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Colorful crafting changes lights from white to bright

Boys and girls attending Friday's Teens and Tweens program at the Homedale Public Library created customized light bulbs that when used, will cast a unique design on a wall or lampshade. Natalia Redburn (left) and her cousin Madeline Redburn were two of the six children that participated in the activity. Natalia, 11, is the daughter of Lupe and Lyndsey Redburn. Madeline, 10, is the daughter of Matthew and Heather Redburn. For library news, see **Page 12A**

County helps state's appeal of Gateway West decision

Idaho officials: Trump's executive order doesn't block line's final siting

Another effort is in the works to fight the final decision on the Gateway West electrical transmission line.

The State of Idaho planned to file a notice of appeal with the federal government Tuesday after deadline.

John Chatburn, administrator at the Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral resources, and the office's lawyer Scott Pugnud, spoke to the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) about the controversial powerline during a Feb. 13 meeting.

The BLM released its Record of Decision (ROD) on the two segments crossing Owyhee County on Friday, Jan. 20, hours before Donald

— See **Gateway West**, page 4A

Hometown caterer feeds Bruneau auction-goers

The Bruneau Boosters Club didn't have to look far to find someone to make dinner for Saturday's community auction.

The free dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., at the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., in Bruneau.

Jessie Miller lives in Bruneau, is a member of the boosters club, and owns Cross Country Catering and Events.

This is the third year that she has cooked dinner for the annual fundraiser.

"They buy the groceries, and I just do the prep and everything," the Owyhee County said. "I just volunteer my services."

Miller added that she'll have some help in the kitchen from other ladies in the booster club Saturday.

Folks will be enjoying her chicken chili, which is also a hit at the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas bazaar.

"It's just a favorite of everybody's. They all come in to have soups," Miller said. "That's what

Boosters auction

When — Saturday

Where — American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau

Times — 5:30 p.m., free meal and silent auction begins, 7 p.m., live auction, 8:30 p.m., silent auction closes

Donations — To donate items for the auction, call (208) 845-2842 or drop them by the Legion Hall from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, and beginning at 10 a.m., on the day of the auction. White elephant donations will no longer be accepted because of lack of space.

the members of the booster club said: "Let's do your (chicken) chili this year."

She thinks her most popular dish is either the chicken chili or



Jessie Miller decorating a cake for one of the events that her business was hired to cater.

her Basque paella.

She relocated to Bruneau a short time after starting her catering business in Boise about eight years ago.

In addition to the Bruneau Boosters Club Auction, Miller also caters to other events around

the county, including the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City.

"I do a lot of weddings. I do the concessions stand for the Bruneau Junior Rodeo, and we

— See **Bruneau**, back page

Marsing school bond meeting scheduled

The ad hoc committee tasked with trying to convince voters to pass a school bond will meet Monday inside the Marsing School District boardroom.

The meeting, which begins at 6:45 p.m., is open to the public.

School trustees have placed a general obligation bond question on the March 14 ballot. Voters in the Marsing School District will cast ballots on a proposed 25-year, \$13.5 million bond.

Two-thirds of the people casting votes must approve of the bond in order for the issue to pass.

Marsing schools superintendent

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Longtime employee assumes senior center helm

After more than a decade in the kitchen, Joan Thomson has stepped out from behind the scenes at the Homedale Senior Center.

Thomson took over the coordinator position in mid-January when Shirley McAbee had to step away after more than 12 years because of a serious illness.

“I like everything about it,” Thomson said of her new role. “It’s fun.”

The 16-year Homedale resident applied for the job when McAbee had to retire. The senior center board of directors, headed up by fellow New Yorker Frank Iovino, had a long history with Thomson, who has been helping out in the kitchen preparing congregate meals and Meals on Wheels offerings for 14 years.

Thomson faces a few infrastructure challenges caused by the winter’s heavy snowfall, but she’s also ready to move the senior center forward and try to build an all-inclusive appeal similar to what the former senior center in Marsing did when The Sandbar café opened late last year.

“I’m looking into bringing more activities,” Thomson said. “Maybe some card games, or



New Homedale Senior Center coordinator Joan Thomson (second from right) and her former kitchen cohorts take a break during lunch last Wednesday. **From left:** Gina Smith, Samantha Noblit, Thomson and Frank Iovino.

karaoke or a talent show for families.”

Promoting a family-friendly atmosphere is important to Thomson, who moved to Idaho from upstate New York at the behest of her eldest daughter.

“She called me up and said, ‘This is the place you’ve been looking for your whole life,’ ” Thomson said. “So I packed up and moved out, and I haven’t regretted a moment of it.”

Now she’s starting a new

adventure surrounded by old friends. She insisted on having the kitchen staff of Iovino, Samantha Noblit and Gina Smith featured in her introductory photo.

The most pressing matters are replacing the metal storage shed and the wood stove’s flue, both of which collapsed during January’s snowfall. Thomson is working on estimates for the stove chimney, which could cost thousands. The senior center staff hasn’t been able to assess the complete damage to

the shed, which was packed with loaner mobility equipment.

But Thomson is in the process of analyzing what can be done differently inside the senior center, which is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

“There’s nothing to do (in Homedale) with kids,” Thomson said. “I want to start something that involves families and make sure people know that the center isn’t just for older folks, but it’s

for everybody.”

With new driver Barbara Cortes, the Meals on Wheels program continues to deliver about 20 meals to homebound residents 60 and older. Thomson said the center is always on the lookout for other eligible folks who may be in need of the service. Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 if you know of anyone who may not be getting proper nutrition because of their mobility or health issues.

The once-a-month Saturday fundraiser breakfasts have been discontinued for now, but other things remain constant.

The lunch crowd starts coming in around 11 a.m. each day with the salad bar opening at 11:30 a.m. and the main course served at noon. All ages are welcome to enjoy the congregate meals, which are available for a donation price.

The Fit and Fall exercise class continues from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., roughly, each Tuesday and Thursday.

The Ladies Coffee Group meets at 9 a.m. on each Wednesday.

There are also blood pressure clinics twice a month and a monthly foot clinic.

— JPB

Marsing Post Office plans open house

Postmaster Marnie McNeil has announced a meet and greet at the Marsing Post Office.

The open house will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Community members will be able to meet postal service staff and enjoy light refreshments.

Baked goods catered by The Sandbar café, and coffee and hot chocolate also will be served.

The post office is located at 210 W. Main St.



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School election information

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has established the polling places for the March 14 school bond and levy elections.

The list that appeared in the Feb. 15 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche was incomplete.

The Marsing School District will seek a \$13.5 million general obligation bond, and the Bruneau-Grand View School District seeks a two-year, \$1 million supplemental levy.

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 Homedale — Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- South Homedale — Magistrate court building (City Hall), 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
- 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.
- Wilson — Wilson Fire House, 10427 Johnston Lane
- Murphy — Owyhee County Courthouse
- 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.
- Riddle — Mail-in ballots

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

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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✓ Bond: District seeking \$13.5M for school upgrades

Norm Stewart said if passed, the bond would not affect property taxes, keeping rates 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 turned 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.

Voter registration has closed, but eligible patrons may register the day of the election at their respective polling places.

Mail-in absentee ballots can be requested from the county clerk until March 3.



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HFD mulls station near airport

Homedale council to consider garbage contract

The use of property near the municipal airport will be discussed during Thursday's Homedale City Council meeting

Councilmembers face a busy agenda for the meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Homedale Rural Fire District representatives will be on hand to discuss the possibility of a fire station on ground adjacent to the airport. More details should be revealed during the meeting.

JB's Auctions, the new contractor handling the annual

March consignment auction in town, also wants to explore leasing a vacant lot by the airport for next month's event.

Auctioneer JB Salutregui has led the consignment auction in previous years on the Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s beet dump across the highway from the airport. But the product of the beet harvest remains at the dump later than usual this winter.

Renewal of the city's sanitation contract also is on this week's agenda.

Westowns Disposal Inc. owner Bill Pastoor held preliminary discussions about a contract extension during the Feb. 8 council meeting. The current five-year contract expires on May 1.

Pastoor asked for a 10-year

contract, but Council member Steve Atkins voiced concern about a long-term deal.

"I don't want to step into the next generation of the council," Atkins said, adding that he is satisfied with the company's performance under the current contract.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer was instructed to draw up a five-year contract to be considered Thursday.

Ivar Moore, the Homedale Assembly of God pastor, will also brief the council on the church's plans to bring back a third annual car show to Bette Uda City Park in September.

The regular departmental reports also will be delivered to the council.

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✓ Gateway West: Federal appeal in works

J. Trump took the office as the 45th president.

Chatburn said his office heard about the ROD the day before Trump’s inauguration.

“We are planning to file notice with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) that we are appealing the Record of Decision, and we’re going to do that on the 21st,” Chatburn said. “We have 30 days to do that, and we were notified on the 19th of the Record of Decision.”

As county officials and private property proponents expected, the ROD bypassed a recommendation from the BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee to utilize an existing energy corridor through the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA).

Instead, under the federal government’s authorization, Segments 8-9 of the 500-kilovolt powerline will cross a private ranch, and the route takes transmission towers closer to Greater Sage-grouse habitat areas south of Murphy and Grand View than an NCA-predominant alternative would have.

Chatburn is hoping that some federal action will be taken after the state’s IBLA filing, which might prevent the state from going forward with a full appeal.

“We’ve had discussions with the BLM and some other folks in the new administration about the potential for correcting what we feel was a mistake by the national director,” Chatburn said. “Nobody in D.C. is actively doing anything at this point in time until the new Interior secretary is confirmed.”

Sen. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) is Trump’s pick for Interior secretary.

He has yet to undergo confirmation hearings.

Pugrud said he will utilize the county’s land use plan, natural resource plan, and the BLM’s lack of analysis on sage-grouse to develop the next step in the appeal process.

“We’ll obviously fill out our argument in a statement of reasons that we would submit to the IBLA, but we have an extra 30 days to do that after we file the notice,” Pugrud said.

Chatburn added that he thinks some members of the new administration will be sympathetic about how much work went into developing the consensus routes for the transmission line.

The authorized route takes Segment 9 south of Grand View and Murphy, but through private ground in Oreana and Sinker Creek.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, the BOCC chair, questioned the legality of former BLM director Neil Kornze’s final Gateway West decision in light of Trump’s Executive Order putting a 60-day freeze on all regulations not yet published in the Federal Register. Though it was signed and announced in the final hours of the Obama administration, the Gateway West ROD was never published.

Chatburn said Kornze’s move appears to be in order.

“All the legal opinions coming out of the Interior (department) and others in D.C. is that even though notice of availability wasn’t published in the Federal Register, we were served notice,” Chatburn said. “So, the Record of Decision is in full force and effect.”

Pugrud affirmed that the fact the notice of availability wasn’t

published doesn’t affect the legality of the ROD.

“The Record of Decision has the full force and effect because the signature page makes it clear that it’s a self-executing document,” Pugrud said. “The Record of Decision goes into effect when it was signed.”

In a November protest letter, county commissioners said the federal government’s preferred alternative was inconsistent with county plans — to which the BLM is required to adhere to under coordination law — and ignored a chance to actually enhance degrading habitat in the NCA.

Chatburn said there is still a chance to fight Kornze’s decision.

“We have not run into anyone who does not recognize that the former national director was doing everything he could to, in my opinion, cement a legacy,” Chatburn said. “We haven’t run into anyone who thinks it was handled appropriately.”

Idaho Power, which is a partner in the transmission line with Rocky Mountain Power, was willing to take mitigation and enhancement measures in the NCA when the Resource Advisory Council subcommittee was examining routes for its recommendation.

The utility sided with county elected officials and property owners to back the RAC-recommended Alternative 1 through the NCA when the final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was released in October.

Aberasturi said the federal government should remember that putting Segments 8-9 on private ground could be avoided.

“It needs to be clear to everyone in the BLM at the highest level, that if they really want a powerline to go through anywhere in Idaho on these routes, they have an option that was agreed to earlier,” Aberasturi said. “They need to stay with that option.”

Aberasturi said he appreciates the work that Chatburn and Pugrud are doing to appeal the ROD on Gateway West.

“I just want to thank the State of Idaho for realizing how important this is, not just to Owyhee County, but to all of Idaho,” Aberasturi said.

“Federal government overreach with this last administration was tremendous. It’s going to take us a while to fix the issues that were put in place.”

— SC

Bruneau Legion post oyster feed on horizon

Tickets are on sale for the annual American Legion Post 83 fish and oyster feed.

The event takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 4 inside the Legion hall, 32478 Belle Ave., in Bruneau.

Admission is \$15 for adults, and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free.

In addition to the fish and oysters, diners can enjoy bread, coleslaw, potato salad and fries.

For more information, contact Post 83 adjutant Bill McBride at (208) 845-2842.

McBride, who has been adjutant

for 38 years, said fish and oyster feed proceeds will be used to send up to two Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students to Boys State, which will be held June 4-10 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Post 83 and Unit 83 of the American Legion Auxiliary are seeking eligible students who are interested in taking part in the annual weeklong civics camps. Girls State is also held in June.

McBride said high school juniors can register for consideration now by contacting school counselor Jamie Metcalf to obtain an application.

Corrections

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand stated that the monthly irrigation fee increase approved by the city council this month will not involve a Gem Irrigation District delivery assessment. The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported that the delivery assessment of \$5 per month would be in addition to the irrigation fee. The council raised the monthly fee from \$12.40 per acre to \$15.21 per acre.

Because of incorrect information provided to The Owyhee Avalanche, the recipient of one of US Ecology Idaho’s Helping Hands grants was misidentified in a recent article. American Legion Post 134 in Grand View received \$200 to purchase outdoor lighting on the hall’s back patio.

