangeville at Highland High School in Craigmont.

The 60-57 victory pushed Marsing (14-11) into the 2A Real Dairy Shootout for the first time since 2015 and for the fifth time in program history.

Coach Jake Dugger, who watched as his inherited team lost a state play-in game last season, pilots the Huskies into an opening-round assignment against

District VI champion Ririe (22-2) at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Bishop Kelly in Boise. The Bulldogs have won 14 consecutive games.

Marsing's streak is at three victories after winning two games in three nights during the 2A District III Tournament to reach the state play-in contest.

Saturday: Marsing 60, Grangeville 57 — The Huskies trailed by as many as 11 points before erupting for 24 points over the pivotal final eight minutes in North Idaho.

Senior Sheyanne Glorfield played just

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MHS at 2A State

2016-17, Jake Dugger

Thursday — vs. Ririe, 3 p.m., Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise

2014-15, Jaime Wood

0-2 at Bishop Kelly

2012-13, Tim Little

1-2 at Bishop Kelly

Consolation final loss to Melba

2010-11, Tim Little

0-2 at Bishop Kelly

2003-04, Don Heller

1-2 at Middleton

Third-place game loss to Valley

MHS wrestlers head to district on heels of home turf triumphs

Jon Nelson probably doesn't mind if someone calls him a cheerleader.

The Marsing High School wrestling coach can't contain his optimism as his team heads into the 2A District III Tournament in Melba on Saturday.

And who can blame him?

After watching the outmanned Huskies amass the third-most points at the Marsing POD Tournament on Saturday, the fifth-year coach is ready to book a large contingent to the 2A state tournament.

— See *Wrestlers*, page 8B



Marsing's Kadin Goins looks for the referee's signal against Buhl's Roy Newberry on Saturday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Younger Trojans get final mat time

Most district hopefuls sit out

Homedale High School's less experienced wrestlers got some mat time Saturday as coach Jake Levinski looks towards his first district tournament.

The Trojans compete in the 3A District III Tournament on Saturday in Payette. The top four wrestlers in each weight class qualify for next week's state tournament in Nampa.

Most of Homedale's top-line wrestlers rested Saturday, including seniors Joel Padilla (30-8 at 160) and Shane Keller (22-8 at 152) and sophomore Robert Nix (17-10 at 195). Seniors Brodee Walker (17-15 at

— See *Trojans*, page 3B



Dakota Hardy soars for a layup Friday against Cole Valley Christian. Photo by Dan Pease

Short-handed Marsing boys rock Cole Valley

Huskies steam into district tournament with big win

Two of his classmates on the bench with injuries didn't deter Tre Ponce from making Marsing High School's boys' basketball Senior Night memorable.

The upperclassman played big to help the Huskies crush Cole Valley Christian, 61-42, in one of the biggest moments in recent MHS program history.

"Tre Ponce had a great Senior Night," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "He controlled the boards and finished well. He really stepped up."

Seven of Ponce's eight rebounds stopped Chargers' possessions, and he scored 10 points.

Holding state-ranked Cole Valley to its lowest point total of the season, Marsing ended the Chargers' 10-game win streak and became the first 2A Western Idaho Conference team to beat Cole Valley this season.

"As if we did not have enough distractions with all the hoopla before the game, we were facing some adversity with players out," Little said.

The Huskies (9-10 overall, 4-6 in conference)

— See *Marsing*, page 8B

2A District III Tournament

Today's games, 7 p.m.

Game 1: Marsing (9-10) at Melba (7-13)

Game 2: McCall-Donnelly (2-21) at Nampa Christian (11-9)

Saturday's games

At Nampa H.S.

Winners to state tournament

Game 3: Cole Valley Christian (16-4) vs. Marsing-Melba winner, 6:15 p.m.

Game 4: New Plymouth (10-10) vs. McCall-Donnelly-Nampa Christian winner, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's games

At high seed, 7 p.m.

Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 4 loser

Game 6: Game 2 loser vs. Game 5 loser

Feb. 23 games

At Nampa H.S.

Third place: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m. (winner to state play-in game)

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

Sports

Mustangs extend victory streak

Winners of 17 straight enter district tourney as top seed

The Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team rides a 17-game winning streak into the 1A District 8 Tournament.

Coach Clint Fillmore's Mustangs wrapped up a perfect 1A High Desert League season with three blowouts last week, including a 60-36 road win over Crane in Saturday's finale.

Jordan Valley (19-2 overall, 14-0 in league) played games on three consecutive nights, crushing Monument/Dayville, 62-29, on Thursday in Monument, Ore., and thrashing Huntington, 70-38, at home on Friday.

No statistics were available for the Huntington victory.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 60, Crane 36 — JJ Echave's double-double led the way as he scored 21 points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Jordan Valley started the game on a 16-8 run and led by 17 points after three quarters.

Zeke Quintero notched a three-point goal and finished with 12 points.

Chase Fillmore went 6-for-8 on foul shots and had 10 points and five rebounds, while Kirk Eiguren chipped in seven points.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 62, Monument/Dayville 29 — Three players reached double-digit scoring again in an easy league win.

Eiguren drained seven of 10



Senior Kasen Skinner puts in an easy shot in the victory over Crane. Photo by Gayle Batt

field-goal attempts to lead the Mustangs with 16 points. He also had six rebounds.

Echave logged another double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Quintero dished four assists and snagged five rebounds while scoring 11 points.

Kasen Skinner hit both his shots for four points, and Wade Stanford kicked in five points.

Hall gets 11 in HHS finale

The Homedale High School girls' basketball season ended with a lopsided district tournament loss.

Weiser crushed Homedale, 65-35, on Feb. 7 in a 3A District III Tournament loser-out game in Ontario, Ore.

The Trojans (7-10 overall) trailed by 10 at halftime, and the Wolverines put the game away with an 18-3 fourth quarter.

Sophomore Josey Hall sank seven of eight free throws and led Homedale with 11 points. She also had a team-high seven rebounds. Ashley Burks and Faith Jacobson scored six apiece, and Sophie Nash chipped in four.

Weiser's CJ Davis benefitted from 11-for-13 foul shooting and led all players with 25 points.

This is the first season in Joe

Betancourt's five-year coaching tenure that Homedale didn't end the season in the state tournament.

Weiser edged Fruitland, 38-34, on Thursday to reach the 3A state tournament.

Boys Friday: Fruitland 71, Homedale 39 — The Trojans' losing streak reached 13 games as the host Grizzlies won the teams' 3A Snake River Valley conference finale.

First-year coach Chad Mann's squad played a win-or-go-home game in the 3A District III Tournament at TVCC against Payette on Tuesday after deadline.

Homedale (2-15 overall before the game) went 0-8 in conference play this year.

No statistics were provided.



Josey Hall

3A District III boys' tournament
At Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore.

Tuesday's result

Game 1: No. 4 Payette (9-11) vs. No. 5 Homedale (2-15), (n)

Thursday's games

Game 2: No. 2 Fruitland (11-7) vs. No. 3 Parma (11-9), 6 p.m.

Game 3: No. 1 Weiser (19-1) vs. HHS-Payette winner, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games

Game 4: Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 6 p.m.

