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Owyhee County deputy clerk and recorder Marcy Peterson checks her department's mail box Monday outside the now-closed post office in Murphy.

USPS closes post office in Murphy

Melba has nearest customer service

Murphy is now the only county seat in Idaho without a post office.

Citing unspecified structural concerns first disclosed a month earlier, the U.S. Postal Service abruptly closed the Murphy branch last Wednesday.

"The building is structurally unsafe, so it was closed," USPS Salt Lake District public information officer Margaret Putnam said. "It wasn't specific to mold, but there were other factors."

"We've installed cluster boxes by the post office on that property for customers who have post office boxes to get their mail."

There is still rural carrier service in Murphy and the surrounding area, and outgoing mail

— See **Post office**, page 10A

South Board irrigators can expect full allotment

Input sought for water users meeting

The manager for the South Board of Control (SBOC) is optimistic about adequate irrigation levels for the upcoming

growing season.

John Eells thinks farmers around Homedale and Marsing can plan for another year of full water for their fields.

"It looks like we're going to be at four acre-feet (of water), but we don't know when we're going to run water in the canals

yet," Eells said. "It will be around the first of April when water will come into the canals."

On Monday, Owyhee Project crews fired up a generator at the Owyhee Reservoir dam, and began releasing water at the rate of 250 cubic feet per second.

"That's going into the Owyhee River," Eells said. "It's the beginning of our flood control."

He added that the Bureau of Reclamation sets the rules on when the SBOC must

— See **Irrigators**, page 11A

Bruneau-GV district looks at changing days of school week

Bruneau farmer selected to fill trustee spot

A farmer has been appointed to the Bruneau-Grand View school board.

It's just one of the changes the school district may see as officials also are considering rearranging the days children attend class.

Bruneau resident Allen Merrick was selected last month to

succeed Billie Rutan as the Zone 2 trustee.

Merrick will finish the remainder of Rutan's term, which expires in July 2019. Rutan left the board after moving out of her zone.

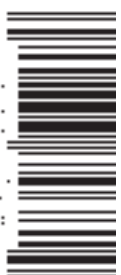
According to district superintendent Dennis Wilson and the school district website, there are three trustees whose terms expire this year. Board chair Lori Bennett (Zone 3), Zone 5 trustee Howard Field and Zone 1 trustee

— See **Bruneau-GV**, page 4A



National officer visits for FFA Week

National FFA secretary Victoria Harris smiles during a social networking exercise Thursday afternoon in Homedale. Harris began her day in Owyhee County at Marsing's appreciation breakfast. For more on Harris' visit, see **Page 8A**



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Homedale dog owners must license animals

The Homedale Police Department animal control division has begun dog tag enforcement.

City Hall personnel also is calling folks who had dog tags last year to remind them it's time to renew.

Each year, the city gives residents who own canines a couple months to get their current licenses.

During a city council meeting, it was revealed that dog tag sales are down significantly compared to the same time in 2016.

As of Thursday, City Hall had sold 103 tags. There were 305 licensed dogs in Homedale in 2016 and 300 two years ago.

Animal licensing sales ticked up slightly last month after a notice to buy dog tags and chicken coop permits was placed on the city message board on East Idaho Avenue near U.S. Highway 95.

Still, only five chicken coop permits have been obtained this year. Sixteen were sold during the first year of the program in 2015, and only eight last year.

Residents must obtain a chicken coop permit for \$10 each year in order to legally keep chickens inside the city limits.

Dog tags cost \$10 for spayed or neutered animals or \$15 for unaltered dogs. Dog owners must provide proof of rabies vaccination when they obtain their dog's license.

Call City Hall at 337-4641 for more information on both programs.

— JPB



The lot at 300 W. Idaho Ave. in Homedale has been proposed for the location of a 106-foot cellphone tower. The parcel of land is immediately north of the old Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency diesel repair educational building and across Railroad Avenue from the Santa Fe residential subdivision.

Verizon seeks 106-foot cell tower in downtown Homedale

Public hearing on permit next Wednesday

A telecommunications company is seeking permission to build a 106-foot cellphone tower in downtown Homedale.