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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

Sage-grouse local working group meeting
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Thursday

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Marsing FFA appreciation breakfast
11 a.m., Marsing High School ag shop, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 896-4111

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

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

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

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

Saturday

3D printing class
10 a.m., limit five, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Bruneau Boosters dinner and auction
5:30 p.m., free dinner, 7 p.m., live auction, American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2842

Monday

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

Marsing School District bond ad hoc committee meeting
6:45 p.m., school district office boardroom, 205 8th Ave. W. Marsing. (208) 986-4111

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

Tuesday

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

Post office open house
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Marsing Post Office, 210 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5054

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Range Allotment Owners meeting
1 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 Hwy. 95, Jordan Valley, Ore. (970) 213-1005 or rangeallotmentowners@gmail.com

Senior center pinochle
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

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Wilson Sagehens meeting
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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Feb. 22: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar
Feb. 23: Ham/cheese ripper, broccoli, veggie & fruit bar
Feb. 27: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, veggie & fruit bar
Feb. 28: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, veggie & fruit bar, cookie

Homedale Middle

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

Feb. 22: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar
Feb. 23: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar
Feb. 27: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fruit & salad bar
Feb. 28: Hot dog or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

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

Feb. 22: Cheesy lasagna or popcorn chicken, dinner roll, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
Feb. 23: Nachos or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice
Feb. 27: Deli sandwich w/chips or chicken taco w/corn, salad bar, fruit choice
Feb. 28: Beef nuggets w/cheese stick & roasted finger potatoes or pizza hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing Elementary

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar

Feb. 22: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, green beans or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers, jello
Feb. 23: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers
Feb. 27: Corn dog, steamed carrots or PB&J, yogurt, cookie
Feb. 28: Chicken parmesan, Italian breadstick, green beans or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers

Marsing Middle & High

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar; salad bar and grab-n-go lunches available daily

Feb. 22: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, green beans or fish sandwich, jello
Feb. 23: Chicken fried steak or BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, roll
Feb. 27: Corn dog, steamed carrots or orange chicken & rice, steamed carrots, cookie
Feb. 28: Chicken parmesan, Italian breadstick, green beans or rib-b-que sandwich, green beans

Bruneau-Grand View

Feb. 22: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine salad, peas, breadstick (Rimrock), fruit
Feb. 23: Taco salad, tortilla chips, salsa, refried beans, romaine lettuce, fruit
Feb. 24: Pig in blanket, sweet potato fries, fresh broccoli, fresh fruit
Feb. 28: Pizza, romaine salad, baby carrots, fruit

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk served every day
Salad Bar available with each meal (lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)

Feb. 22: BBQ chicken on bun, baked potato, carrots
Feb. 23: Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets, roll
Feb. 28: Taco salad, chips & salsa
March 1: Ham & beans, carrots, corn, bread

Rimrock Senior Center

Feb. 23: Ham & potato casserole, carrot/cranberry salad, deviled eggs, bread, berry cobbler
Feb. 28: Oven baked chicken, parsley potatoes, mixed veggies, bread stick, cottage cheese & pineapple
March 2: Pulled pork on bun, tater tots, apple, coleslaw/ broccoli salad, cookie

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

Obituary

Julia “Judy” Glidden

Julia “Judy” Glidden, 68, of Bruneau, left to be with the Lord after fighting a good fight with lymphoma brain cancer. She passed away at her home peacefully surrounded by family and friends. A memorial service was held at 11:00AM, on Monday, February 20, 2017 at the American Legion Hall in Bruneau. Inurnment followed at the Bruneau Cemetery. Cremation is under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Judy was born December 2, 1948, in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Judy and her family lived in various states before settling in Wilder, in 1964. Throughout her childhood years she and her older sisters were inseparable making every day their adventure. She also cared for her younger siblings.

In 1975 Judy married William “Bill” Glidden of Bruneau. Judy and Bill were happily married for 42 years and they had two sons. Judy was a loving, hard-working wife and homemaker. She was totally committed to her family. Her husband, sons and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She also had a great love for her daughter in-law. Amongst her interests, she



enjoyed reading her bible, walking, crocheting, caring for her dogs and growing her vegetable garden. She especially loved her flower garden where she spent much of her loving and nurturing days with her two little granddaughters.

Judy is survived by her husband Bill Glidden, two sons: John and his wife Crystal Glidden of Bruneau, Donald Glidden of Elko; two granddaughters: Jay Lee Rain and Madison; two sisters: Maria and her husband Phil Daniels of Wisconsin, Linda and her husband Jerry Dudley of Boise; two brothers: Joe Rodriguez of Caldwell, Juan Rodriguez of Marsing; two brother in-laws: Donald Glidden, and Ray Glidden; and many caring nephews, nieces and friends. She will be missed.

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Second Shadow of the Owyhees

concert to benefit pantry, actors

The Under the Shadow of the Owyhees musical showcase is expanding its philanthropic reach.

This year’s event, which takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, will benefit Owyhee County’s El-Ada Community Action Partnership food pantry as well as the Homedale High School drama department.

Last year’s inaugural event was held to stock the shelves of the El-Ada pantry.

Admission this year is \$4 plus one non-perishable food item.

Performances this year will include:

- Kelli “La Morena” Brown — Spanish flamenco dancer
- Judy “The Purple Phantom” Pittman — Scottish bagpipes
- Bob “Liberace” Law and Jim Sample — 1940s swing duo
- Dominic “Parma Pavarotti” Iaderosa — Broadway show tunes
- Carol “The Singing Sheep Farmer” Burroughs — Cowboy yodeling
- Bill “Balladeer” Buckendorf — American folk songs
- Agnes and “Zumba Spectacular”



Recent runoff caused erosion that washed out the Saylor Creek Crossing in the Jarbidge Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls District. BLM photo

Most BLM roads muddy but open

Muddy conditions and one washout have been reported, but no roads on public land have been closed in the west end of Owyhee County.

But the Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls District on the east side is a different story.

Five access roads in the Jarbidge Field Office have been temporarily closed because they have been deemed either hazardous or impassable after flooding has caused erosion.

The roads include Clover, Pothole, Water Haul, Crows Nest and Big Hill.

“The wet conditions have

destroyed sections of these roads, and when vehicles attempt to pass through they further the damage by creating extremely deep ruts, or risk getting stuck,” Jarbidge Field Manager Elliot Traher said.

“In some instances where the cattle guards or culverts have washed out, it can create a surprise for a driver that often leads to injury or vehicle damage.”

Crews continue to identify roads that will need to be repaired once conditions dry out. Call the Twin Falls District at (208) 736-2350 to report a washed-out or impassable road.

Brian Thrift with the BLM’s

Boise District said there have been no road closures, but general muddy conditions are prevalent in the Bruneau Field Office.

There is one trouble spot in the Owyhee Field Office, though.

“We received a report (Thursday) afternoon about a washout about six miles up the Wilson Creek Road,” Thrift said.

The BLM contacted the sheriff’s office and a deputy was dispatched to assess the situation, Thrift said.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said Friday afternoon that he was unaware of the road being closed.

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What do those four H's stand for?

The 4-H name represents four personal development areas of focus for the organization: head, heart, hands, and health. Our mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential through working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

The first “H” stands for Head: “Head to clearer thinking.” One of the key concepts in 4-H is education, allowing youth the opportunity to learn new things through projects and programs. One of the main goals in 4-H is to have youth develop life skills that help them succeed. Some of these life skills include leadership, responsibility, dedication, communication and self-confidence.

The second “H” stands for Heart: “Heart to greater loyalty.” In 4-H, youth are taught to be reliable and loyal in their heart and



Janelle Thompson

University of Idaho Extension

understand what it means to take responsibility for their projects and to follow through. 4-H also gives youth positive relationships with adults and peers through leaders and teens.

The next “H” stands for Hands: “Hands for larger service.” 4-H’ers are busy all year long learning new things and caring for their projects with hands-on experiences. Another way 4-H’ers use their hands is by giving back to the community. 4-H teaches youth the importance of serving the community, country and world.

The last “H” stands for Health: “Health to better living.” Knowing how to cook and grow food, and appreciating art allows 4-H’ers to gain an understanding of how the world works and how to live healthy. Projects such as photography, canning, arts and crafts, sewing, collections, and cooking help youth realize what it takes to have a healthy lifestyle and how to spend their leisure time.

By putting all the “H’s” together, we get the 4-H pledge:

*I pledge
My **Head** to clearer thinking
My **Heart** to greater loyalty
My **Hands** to larger service
My **Health** to better living
For my club, my community,
my country and my world.*

Along with the pledge, the green and white 4-H colors and clover is a symbol we take pride in. Green is nature’s most common color and represents youth, life and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H. Your adventure starts here.

— *Tuesday is the last day to sign up for this year’s 4-H activities. Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.*

4-H enrollment deadline nears

Owyhee County youth interested in various 4-H programs have until Tuesday to sign up for activities this year.

The goal of the county 4-H youth development program is to provide opportunities for young people to develop responsibility and leadership skills, improve their public speaking ability and gain self-confidence.

The 4-H age for children in-

volved in the programs is their age as of Jan. 1.

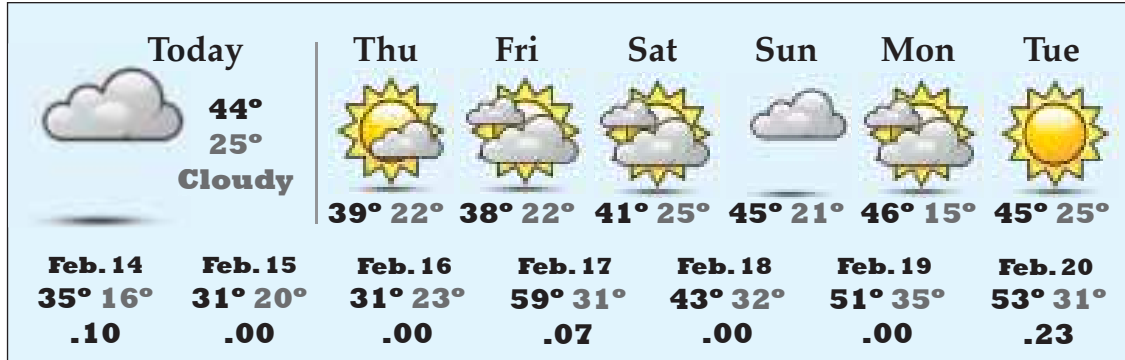
- Cloverbud enrollment is \$4 for ages 5 to 7
- The fee is \$11 for Junior (ages 8 to 10), Intermediate (11 to 13) and Senior (14 to 18)
- The fee is \$14 for the horse project in all divisions

Youth will pay fees to their 4-H leader, who will review their club list and hand the money over to

the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing no later than March 1.

Children and teens, along with leaders and advisors, enroll through www.id.4honline.com, and Owyhee County 4-H does not charge an enrollment fee for club leaders.

For more information on 4-H programs, call the extension office at (208) 896-4104.



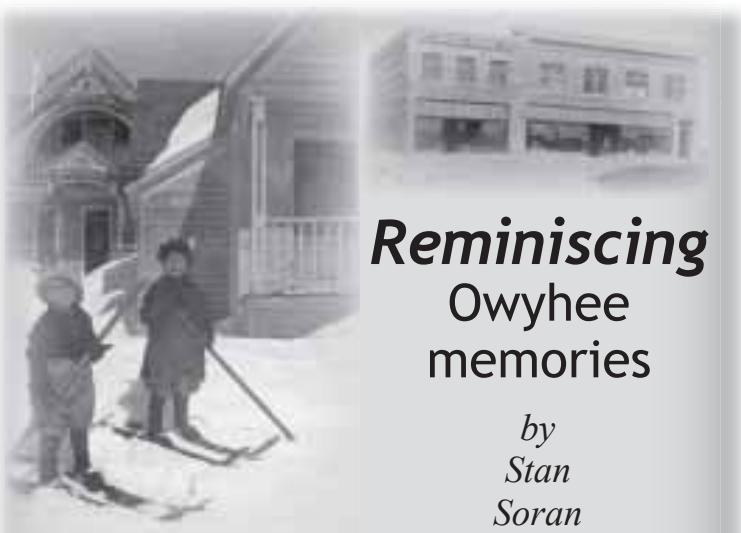
SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
2/14	6.9	20	10.3	51	19	33
2/15	6.9	20	10.3	52	24	38
2/16	6.5	19	10.5	48	32	41
2/17	6.6	18	10.5	38	29	34
2/18	6.8	18	10.5	42	35	38
2/19	6.6	18	10.6	44	33	38
2/20	6.6	18	10.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
2/14	8.5	17	12.1	46	32	38
2/15	8.5	17	12.1	49	31	41
2/16	n/a	16	12.2	48	34	40
2/17	n/a	16	12.2	37	30	33
2/18	6.4	17	12.2	41	32	36
2/19	6.5	16	12.4	39	29	34
2/20	6.4	16	12.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
2/14	14.8	41	19.8	53	36	43
2/15	14.7	40	19.8	51	43	46
2/16	14.5	39	19.9	45	32	40
2/17	14.6	38	19.9	37	31	33
2/18	14.9	40	20.1	37	32	35
2/19	15.4	42	20.6	38	30	34
2/20	15.6	42	20.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 59 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 3,652 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 34 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 424,617 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*



The Rebel

The early 1960s were the heyday for the TV western. Prime time every night was filled with series like Gunsmoke, Maverick, The Rifleman, The Rebel, and more. The neighborhood kids would act out the weekly episodes with cap gun revolvers and repeating rifles that loaded and barked like the real thing, at least in our minds. Given all that violence on TV and playtime, no one I knew grew into a hit man for their career.

Our new house on Hire Street was in need of some landscaping rock in the back for a stairway. The Orville Collins and Ernie Hopkins families also had some projects to do, so we all loaded up in our cars and trucks and drove to the campground at Squaw Creek. I thought it was a Boy Scout camp, but that may have just been my imagination. There was a covered picnic area with a rock wall surrounding it. That was about the only shade available. I think it was late July, and it was hot, dry and dusty. Squaw Creek was running so low that if you sat in a deep part, the water wouldn’t cover your knees.

I’m not sure how much help all of us kids were, but we must have been doing OK as we got treats of name-brand soda pop in bottles. That was a pretty big deal for kids used to Kool-Aid. We roasted hot dogs on willow sticks cut from the trees on the bank of the creek and had the standard picnic lunch with Mom’s potato salad and chips.

While scrounging around in the pavilion, I found a couple .22 bullets. I remembered an episode of “The Rebel” with Nick Adams where he heated up some bullets that scared off the bad guys when they went off. Sounded like a good idea at the time, so without much further thought I tossed them into the embers. Sure enough, in a short time they went off with a bang. Everybody froze, and you could hear Squaw Creek bubbling while everyone’s eyes eventually locked on me. Just like in the movies! I must just have a face that looks guilty because there was never any question who done it.

I can’t recall if I got my butt beat, but I do remember sitting in the pickup for the rest of the day watching everyone else having fun playing in the mud. Dad didn’t say much to me except to ask me if I realized how badly that could have gone. How something I had done could have killed someone.

When you think about that: One moment’s lapse in judgment, one microsecond of carelessness or unchecked anger, could cost someone you love everything.

— *Caldwell resident Stan Soran’s family has a long history of Owyhee County capers. Since the 1950s, the Soran Family has had a mine on Soldier Creek. Four generations of family and friends have hiked, hunted, played, panned, partied, mined, built, burned and rebuilt at the “Cabin.” If you have an Owyhee County tale you’d like to reminisce about, call (208) 337-4681 or email jon@owyheeavalanche.com for submission information.*

Meet & Greet

Tuesday February 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Samantha, Kylie, Marnie, Bradie, Mara & Deanna

Marsing Post Office

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Marsing tiny house featured on the small screen

471 square feet just fine for Cassity clan

A family of four in Marsing can tell you a lot about the benefits of downsizing.

The Cassity family and their small house were highlighted in Saturday’s episode of Tiny House Nation on the FYI Network. Locally, it can be found at channel 119 on Dish Network, and channel 266 on DirecTV.

Brock and Nicole Cassity have two children, son Kestin, 5, and daughter Morgan, 8.

Their stick-built home, which is mobile, covers just 471 square feet, with two lofts that serve as bedrooms for each child, and a master bedroom with a closing door for the parents.

A regular bathroom is to the right when you walk into the house.

“It has a standard, normal-size bathtub, with a shower above that, and then a stackable washer and dryer, and a flushable toilet now,” Cassity said. “When we filmed, it was a compost toilet.”

She added that the home has a functional kitchen, albeit with very little counter space.

The focus of Tiny House Nation is on the show’s hosts, Zack Giffin and John Weisbarth, who finesse recently built small homes with creative details and special projects.