Game 5: Championship: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 8:15 p.m. (winner to 3A state tournament)

Thursday, Feb. 23 game

Runner-up game: Game 5 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 6:30 p.m. (winner to 3A state tournament)

Homedale Trojans

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Boys' basketball
Jordan Van Es, sr., guard
Entering home stretch of final prep season

Girls' basketball
Charlie Sawyer, sr., wing-post
Closed prep career in District III tournament

Wrestling
Josh Conkwright, jr., 145
Finished fifth in Marsing POD tourney for best showing of season

Boys' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament, TVCC, Ontario, Ore.
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 16 vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
If won Tuesday and Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 21, championship vs. TBD, 8:15 p.m.
If won Tuesday and lost Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 21 vs. TBD, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, Parma
Wednesday, Feb. 15, opponent TBA, 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
If win Wednesday: Friday, Feb. 17, championship, 6:30 p.m.

Frosh-soph
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, Parma
Wednesday, Feb. 15, opponent TBA, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
If win Wednesday: Friday, Feb. 17, championship, 5 p.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Season complete, 7-10 record

Wrestling
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Sports

Adrian girls wrap up unbeaten league run

Antelopes roll past final three opponents

With the league title already in hand, some of the sheen may have worn off Friday's 1A Oregon Top 10 showdown. But the Adrian High School girls' basketball players still found motivation to cruise past visiting Crane in both teams' 1A High Desert League finale. Maybe it was the brass ring of an unbeaten league campaign. The Antelopes, ranked fifth in the week's 1A Oregon coaches' poll, opened an early lead en route to a 50-35 victory. Crane came into the game with the No.

8 state ranking. Riding a 14-game winning streak, Adrian (20-2 overall, 12-0 in league) is the top seed in this week's 1A District 8 Tournament. Coach Gene Mills' squad has an opening-round bye and will start the tourney needing one win to return to the 1A Oregon state playoffs. Crane (13-6, 9-3) tied for second with Jordan Valley, and a tiebreaker will decide the No. 2 seed, which carries a first-round bye. Adrian left little doubt against Crane, rolling out to a 21-12 half-time lead and putting the game away with a 15-8 run through the fourth quarter. While neither team shot well from the floor, Adrian held a

decisive edge at the free-throw line. Lauren Barraza's game-high 12 points was highlighted by an 8-for-13 performance at the foul line. She also had the team rebounding lead with seven boards. Carlee Morton scored eight points, while Shyanne Allaire came off the bench to match an eight-point performance by starter Selina Villarreal. Claire Hammond scored 11 points for Crane. Thursday: Adrian 36, Burnt River 14 — With the top seed in the district tournament already in hand, Mills gave his reserves some run in Unity, Ore. The Antelopes took control with a 15-2 run through the second quarter and were never

threatened. Senior Mariah McLay outscored the Bulls and led Adrian with 18 points. Junior forward/post Sundee Speelmon scored eight points and snagged five offensive rebounds and five steals. Angela Cancho hit all three of her field-goal attempts and led Burnt River with six points and six rebounds. Feb. 7: Adrian 70, Monument/Dayville 19 — Erin Nielson season-high nine rebounds highlighted the Antelopes' dominance in a league makeup game in Adrian. Adrian's defenders racked up 26 steals and forced the Tigers into 32 turnovers. The Antelopes held a 26-2 edge in second-chance

scoring and piled up 27 points off Monument/Dayville's miscues. Allaire (five steals, six points) and Villarreal (four steals, three assists) led Adrian's defensive effort. Anna Hutchings converted six of eight field goals and all three of her foul shots for 15 points. She also collected seven rebounds. Morgan Bayes chimed in with 10 points and three steals. She made five of seven shots. Freshman Hannah Bertalotto, a junior varsity player, saw action with the parent club and grabbed three rebounds and three steals. Daniella Rhoda and Ravyn Walker scored seven points each for the Tigers.

Adrian boys unable to tie up Crane in 1A HDL finale

Antelopes seeded fifth for district tourney

The comeback came up short, and Adrian High School missed its shot at No. 4 seed in this week's boys' basketball district tournament. The Antelopes battled back from a halftime deficit, but couldn't close the deal during Friday's 51-49 loss to Crane in the teams' 1A High Desert League finale. The Mustangs (11-12 overall, 8-6 in league) secured the No. 4 seed in the 1A District 8 Tournament, which begins

Adrian (8-13, 6-8) needed a victory to tie Crane for fourth place in the league standings. Coach Nolan Shira's squad will be the No. 5 seed this week. The Antelopes outscored the Mustangs in the second half, but couldn't climb out of a 29-24 intermission hole. Miller DeMark (15 points) and Kevin Rodriguez (12) led Adrian in scoring again. DeMark and his brother, Warren, each connected on a pair of three-pointers. Rodriguez corralled 14 rebounds to complete a double-double. Miles Maupin led Crane with 17 points, while teammate Chase Joyce had 10 of his 11 rebounds on the defensive glass.

Thursday: Adrian 74, Burnt River 37 — A 27-4 opening to the game allowed the Antelopes to double the host Bulls' score. Four of the six Antelopes to break into the scoring column posted double-figure totals, including Rodriguez with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Kenny Purnell just missed a double-double, finishing with 10 rebounds and eight points. Purnell and Rodriguez corralled two-thirds of Adrian's 31 defensive rebounds as the Antelopes picked nearly twice as many caroms as their foes on the Bulls' end of the floor. Miller DeMark scored 16 points, and Ryker Murrey fired

in four three-pointers on the way to 14 points. Warren DeMark had 12 points. Murrey led the team with six steals, while Purnell dished six assists. Burnt River's Marvin Danek scored all but two of his team-high 14 points from beyond the three-point line. Feb. 7: Monument/Dayville 65, Adrian 57 — The Tigers pulled away in the second half of a league makeup game played on the Antelopes' floor. Adrian couldn't capitalize on nine three-pointers or a 29-11 rebounding edge on Monument/Dayville's backboards. The Antelopes had 18 second-chance

points, but the Tigers scored 12 points off turnovers and shot better from the field and the foul line. Hayden Schafer poured in 32 points. The Tigers' 5-foot, 11-inch senior popped four of hits team's six three-pointers and was 8-for-10 from the free-throw line. Rodriguez led three Antelopes with double-digit rebounding totals. He grabbed 11 of his season-high 16 boards on the Tigers' end of the floor. Miller DeMark drained three three-pointers en route to 18 points. His 11 rebounds gave him a double-double. Warren DeMark dropped in a team-high four treys and scored 14 points. Murrey added 13 points.