Cassity’s dad, Russ Lindemann, and her husband built the tiny house, and all the framing was already done when the production crew arrived. Russ owns Valley Construction where Brock is employed.

“It was just getting the final touches on and finishing the flooring, moving in the cabinetry and the interior stuff,” Cassity said.

She and Brock were planning on building a tiny house whether Tiny House Nation was involved or not, but Cassity filled out an application online to be featured on the program.

She heard back from the show’s producers in late March or early April.

“We were actually just a fill-in,” Cassity said. “They already had it booked, but whoever

they had fell through and they replaced them with us.”

It took 3½ weeks to build the house, which was finished on May 21.

Giffin and Weisbarth had never been to the Marsing area before.

“They thought it was really beautiful. We actually filmed on my dad’s property where the build took place just on the Caldwell side of the river,” Cassity said. “They loved the slow pace of life around here.”

Giffin is from Colorado and now lives in Washington state, while Weisbarth is from Southern California.

The day after filming wrapped up, the tiny house was moved to 11 acres the Cassitys own near Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Cassity found it surprisingly fun to be surrounded by a film crew of more than a dozen people for six days.

“They are a great group of people. All of them were really fun to be around,” she said. “It was fun to see behind the scenes, and what they do. It was a learning experience, but overall a positive experience.”

Giffin tackled two special projects for the family while he was working on the house.

“He put in really unique clothing storage space in our master bedroom, and a ‘kidwalk’ for the kids to get from one loft to the other without having to go up and down the stairs,” Cassity said.

Folks will have a number of other chances to see the show if they missed it on Saturday.

“They said it typically reruns at least 13 times. It will definitely be a rerun,” Cassity said. “I don’t know when, but it will certainly air.”

Episodes of the show can also be viewed on the program’s website at www.fyi.tv/shows/tiny-house-nation. Look for “S 4 E 7,” which stands for Season 4, Episode 7.

The Cassitys only plan on living in the tiny house for about four years while they save up money to build a house of about 1,200 square feet on the property. They hope to buy a lot in Idaho City where the tiny house would be moved to for use as a weekend home.

Cassity thinks the best thing



Above: Zack Giffin, one of the hosts of Tiny House Nation outside the home of the Cassity family of Marsing. Giffin put the final touches on the home that was featured in the episode of the FYI Network program that aired Saturday. **Below:** The Cassity family in their Marsing “tiny house.” **From left:** Morgan, 8, Brock, Kestin, 5, and Nicole Cassity. Submitted photo by Buckskin and Blue Photography

about living in a tiny home is that it encourages people to get outside, and spend more quality time with their family.

“It’s about not being stuck inside with all your things and possessions, and cleaning, and everything that comes with owning a large house,” Cassity said. She works for Sisters on the Fly, an outdoor adventure group for women.

However, Cassity admits that it wasn’t easy getting used to living in a tiny house.

“We have very limited cupboard space. We don’t have any high cupboards,” she said. “For storing plates, bowls and cups, I never thought I would put plates and bowls in a drawer, but that’s where they reside!”

Cassity also said that she has come to understand that tiny homes aren’t for everyone.

“There are some people that appreciate the idea, and they think it’s neat and empowering,” she said. “Most people say, ‘I could never do it.’ We do get a lot of, ‘Oh my gosh, you guys are crazy.’”

— SC



Rescue group raises money, buys neglected horses

An Eagle-based horse rescue group has purchased several animals as work continues to save 38 horses that were allegedly neglected by their owners in Grand View.

Ray Michael Parker and his wife Billie Jean Santa Maria face misdemeanor charges of animal cruelty and impounding animals without food or water.

A plea of not guilty has been entered for Parker, while no plea for Santa Maria is listed on the Idaho courts repository. The couple are scheduled in court at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 13 for a pretrial conference

before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

There were upwards of 60 horses and cattle on the property last month when Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies responded. Some animals were already dead, while others were destroyed either by Parker or an attending veterinary.

Deputies have visited the 4.5-acre property outside Grand View for morning and night feedings, which are being paid for with taxpayer funds.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said shipment of the horses to a Twin Falls sale barn began Thursday when 17

head were supposed to be loaded up. On Tuesday morning, KTVB NewsChannel 7 used information from Idaho Horse Rescue to report that 17 horses had been purchased and brought to the organization’s Eagle corrals. It was unclear if those were the same animals Bowman referenced.

Proceeds from the sales will help reimburse the county for expenses while caring for the impounded animals, Bowman said.

Idaho Horse Rescue began an online crowdfunding campaign in an effort to help Parker and Santa Maria pay for

feeding the animals. But, according to the group’s GoFundMe page updates, after the couple refused the help, the focus shifted to using the proceeds to buy the animals at auction.

Idaho Horse Rescue set a goal of \$6,000, and raised more than that in the first four days of its campaign.

IHR leaders fear that horses sold at auction are in such poor body condition that they will be slaughtered instead of saved.

— JPB

Tiny school has snow day at Magic Mountain

Three Creek students recount ski excursion

Students from Three Creek School embarked on their annual Magic Mountain Resort skiing trip to Hansen last month.

Some of the schoolchildren wrote about their experiences, and teacher Dena Pollock shared the stories and some photos.

Sam Thompson
Fun at Magic Mountain

One day we went to Magic Mountain on Jan. 19, 2017. It was about 30 billion years till we got there. (Maybe it wasn't that long before we got there, but it seemed like it.)

It was scenic along the way. I watched the most when there was snow. Mom saw the Magic Mt. sign first.

When we got there I walked to the lodge. (I wanted to run, but I was so tired from being in the car for five hours.) Once we got in, I got some snow things on. Then we got boots, tags, and skis. Then I got the rest of my snow things on.

There was a long line, and lots of beginners. Then I got on the Magic Carpet. Next, I went up and skid down slow because I was going around cones. Then I went up again. I was going slow.

After lunch (wich was a hamburger with fries) I figured out that if you go faster you turn better. I went down a few more times on the skierside. Then I started going on the snowboard side. Then the guy at the Magic Carpet said this was our last run. So I went down on the ski side slowly around cones. Then dad said to go do it more but I said the magic carpet guy said that this was our last run.

So we went to the lodge and turned our skis in. I waited for Mom, Owen and Sophie to get back. When they did, I had hot chocolate. Then we went home. I took a long nooz snuggling lanbrykins.

Belle Brackett, third grade
The Trip to Magic Mountain.

On Jan. 19, 2017 we went on a field trip to Magic Mountain. When I first got there I got my ski gear on. Then I got my ski boots and my skis and went to the smallest part on the mountain, the Bunny hill. Once I went a few times on the bunny hill, my sister, Sarah, and my mom, Kimberly Brackett, and I went to the Chairlift.

Getting on the chairlift was easy, but when I was getting off I did splits and fell down. The first Big hill I did was a ski track called Wizard. Sarah fell down one time on a steep part. Then we went on a straight way on Wizard. One part on Wizard went straight under the chairlift! It was kind of hard to ski because the person who groomed the ski tracks had ran into a snow-covered boulder that morning on

the way there so he didn't have much time to groom the tracks.

By the time we got down Wizard it was Lunch time! After lunch I went on Lucy Piece. It sure seemed hard to me with all the steep parts. Soon I went with my other sister, Katie, on Lucy Piece. One part we both fell and our skis popped off by themselves! Luckily, one skier coming from Wizard cross each others path and helped us get our skis back on

Since I couldn't find my mom I went with Katie a few more times. When I found my mom I decided that I would go on the chairlift by myself. It was so cool and peaceful. Most of the way up I was almost asleep because it was so peaceful.

For our last time down we went on a track called Spell. It went right down to the bunny hill. My favorite track was Spell. I liked that field trip.

Owen Thompson, fourth grade

On Thursday, January 19th, I went skiing at Magic Mountain. This time I started off at the Bunny Hill and got to ski after 30 long minutes of waiting to get my gear. Finally I got to ski. About half of the way through I was the only one that hadn't fell down.

Just before I went down for the last time, I got told I could go up to the Big Hill. It actually has tracks not just a hill to ski down. Something else is that it took me more like 30 minutes not 30 seconds to get to the bottom. I had fun on the Big Hill, even though I mostly crashed a lot and my skis fell off! My least favorite crash was when I went down Wizard and hit some powder and as I did it was like I got shot at from a cannon and then hit the snow and did 3 somersaults and landed in the snow with snow up my back and I said "cold!" and repeated it several times. The best part was that everyone in my class that got up there fell and I did not.

Natasha Hinton, sixth grade
Magic Mountain

On January 19, 2017 the Three Creek School went up to Magic Mountain for their yearly field trip. Everyone except for me skied, I snowboarded.

This was not one of my most favorite times there because the people that were suppose to be grooming the trails didn't get the trails completely groomed. So the runs were really rough. I still had fun going up and down the mountain with Katie and Will Brackett.

On mine and Katie's third time up the lift we got to watch my dad ski backwards and then one of his skis got caught in the powder and he did a backwards summersalt.

After lunch I was able to go down the runs faster because I knew where to slow down and



***Above:** Kindergartener Madison Poole looks around after hitting the snow during the Three Creek School ski trip. **Below:** First-grader Charlie Thompson (foreground) and seventh-grader Lizbeth Arellano practice their technique before hitting the slopes. Submitted photos*



where I could go fast. By the end of the day our school had the mountain to ourselves. When it was time to go I about fell asleep in the lodge waiting for my dad to take off all his snow gear so we could go back to my grandma's.

Will Brackett, sixth grade
Magic Mountain Field Trip

On January 19th the Three Creek School whent on a field trip to Magic Mountain. On this day the roads were a little slick. It also took a little while for everybody to get their skis because a Kimberly School got there before us. After we got our skis we went up to the bunny hill. Most of the older kids and a small portion of the little kids went on the big hill.

Two of the kids had never been on the big hill before. So the two adults and the rest of the children had to help.

But everybody including the adults had trouble sking because the night before they got 6 inches of snow. So when the persone who grooms the trails was driving up to Magic Mountain he slid off the road and hit a hidden snow covered rock. Luckily he was not hurt. But when he got pulled out and arrived at the lodge he did not have enough time to thoroughly groom the trails.

Because of this the trails were chunky with patches of powder. And this limited the space to go from side to side down the hill. What I had to do is go down with my skies pointed more to the right instead of down the hill. This made me slowly go down the hill sideways. I also had to adjust to move my legs up or down when on chunky uneven ground.

And usually they have turnoffs that lead to diffrent trails, but they did not this year. And there is one that leads to the bunny hill which is close to the lodge. So I was thinking I would go on that turnoff to go to lunch. But I could not see that the turnoff was not groomed. And you have to lean forward on groomed trails. So when I hit the powder my skis whent under the snow and I fell over. Luckily the persone behind me knew how to go in powder, and she told me to lean back. After that I was fine in powder.

Over all I had fun on our ski trip at Magic Mountain.

Liz Arellano, seventh grade
A Trip to Magic Mountain

It was in the middle of January and the school went to Magic Mountain. I was excited. We went on January 19, 2017. Mrs. Pollock didn't come because she had to attend a meeting in Boise.

In the morning, I was already beginning to pack things for the trip. I packed sunscreen and an extra pair of gloves. I also packed my snow gear. I packed a book and my knitting things because it would be a long, boring drive in the car. I helped my mother get Betzy ready. She is quite a handful. Soon we were all packed and had breakfast. We packed the car and drove to the school. Luckily, the families were still there. Then my mom got the idea to take a sled for Betzy. We drove back and I grabbed a sled. The families already left but we knew

the trail.

I knitted and read in the car. Pretty soon we got to the road that leads to Magic Mountain. There was a LOT more snow over there than at Three Creek. I really liked the scenic view because there were trees covered in snow and they looked pretty cool. There were huge drifts on the side of the road. They looked so deep, that you couldn't walk in them.

Finally we got to Magic Mountain. I got my snow gear on and waited in line for my skis. It was a long line. After what seemed like 2 hours, I finally got my skis. They were tricky to put on. I did a little test-run on my skis. It was tricky to stop, but soon I got the hang of it. Then I went on the bunny hill. I really liked the Magic Carpet. On my first time, I went too fast and fell. I was frustrated because I couldn't get back up. I went a little slower by making a "pizza" on my second time. Pretty soon, I got the hang of it. After five runs down the hill, I started to try some turns. An instructor helped me because I was going a bit too fast.

Then it was time for lunch. It was very good. I helped Maddie with her food because her dad had to go look for her cousin, who was missing.

Anyway after lunch, I went on the bunny hill to practice more. I helped Javier a bit and he finally got the hang of it. Soon my parents told me it was almost time to go home. I asked an instructor if I was ready to go on the big hill. He told me that I need to keep practicing. I practiced and practiced. I asked him again and he told me I wasn't ready. We had to leave. I was a little disappointed. I thought about why I couldn't go on the big hill and it was probably because I kept looking at my feet instead of looking up. Oh well, maybe next time.



From left: Hailey Christiansen, Destiny Wood, Emily Thoene and Kathryn Brown. Hailey is the daughter of Aaron and Julie Christiansen. Destiny is the daughter of Jeremy and Joni Wood. Emily is the daughter of Jerry and Macha Thoene. Kathryn is the daughter of Aaron and Keren Brown. Submitted photo

Marsing students revive competitive math team

Four Marsing Middle School students were part of the MATHCOUNTS chapter competition at Boise State University on Saturday.

MMS sixth-grade math teacher Teresa Draper said the school hasn't sent a team to the competition in years.

The team comprised of Hailey Christiansen, Emily Thoene, Kathryn Brown and Destiny Wood did not win any awards.

Hailey and Destiny are eighth-graders, while Emily and Kathryn are in the seventh-grade.

"The team met two or three

times weekly starting in January to prepare," Draper wrote in an email. "We hope to start meeting in the fall for next year's competition."

She added that the goal was to promote and stimulate the interest in math at the middle school.

The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is a national program that provides students an opportunity to compete in live, in-person contests against and alongside their peers. Created in 1983, it is the longest-running MATHCOUNTS program, and is open to all sixth- through eighth-graders.

BLM travel plan meeting slated

The Bureau of Land Management travel planning continues Tuesday with a public meeting in Bruneau.

The start of a 30-day scoping comment period for two travel management plans (TMPs) within Owyhee County coincides with the meeting.

The first of two public meetings will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Highway 78, in Bruneau.

A second meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 3rd St. S.

The BLM will use feedback during the comment period, which will end on March 29, in developing environmental assessments (EAs) for the Canyonlands West and Grand View TMPs. The TMPs will identify areas for motorized and non-motorized recreation in the Bruneau and Owyhee Field Offices within the Boise District.

The Canyonlands West TMP will cover the southwestern portion of the county west of the pipeline road. The Grand View TMP encompasses central Owyhee County south of Idaho highway 78.

Both TMPs will establish comprehensive systems of routes providing access to public lands for multiple-use activities while minimizing impacts to wildlife habitat, reducing the introduction and spread of invasive weeds, lessening conflicts among various motorized and non-motorized recreation users, and preventing damage to cultural resources resulting from the expansion of roads and trails on public lands.

Detailed information and maps will be available on Monday. Information on the Canyonlands West TMP can be found at <http://bit.ly/2kqMvwh> and the Grand View TMP at <http://bit.ly/2IRqDGO>.