✓Trojans: Slew of seniors look to extend careers in Payette on Saturday

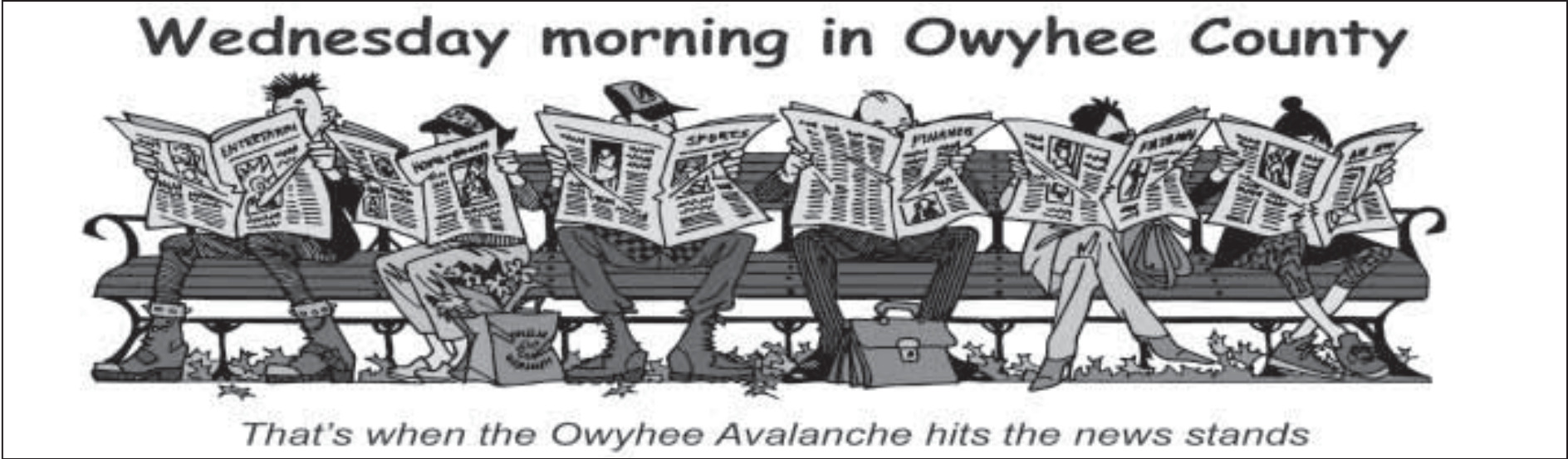
From Page 1B 182) and Tanner Miller (15-22 at 145) also sat out Saturday's meet. All records are according to trackwrestling.com. Sophomore Jorge Vega (17-22) finished third, and teammate Jake Beebe, a freshman, grabbed fifth in the 113A pod at the Marsing tournament. Vega got two wins, including a pin of Beebe and a 17-3 major decision over Buhl freshman

Wesley Kiegl. Freshman Jose Flores (9-20) was third at 120 pounds, carding a two-second pinfall against Ridgevue's Ethan Hall and getting another Warhawks wrestler, Tyler Niblett in 4 minutes, 18 seconds. Sophomore Josh Conkwright (2-8) finished fifth in the 145B pod. Ninth-grader Brady Trout (5-12) was fourth in the 152B pod. Last Wednesday: New

Plymouth 53, Homedale 30 — The Trojans' seniors shined in their final action before the district tournament, but Homedale lost its final wrestling dual while surrendering four forfeits. Host New Plymouth scored 24 points with the four forfeits and beat the visiting Trojans by 23 points in a non-conference battle. Homedale never led, getting as close as six points, 18-12, when Vega pinned Kyle Slagle in 1

minute, 38 seconds. After the Pilgrims rattled off four consecutive victories to essentially seal the deal, Trojans seniors got three straight pinfalls to take a 30-29 lead. Tanner Miller started Homedale's run when he caught New Plymouth 145-pounder Dean Johnson eight seconds before the end of the opening round. Keller prevailed at 152 in 2 minutes, 52 seconds against Josiah Campbell.

Padilla (160) continued a strong close to his high school career with a 86-second pin against Tye Nasker. Homedale's other points came when senior Wyatt Dorsey was given a forfeit at 285 pounds. The Trojans picked up two victories in the six-match exhibition card. Walker needed just 18 seconds to blitz Jace Watson at 182 pounds, and Trout pinned Jeremy Slagle at 1:36 of their 152-pound match.



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 19, 1992

Fitzgerald is new police chief

Robert Fitzgerald, 40, an Idaho native with 17 years of law enforcement experience, took over as police chief in Homedale on Monday.

Fitzgerald’s appointment by Mayor Paul J. Fink was approved by Councilmen Frank Haylett, Daniel Erbe and Roy Jackson at the latest Homedale City Council meeting on Feb. 12. Councilman Dan Murphy was absent and not voting.

The new chief on Monday expressed satisfaction to be in Homedale, reporting, “So far, everyone has been extremely courteous and friendly.” He is unmarried and has already relocated here. He indicated that one of his first tasks will be to fill an existing vacancy on the local force as soon as possible.

Fitzgerald grew up in the Cataldo area of Idaho. His background includes seven years of service as police chief in Osburn, ID, from 1982-89. He thereafter worked for two years as a captain in a Seattle detention facility run by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Water forecast called “gloomy”

A crowd of Gem and Ridgeview Irrigation District farmers attending a water user’s meeting in Homedale on Feb. 12 were told by Clyde Hutton of the South Board of Control that they may face a water allotment for the upcoming crop season of 1.5 to 1.8 acrefeet per acre, based on the current outlook. They started off last year’s irrigation season with an allotment of 3 acrefeet per acre.

“The situation looks very bad,” Jerry Gregg of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported at the same meeting, nevertheless cautioning that there is time left for storms to develop in February and March that could change the water picture for the better.

The amount of water stored at Owyhee Reservoir on Feb. 10 measured 119,671 acre feet, according to Gregg, compared to 227,820 acre feet on the same day one year ago. “So we have about 53% of what we had last year, and what we have now is about 26% of the historic (Feb. 10) average” over a 30-year period, he noted.

There are some districts that may be looking at 1.2 acrefeet to the farm, Gregg added, stressing “we need to make the best of a bad situation.”

Leadership conference

Attending a Feb. 18th high school leadership conference on substance abuse prevention at the Nampa Civic Center were these Homedale High Schoolers: Toni Belknap, Sara Hopkins, Jenny Cornell, Andy Ankeny, Josh Hellwege, Tony Uranga and Nicole Larzelier. Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney Richard L. Harris was a featured speaker.

City to open Knob Lane

The Marsing City Council voted to allow the Marsing School District to fence the football field and baseball diamond by fencing across Norton Street, a street owned by the city but never opened, at the council’s regular meeting February 12.

However, the council retained all rights to the street for possible future development.

The street, if opened, would run along the north end of the football field.

The council also decided to open Knob Lane and make it a one-way street. The street will run behind the city’s large water tower. Citizens living in the area will then be able to enter on Motzko Street and leave on Knob Lane.

Two local teachers receive training

Two secondary teachers in the Homedale school system, Frank Craig and Wallace McDowell, are scheduled to take “IMPACT training” in drug/alcohol prevention at a Mercy Medical Center facility in Nampa from Feb. 25-28. Craig teaches English and college prep in the high school, and McDowell teaches U.S. history and geography.

50 years ago

February 16, 1967

Bonds may soon be sold to relocate Arvin Plant

Stocks and bonds may be sold in the near future to raise the needed \$60,000 to bring the Arvin Millwork Co. of Reno, Nev., to Homedale it was reported at the regular Tuesday noon bi-monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Bicandi’s Café.

The only hold-up now on the bond sales is by the State Commissioner of Finance, reported Harper Saunders, of the Homedale Development Co., however, this could be cleared up in the next few days, he added.

Interest mounted at the latest development, and Dale Jackson reported that he had a recent conversation with the manager of Vannocker Construction Co. of Caldwell, which has been awarded the contract for the new millwork plant that is to be constructed about 1 mile south of town. Jackson said that the firm is “ready-to-go” and that the Arvin family plans on moving to the Homedale area in the near future.

“Everyone here will benefit either directly or indirectly” when the plant becomes a reality here, stated Chamber vice-president, Ray Tolsma.

The bonds will be sold in \$1,000 denominations, but it has not been decided as to what the stocks will sell for in the Homedale Development Company, it was reported.

Homedale rallies for second win

Between precise shooting of Jim Jackson and Louis Uranga, the Homedale Trojans christened the new Marsing gymnasium by overcoming the Huskies in the second period with a 63-43 victory. Marsing is left with an 0-5 league record after losing to the Trojans. Homedale registers 2-3 in conference standings.

Jim Jackson and Louis Uranga paced the Trojans with 25 and 16 points, respectively. Jim Burnell was high for the Huskies sinking 18 points.

Lloyd Herod is local winner in Time’s contest

The Homedale High School has announced that Lloyd Herod has been named the local winner in Time’s 31st annual Current Affairs Contest. Other high-scoring local students include: Roy Eiguren, Bonnie Takasugi, Dennis Tanikuni, Vickie Howell, Kelly Curtis, Betty Eidemiller and Cliff Eidemiller.

Time’s Current Affairs Test, given this year to more than 3 million college and high school students in the U.S. and Canada, consists of 100 questions on national and foreign affairs. Also included are such categories as business, sports, entertainment, science, religion, literature and the arts.

The test, created for the Time Education Program – an exclusive classroom service of Time magazine, has been taken by nearly 10,000,000 students since its inception 31 years ago.

Homedale’s Toastmasters host guest night dinner

The Homedale Toastmaster club held a special “guest night” dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the WoHeLo Club in Marsing with Jesse Wilson of Marsing, president, presiding.

Special guests for the evening were members of the Treasure Valley Toastmistress Club of Parma and their husbands. Other special guests were wives of the Toastmasters.

President Wilson welcomed the group and Allen Baldridge gave the invocation.

Five minute speakers were Gene Showalter of Marsing and Mrs. Tom Takatori of Parma.

Mrs. Marion Phariss was Top Mistress and introduced the topic “Do you think the next President of the United States will be a Woman?” Members of both clubs and some of the guests participated in the spirited two-minute table topic speeches.

Allen Baldridge evaluated the five-minute speeches and Jesse Wilson evaluated the two-minute speeches. Mrs. Orville Turning was general evaluator.

Tom Arima was lexicologist and grammarian.

140 years ago

February 17, 1877

SPECULATING ON THE RESULT. It begins to look as though the High Joint Commission would not get through with their part of the President-making programme before the 4th of March, in which case the dilemma will be about as awkward as many that could possibly have arisen in the event of the non-existence of the Commission. The proceedings thus far do not seem to have inspired a hopeful feeling in the minds of the people generally as to the wisdom and expediency of the measure proposed and adopted with rather undue haste with a view to bridging over the “bloody chasm” that constituted one of the relics of the recent Presidential election. That there has been a widespread and general dissatisfaction at the action of the Tripartite body in the decision rendered on the Florida returns there is ample evidence. And the excitement becomes more intense throughout the country as the agony and suspense, which attend the consideration of the vexed question, are prolonged. The censure bestowed upon members of the Commission who have been dragged from their high positions on the Supreme Bench to fill the role of political partisans is having a demoralizing effect, and thoughtful men are beginning to realize the dangers of the situation and the error committed in creating members of the highest judicial tribunal in the land factors in the decision of this question. Should they continue to wield the power that has been entrusted to them by giving a verdict on the remaining disputed electoral questions similar to that already rendered in the case on which they have passed judgment, they will be charged with the expertise of partisan feelings and not perhaps without some foundation for such accusation. In the proceedings thus far there has unfortunately been manifested a disposition to ignore the will of the people and give a quasi sanction to the frauds which, though they may be supported by the forms of law, should nevertheless have met with an unquestioned verdict of disapproval at the hands of this august body. That gigantic frauds were perpetrated in some of these States where the elections are in dispute is clear to the minds of all. The vote of Louisiana was rejected at previous elections when the frauds were known to be less infamous and gigantic than those that were openly perpetrated during the late contest. The country will drift into anarchy if such proceedings meet with any degree of sanction from a body admitted to be composed of some of the leading minds of the nation. If honestly elected candidates are to be set aside by such decisions it may well be feared that corruption and rascality will take a fresh lease and the will of the people defeated *ad libitum*. An Executive foisted upon the public under such auspices would be powerless to accomplish good and the spirit of lawlessness, which would thereby be evoked, would be dangerous to the peace, welfare and prosperity of the country. The people await the final action of this tribunal with feverish anxiety, and it is to be hoped that a peaceful solution in consonance with the will of the people will be arrived at. It should be borne in mind that both parties through their representatives in Congress are committed in advance to the decision now so anxiously awaited by the country and unless the proceedings are too strongly characterized by a spirit of unfairness, the majority of the people must and will unquestionably acquiesce in the result.

JORDAN VALLEY. Thos. Pearson, late of Jordan Valley, and, an old and well-known resident of Silver, is said to be sojourning in Cheyenne. During a visit here two or three months ago he proclaimed with considerable flourish that he was the father of a promising boy whom he intended to name after the next President of the United States. It seems it was a false alarm, but the superannuated old rooster, after all, didn’t get much the best of us on that item.

The Skinner family at Trout Creek has recently had an accession to its members in the shape of a very lively boy who “kicks the beam” at about nine pounds. He visited this mundane sphere at 4 o’clock on Monday morning last, and likes the appearance of things well enough to make the Trout Creek Station a residence, at least for a time. The old man feels as happy as if it was the first of the lot, and thinks it rather queer that all four of his little ones should be February birds.

Sports

✓ Huskies: Grant's performance gets Marsing out of district tournament

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as one would expect a person to play in what could have been her final high school game.
The guard drained a career-high seven three-point goals for most of her 29 points. Despite playing with four fouls, she also collected four defensive rebounds, blocked a shot and had two steals.

Marsing forced Grangeville (11-11) into 18 turnovers, while taking care of the ball and only giving it up nine times.

Grangeville bolted to a six-point lead after the first quarter and continued to pour on the offense. But the Bulldogs' free-throw advantage withered after halftime as Marsing made 28 trips to the foul line in the final 16 minutes, knocking down 11 chances.

After going 8-for-15 from the charity stripe in the first half, Grangeville was held for 4-for-10 after the intermission.

Marsing's Alex Grant attempted 17 free throws, and – although she only converted four chances – wound up with 19 points. She canned one of Marsing's 10 three-point goals while notching three assists, three rebounds and three steals.

In a limited role, Mackenzie Farrens scored four points and snagged seven rebounds and two steals before fouling out.

Elsa Margarito had six points and six rebounds, while Emma Heitz and Hailee Bennett each sank a free throw to round out Marsing's scoring.

Thursday: Marsing 47, New Plymouth 34 — Grant led five Huskies scorers with 21 points to



Elsa Margarito launches a jump shot over the defense of New Plymouth's Kamryn Frates. Photo by Dan Pease

put her team in a state tournament play-in game.
It marked the second time in as many seasons that Marsing had scrambled to reach the play-in game under Dugger.