Comments also will be accepted:

- By email — oma_trans_wild@blm.gov
- By fax — (208) 384-3489
- By postal mail — 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, Idaho 83705

The purpose of this public scoping period is to obtain feedback on relevant issues that may influence the BLM's environmental analyses or range of alternatives to be analyzed. Comments are most helpful if they provide specific actions, resources, or issues to be considered and analyzed.

People making comment are advised that the entire comment, including personal identifying information such as an address, email and phone number, may be made public at any time. While those commenting can ask in their comments to withhold this information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that will be possible.

For more information, contact the BLM Boise District Office at (208) 384-3300.

Melting snow closes roads to traffic

The combination of melting snow and thawing of subsurface frost has prompted the closure of several county roads for some types of vehicles.

During a Feb. 13 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) closed three roads at the advice of county road and bridge district supervisors:

- **Rabbit Creek Road** — Murphy to Reynolds Creek in Road and Bridge District 1
- **A & A Road** — The entire road distance (between Mud Flat Road and Dairy Road) in road District 3
- **River Road** — Rimrock High School to Sheep Camp Road in road District 3

The road closures will remain in effect until rescinded by the BOCC upon the recommendation of the supervisors of the districts.

In making the closures, county commissioners cited road and bridge district budgets that have already been strained by expenditures of fuel and man-

hours in response to winter storms, and roads at risk of further damage.

The districts started Fiscal Year 2017 with a combined budget of \$2,149,466. As of last Wednesday, the districts had used 20 percent of that fund, and now have a combined budget balance of \$1,716,322.

Heavier vehicles, such as cargo trucks, truck and trailer combinations and stock-hauling vehicles are prohibited from using those roadways.



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Free boater safety class in Marsing

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Marine Deputy Mike Rabourn will lead a boater safety class Saturday.

The free class takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Marsing High School, 205 8th Ave. W.

The classes aren’t mandatory in Idaho, but Rabourn encourages boat owners and operators to take advantage of the course to learn about hypothermia and the rules of the waterway, including being sure to use navigation lights when on the water at night.

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

The knowledge could save time and headache when you get ready to launch this year, Rabourn said.

“We like it because it educates them and they show up at the launch ramps with the type of stuff they’re supposed to have in their boats so we don’t have to turn them around,” Rabourn said.

During the boating season, marine deputies will ask recreationists to leave a launching area if their boats aren’t equipped with life vests or other devices that could help save them in an emergency.

While deputies on duty do have a small number of loaners, most folks who show up empty-handed are encouraged to go to the nearest retail store to buy the equipment before they are allowed on the water.

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 for the boys and girls.

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.

— JPB

Dave Ramsey financial class slated for Grand View

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University will be offered beginning next month in Grand View.

The class, presented in conjunction with Simplot Land and Livestock, will be held at 7 p.m. each Monday for nine consecutive weeks beginning on March 6.

The sessions will take place inside the American Legion Post 134 hall on Roosevelt Avenue.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is designed to help people become debt-free, learn how to begin saving and teach budgeting strategies.

The cost is \$103 for the class. Information and registration is available at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1034848 or by contacting local facilitator Matthew Clements at (208) 850-5984 or drylaketater@gmail.com.

Next Oreana Mass scheduled Saturday

The first Mass of 2017 will be held Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Chapel in Oreana.

Mass is held at 10 a.m. one Saturday each month at the small church on Oreana Loop Road. The January Mass was cancelled because of a lack of priests, officials with St. Paul’s Parish in Nampa said.

Church administrative secretary Carol Amador said St. Paul’s Parish priests include Frs. Carlos Rosero, Bill Taylor and Caleb Vogel. In addition to the monthly Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, the priests celebrate numerous masses at St. Paul’s in Nampa and St. Joseph’s in Melba. The Parish also handles summertime mass at Our Lady of Tears in Silver City.

Other Masses will take place at Our Lady Queen of Heaven on March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 and Dec. 16.

A barbecue follows Mass on June 24.

The cost for the barbecue is \$10 per adult, and \$6 per child.

“The June barbecue is a fundraiser to help with renovations and the upkeep of the church,” Amador wrote. “The lunch consists of hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, baked beans, dessert and drinks (no alcohol).”

For more information on the Oreana church and its schedule, call St. Paul’s Parish at (208) 466-7031.

County pauses Armory project

A plan to build a new community center at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale is on hold.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has decided to wait until next year after considering a late-stage application for an Idaho Department of Commerce for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Commissioners mulled applying for \$150,000 to help replace the Armory Exhibit Hall, which is operated by Owyhee County as part of the fairgrounds complex.

Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson told commissioners there probably wasn’t enough time to file a comprehensive application before Friday’s deadline.

“You have to be pretty detailed in what you ask for in the project as a whole,” Wilson said. “They would prefer that you have detailed construction plans, and a detailed cost analysis.”

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, the BOCC chair, said he has talked with the owners of R&M Steel of Caldwell about getting a discount on a building that might be suitable for the new community center.

However, he said it would be prudent to not rush through the process.

“(It’s best to have) something really solid in place, so that this time next year we’re in the middle of tearing it down, and getting started on the next phase, which would be to get the building together,” Aberasturi said.

Amy Woodruff with Civil Dynamics Engineering of Caldwell said it would be wise to use the next 12 months to refine the plan.


“I think we’d have a good, solid application this year,” Woodruff said. “I think you would have a home run application next year.”

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Eastern Owyhee library offerings expand

More programs are being added at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View. Program coordinator Penny Vance announced that a Story Time for preschool-aged children will be offered from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday beginning next week. Family members must accompany the children. There are celebrations planned at the library next week, too. The library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View. Call (208) 834-2785 for more information. The library will mark Dr. Seuss creator Theodor Seuss Giesel's birthday on Thursday, March 2 with refreshments, stories and goodies. Idaho Day, the anniversary of the creation of the Idaho Territory in 1863, will be commemorated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 4. There will be refreshments and readings from the book "Home Below Hell's Canyon." Vance said the library has nine copies of the book for folks to check out.

According to a library newsletter Vance has begun to distribute, the library has other offerings, too. At 1 p.m. on Monday, March 6, the Let's Talk About It meeting will cover "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which is the latest in the program's Classics theme. The group meets on the first Monday of each month. Lunch is served.

Vance also plans to expand the library's reach. She visits the elementary school during the third week of each month as part of her "First Books" program. The visit includes Vance reading a new book and then giving new books for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students to keep.

At 4 p.m., each Thursday, the Kids Crafts activity continues. First- through seventh-graders can join Vance for the event, which includes a snack, games or karaoke and a free book.

Vance also is looking to start an adult crafts time for activities such as loom crocheting, journaling, drawing or general crafting. If anyone is interested in the activity, call the library.

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National FFA secretary to speak in Marsing Chapter says thanks with breakfast during FFA Week

The Marsing High School ag shop won't smell like welding torches or farm animals for a change Thursday morning. Instead, people walking into the building will be met with the aroma of pancakes, biscuits and gravy, bacon and sausage. At 11 a.m., the Marsing FFA chapter will host an appreciation

breakfast for FFA alumni, advisory board members and friends of the FFA. The ag shop is located south of the high school on 8th Avenue West. The guest speaker will be Victoria Harris, the national FFA secretary from Florida. Marsing FFA advisor Mike Martin said Idaho FFA execu-

tive director Clara-Leigh Evans, a Homedale resident, organized the trip for Harris. "We are very fortunate as the national officer will be traveling between a morning presentation in Boise



Victoria Harris

and an afternoon meeting," Martin wrote in an email. "This will be her only stop in Owyhee County, and this is the first time in my teaching career (30-plus years) that a national officer will be making a presentation in my chapter." Martin added that his parliamentary procedure team will also give a demonstration during the appreciation breakfast.

— SC

Homedale FFA'er wins district speaking title I-86 flooding alters leadership trainees' trip home

FFA Week observances are planned at Homedale High School this week, but the chapter already has plenty to celebrate. On Feb. 8, 12 members earned their State Degrees during State Degree and Star Sifting at Meridian High School. The State Degree is the highest degree that can be achieved at the state level, and requires contestants to pass tests exhibiting their knowledge of FFA history and operations and parliamentary procedure. Hopefuls also went through in-depth interviews about their agricultural projects and experiences in FFA. Wyatt Dorsey, Lindsey McRae, Krista Mayer, Jordan Packer,

Jesse Packer, Kayden Turner, Tanis Lentfer, Lauren Fisher, Tylee McKay, Meryssa Oakley, Lyndsey Salutregui and Kaylee DeWitt earned their degrees and will be recognized during April's State Leadership Convention in Twin Falls. McRae was also named District Star in Placement in recognition of her Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) working for Tim Volk. McRae maintained accurate and detailed books about her projects throughout her years in FFA and wrote an application about her goals and the achievements and experiences gained through her SAE program. She will represent Boise Valley District in the runoff for State Star

in Placement at Leadership Conference in Twin Falls this April. Homedale sent 18 members to the annual Idaho FFA 212/360 Leadership Development conference in Pocatello on Feb. 6-7. The trip turned into an adventure as well as a learning experience. The National FFA hosts the 212/360 leadership conferences that are held concurrently to provide leadership training and development to all FFA members. The 212 Conference is for high school freshmen and sophomores and focuses on the development of the individual student. Members are challenged to push the limits. This year's theme for this conference was Virtues, and attendees were Drew Deal, Janae Volk, Ashlyn Miller, Delaynie Dorsey, Bradley Kress, Spencer Fisher, Michael Babcock, Grace King, Reigan Rupp, and Jenna

Rupp. The 360 Conference for juniors and seniors takes students full circle in chapter leadership development, covering every angle for developing action plans for their chapters. This year's conference, themed Vision, include Homedale attendees Riley Haun, Tylee McKay, Tanis Lentfer, Krista Mayer, Jesse Packer, Lindsey McRae, Kaylee DeWitt, and Lindsey Salutregui. The evening activity trained attendees on aspects of hosting a reducing hunger event. Jesse and Krista won the swing contest during the dance that followed the training. The chapter members' trip home was altered because of flooding on Interstate 86. The group had to take a detour through Utah just to get home in time for school on Feb. 8.

Marsing FFA prepares for donkey basketball game

It's not the National Basketball Association, but it's always a good show on the hardwood. Players will again try to negotiate the tricky skills of donkey-riding and hoops when the Marsing FFA Donkey Basketball game hits the Marsing High School gymnasium floor

on Tuesday, March 7. The game will take place at 7 p.m. inside the Main Street gymnasium. FFA advisor Mike Martin said the teams will be comprised only of Marsing FFA chapter members. Tickets are available from any Marsing

FFA member, or can be purchased at the door the night of the game. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for middle school and high school students and \$4 for kindergarteners through sixth-graders. Preschool-aged children get in free. Proceeds from the game will help defray state convention costs.

Homedale library to focus on foxes Friday 3D printer class scheduled Saturday

Boys and girls attending Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will hear two stories about foxes on Friday. The 10:15 a.m. event will feature a reading of "That is Not a Good Idea!" by Mo Willems. "And Away We Go!" by Migy will also be read. Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said both stories have a fox as the main character who goes on an adventure. She added that children will make a hot air balloon craft after

the stories. Friday's Teens and Tweens session at 4 p.m. will be a Wii video game competition. McMichael said there will be prizes for the best players. At 10 a.m. on Saturday, library administrator Sharla Jensen will teach a small class on 3D printing, and how to use the library's new 3D printer. There are only a handful of slots in the class because the library has only five computer stations. Stop by or call the library to reserve a spot. Library ready to celebrate Dr. Seuss Homedale Public Library will

commemorate the 113th anniversary of Dr. Seuss' birth next week. On March 2, the library will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the pen name for children's author Theodor Geisel, who was born in 1904. Dr. Seuss night will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and will include activities based on books written by Geisel. • Making simple origami fish and a fishing booth (One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish) • Making and playing with Ooblek (Bartholomew and the Ooblek) • Making turtles (Yertle the Turtle) • Hopping on bubble wrap

(Hop on Pop) Boys and girls will also have a chance to take home some Dr. Seuss memorabilia. "We will have a drawing for a 'Horton Hears a Who' basket," Jensen said. "It will have a stuffed Horton, the book, and the movie in it." Jensen is also planning to make Dr. Seuss-inspired treats for the event. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

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Marsing FFA prepares for plant sale
*Marsing High School FFA horticulture students teamed up with members of the Owyhee Gardeners to plant hanging baskets that will be available for the spring plant sale in the school's greenhouse on April 21. **From left:** Sophomores Halli Enrico and Logan Stansell with garden club member Ellen Dines. Halli is the daughter of Mingo and Melissa Enrico. Logan is the son of Eric and Wendy Stansell.*

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Another DUI brings probation

A Meridian woman who spent nine days in jail for felony drunk driving remains behind bars in state custody.

After a nine-day stint in Owyhee County Jail, Crystal Ann Burk was still in Murphy on a hold for the Idaho Department of Correction.

She was recently sentenced to five years' supervised probation for a felony driving under the influence conviction. Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan suspended a state penitentiary term of up to five years when he imposed sentencing after Burk's guilty plea on Feb. 10.

The felony enhancement stemmed from Burk being convicted of two or more DUI violations in the previous 10 years.

Burk's driver's license has been suspended for three years, and Ryan established 60 days discretionary jail time for the Probation and Parole office. Burk also must pay \$640.50 in court costs.

Burk received credit for 51 days already spent behind bars.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed misdemeanor commercial driver's license and open alcohol container violations.

Burk originally entered not guilty pleas in October, five weeks after Emery filed charges. She changed her plea to the felony charge in November.

Burk currently is on probation for a 2011 felony domestic battery conviction in Ada County. She was still in custody in Owyhee County Jail.

County pays for MRW EMT class

Training will help get patients en route to hospital faster

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson (MRW) Fire District will soon have six new Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

During a Feb. 13 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) heard a funding request from MRW volunteer firefighter Louis Monson regarding the training of the new EMTs.

Betty Ackerman with Marsing Ambulance Service, who is conducting the training, sent Monson a bill of \$3,650.

"(Textbooks) are the primary thing," Monson said. "The books are about \$500 per student."

He added that by taking "optional modules" during their training, the EMTs will be able to perform additional services.

"One of the optional modules is injections," Monson said. "So if we ever have a pandemic, all my EMTs can give injections."

MRW volunteers will also soon be able to perform intravenous procedures.

"We haven't started the training on it yet," Monson said. "I'm waiting for these six to get out of school."

Ackerman said her EMT class will conclude on May 30.

Once the intravenous training is complete, air ambulance crews will be able to get a patient en route to the hospital faster. Monson said 20 minutes will be slashed from the transfer time once MRW volunteers know how to insert IVs.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said the money to pay for the EMT training would come out of the Hazmat budget line, which was at \$394,000 when Monson made his funding request.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, the BOCC chair, said he wants to keep a close eye on how Hazmat funds are spent.

"We have to really watch, because we have to have a balance in Hazmat in case we have a major issue," Aberasturi said. "We're trying keep it right at \$400,000, between \$350,000 and \$400,000."

Monson said MRW tries to ask the county for money as infrequently as possible.

"Our request has been about every other year, we didn't request last year," he said.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland made a motion to approve the funding. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick.