Marsing trailed by a point at the end of the first quarter, but the Pilgrims could never grow their advantage to larger than four points.

The Huskies shot 29.1 percent (16-for-55) from the floor. Glorfield scored nine points despite connecting on just two of 16 field-

goal attempts. She was 4-for-5 from the free-throw line and grabbed nine of her 10 rebounds off New Plymouth's glass.
Even with Farrens' Huskies-high 12 rebounds, the Pilgrims narrowly out-boarded Marsing, 43-40. But New Plymouth couldn't overcome a 12-for-65 shooting night (18.5 percent).
Margarito connected on three of four shots from inside the three-point line and had one of Marsing's four treys to score nine points.

2A state tournament
At Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise
Thursday's games
Game 1: St. Maries (15-4) vs. Cole Valley Christian (16-5), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Ririe (22-2) vs. Marsing (14-11), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Soda Springs (21-3) vs. Declo (16-4), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Melba (20-2) vs. Malad (17-8), 8 p.m.
Friday's games
Game 5: St. Maries-Cole Valley Christian loser vs. Ririe-Marsing loser, 1:15 p.m.
Game 6: Soda Springs-Declo loser vs. Melba-Malad loser, 3 p.m.
Game 7: St. Maries-Cole Valley Christian winner vs. Ririe-Marsing winner, 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Soda Springs-Declo winner vs. Melba-Malad winner, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
At Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise
Consolation: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9:15 a.m.
Third place: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 11 a.m.
At Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
Championship: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 1:40 p.m.

Winning streaks — Melba, 16 games; Ririe, 14 games; Soda Springs, 10 games; Declo, nine games

Feb. 7: Marsing 43, Nampa Christian 34 — A 14-8 run at the start of the second half carried the Huskies into the district tournament's third-place game.
Farrens dominated Marsing's offensive effort, putting down eight of 11 shots for a co-game-high 17 points. She also returned to her double-double habit with 11 rebounds.
The Huskies shot the ball infrequently but were accurate. Farrens' 8-for-11 night sparked a 43.9 percent shooting performance (18-for-41).
Host Marsing led, 19-15, after shooting 45 percent (9-for-20) in the first 16 minutes.
The Huskies were opportunistic, scoring 13 points off the Trojans' turnovers and stretching the lead to as many as 12 points.
Former Marsing athlete Jessie Wood led Nampa Christian with 17 points, while Ella de Jong added nine points.
Grant led the Huskies with four assists, and she converted four of six free throws for half of her eight points. She also had four rebounds.
Glorfield had five points and five defensive rebounds.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Dakota Hardy, sr., guard
His 22 points, 4 defensive rebounds and 3 steals helped upset Cole Valley. Had 3 points, 3 rebounds and 5 assists vs. Melba.

Girls' basketball
2015-16 team
Won three games, including comeback against Grangeville, to qualify for school's fifth 2A state tournament and third since 2012-13

Wrestling
Dawson Walker, so., 160 pounds
Won three straight matches to finish second in his pod in hometown tournament

Boys' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Melba, 7 p.m.
If win Wednesday: Saturday, Feb. 18 vs. Cole Valley Christian, Nampa H.S., 6 p.m.
If lose Wednesday: Tuesday, Feb. 21, opponent and site TBA, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity A
2A Western Idaho Conference regular-season runner-up
Played for tournament championship Monday night
Junior varsity B
2A Western Idaho Conference regular-season fourth place

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 18 at 2A District III Tournament, Melba, 10 a.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament
(Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise)
Thursday, Feb. 16 vs. Ririe, 3 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, Feb. 17 vs. St. Maries or Cole Valley Christian, 6:15 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, Feb. 17 vs. St. Maries or Cole Valley Christian, 1:15 p.m.
If necessary: Saturday, Feb. 18, site, opponent and time TBD

Junior varsity
Third place, 2A WIC tournament

Go Huskies!

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
My kinda truck

I like a pickup that looks like a truck
And not like a tropical fish.
Or a two-ton poodle with running lights
Or a mutant frog on a leash.

Give me one tough as a cast-iron skillet
With a bumper that's extra large
And a hood that weighs over eighty-five pounds
And looks like the prow on a barge.

I like style but since when should a truck
Be touted for comfort and ride.
Power windows on pickups? Reminds me of jeans
With a zipper that zips up the side.

They should soak up the dents of everyday life
Like a boxer losin' his teeth.
And I like a truck, when you lift up the hood
You can see the ground underneath!

Pickups are kinda like welding gloves.
The pockmarks are part of the deal.
Not pretty, just built to get the job done.
Like the dummy behind the wheel.

Don't get me wrong, I know beauty's skin deep
And ugly is the eye,
But to find out if your truck is my kinda truck
Here's a test that you can apply:

If you have a small wreck in the parking lot
By backin' a little too far,
Your only worry is how big a mess
You made of the other guy's car!

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Dist. 23 Reps. Christy Zito and Megan Blanksma

Inside the Legislature

Ag Affairs Committee gets a lesson on industrial hemp

This past week (Feb. 6) in the Agricultural Affairs Committee, we heard a presentation from war veteran Erik Nelson on the beneficial uses of industrial hemp. There is a distinct difference between this crop and the plant used to achieve a recreational high. The difference is like comparing a tomato plant to a nightshade plant. They are of the same family however vastly different. I asked Erik if he would prepare a brief that I could share explaining more about industrial hemp. I find it fascinating and wanted to share it with you. Thank you, Erik, for your hard work and intelligent discussion of the facts.



Hemp is a crop that is part of American history. The first flag was made of hemp; so were drafts of the Constitution. Hemp has many uses, including crop sustainment, cattle feed, and renewable textile. Unlike marijuana, hemp cannot be used illegally to get "high." America imports \$500 million per year in hemp products from overseas.

Hemp grows 6 to 15 feet tall in a season and yields nearly three tons of straw per acre. It requires a minimum of 12 inches of water per acre. Harvesting equipment is akin to that used for corn or soybeans. It is very hardy and resistant to insects and disease.

Hemp seeds are a superfood. Thirty percent protein and containing all 20 amino acids, these seeds are great for people and livestock alike. Hemp-fed dairy cattle produce near-maximum milk yield. Hemp is easy to grow and produce on even a small acreage of land, with minimal fertilizer requirements.

Experiments with oils made from the resin have shown significant success in treating pain and inflammation. Called "CBD Oil," this compound can be easily extracted from the leaves as a cheap, non-toxic pain reliever. Unlike marijuana, hemp has very low levels of THC, the "psychoactive" compound. Hemp does contain many of the essential compounds called cannabinoids that help address inflammation, nervous system disorders, and chronic pain.

Under the 2014 Farm Bill, it is legal to grow hemp in Idaho if a farmer partners with an Idaho-sponsored research group. Hemp may be a viable crop for farmers in drought areas or needing a crop for field rotation. It is also useful for farmers trying to revive or protect contaminated brownfields. Farmers can net \$200 profit (or more) per acre with hemp under peak growing conditions.

— See Zito, Page 7B

Seeing government in action a valuable education for everyone

As the session moves forward, I'm continually amazed at how much there is to learn. Even simple-looking legislation has multiple facets and consequences for Idahoans. I've tried my best to evaluate what would be in the best interest of the district and have had to take some difficult votes on your behalf.

Of note last week were the oil and gas bills that were presented to the House. Idaho is relatively new to these types of natural resource rules. Those of us on the Resources and Conservation Committee have been carefully reviewing various proposals and related legislation. The learning curve for me with regard to this industry is extremely steep, and I'm doing my best to keep up. That being said, if you have industry-specific knowledge or insight you would be willing to share, I would appreciate any additional information.

We witnessed an interesting tradition on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in "the flying of the crow." The crow is a traveling award that goes to any bill sponsor that has 20 or fewer votes on a failing bill. Decorations appropriate to the failing legislation are then applied to the bird as it makes its home in the sponsor's office. Rep. Steven Harris (R-Meridian) was the "winner" last week as his legislation (HB28) on pull-tab lottery machines failed on an 18-52 vote. I look forward to seeing how the new and improved crow will look.

Finally this week, I want to encourage those of you with teenage children or grandchildren to learn about the House Page program. House Pages are Idaho high school seniors who serve the House of Representatives during the legislative session. The students work with committee secretaries and help when the full House is in session on the floor. Two six-week sessions are available to be filled, and the students are still required to keep up with their work at school. The House Page program is a great opportunity for students interested in witnessing government first-hand, and I would love to sponsor participation from our district.

As always, please contact me if you have information or suggestions on new or pending legislation. The collective knowledge of Idahoans will only improve the policy created at the Statehouse. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions, I am both proud and humbled that you chose me to represent you.

— Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) occupies Dist. 23, Seat B of the Idaho House of Representatives. The 2017 session marks the beginning of her first term. She can be reached at mblanksma@house.idaho.gov or at her House office phone at (208) 208-332-1054.



Americans for Limited Government
Congress strikes back against Obama's midnight regulations

by Natalia Castro

Congressional Republicans this year have employed a 20-year-old tool for success to combat the regulatory state the Obama Administration created — the Congressional Review Act (CRA) of 1996. In its history, the CRA had only successfully overturned one executive branch regulation, but the Republican-led Congress has already used it to overturn two of Obama's regulations, and it is ready for more.

The CRA provides Congress with oversight over regulations issued by federal agencies and the ability to overturn them provided a joint resolution of disapproval is passed within the first 60 legislative days after a regulation

is finalized. Then, the overreaching regulations are effectively erased from the law, and would require a vote of Congress to re-enact them.

With no possibility for filibuster with CRA action in the Senate, Republicans need only a simple majority to terminate for good those regulations passed in the waning days of the Obama administration.

The House has already passed five CRA bills to nullify regulations including those related to the environment and other issues. The Senate has already passed two bills that eliminated the Department of Interior's so-called Stream Protection Rule and blocked the Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers regulation. Those CRA

bills now go to President Donald Trump to sign.

An Associated Press report from earlier this month explains that the Stream Protection rule blocks from mining 6,000 miles of streams and 52,000 acres of forests located near coal mines. The rule cites debris entering nearby waters. However, Republicans and even some Democrats found the rule would eliminate thousands of coal-related jobs and ignore dozens of federal, state, and local regulations on the industry already in place. The rule would effectively destroy the coal industry in key coal-producing states such as Kentucky.

— See Regulations, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Saving to pay off bride-to-be’s debt a smart move

Dear Dave,

I’m 29, and I have no debt. I’ve gotten a good start on my savings and retirement, too. My girlfriend and I plan to get married in the next couple of years, and she has about \$90,000 in debt. I’m not paying on her debt yet, but I think together we can save up enough to pay it off by the time we’re married.

Should I temporarily slow down saving for a house and start saving toward paying off her debt?

— James

Dear James,

Yes, I would have a “girlfriend debt” account. That way when she becomes your wife, you two can write a check the moment you get

back from the honeymoon and be debt-free — or at least knock out a huge portion of the debt. After that, the two of you — as in WE — resume saving for retirement, a house and so on.

That, James, is exactly what I would do.

You’re right in line with my thinking on this, brother. Best of luck to you both!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I’m a small-business owner with a lawn care franchise. It’s common in our industry, after the season is over, to send out pre-pay letters for the upcoming season. If we send out these letters offering a five or 10 percent



discount for early payment on next year’s services, is that too similar to borrowing money

from our customers at five to 10 percent?

— Kevin

Dear Kevin,

Not at all. I definitely would send pre-pay letters. It takes some of the seasonality “ouch” out of your financial equation, and it gives them the opportunity to take advantage of a bargain. It’s not a bad plan from a marketing standpoint for your business, either. You might even be able to add some new customers with an offer like this.

You obviously have to be really secure and confident in your ability to provide the service. Otherwise, you could end up in a really bad situation. Your

equipment, staffing and track record in the business will all come into play. But if all this is strong, and you’ve been in the business for a number of years and plan on staying in the business for years to come, then this is something I’d definitely do.

— 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 and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

✓ Regulations: More nullifications under CRA can be anticipated

From Page 6B

The House disapproved the regulation in a 228-194 vote. In the Senate, it was also disapproved on a 54-45 decision.

Democrats cannot even be bothered by the Republicans’ reversal of Obama regulations. In reference to the CRA, which was passed during the Clinton presidency, even former Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) once said, “[t]his legislation will help to redress the balance [between the branches], reclaiming for Congress some of its policymaking authority,” echoing the bipartisan agreement for congressional oversight.

Other CRA bills are still awaiting Senate action. The first, H.J. Res. 40, removes additional background checks on Social Security recipients for gun ownership. NPR earlier this month estimated this regulation would prevent about 75,000 people found mentally incapable of managing their own finances from purchasing gun. Republicans have vigorously fought this regulation as a violation to the Second Amendment without proper due process because Americans would be losing their rights without having ever committed a crime.

With Republican control over Congress and the Presidency, the remaining rules from Obama’s midnight regulations are expected to be repealed as well.

The CRA was established to provide congressional oversight over the executive branch and the agencies of the administration. Now that President Obama is gone and Republicans are in control, more and more regulations crippling the economy will be effectively removed using these tools of Congress. The CRA might have been dormant for its first two decades of existence, but thanks to Obama’s overreach, it is finally being wielded in this Congressional term.

— Natalia Castro is a contributing editor at Americans for Limited Government.

Rep. Raúl Labrador

From Washington Draining the swamp demands congressional term limits



The American electorate surprised the world in November because they were tired of their government acting as master instead of servant. The people’s message is clear: It’s time for real and lasting change.

To restore constitutional balance, we must bring the career politicians home and replace them with patriots ready to make the hard choices necessary for prudent governance. That is why I have introduced a term limits constitutional amendment, H.J. Res. 50, restricting service in Congress to six two-year terms in the House and two six-year terms in the Senate. The resolution has 12 original cosponsors.

The people support term limits. Polling consistently shows three-quarters of Americans backing term limits, with large majorities of Republicans, Democrats and independents in favor. We also have President Donald Trump on our side. He put congressional term limits at the top of his “Contract with the American Voter” list for action in the first 100 days.

We must seize the moment and put a term limits amendment before the states for ratification.

Over the past 50 years, 93 percent of House incumbents and 79 percent of Senate incumbents have been re-elected. I was first elected in the “tea party” wave of 2010, when voter unrest was high. Even then, the formidable power of incumbency kept re-election rates at 85 percent in the House and 84 percent in the Senate.