— SC

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Work to replace the Idaho highway 51 bridge over the Snake River near Bruneau has begun. ITD photo

Officials monitor river as Idaho 51 bridge project starts

The Snake River is running high, so construction crews are keeping an eye out as they begin a bridge replacement project in eastern Owyhee County.

Contractor Cannon Builders began replacement of the Idaho highway 51 bridge last month on behalf of the Idaho Transportation Department.

“Our project team is closely monitoring this work due to projected high water levels due to anticipated spring runoff in addition to more precipitation forecast in the coming days — and the fact that winter isn’t over yet,” ITD District 3 spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez said.

Automatic signals at either end of the span will control traffic during the \$7.8 million project. The bridge has been narrowed to a one-lane configuration.

Signage also has been posted at boat launch areas advising boaters to slow down and follow boat detour signs.

Work continues on the replacement of the Succor Creek bridge west of Homedale.

Deputies make Marsing DUI arrests

A broken headlight led to a driving under the influence arrest last week.

Andrew Daniel Collingwood, 30, of Homedale was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor DUI after 8 p.m. on Feb. 14.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy stopped Collingwood at Cemetery Road and U.S. Highway 95 outside Marsing after he noticed the vehicle Collingwood was driving southbound had a burned-out headlight, sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Homedale Police Department provided its mobile Breathalyzer, and Bowman said Collingwood’s blood-alcohol concentration registered at .092.

The man later posted bond and was released from county jail in Murphy. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

- A Jordan Valley man will be arraigned at 9 a.m. on Monday on a charge of misdemeanor DUI.

Gary Payne, 50, was arrested around 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 after getting pulled over for speeding in a red 2004 Dodge pickup at milepost 29 on U.S. 95 outside Marsing.

Bowman said Payne failed field sobriety tests, and he was charged on the basis of .193 BAC.

Payne bonded out of county jail three days after his arrest, according to the Idaho courts repository.

Burned-out headlight leads to DUI charge

A man stopped because of a malfunctioning headlight was arrested for misdemeanor driving under the influence Friday night.

Bradley Scott Collingwood, 25, of Homedale was pulled over just before 10:30 p.m. after a Homedale Police officer observed a burned-out headlight on the white 2001 Ford Focus the man was driving, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

Collingwood was taken into custody after he failed field sobriety tests and registered blood-alcohol concentration readings of .167 and .131.

Jailed suspect charged in burglary

A man already on probation for a burglary conviction has been charged in connection with a Homedale break-in.

While already at Owyhee County Jail, Arturo Garcia Malacara Jr. was served with a \$2,500 warrant alleging felony burglary and grand theft on Feb. 10.

He faces a 1:30 p.m. preliminary hearing on Monday, March 6 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the 28-year-old Malacara was the suspect in a Jan. 28 burglary in the 200 block of West California Avenue.

Malacara also was served with a \$25,000 felony probation violation warrant. He previously had been convicted on felony charges connected to burglary, theft, drug possession and possession of burglary tools, according to Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman.

Malacara has been in Owyhee County Jail since Jan. 29 when he was brought in on a probation officers’ hold after a Parole and Probation department search of his residence turned up allegedly stolen property.

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The event takes place on Saturday at the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., in Bruneau.

Donations will be collected at the Legion Hall from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, and beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday. White elephant gifts are not being accepted this year because of a lack of space.

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m., with a free chicken chili and French bread dinner, and homemade pie will be sold by the slice. People can browse silent auction items and register bids during dinner.

The live auction starts at 7

p.m. and the silent auction closes at 8:30 p.m.

A Yeti cooler and half a pig, cut and wrapped, will be raffled off. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10 and can be purchased from a Booster Club member, at the door, or from any business in Bruneau.

Two tickets will be drawn, the first winner chooses between the prizes.

The Booster Club purchased the half pig. The Yeti cooler raffle is made possible through a donation by Jim's Lumber in Mountain Home and the Booster Club.

Auction and raffle proceeds will benefit various community events throughout the year.



A few of the items that have already been donated to the Bruneau Boosters Auction for Saturday's annual fundraiser. Submitted photo

Other auction details

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. Two tickets will be drawn; the first winner chooses between the prizes. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10 and can be purchased from a Booster Club member or at the door the night of the auction.

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✓ Bruneau: Bringing home cooking home

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do the Cowboy Christmas," she said.

Miller has been married to her husband Paul for 40 years. The couple has three daughters: Becky, Anita and Miren, and two sons: Walter and Jake.

The younger Millers often get

asked to lend a hand at events that their mom is catering.

"Whenever I need a big crew, I just call in the kids, and they help me," Miller said. "If it's something really big and I need someone else, they've got friends."

She was born and raised in Grand View, while her husband

grew up in Bruneau.
Because Bruneau is home, Saturday's event is something special to Miller.
"And it's a fundraiser, and I just like helping the community and being part of the community."
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Junior shines in
Marsing's district loss

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Homedale, Adrian
wrestlers move on

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Marsing junior post Mackenzie Farrens climbs toward the basket against Ririe's Ashley Larsen in Thursday's opening-round 2A state tournament game at Bishop Kelly High School.

Mistakes, misses mute Marsing

Marsing High School's girls' basketball season ended with battles against two of the state's top-ranked teams.

Coach Jake Dugger's squad pulled the state's No. 1 team to open the 2A Real Dairy Shootout at Bishop Kelly, but couldn't capitalize on early opportunities against Ririe on Thursday. The Bulldogs eventually shook off their jitters and prevailed, 67-46.

On Friday, the Huskies (13-13) saw their season end when Cole Valley Christian pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 65-56 victory.

Friday: Cole Valley Christian 65, Marsing 56 — The Huskies worked back from an early deficit to take a fourth-quarter lead, but their 2A Western Idaho Conference counterparts found the formula in an elimination game.

Marsing's 8-2 run to start the second tied the

score, 38-38, with 4 minutes, 34 seconds left in the third quarter.

Cole Valley used a rebounding advantage and a 16-9 edge in second-chance scoring to extend its tournament stay.

The Huskies erased part of a deficit that was as large as 15 points and trailed, 36-30, at the intermission. They continued to rally in the third quarter to pull within three points heading into the final eight minutes.

Junior post Mackenzie Farrens closed an impressive state tournament run, logging 15 points and 12 rebounds for her second double-double in as many days.

Alex Grant's slashing style paid off with eight trips to the foul line. She converted six free throws

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Mustangs rumble to district championship

JV boys have won
19 consecutive
basketball games

Sophomore Zeke Quintero's career-high 30 points lifted Jordan Valley High School to the 1A District 8 boys' basketball championship Saturday.

Winners of 19 consecutive games, the Mustangs made a first-half lead hold up to beat Prairie City, 71-59, in the tournament final at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Coach Clint Fillmore's team (21-2) plays host to a second-

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• **Page 8B** — Jordan Valley girls, Adrian boys qualify for state playoffs

round 1A Oregon state playoff game Friday and stand one game from a berth in the eight-team state tournament, which begins next Wednesday in Baker City.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 71, Prairie City 59 — First-team

— See *Mustangs*, page 8B



Chase Fillmore (left) dribbles against the Prairie City defense during Saturday's district championship game. Photo by Tara Echave

Flurry of district finalists for Huskies

Two champs lead
Huskies' large
State contingent

Six wrestlers took shots at gold in one of the biggest days in the history of the Marsing High School program.

The Huskies' two seasoned veterans — senior Oscar Gonzalez and junior Mason Hall — won championships in the 2A District III Tournament in Melba.

In all, eight wrestlers qualified outright for the state tournament, which starts Friday in Nampa. Anthony Sugai (6-21 at 132) and Kadin Goins (14-16 at 152) finished fourth and awaited at-large berths.

Coach Jon Nelson's squad finished fourth in the district tournament.

Gonzalez (33-9) pinned teammate Dawson Walker in 3 minutes, 20 seconds to the 160-pound

championship match. Walker (17-9), a transfer from Vallivue, will make his first state appearance for Marsing.

Hall (34-5) won a championship at 220 pounds without even wrestling. He had three byes.

The Ineck brothers — Joseph and Justin — are heading to the state tournament after runner-up finishes at 145 and 113, respectively.

Jaden Kinney (28-14) also

— See *Huskies*, back page



Oscar Gonzalez



Mason Hall

Sports



Farrens
First team



Glorfield
Second team



Grant
Honorable mention



Margarito
Honorable mention

Owyheean dot 2A all-conference team

Farrens is Marsing's only first-team pick

The All-2A Western Idaho Conference girls' basketball team features Owyhee County athletes representing three schools.

After achieving 11 double-doubles in 14 regular-season games, Mackenzie Farrens earned Marsing High School's only first-team slot.

Senior shooting guard Sheyanne Glorfield was a second-teamer for the Huskies, while former Marsing athlete Jessie Wood represented Nampa Christian on the second team.

Marsing honorable mention selections included sophomore guard Alex Grant and junior wing Elsa

Margarito.

Owyhee County residents Callie Young and Mary Ellen Cossel, both members of Melba's state tournament-qualifying squad, were also honorable mention picks in coaches' voting.

Glorfield and Young are two of the 10 seniors picked for the 2A District III all-star team that will challenge their Class 3A counterparts next month.

A junior post, Farrens was the Huskies' top rebounder, averaging 12.6 boards per game. She had the second-highest scoring average on the team behind Glorfield, logging 13.5 points each night.

Glorfield averaged 17.1 points per game and racked up 48 three-pointers in 19 regular-season games.

Despite missing the first month of the season completing rehabilitation of a softball injury, Grant wound up averaging 6.2 points over 11 regular-season games. She also had 28 steals and 17 rebounds.

Margarito was one of the Huskies' top defenders, grabbing 42 steals during the regular season. She averaged 6.7 points per game.

✓ Marsing: Turnovers tell tale vs. Ririe

From Page 1B

as part of her team-high 17 points.

Hailee Bennett hit each of her four shots, including a three-point try, for nine points.

Playing what turned out to be her final game for the Huskies, senior Sheyanne Glorfield struggled with her shooting touch, going 1-for-11 and missing all seven three-point tries. She was one of three players to score four points, joining teammates LeAnn Garcia, a fellow senior, and Gabriela Rodriguez.

Aces Hahs knocked down nine of 10 shots, and her game-high 20 points led three Chargers in double digits.

Holly Golenor posted a double-double of 11 points and 17 rebounds to help Cole Valley hold a 48-33 edge on the glass.

Thursday: Ririe 67, Marsing 46 — The Huskies' mistakes caught up with them in the second half, just as the top-ranked Bulldogs' shots began to fall.

Farrens, Grant and Glorfield carried Marsing through a sloppy first half. Despite 21 turnovers in the first 16 minutes, the Huskies had the lead twice, including 23-19 after Glorfield capped a 7-2 run with two free throws 5 minutes, 25 seconds before halftime.

Grant and Farrens missed two shots between them in the first half as Marsing connected on 10 of 21 attempts (47.6 percent). Meanwhile, Ririe put up an astounding 50 shots and converted just 13 (26 percent). But even with such a paltry shooting percentage, the Bulldogs scored 20 of their 33 first-half points off turnovers.

Still, Marsing trailed by just a basket, 33-31, at halftime.

The turnovers continued in the second half, and the offensive tables turned as Ririe shot 40.6 percent (13-for-32) and Marsing went 5-for-20 (25 percent).

Even with Farrens grabbing 11 defensive rebounds, Ririe was able to score 23 second-chance points, and the Bulldogs went on an 18-0 spurt to put the game away.

Farrens led all rebounders with 15 boards to go with 12 points. Glorfield was 7-for-9 from



Emma Heitz looks to the basket during a Friday drive against Cole Valley Christian in Boise. Photo by Dan Pease

the foul line for half of her 14 points.

Grant was held scoreless in the second half after putting in eight points before the break.

Ririe extended a 17-2 run into the second half to get a 44-31 lead on Madalyn Johnson's only jump shot of the game.

But Marsing roared back to within four points, 44-40, on a combination of perfect foul shooting, a key steal and easy baskets. Glorfield hit five free throws during the rally, while Elsa Margarito put in a layup for part of her six points. Margarito also stole the ball and fed Farrens for another lay-in.

Kaylee Brown drilled a three-point goal 17 seconds after Farrens' basket to end the surge. Brown scored 10 of her 12 points in the second half. Ririe soon lit off on its 18-0 game-clinching run fueled by turnovers and a barrage of three-point goals.

MARSING HUSKIES Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Landry Villa, Jr., guard
Rose to the occasion with 10 points on 6-for-6 shooting in first-round district loss to Melba.



Girls' basketball
Mackenzie Farrens, Jr., post
Finished with two double-doubles, averaging 13.5 points and 13.5 rebounds in the state tournament



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Sports

Junior rises up in Marsing boys’ district-opening loss

Landry Villa helped keep Marsing High School afloat in the first half, but Melba’s long-range attack eventually sunk the Huskies.

The Mustangs took full advantage of their home court last Wednesday in a 55-49 first-round victory in the 2A District III boys’ basketball tournament.

A 5-foot, 10-inch junior, Villa nailed all four of his shots, including a pair of treys, for a season-high 10 points.

“Landry Villa stepped up and filled in for Dakota (Hardy), who got into foul trouble in the first half and sat most of the first and second quarters,” MHS coach Tim Little said.

Marsing (8-11 at week’s end) slipped into Tuesday’s elimination round and played on the road against Nampa Christian. Tuesday’s winner advanced to the third-place game at 6 p.m. on Thursday at Nampa High School against either McCall-Donnelly or Cole Valley Christian. Thursday’s winner advances to Saturday’s 2A state tournament play-in game against the District I-II

Huskies’ JV finish second in league

Marsing High School’s junior varsity boys’ basketball team has claimed runner-up status.

Coached by Mike Collett, the Huskies fell in the 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament championship game on Feb. 13.

Top-seeded Cole Valley Christian, which played host to the tournament, beat No. 2 Marsing, 51-38.

Junior Colby Loucks was the Huskies’ top scorer with seven points. Sophomore Eliseo Lagunas added six points.

Sophomores Heath Milburn, Dwight Sevy and Julian Sandoval all scored four points each.

Dylan Krugh, the Chargers’ 5-11 sophomore forward, led all players with 22 points.

Marsing reached the championship game after beating Nampa Christian in the semifinals.

Melba heated up with a 16-point third quarter to surge ahead, 36-35, before the final period.

Eli Bangerter had half of the Mustangs’ eight treys, and he and teammate Justin Trappett led all scorers with 19 points each.

Despite eventually fouling out, Hardy just missed double figures with eight points.

Two other Huskies reached double digits, including sophomore Enrique Quebrado, who picked up half of his 16 points on 8-for-9 free-throw shooting. The guard also had three steals.

Senior Tre Ponce led the team with five successful field goals and joined Villa with 10 points. Villa and Hardy knocked down two three-pointers each.

Ponce and another senior, Nick Lankow, helped out on the boards with seven and 10 rebounds each. Ponce had six of his rebounds on the offensive end, while Tyler Simonson swept four of his five rebounds off the Mustangs’ glass.

runner-up at a time and location to be determined.

Melba (8-13) has reached Thursday’s district championship game after beating Cole Valley Christian in Saturday’s semifinal. The Mustangs have already punched their ticket to the state tournament.

With senior guard Hardy on the bench, Marsing worked to maintain a slim lead in the first 16 minutes against Melba on Thursday and entered the intermission with a 24-20 edge.