Despite 2010’s call for restoration of constitutional principles and restraint of a wasteful government, Americans got more of the same. The Washington

establishment hunkered down, put off tough votes and increased the federal debt to nearly \$20 trillion.

The Founding Fathers expected elected officials to serve temporarily and return to their communities. I went to Washington for public service, not a career.

Roger Sherman of Rhode Island, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, understood the risk of an entrenched Congress. “Representatives ought to return home and mix with the people,” Sherman wrote. “By remaining at the seat of government, they would acquire the habits of the place, which might differ from those of their constituents.”

I’m not fond of the habits of Washington, and I know they differ profoundly from those of Idahoans. I prefer the ethic of the Founders.

President Washington set the first and most famous example by rebuffing pressure to seek a third term and returning to Mount Vernon. Washington’s two-term precedent was finally enshrined in the 22nd Amendment in 1951, ensuring we have presidents not kings. Term limits work for the chief executive, they’ll work for Congress.

The result would be a reinvigorated Congress, filled by members ready to serve and prepared to go home to live with the consequences of their actions. Twelve years in the House and 12 in the Senate are plenty of time to get the job done.

— Republican Rep. Raúl Labrador, of Eagle, has represented Idaho’s First Congressional District since 2011.

✓ Zito: Keep up with the pace of legislation movement through website

From Page 6B

The largest obstacle is that Idaho Code mistakenly classifies hemp as being the same as marijuana. Contact your legislators. Tell them to amend Title 37. Idaho’s farmers deserve to grow hemp again and be competitive in this emerging agricultural crop. A strong show of support will help Idaho’s agriculture for decades to come.

— Erik Nelson

Bills are working their way through committees faster now. Keep up with them on www.growingfreedomidaho.com When you read something that interests you or you have suggestions please don’t hesitate to let me know. It is a pleasure to represent your voice in our state government.

— 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. She can be reached by phone at (208) 590-4633, by email at czito@house.idaho.gov, or on Facebook.

— According to information provided by Rep. Zito, Nelson began investigating hemp as part of his research into using cannabis oil to treat the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and related symptoms.

Sports

Jordan Valley girls thwart Crane for No. 2 district seed



Jordan Valley's Taylor Warn looks for an open teammate while trying to pass during a crucial victory over Crane. Photo by Tara Echave

A big cushion helped Jordan Valley High School hold on for the second seed in the district tournament.

Host Crane chipped away but couldn't break through Saturday as Jordan Valley prevailed, 46-41, in a 1A High Desert League girls' basketball finale that decided the No. 2 position in the 1A District 8 Tournament.

Taylor Warn scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Jordan Valley (15-5 overall, 9-3 in league). She also had four assists.

Crane (13-6, 9-3) and Jordan Valley finished tied in the league standings, but coach Kelsi

Skinner's squad earned the No. 2 district seed based on a tiebreaker. Crane beat Jordan Valley at home, 51-49, on Jan. 13.

In avenging that earlier loss, Jordan Valley leapt to a 29-19 halftime lead following a 19-8 run in the second quarter.

Regan Skinner scored 12 points and grabbed all four of her rebounds on Crane's end of the floor.

Alisha Rogers added 10 points and three defensive rebounds.

Emilee Burch led the rebounding effort with five boards, all on Crane's glass.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 50, Monument/Dayville 26

— Nicole Terry broke through with 11 rebounds to go with six points as the Mustangs routed the Tigers on the road.

Jordan Valley owned a 14-2 edge at the end of the first eight minutes, and regained momentum with a 15-8 third-quarter run.

Skinner led the Mustangs with 15 points despite four fouls.

Burch collected seven rebounds and scored six points before fouling out.

Rogers had one of Jordan Valley's three three-pointers and scored seven points. Zoey Warn was 3-for-4 from the foul line and had seven rebounds to go with nine points.

✓ Marsing: Coach sees wide-open tourney

From Page 1B

knocked off Cole Valley despite the injury-related absences of seniors Nick Lankow and Jose Ponce.

Lankow was hurt during last Wednesday's narrow loss that gave Melba the No. 4 seed in the 2A District III Tournament. Jose Ponce, who nailed four three-pointers two nights earlier against the Mustangs, suffered an injury during Friday's warmups.

Cole Valley entered the regular-season finale as the second-ranked Class 2A team in the statewide media poll and No. 4 in the coaches' ratings.

Despite the personnel setbacks and the daunting task, the Huskies were in control. Marsing forced 14 turnovers and held the Chargers to eight offensive rebounds.

Dakota Hardy had four defensive rebounds, three steals and converted 10 of 12 free throws. He led three Marsing double-digit scorers with 22 points.

Sophomore Enrique Quebrado had three defensive rebounds and made all five of his foul shots while scoring 16 points.

Senior Tyler Simonson scored eight points and yanked down six rebounds, and Landry Villa dropped two foul shots.

Tyler Wood also had three steals.

"The kids played extremely well, filled their roles and we shot the ball fairly well," Little said. "It's a great momentum- and confidence-booster heading into the tourney."

The Chargers (16-4 overall, 9-1 in conference) are still seeded No.

1 for the district tournament and have an opening-round bye.

"The tourney will be interesting," Little said. "It's anyone's to win."

Last Wednesday: Melba 50, Marsing 47 — Tonight's tournament game will be the Huskies' second contest in seven days on the Mustangs' floor.

Melba kept Marsing at bay to secure the tiebreaker for the district tournament's No. 3 seed.

"Our defense continued to play well, and we had a couple chances at the end to take it into overtime, but the shots did not fall," Little said.

Marsing trailed by a point, 36-35, heading into the fourth quarter. Melba had built a 26-20 advantage after a physical first half during which only five fouls



Marsing High School boys' basketball team manager Oseas Arriaga (center) is flanked on Senior Night by players Enrique Quebrado (left) and Jose Ponce as the Huskies escort the senior onto the court for a pregame ceremony. Photo by Dan Pease

were called.

Quebrado joined Jose Ponce in double figures, scoring the Huskies' other two three-pointers for part of his 17 points.

Lankow had three of his four rebounds on Melba's end of the

floor before getting hurt.

Simonson led the Huskies with seven rebounds, while Tyler Wood had six boards to go with four points.

Beau Bromgard led Melba with 14 points.

✓ Wrestlers: Huskies try to parlay home-mat success into big district haul

From Page 1B

"I think I should qualify eight and maybe nine, if we wrestle as good as we have lately," Nelson said of his team's prospects for the Feb. 24-25 state finals in Nampa.

Saturday's top three finishers in each weight class automatically qualify for state tournament. There are at-large berths available, too.

The coach figures the Huskies could pull off three or four district championships, but he understands that freshman Adonis Stelzried (31-16 at 132 pounds), sophomore Hayden Kish (13-22 at 138), and junior Joseph Ineck (27-14 at 145) will have the most difficult assignments this weekend.

"(Those three divisions) are our conference's toughest weight classes, so getting kids to win at these weights may be tough," Nelson said. "But if we can stay focused we should get kids to state at each weight."

Stelzried and Ineck were two of four champions Saturday in the Huskies' final tune-up before the district tournament.

Senior Oscar Gonzalez (30-9) won the 160-pound championship, and junior Mason Hall (34-5) captured the 220 title.

Both should continue their success Saturday.

"There was not a team trophy, but we placed third behind Capital and Ridgevue with both of these teams having more than 20 kids entered and Marsing having only 11, which is very impressive," Nelson said of his team's stand on its home turf.

Most of Saturday's weight divisions had enough wrestlers to have a true title match after round robin action had been completed.

Stelzried pinned Buhl's Eddie Salas in 2:23 to capture the 132 crown after ruling his pod. Fellow MHS freshman Anthony Sugai (5-19) finished third in the same 132B division by pinning Syd Carr of Emmett in 47 seconds.

Stelzried pinned his teammate in the first round of pod action, and he finished the preliminary rounds with pins against Carr (2:57) and Zaydrian Silvers of Capital (3:07).

Like Stelzried, Joseph Ineck

had to finish on top of his pod before dismantling Capital's Inan Ayres in 49 seconds to win the tournament's 145-pound championship.

Ineck rolled through pod competition with four first-round pins, including two — Emmett's Tristen Stetzel (42 seconds) and Ridgevue's Fernando Pitones (55 seconds) — in less than a minute.

He also pinned Melba's Parker Olsen in 1:41 during what could be a preview of a district matchup.

Showing off a penchant for drama, Gonzalez's final two bricks in the 160 championship were one-point victories.

He beat Capital's Edward Black, 3-2, in the title bout after wrapping up the top spot in the B pod with a 1-0 win over another Capital wrestler, Braedon Silvers.

During the pod portion, Gonzalez also pinned Emmett wrestlers Jacob Henery (1:49) and Thomas Vaanderen (3:39).

Black beat Marsing sophomore Dawson Walker (15-8) to open his march to the 160A top spot.

Walker rallied with three pin-falls to finish his day 3-1 and as runner-up in the pod. He pinned Melba's Kyle Svetich in 1:41 and needed just 63 seconds to pin Parma's Trevor Gentry.

Hall beat Capital's Drake Reay, 11-6, in the third round of pod competition to secure the 220 title. The junior tuned up for Reay with pins against Ridgevue's Lucas Rodgers (1:54) and Parma's Danny Camacho (1:19).

Freshman Justin Ineck (17-28) finished second in his 113-pound pod. His only loss was to eventual tournament champion David Tennant of Buhl in the third leg of the pod. Tennant prevailed, 13-4, in a major decision that decided who would wrestle for the crown.

Ineck set up the winner-take-all match with first-round pins of Jake West (Capital) and James Mitchell (Ridgevue).

Sophomore Kadin Goins (12-14) lost to Parma's Jesse Camacho in the third round of competition in the 152A pod. Camacho's 38-second pin turned out to be the difference in the division as Goins had to settle for runner-up status.

Goins had pinned Ridgevue's Andrew Siggelkow and Buhl's Roy Newberry before facing off with Camacho. He closed the tournament by pinning Melba's Levi Martin midway through the second period.

Bastion Ackerman, a ninth-grader, pinned Buhl's Samantha Shindle in 1 minute, 31 seconds for his fourth victory of the season and third place in the 152C pod.

Junior Jaden Kinney (26-13) fought his way to third in the seven-man 170-pound pod. He went 4-1, and three of his four pinfall victories were over in a matter of seconds.

He got Buhl's Brodie Winson in 21 seconds and dispatched Emmett's Jake Johnson in 44 seconds.

Kinney never wrestled the top placer, Abe Turpen of Capital, because both had run out of eligible matches by the end of the day. His only loss decided second place as Capital Nahum Dass posted a decisive pin in the third go-round.

Kish finished at the bottom of a tough five-man 138A pod won by Melba's Jake Svedin.

Public notices

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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2017 AGGREGATE CRUSH-
ING PROJECT**

Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County—2017 Aggregate Crushing Project will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on March 2, 2017, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project involves crushing approximately 10,000 tons of Class 3 Cover Coat Material, at the Grand View pit, located at the Owyhee Road & Bridge District 3 shop in Grand View. It is the intent of these documents to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete product shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

- 1) Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650
- 2) PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.
2/15,22/2017

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 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 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 Deborah Duncan,
Assistant Secretary c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704
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1/25,2/1,8,15/2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV2016-01086
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estate of ARTHUR SULLIVAN REINHART, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of the Notice of Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice of such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.

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

DATED this 6th day of February, 2017.
Robin Reinhart Accinelli, 3007 Huntington Dr, Dubuque, IA

CITY OF MARSING OWYHEE COUNTY GEM HIGHWAY ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016	
Beginning balance as of October 1 pervious year	25,369
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges)	31,987
Interest income	687
Total Local Funding	32,674
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	57,289
Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	5,294
Sales tax/Revenue sharing	11,693
All other STATE receipts/transfers (LHTAC Sign Grant)	30,000
Total State Funding	104,276
Total Receipts	136,951
RECONSTRUCTION	
Roads (Island Park Way Rd to Island Park)	10,042
Bridges, culverts & storm drainage	3,597
Other (To replace Street Signs)	6,335
Total Reconstruction	19,974
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	11,010
Patching	6,531
Winter Maintenance	8,747
Grading/blading	7,025
Other (Hwy 78/55 blinking light)	2,918
Total Routine Maintenance	33,221
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment purchase (John Deere Gator)	2,300
Equipment maintenance	4,957
Other- Hwy 78/55 Pedxing Yield Signs	4,178
Total Equipment	11,435
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	8,315
OTHER	
Street lighting	16,609
Professional services – audit, clerical, legal	1,433
Professional services – engineering	11,493
All other local expenditures - Insurance	5,571
Total Other	35,106
Total Disbursements	108,051
Receipts Over Disbursement	28,899
Closing balance	54,268
Funds obligated for specific future projects/reserves	54,268
ENDING BALANCE	-0-
Attest: Janice C. Bicandi, Clerk/Treasurer 2/15/2017	

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James R. Gillespie, PO Box 2337, Boise, ID 83701. 208-344-8400 Attorney for Petitioner
2/15,22,3/1/2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 9 AND 10 OF BLOCK 4 ACCORDING TO THE RESURVEY OF BLOCK 4 OF BOSMA'S SUBDIVISION NO. 2 TO THE VILLAGE OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 140 Kerry St., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MIREN LOWRY, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor,

to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded April 17, 2015, as Instrument No. 286486, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 22, 2016, as Instrument No. 291316, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated April 14, 2015, in the amount of \$447.00 each, for the months of July through November, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 3.25% per annum from June 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$59,554.80, plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum from June 1, 2016.

DATED This 6th day of January, 2017.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
2/15,22,3/1,8/2017

Owyhee County Church Directory		
Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 4220 E Pioneer Road Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Sunday 6:00pm (208) 880-4033	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 19 • July 17 • August 14 • Sept. 11 <i>All invited to potluck after each mass in home of Dave Wilper</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday Worship 11am-Noon	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopaldaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones 208-319-4650 Don Vanderbough 208-867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2016 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 - Mar. 19 - Apr. 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 16 BBQ - Aug. 27 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

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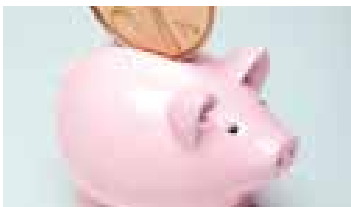
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