PV youth program teaches basketball basics

Jordan Valley-area students just wrapped up a fun season of learning basketball.

A new program started in January, bringing together students from Jordan Valley, Arock, Rockville and Pleasant Valley schools.

Students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade practiced once a week in January and February, and games were played each Friday or Saturday at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

Matteson’s in Homedale provided T-shirts for the Pleasant Valley Little Mustangs basketball program, and Josh and Alicia Bruce and Chuck Matteson coached the boys and girls.

Top: Pleasant Valley Little Mustangs participants included:

Front row, from left: Jaden Skinner (second grade), Mesa Mackenzie (first grade), Bailey Relk (pre-kindergarten), Deni Maestrejuan (kindergarten), Houston Bruce (pre-kindergarten), Stetson Mackenzie (kindergarten), Zane Keller (second grade), Bodie Johnsrud (fourth grade), Ella McConnell (second grade), Whitlee “Bob” Burch (first grade), Camilla Bengoa (first grade), Parker Johnsrud (kindergarten), Cooper Mackenzie (second grade), Ross Eiguren (second grade), Rhyann Skinner (kindergarten), Colby Carson (pre-kindergarten), and Pace Bruce (pre-kindergarten)

Back row, from left: Jalee Maestrejuan (third grade), Alex Williams (second grade), Lane Jewett (third grade), Ruby Lisle (second grade), Lilly Relk (second grade), Josie Lisle (5), and fourth-graders Meg Eiguren, Claire Collins, and Kendra Williams

Not pictured: Michael Stoddard (second grade), and Thales Eiguren (first grade)

Above: The coaches fire up the players before one of their weekly sessions. Submitted photos

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 26, 1992

Commissioners approve Homedale Court remodel

The Owyhee County Commissioners on Monday approved \$10,000 for remodeling work at the Homedale Magistrate Court, according to Mayor Paul J. Fink, who had requested the appropriation at their latest meeting. Fink said the funds approved by the commissioners will be matched by the city. The remodeling will involve enlarging the court clerk’s office, revamping the restroom facilities to provide required access to the handicapped and increasing the size of the court waiting room area, Fink said.

In the process, Homedale Police Department offices will be relocated in another part of City Hall that used to serve as a recreation area for the Homedale Fire Department. City Maintenance Supervisor Larry Bauer’s office will be relocated in the shuffle as well.

NERCO mine begins detoxification program

NERCO DeLamar Co., operator of the DeLamar Mine, located in the Owyhee Mountains 60 miles southwest of Boise, initiated a detoxification program for its tailing pond this week. The mine began injecting hydrogen peroxide into the tailing pond Monday morning, which will destroy residual cyanide in the pond and will bring cyanide concentrations down to levels that are expected to be safe for wildlife. The injection of hydrogen peroxide into the tailing pond is the first phase in a two-phase program that has been approved by the Bureau of Land Management.

Four area students cited by Tandy

Four students attending high schools in Owyhee County have been singled out for special citations under the Tandy Technology Scholars program funded by the Texas corporation and administered by Texas Christian University. Barry Malmberg of Homedale High School and Jarom M. Gilbert of Rimrock High School are among outstanding math/science/computer students nominated for the Tandy program nationwide, according to a Tandy announcement issued Feb. 26. They are scheduled to receive certificates.

Five past presidents honored

Past presidents of the Homedale Senior Citizens Center were honored on Feb. 18 with a special luncheon at the local meeting hall. They included Emma Earnest, Earl Pickrell, Ruby Scott, Howard Bergeson and Charlie Gebert, according to Neva Jorgenson, center coordinator. Allen George, current president, was also in attendance. Two other former presidents, Margaret Agnew and Jerry Shipley, could not be present.

Tango Club sold to Harris

Dee (Basabe) Maxwell has announced the sale of the Tango Club building at the corner of Main and Idaho in Homedale to Jim Harris of Middleton. She had owned the historic property since 1946, when it was acquired by her and her late husband, Tony, from the Gem Irrigation District. The Basabes converted it from offices to the Tango Club. From the club’s opening day on April 6, 1948, they worked to build a loyal clientele that included nearly all of the town’s leading citizens, she recalled recently. Tony died in 1969, and 1973 saw the end of an era when Dee retired to the farm and leased the Tango. Other businesses have come and gone in the building, she said, including the First National Bank, Ralph’s Variety Store, Bull Realty and a State Liquor store. Abstract records in Maxwell’s possession trace the history of the property back to 1906. It was included in the articles of incorporation of the Homedale Improvement Co. filed Nov. 20, 1906, by Jacob and Ada Mussell, Martin and Mattie Jensen and Rudolf Kaegi. Kaegi, a bachelor, and each married couple held 6,000 shares of stock in the land company, valued at \$25,000 total.

50 years ago

February 23, 1967

Talk on Owyhee Country given by Dr. Stanford

“For the future of Owyhee Country we must not let the canyons, desert and historical values be devoured for the sake of progress, we should take inventory of what we have — take action, plan and make rules to keep it ‘Our Owyhee Country,’” stated Dr. Lyle Stanford, head of The College of Idaho Biology Department, at the Friday night meeting of the Owyhee Country Historical Society at the Court House in Murphy. Dr. Stanford, who has been a guest professor at Harvard University, showed slides of the Owyhee Country as a biologist sees it. He explained that he has walked, ridden and camped in the “three corners” area of Oregon, Idaho and Nevada, which makes up the Owyhee Country. Being an avid artist, he has taken hundreds of pictures of the country as well as painted watercolor scenes day after day in the deserts, mountains and canyons.

“We are at the crossroads period now,” he said. “With the high spread of technology and the rise in the standards of living, we will lose some of the history of the Owyhee Country.” Silver City is an example of the past — it has been preserved in its natural state, but recently with the advent of motor bikes and other vehicles the area has been made readily accessible to nearly everyone, he said. The country is being ruined and scarred from vandals. As an example, some of the caves in the canyon country with Indian markings and writings on the walls are being destroyed and relics have been taken — even before records have been made of their historical significance, their origin and their meaning, Dr. Stanford added.

“We have lost the largest spawning grounds in the world for salmon in the Snake River due to the construction of dams, which in turn have given us irrigation and hydroelectric power. This is an example of the price we must pay for progress,” he explained. The high desert country is especially known for its canyons and is scientifically unknown in reality. It can easily be changed from its original condition. “We need to attack the future of the Owyhee Country, to consider and actually take on problems as an amateur scientist and to build enthusiasm and interest in preserving the country as much as possible. I suggest that you bring in a scientist to learn about the country and find out what the ‘cost’ will be for advancement — in order to make good moves that will preserve the beauty and historical, as well as anthropological, values of the famed Owyhee Country,” Dr. Stanford said.

Grazing fees same for BLM

There will be no change in grazing fees on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Sen. Frank Church announced today. The Idaho senator, who is chairman of the Public Lands Subcommittee, said that the 33 cents per animal-unit month used in 1966 will again be used in 1967. Cattlemen and wool growers have told Church of their concern about possible increases in fees. Church said fees are determined on the basis of a formula that includes the average price to producers for beef and lamb in the Western States during 1966. “Prices last year were certainly not high enough to warrant an increase,” Church said.

Grand View news

The Lions Club Winter Fair was held last week. The auction brought \$1,268.45 and the lunch counter about \$100.00. At the dance, cake auction, the horseshoe pitch and the television drawing nearly \$1500.00 was grossed. This money will go to finish the park and to finish paying for bleachers for the high school ballpark. At the horseshoe pitching, there were 22 men entered and nine women. Belva Lawson won the women’s trophy. Ardith Agenbroad was second and Linda Bennett, third. George Bennett Jr. won high for the men and received the trophy. Jack Lawson was runner-up and Bill Wetzel nailed down third place.

140 years ago

February 24, 1877

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR. At the present writing it is still an unsettled question as to who will be inaugurated President of the United States, although there are only eight days intervening between now and the 4th of March. The decision of the Tripartite Commission, endorsing the action of the Returning Board of Louisiana in giving the vote of that State to Hayes and Wheeler, has created intense surprise throughout the country, and since that decision was given it has generally been conceded that Tilden had no chance. The fact has developed itself that the members of this tribunal are pretty much like people generally and have partisan sympathies the same as other men. Their course is a great disappointment to many of the men who supported the compromise measure, who based their action upon the hope and belief that fair and just decisions on all the perplexing questions growing out of the recent election, would be rendered by this tribunal. This faith has been dispelled by the unexpected and dangerous precedents established in the refusal of the Commission to probe the infamies that gave birth to the most gigantic election swindle of modern times. That is the construction that all fair-minded men will put upon this Louisiana business, and whichever way the Oregon vote may be decided, it must now be conceded that the Commission have not, in their proceedings thus far, justified the expectations that were entertained on all sides to the effect that a just and exemplary verdict would be the result of their deliberations.

RESOURCES OF EASTERN OREGON. That Eastern Oregon is gradually looming up as one of the best fields in the country for the investment of capital cannot be questioned. Her mines, her soil, the vast extent of rich grazing lands, the forests of fine timber in many sections, with unequaled water power facilities all combine to make this country one of the most desirable for profitable labor that the sun has ever shone upon. In the natural course of events it must be impossible for such a region to remain occupied by a sparse population for any very great length of time. When we reflect upon the fact that in the East and West the army of unemployed men is numbered by hundreds of thousands, and that the number who plod along from year to year and make but a bare livelihood, is still greater, we find no element of comfort in contemplating the existence of that shortsighted policy, dictated by legislative parsimony which is instrumental in keeping these vast unproductive fields in the condition they are at present. With even limited means and a small stake, men of energy could find locations in Eastern Oregon and Idaho that with moderate diligence and toil would in a few years place them beyond the reach of want. But the leading source of wealth in that section of the country to which we designed to call attention at the present time is undoubtedly to be found in its magnificent mineral resources which present a most promising and inviting field for the capitalist. With such mines as the Monumental, the Virtue and those at Conner Creek and other parts of Eastern Oregon there is a foundation from which increased wealth, population and prosperity must be an established certainty that a system of liberal development be pursued. We regard the outlook for that section of the country as most promising. Many of the gentlemen who are interested in these mines seem to be made up of the right kind of material and with their go-ahead instincts the country will soon take a fresh stride forward. The mining interests of Eastern Oregon are certainly looking up, and we congratulate all interested upon the near approach of more decided prosperity, than they have witnessed for many years.

THE MINES. Operations at the Golden Chariot are progressing very favorably. There is every indication that the vein at the 13th level will prove unusually rich. The ground is quite soft and presents a varying appearance as the work progresses. The drift is in 164 feet and as the cross-course is approached the pay streak improves in quality and no doubt is now entertained of the existence of a rich ore body in the immediate vicinity.

Sports

Furlott places in top third of Simplot Games sprint

Jacob Furlott continued his indoor track season at the prestigious Simplot Games.

The Homedale High School senior finished in the top 30 percent of the 60 meters field.

Furlott didn't make the finals at Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus, but he did run a 7.48-second heat, which was the 35th-fastest time in the 111-athlete field.

The top 18 sprinters made the final in Pocatello.



Jacob Furlott

Homedale, Rimrock can't move on from boys' district play-ins

It was one and done in district play for two of the county's high school boys' basketball teams.

Homedale's 14th consecutive loss on Feb. 14 was the team's final game of its first season under coach Chad Mann.

The Trojans were knocked out of the 3A District III Tournament when Payette posted a 69-54 victory in the play-in game at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Homedale (2-16 overall) was the No. 5 seed and needed a victory over the fourth-seeded Pirates to move into the double-elimination portion of the tournament inside the John J. Easley Gymnasium.

Fourth-seeded Payette (10-11) moved into the district semifinals against top-seeded Weiser.

According to information provided by the Pirates' coach via

the Argus-Observer in Ontario, Mason Kincheloe led the Trojans with 16 points. Tony Balterriez scored nine points.

Carson Brown, who also was the top ticket-seller for the recent Homedale Boosters crab and steak feed, chimed in with seven points. Scott Matlock and Nelson Lomeli scored six points apiece, while Max Mertz and senior Jordan Van Es scored five points each.

Rimrock's winless season ended Feb. 14 when host North Star Charter rolled to a 55-23 victory in a 1A, Div. I District III Tournament play-in game in Eagle.

According to IdahoSports.com, the Raiders ended the season with an 0-16 mark. Rimrock has an 18-game losing streak stretching to Feb. 18, 2016.

No statistics were provided for the Rimrock game.

Adrian girls look to start new streak in state playoffs

Crane claims district crown with comeback

Its 15-game winning streak is no more, but Adrian High School will continue the girls' basketball season at home.

The Antelopes will play host to a 1A Oregon state playoffs opener today against 1A District 7 No. 3 seed Joseph (17-7).

Crane's dominant fourth quarter Saturday night spoiled Adrian's hopes for a first-round bye. The Mustangs erased a fourth-quarter deficit to prevail, 56-51, in the 1A District 8 tournament championship game at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

It was Adrian's first loss since before Christmas. If coach Gene Mills' team wins today, it'll be on the road Friday and one win away from a return to the eight-team state tournament set for March 2-4 in Baker, Ore.

Adrian (21-3) rallied to tie the game, 30-30, at halftime after Crane built an eight-point lead.

The Mustangs out-shot Adrian from the floor, including hitting three-point goals at a 46.2 percent clip (6-for-13) as Adrian could muster only two treys in 12 attempts (16.7 percent).

Crane also converted 18 of 37 field goals (48.6 percent) as Adrian struggled at 26.9 percent (14-for-52).



Junior Morgan Bayes drives into the lane during the district tournament. Photo by Tara Echave

First-team all-tournament selection Claire Hammond tallied four of Crane's six treys and had a co-team-high three assists to highlight a 23-point performance. Teammate Taylor Crafts also was a first-teamer.

Adrian second-team all-tournament selection Carlee Morton made 13 of 15 free throws for the majority of her 18 points. Selina Villarreal shared the team lead of four steals with Morton and scored 16 points. Morgan Bayes added a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Anna Hutchings also was a second-team all-tournament pick for the Antelopes.

Shyanne Allaire led the Ante-

lopes with 13 boards, but she was held to only one successful field goal and five points overall.

Friday: Adrian 68, Prairie City 20 — The Antelopes went on a 22-2 run to end the first half and blow open an eight-point game in the district semifinal. The win put Adrian in the state playoffs and district title game.

The Antelopes dropped 40 percent of their field-goal attempts (28-for-70), including two three-point goals from Mariah McLay and other long-range baskets from three other players.

Hutchings hit one of those treys as part of her co-game-high 12 points. She shared top honors with Allaire, who had three steals and four rebounds to go with her 12 points.

Morton chimed in with a game-high five assists and nine points, and Morgan Bayes paced the rebounding with seven boards.

Second-team all-tournament player Brianna Zwegardt led the Panthers with seven points. Teammate Cassie Hyer also was a second-teamer.

Prairie City shot 28.6 percent from the floor (8-for-28) and mustered four offensive rebounds.

Adrian benefitted from one of its cleanest ball-handling games of the season. The Antelopes had just nine turnovers while cashing in 34 Prairie City turnovers for 31 points.

Adrian also scored 21 second-chance points.

Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

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Boys' basketball
Max Mertz, jr., power forward
Scored five points in the Trojans' season finale vs. Payette

Girls' basketball
Season Complete

Wrestling
Joel Padilla, sr., 160 pounds
Narrowly lost district championship, qualified for state tournament

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Season complete, 2-16 record

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Season complete, 7-10 record

Wrestling
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25 at 3A state tournament, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa

Go Trojans!

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Things aren't what they seem

- If you see an Indian dressed like a cowboy, he's probably a cowboy.
- If you see a cowboy dressed like an Indian, he's probably a country music singer.
- If you see an Indian dressed like an Indian, he's probably an entertainer.
- If you see a country music singer dressed like an Indian, he's probably an actor.
- If you see an actor dressed like a country music singer, he's probably lip-synching.
- If you see a cowboy with a briefcase, he's probably a salesman.
- If you see a salesman dressed like a cowboy, he's probably a realtor.
- If you see a golfer dressed like a farmer, he's probably a salesman.
- If you see a farmer dressed like a salesman, he's probably a golfer.
- If you see a farmer dressed like a cowboy, he's probably on vacation.
- If you see a roper dressed like a cowboy, he's probably a header.
- If you see a roper dressed like a prisoner, he's probably a heeler.
- If you see a heeler dressed like a header, he's probably out on parole.
- If you see a cowboy with creased jeans, he probably doesn't ride a horse for a living.
- If you see a lawman dressed like a cowboy, he's probably the sheriff.
- If you see a cowboy dressed like a lawman, yer probably in Wyoming or Mississippi.
- If you see a sheriff in your rear-view mirror, you're probably in trouble.
- If you see a movie star dressed like a cowboy, he's probably Hopalong Cassidy.
- If you see Hopalong wearing Bermuda shorts, he's probably at a celebrity golf tournament.
- If you see a cowboy dressed like Hoppy, he's probably a cowboy poet.

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Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma



Inside the Legislature
Legislators make moves to protect stock water rights

The past week was an interesting one in the Idaho Legislature, particularly when it comes to legislation affecting our agricultural community. Three bills in particular were introduced with regard to water use in the state that look to be extremely beneficial for our district. One was introduced in the House, by Dist. 25B Rep. Clark Kauffman (R-Filer) and myself, and two have been introduced in the Senate.

House Bill 140 amends Idaho Code and would require the Idaho Board of Water Resources to notify all members of the Legislature if changes are made to the comprehensive state water plan. The Board is already required by the Idaho Constitution to advise leadership of any changes or modifications. If adopted, HB 140 would increase the critically needed transparency of the IBWR's decisions.

Senate Bill 1102 addresses the Idaho Supreme Court findings in *Joyce Livestock Company v. United States of America*. In 2005, Joyce and LU Livestock companies, both based in Owyhee County, challenged the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934. They argued that because their start of operation was prior to 1934, they were not subject to the act and the federal government couldn't take and hold their stock water rights. In February 2007, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled in favor of Joyce and LU, holding that the federal government cannot hold the rights unless put to beneficial use. SB 1102 codifies this ruling into Idaho. I

plan to support and promote passage of SB 1102 when it makes its way to the House.

Finally, Senate Bill 1101 was introduced by Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson). A companion piece of legislation to SB 1102, SB 1101 addresses the deferrable claims made in the Snake River Basin Adjudication while the Joyce suit was in process. At this point, these claims filed with the SRBA court are considered late and there are fees involved with filing them. Not only is there a \$25 per claim filing fee, but claimants must also pay the costs of the Idaho Department of Water Resources associated with investigating said claims. This legislation would limit the filing fees to \$100 and exempt stockmen from investigation fees imposed by IDWR. The bill's proponents hope to encourage those grazing livestock on federal lands to file their deferred claims. There is a fiscal impact to the legislation of \$265,000 yearly, but I would anticipate some good support for the proposal.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve. As always, I welcome any suggestion or comment.

— 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.

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington
Obama-era firearms restriction tramples citizens' due process

I recently reintroduced S. 202, the Social Security Beneficiary 2nd Amendment Rights Protection Act, to protect Social Security beneficiaries from having their constitutional rights arbitrarily revoked. I also co-sponsored a similar Congressional Review Act resolution to halt a rule issued by the Social Security Administration (SSA) in the waning days of the Obama Administration that would erode Americans' Second Amendment rights. The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed similar legislation, and the Senate should act soon.

In December 2016, the Social Security Administration issued a final rule requiring SSA to gather and submit information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) on individuals who may be

determined to be what NICS refers to as "mentally deficient." Under the new rule, a person can be reported to NICS for their use of a representative payee in managing their benefits. The Social Security Administration may appoint a representative payee to assist beneficiaries who need assistance with managing benefits. More than 8 million beneficiaries need help managing their benefits, according to the Social Security Administration. The use of a representative payee is not indicative of mental deficiency.

The rule ignores that statute requires that for an individual to be deemed "mentally deficient," a court, board, or other

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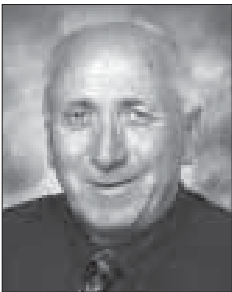
Invasive species prevention
Montana's mussel decision jeopardizes Idaho waters

by Fremont County Board of County Commissioners

Invasive Dreissenid mussels, commonly referred to as quagga and zebra mussels, were first discovered in the western United States in 2007 at Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Nevada. Since then, state governments throughout the West have spent millions of dollars to prevent similar finds in their own waterways. Idaho was the first state to implement a user fee for water recreationists to fund

a highly successful prevention program, which includes roadside watercraft inspection stations aimed at protecting state and regional waters. Fremont County has been participating in this important program since its inception.

Preventing mussel infestations in Idaho makes environmental and economic sense. These non-native filter-feeding mussels have the potential to crash the region's delicate aquatic food webs, and infestations will jeopardize



Bill Baxter



Leroy Miller



Jordon Stoddard

salmon recovery efforts. The fouling organisms also pose a serious threat to Idaho's economy. If infestations are not prevented, infrastructure, including hydropower dams,

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Commentary

Financial management

Close up shop if personal checking is keeping business afloat

Dear Dave,
My husband and I have four kids, and I make \$50,000 a year. He runs a small business that has been floundering for a while now, so we're basically living off my income. Part of that income is going into the business. Plus, we don't have much in savings, and we're behind on our house payments. Do you have any advice?
— Paige

Dear Paige,
First of all, you and your husband have to get on the same page financially. Sit down together, and do a household budget and a profit and loss statement on the business. A profit and loss statement will tell you the money that comes in minus the

money that goes out.
Here's the thing. If you're putting other money into a business account, that's a clue that you're not making money on the business. Put his rent, supplies and any other business expenses on the profit and loss list, and write out — step by step — what it will take for you to break even in the business each month. If you don't at least break even, then it's time for him to do something else for a living.
I'm an entrepreneur and a business owner. I get the allure and excitement that goes along with running your own business. But family and your financial responsibilities come first. You don't need to put any money into the business account, except for the income he creates. And while you two are sorting this out,



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use your income to get current on your house payments and attack any other debt!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm looking for a good accounting program for small business. Do you have any suggestions?
— Julie
Dear Julie,
The best one I've seen is called FreshBooks. I like it so much that we're actually endorsing it on some of our podcasts and a few other places. It's a cloud-based program for small business, and it's a pretty simple accounting system.
Honestly, you don't want anything super-complicated for small-business accounting. You just need something that allows you to write out invoices and keep up with your expenses

while categorizing them. It's important you know what's going on in your business — to be able to continually analyze what's happening — and have the ability to look in your rear-view mirror and see if anything's coming up behind you!
— 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

✓ Restriction: Individual's mental health nottied to who signs checks

From Page 6B
lawful authority must find that the person is a danger to themselves or others, or is unable to contract or manage their own affairs. The Social Security Administration is not a court of law, and SSA officers are not a "lawful authority." Requiring the SSA to report individuals to NICS who have not had their cases properly adjudicated will result in trampling their constitutional rights, as individuals reported to NICS are instantly prohibited from purchasing a firearm from a Federal Firearm Licensee. Equally alarming is the lack of an established appeals process to enable the removal of names from the system once entered.
Current law prohibits the sale of a firearm or ammunition to anyone who has been adjudicated as mentally defective or committed to a mental institution. Those whose cases have been adjudicated in a court and determined to be mentally ill and dangerous should be properly reported in adherence with the law. I have supported legislation aimed at strengthening our mental health system, outlining the proper procedures and forums we should use to make determinations about an individual's competence to own a firearm and improving information-sharing to strengthen the existing background check system, which includes

Election letters
The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the March 14 school bond and levy elections until noon on Friday, March 3.
The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:
• Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
• Fax to (208) 337-4867
• Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

clarifying that federal court information is to be made available to NICS.
The Obama Administration's lack of regard for due process and unfair assumption that an individual is a danger because they participate in the SSA's representative payee system is unacceptable. More

than 91,000 comments were submitted to the Social Security Administration following the publication of the proposed NICS rule. I, along with several of my colleagues including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, wrote the Social Security Administration four times to express our concerns about the proposed rule. Our concerns, and the concerns of 91,000 Americans, were clearly not factored into the rulemaking process.
A January 2016 White House fact sheet estimated that SSA's rule would add 75,000 beneficiaries to the NICS list each year. The number of law-abiding individuals who will be added to the NICS list will likely be much higher. This is a brazen attack on our constitutional right to keep and bear arms — a freedom considered so important by our Founding Fathers that they listed it in our Constitution among our most central freedoms. I will continue to work to stop this outrageous rule and protect the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

✓ Mussel: No hot wash at events encourages spread of invasive species

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irrigated agriculture systems and municipal water supplies are all at risk. Conservative estimates of costs associated with coping with these organisms if they establish in Idaho waters approach a staggering \$100 million annually.
Until October 2016, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming and Montana were the only western states that had successfully kept invasive mussels from infesting their waters. That changed when the State of Montana detected the immature stage of the mussels (a k a "veligers") in the Tiber Reservoir. In addition, "suspect" detections turned up in the Canyon Ferry Reservoir. Immediately following the finds, Montana's governor wisely chose to close those bodies of water to boating and recreation. Because trailered watercraft are the highest risk pathway for these organisms to hopscotch to other waters, this quarantine was scientifically sound. Montana formed a Mussel Response Team and began the process of obtaining additional funding to deal with the mussel outbreak. These actions were reassuring to Fremont County and the other uninfested western states, all of whom continue to spend a significant amount of resources and funding on prevention programs.
Surprisingly, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) just announced that several previously scheduled fishing tournaments on the states' mussel-impacted waterbodies will go on as planned in the spring and summer.

The tournament organizers vow that they will notify the hundreds of tournament participants that they should take precautions to decontaminate boats when they leave infested waters after the tournament, but this will only help up to a point. Although boats may be visually inspected for adult mussels, the veligers are invisible to the naked eye. Hot water decontaminations, which would help destroy the veligers, will not be mandatory for departing boats. According to a FWP spokesperson, "We believe these contests can be held safely with additional restrictions that further protect the fishery."
But what about the neighboring states? From Fremont County's perspective, conducting these fishing tournaments on mussel-impacted waters in Montana poses a huge risk to the region's waters, fisheries and economies.
From Canyon Ferry Reservoir, it's a mere 2.5-hour drive to Henrys Lake in Idaho. It is inevitable that some of the tournament participants will make that drive after the event. It is also likely that some of them will unknowingly carry invasive mussels on their watercraft as invisible veligers on anything wet. By opening these impacted waterbodies to recreation, the State of Montana is setting a bad precedent and seriously jeopardizing the region's hard-fought prevention efforts. Henrys Fork generates \$50 million annually for our county — we cannot afford to lose it.
Given the threats posed to the region's environment and economy, it seems sensible and necessary for the State of

Montana to reconsider this action. At a minimum, the State of Montana should require mandatory decontaminations when the boats and equipment leave these impacted waters. The risk of moving these destructive organisms is too great, and the region has worked too hard over the past decade to let our waters be jeopardized by something as preventable as this.
The Idaho Legislature is debating plan S1068 to bolster Idaho's invasive species program. We support this legislation and ask that the state step up its efforts to protect Idaho from this threat.
Fremont County realizes that this problem can only be effectively addressed as a region, and we must all step up our game to keep these mussels out of our waters. We need all hands on deck to prevent this environmental and economic disaster.
— The Fremont County commissioners are chair Bill Baxter; LeRoy Miller and Jordon Stoddard. Owyhee County is part of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture program and is home to two invasive species checkpoints each year. One is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 55 west of Marsing, and the second is at Idaho 51-Idaho 78 junction near Bruneau.
The quagga mussel will be subject of a joint hearing of the Idaho Senate Resources and Environment and House Environment, Energy and Technology committees at 1:30 p.m. today in the Statehouse in Boise.
— Ed.

Sports

Adrian rallies for district's final boys' state playoffs berth

With their season on the line, Adrian High School boys' basketball players went to the line to reach the state playoffs.

The Antelopes came from behind Saturday to beat Monument/Dayville, 43-34, in the third-place game of the 1A District 8 boys' basketball tournament.

With the victory at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore., Adrian (10-14) advanced to the 1A Oregon state playoffs. Coach Nolan Shira's squad was on the road Tuesday after deadline to challenge 1A District 5 runner-up Rogue Valley Adventist Academy in Medford.

A win sends Adrian into Friday's second round on the road and one win away from a trip to the state tournament, which begins next Wednesday in Baker City.

Adrian trailed, 27-24, heading into the game's final eight minutes. But the Antelopes had gained momentum by 10 of 17 free throws (the Tigers were only 2-for-11) and winning the turnover battle.

Adrian scored 10 points off 15 Monument/Dayville turnovers while turning in one the best ball-handling games of the season. The Antelopes only had eight turnovers in 32 minutes.



Adrian High School boys' basketball players and coaches show off their third-place trophy at the conclusion of their 1A District 8 Tournament stay in John Day, Ore., on Saturday. Photo by Tara Echave

All-tournament second-teamer Warren DeMark shared top scoring honors with the Tigers' Hayden Schafer. Both boys scored 13 points. DeMark shared the Antelopes' lead for steals as he and Kenny Purnell notched four apiece.

Adrian's Andy Walker came off the bench to score eight points.

Three Antelopes reached

double figures in rebounding. Team leader Miller DeMark had a dozen while Purnell and Kevin Rodriguez collected 10 each.

Thursday: Adrian 45, Crane 36 — The Antelopes launched a mild opening-round upset with a 16-0 first quarter.

Shira's team entered the district tournament as the No. 5 seed

against the No. 4 seed Mustangs.

Warren DeMark had half of his team's four three-point goals and went for 20 points, doubling the output of Crane's top scorer, David Steeves.

Kevin Rodriguez snared 12 rebounds, including nine on the Mustangs' glass, to continue his late-season aggressiveness.

The Antelopes scored 14 points off turnovers, and the DeMark brothers — Warren (team-high five) and Miller (three) — teamed up for half of the club's 16 steals. Miller also scored eight points, while Ryker Murrey added seven.

Kenny Purnell had five defensive rebounds and six points despite foul trouble.

Jordan Valley girls hold off Prairie City for third place



Jordan Valley all-tournament selection Alisha Rogers drives against Prairie City defenders, including Hailee Wall during Saturday's third-place game in John Day, Ore. Photo by Tara Echave

Mustangs head west to start State playoffs

Jordan Valley High School put the brakes on its opponent to reach the 1A Oregon girls' basketball state playoffs.

A surge through the middle of the game allowed the Mustangs to hold on for 54-47 victory over Prairie City in Saturday's third-place game for the 1A District 8 tournament.

The Mustangs (17-6) are in Klamath Falls today to face 1A District 5 runner-up Hosanna Christian (21-4) in an 8 p.m. MST game. Jordan Valley must win today to advance to Saturday's second round.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 54, Prairie City 47 — Two of the Mustangs' three first-team all-tournament players reached double figures at Grant Union High School in John Day.

Alisha Rogers connected on half of her 10 three-point shots and led Jordan Valley with 17 points. Taylor Warn scored 10 points, including a 6-for-9 showing at the foul line, and dished five assists. The Mustangs' third first-teamer,

Regann Skinner, had nine points and blocked five shots.

Leading 24-16 after closing the first half on an 11-4 run, Jordan Valley padded its lead in the third quarter before withstanding Prairie City's final charge.

All-tournament second-teamer Zoey Warn had eight points and eight rebounds for Jordan Valley, while teammate Emilee Burch chipped in eight points, six boards and four blocks.

Friday: Crane 46, Jordan Valley 38 — Crane came from behind to thwart Jordan Valley's upset bid, roaring to the finish on a 17-5 run through the fourth quarter.

With Skinner scoring 14 points, Jordan Valley built a 27-21 halftime lead before Crane began clawing back.

The Warn sisters — Taylor with nine rebounds and Zoey with seven — dominated the defensive glass for Jordan Valley, but were held to eight points total. Burch scored seven points and contributed six rebounds.

Jordan Valley began the tournament Thursday with a 76-27 shellacking of Harper Charter.

✓ Mustangs: March to title begins with semifinal rout of archrival Adrian

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all-tournament players Quintero and senior JJ Echave poured in 56 of the Mustangs points and shot 55.6 percent (20-for-36) from the floor.

Quintero drilled six of his eight three-point tries and canned half of his field-goal attempts overall. Echave rounded out a double-double with 26 points and 13 rebounds, going 11-for-18 from the floor.

All-tournament second-teamer

Chase Fillmore added six points, and Kirk Eiguren put in four. Garrett Youren and Kasen Skinner also had baskets.

The Panthers' Dorrان Wilson and Levi Burke and Monument/Dayville's Hayden Schafer were also named to the all-tournament first team. Second-teamers included Warren DeMark from Adrian, Tanner Walczyk from Monument/Dayville, Crane's Miles Maupin and Brogan

Mckrola of Prairie City.

Friday: Jordan Valley 77, Adrian 39 — The game was pretty well in hand when the Mustangs shut out their archrivals in the final quarter.

Jordan Valley ended the game by blanking Adrian, 13-0, in the final eight minutes.

The Mustangs had already built a 14-point halftime lead then cruised through the second half.

Adrian shot just 25.5 percent

(12-for-47) from the floor, and Jordan Valley held a 24-9 rebounding advantage on the Antelopes' backboards.

Jordan Valley also played crisp offense, giving the ball away only 10 times while Adrian committed 25 turnovers. The Mustangs capitalized for 24 points, and they scored 25 second-chance points.

Echave scored 22 points and snagged seven of his nine rebounds on his team's end of

the floor.

Eiguren chipped in 17 points, and Fillmore and Wade Stanford led the defense with three steals each.

Fillmore scored nine points, while Stanford and Skinner notched seven apiece.

Ryker Murrey led Adrian with 11 points, and Warren DeMark scored 10. Kenny Purnell led Adrian with six rebounds, and he scored nine points.

Public notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
OWYHEE COUNTY
2017 AGGREGATE
CRUSHING 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

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. A-196
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 18, TITLE 50, IDAHO CODE, PROVIDING A PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING CONNECTION PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS AND FEES; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL PROCEDURES; PROVIDING CITY RIGHTS; ESTABLISHING AN IRRIGATION FUND; PROVIDING A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A Summary of Ordinance No. A-196, adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Marsing on February 8, 2017, is as follows:

Section 1: Provides for the a new Title 10, of the Marsing City Code, which creates the Marsing Municipal Irrigation System; provides definitions; provides connection requirements and procedures; provides for assessments and fees; provides for terms and conditions of service; provides for miscellaneous regulations and requirements; provides for enforcement; provides for appeals; provides for city rights; and provides for severability, all as such relate to the Marsing Municipal Irrigation System.

The full text of Ordinance No. A-196 is available for public inspection during normal office hours at the office of the City Clerk.

CITY OF MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho
By: Mayor James Ferdinand
ATTEST: Janice Bicandi, City Clerk
2/22/2017

NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION FOR JUDICIAL DEED
CASE NO. CV2014-0170
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
TIMOTHY E. O'BRYAN, Plaintiff, vs. JENNIE LEE O'BRYAN, Defendant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will call up for hearing his Motion for Judicial Deed before the above entitled Court in Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, on the 3rd day of April, 2017, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable Dan Grober, Magistrate Judge, or as soon thereafter as the parties may be heard.

DATED this 14th day of February, 2017.
Coffel Law, P.C., Alan J. Coffel, Attorney for Plaintiff, 921 7th Street South, Nampa, ID 83651, 208-466-0050
2/22;3/1,8/2017

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, Duburgue, IA 52001

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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

The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho 83644 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Middleton at the address indicated above on April 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@cloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

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HELP WANTED

South Board of Control has an opening for a full-time maintenance/spray applicator position. Full job description and application is available at the South Board of Control main office at 118 S 1st St. W, Homedale. Application must be returned by 5:00 pm Tuesday Feb. 28, 2017.

Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District #365, 2016-2017 school year, Varsity Baseball Coaching Position (March-May). For more information call Ashley Merrick, Athletic Director 208-834-2260. Certified/ Classified application may be obtained on the school district web site at www.sd365.us or at the District Office at Rimrock. Position Open Until Filled. The position shall be considered in all respects "Employment at will"

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Padilla reaches district final for Homedale

State openers

Homedale
3A tournament

- 113 — Jorge Vega (20-23), so., vs. No. 3 Easton Banta (43-9), fr., South Fremont
- 132 — Jaegar Rose (13-18), so., vs. Thomas Henderhan (24-15), fr., Filer
- 152 — Shane Keller (25-9), sr., vs. Dax Gibsion (1-1), Marsh Valley
- 160 — No. 8 Joel Padilla (32-9), sr., vs. Thor Aagard (21-17), sr., Marsh Valley
- 182 — Robert Nix (19-12), so., vs. No. 4 Wyatt Kearn (33-11), fr., American Falls

Marsing
2A tournament

- 113 — Justin Ineck (17-29), fr., vs. No. 3 Ty Redick (24-12), jr., Challis
- 132 — Adonis Stelzried (33-17), fr., vs. No. 6 Sam Mitton (33-7), jr., Oakley
- 138 — Hayden Kish (15-23), so., vs. No. 5 Jake Svedin (32-9), so., Melba
- 145 — No. 6 Joseph Ineck (28-15), jr., vs. Brian Rios (21-15), jr., Declo
- 160 — Dawson Walker (17-9), so., vs. Caden Hall (24-8), so., St. Maries
- 160 — Oscar Gonzalez (33-9), sr., vs. Trey Yearsley, so., Ririe
- 170 — Jaden Kinney (28-14), jr., vs. No. 2 Traven Hansen (32-3), jr., Raft River
- 220 — No. 2 Mason Hall (34-5), jr., vs. Cole Barrett (12-16), so., Firth

— Numbers are state rankings according to TheIdahoWrestler.com. Tournament takes place Friday and Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Five Trojans
make 3A state
wrestling

Joel Padilla lost one of the toughest battles of the day, but will lead five Homedale High School wrestlers into the state tournament.

A senior transfer from Middleton High School, Padilla lost the 160-pound District III championship in a 4-3 decision to Fruitland’s Cameron Russell.

But Padilla (32-9) had the strongest finish among coach Jake Levinski’s squad at Payette High School.

Also joining Padilla on Friday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa will be Jorge Vega at 113 pounds, Shane Keller (152), Jaegar Rose (132) and Robert Nix (182).

Overall, eight Trojans placed in the district tournament from which the top four in each weight class advances to the state tournament.

Jorge Vega (20-23) went 3-1 on Saturday, he pinned Fruitland’s Brandon Stowe in 2 minutes, 58 seconds in their consolation semifinal to nail down a state berth then pinned Parma’s Jordyn Jenkins at 1:53 to claim the bronze medal. Vega’s only loss came in the semifinals when Fruitland’s Dalton Arnzen got a pin in 3:08.

The Homedale wrestler pinned

Jenkins in 1:11 to make the semis.

Padilla’s road to the championship match included a dominant 18-1 technical fall against Fruitland’s Cade Coats and a narrow 9-6 semifinal win over Weiser’s Nick Ruddell.

Keller (25-9) caught Clayton Mordhorst of Fruitland five seconds before the end of the first round to win a consolation semifinal and reach the state tournament. He captured third with an 8-4 triumph against Weiser’s Kaden Fager.

Keller posted a 16-1 technical fall in the quarterfinals against Payette’s Anthony Dovalina before losing in the semis to Parma’s Jess Camacho, who posted a pin in 1:49.

Rose (13-18) and Nix (19-12) collected the final spots in their weight classes to transfer to the state tournament.

Rose’s first match at 132 was in the semifinals where Rafael Camacho of Parma posted an 11-5 decision. Despite the setback, Rose was guaranteed a State slot when he stepped on the mat for the semi.

Jeb Johnson of Weiser got a 6-4 decision for third place.

Nix narrowly secured a state berth when he nipped Fruitland’s Cole Gooch, 6-5, in the consolation semifinals. He lost the bronze medal match, 7-4, to Payette’s

Isaac Morado.

Nix pinned teammate Brodee Walker in 1:31 of their quarterfinal match before falling to Jonathon Fagen of Fruitland, 15-0, in the semis.

Walker (19-17) rallied to finish fifth at 182 with an 11-6 win over Gooch. The senior transfer from Vallivue kept his tournament alive when he pinned Weiser’s Colton Burr in 1:22 of their third round consolation match.

Just missing a state berth were Michael Babcock (126) and Tanner Miller (145).

Babcock (17-19) lost his shot at a state berth with a 3-1 setback against Payette’s Rojelio Morado in the consolation semifinals. But the freshman pinned Logan Wood of Weiser in 3:24 to win his final match of the tournament and secure fifth place. He also edged Layne Murdock of Parma, 2-0, in earlier consolation action.

Miller (17-24) was awarded fifth place by rule after a consolation semifinal loss to Payette’s Izaiha Demoulin set up a second encounter with Parma’s Chase Scroggins. Miller pinned Demoulin in an opening-round match.

Miller pinned Scroggins at 4:50 in their quarterfinal.

Jose Flores finished his season at 9-23 when he took home sixth place at 120 pounds. Weiser’s Dominick Luke beat Flores, 13-6, in the fifth-place match.

Three Antelopes wrestlers ready for State in Portland

Two Adrian High School athletes wrestled for district championships Saturday, and three will head to the 2A/1A Oregon state tournament.

Marcus Furtado (113 pounds) and Drake Marquez (182) reached the championship round of the 2A/1A District 4 Tournament in Hermiston, Ore.

Enrique Delgado rallied with two consecutive victories to capture the 145-pound division’s second berth into the state tournament, which will take place this weekend in Portland.

Furtado and Marquez lost their respective championship bouts, but still earned passage into the state tournament.

Delgado (14-16) found his back against the wall after Crane’s William Johnson ended their semifinal match in 1 minute, 38 seconds.

But Delgado pinned James Mabe of Grant Union/Prairie City at the 2:32 mark of the third-place match then dominated Heppner/Ione’s Carson Bronson with a 15-0 technical fall in the state qualifier.

Enterprise’s Shane Lund pinned Furtado in 2:48 to win the district championship, forcing Furtado to wrestle for all the marbles in a second-place match.

He put Jesse Paulson of Grant Union/Prairie City on his back in 3:13 to wrap up the No. 2 berth.

Furtado reached the final with an 80-second pin of Airron Glimpse of Grant Union/Prairie City in the semifinals.

Marquez’s ticket to the state tournament came when won by rule against Joseph/Wallowa’s Benjamin Lopez in the runner-up

match. Marquez crushed Lopez with a 9-0 major decision earlier in the tournament to qualify for the championship final.

In the battle for the crown, Elgin’s Donnovan Tate pinned Marquez in 2:46.

Three of Adrian’s other four district qualifiers also walked away with medals, but won’t be moving on.

Ed Munoz (10-16) was fourth at 132 after losing the third-place match of Crane’s Pierce Epling, 11-3. Munoz pinned Union/Cove’s Ty Hammond in the

quarterfinals then kept his tournament afloat with a 17-second pin of Pine Eagle’s Red Colnot in the consolation semifinals.

Pepper Beed pinned Union/Cove’s Gavin Hankins in 1:31 for fifth at 220 pounds. Beed and Hankins tangled in the championship quarterfinals, too, with the Adrian wrestler getting the pin 34 seconds before the final horn.

Freshman Wade Bond beat Crane 120-pounder Levi Roath, 6-3, to finish fifth.

Logan Griffin (126) also competed for Adrian on Saturday.

✓ Huskies: Two champions, several runners-up drive Marsing to fourth

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finished second at 170.

Freshman Adonis Stelzried (132) and Hayden Kish (138) collected the last automatic state bids at their weights with bronze medals.

Gonzalez’s march to the championship included second-round pins against Jeremy Slagle of New Plymouth (3:01 in the quarterfinals) and McCall-Donnelly’s Ty-

ler See (2:57 in the semifinals).

Walker also pinned both of his opponents to reach the 160 final. He got Melba’s Kyle Svetich five seconds before the close of the first period of their quarterfinal match. He pinned McCall’s Parker Pyle at 5:29.

Kinney wrestled into the third round before New Plymouth’s Cobe Williams got a pin at 5:16 to wrap up the 170 crown. Kinney

cruised through his preliminary bouts, pinning McCall’s Ben Olson in 1:08 and taking out Kobe Roberts of New Plymouth in 50 seconds in the semifinals.

Joseph Ineck (28-15) split his matches, losing the title by a 10-4 decision against McCall’s Jed Lowen. The junior reached the championship when he pinned Melba’s Tristan Jones in 1:34.

The championship match at 113

was the only competition of the day for Justin Ineck (17-29). Kyle Slagle of New Plymouth posted a 7-3 victory.

Stelzried (33-17) pinned fellow MHS freshman Sugai in 45 seconds for the bronze medal at 132.

Kish (15-23) defeated New Plymouth’s Dean Johnson, 12-9, for third place at 138. Kish rallied from a semifinal loss with two victories, including a 29-second pin

of Melba’s Clint Svedin to reach the bronze medal bout.

Goins picked up one victory each in the championship bracket and consolation bracket. Levi Martin of Melba, whom Goins pinned to open the tournament, returned the favor in the third-place match. Goins pinned another Mustangs wrestler, Scott Eliason, in 83 seconds to reach the bronze bout.

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