Verizon Wireless and Technology Associates Engineering Corp. Inc., a cell tower construction firm, have applied for a special use permit to construct a tower on a piece of private property on the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and West Idaho Avenue.

The Homedale City Council will convene as the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the application during a 6 p.m. public hearing next Wednesday inside the council chambers in City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

If approved, the tower would be built at 300 W. Idaho Ave., which is immediately north of the old Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency diesel repair educational building and across Railroad Avenue from the Santa Fe residential subdivision.

The public can provide input about this application, which is available for review at City Hall. Written comments will be accepted at City Hall until 5 p.m. next Wednesday.

AT&T and T-Mobile have antennas on the municipal water tower above the city shop.

Ultralight takes out flagpole, sign

An ultralight pilot escaped injury Saturday when his aircraft crashed near the Murphy Post Office.

Canadian-made Para-Ski Top Gun aircraft shortly after takeoff at the Murphy airstrip across Idaho highway 78 from the post office, which has been closed since last Wednesday.

Sheriff Perry Grant said Shumard had just become airborne and was headed west when the aircraft veered to the south.

Shumard crashed into the post office flagpole and knocked down the stop sign at the corner of Hailey Street and Idaho 78.

The only damage to the aircraft was a broken steering rod.

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Homedale Fire proposes land swap with city

New Westowns Disposal contract approved

A new fire station could be built in the future near Homedale Municipal Airport.

During Thursday’s city council meeting, Teresa Ryska represented the Homedale Rural Fire District for the initial discussion about a proposed land exchange with the city.

The fire district is interested in a piece of property adjacent to the airport and east of U.S. Highway 95.

The fire district board of commissioners seeks exclusive transfer rights to the ground for a three-year period, Ryska said.

“It would be contingent on me being able to secure a grant,” Ryska said.

The plan would involve swapping ownership of the land where the current John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall is located at 12 W. Colorado Ave., and the grant would pay for a new building to be built on the land near the airport.

Ryska explained that securing the land is the first step in applying for a grant.

“We have to have some land in order to work forward with a grant,” Ryska said.



The empty lot being proposed for the site of a new fire station south of the airport hangars and east of U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale.

The parcel covers roughly three acres, and the building would house both Homedale Fire and Ambulance equipment and vehicles.

Ryska emphasized that the proposal is very early in the planning process.

“I don’t expect an answer tonight, but it’s something that I would just like to ask you guys to think about,” she said.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said the existing fire station could be useful for housing city equipment.

“I also think that putting a new fire house out there would improve our entrance to our city,” he said. “I think if we can put it together, it’s a win situation for the city.”

Christoffersen asked Ryska to get a rough layout of the land

involved near the airport and to come back to the council with more details.

Westowns Disposal Inc. owner Bill Pastoor also spoke to the council about a land swap idea — also involving land near the airport.

Pastoor said he hasn’t measured the land he would like to trade with the city, but the goal is to give his property more room for growth in the future. He sees Westowns eventually using semi-trucks to haul trash from the transfer station proposed for the property off Industrial Road.

Council members said they don’t have any initial objections to the proposal. Christoffersen asked Pastoor to measure the parcels involved and come back with more information.

The city council also approved

a new contract with Westowns. The new five-year deal includes a provision for the company to pay the city 50 cents for each garbage billing paid. Westowns will maintain liability insurance coverage of not less than \$500,000 and a policy of workers’ compensation insurance.

Pastoor initially sought a longer contract, but he and the council settled on the same term as the agreement that was set to end this spring.

JB’s Auctions, the new contractor handling the annual consignment auction in town, received preliminary approval from the council to use a vacant lot by the airport for the March 18 event.

The final decision on the use of the land is contingent on city attorney Paul J. Fitzer approving auctioneer JB Salutregui’s insurance policies.

Salutregui has led the consignment auction in previous years on the Amalgamated Sugar Co.’s beet dump across the U.S. 95 from the airport. But the product of the beet harvest remains at the dump later than usual this winter, and Amalgamated Sugar no longer permits smoking on any of its properties.

The March 18 auction will be held on the same ground that Ryska is proposing for a land swap.

Ivar Moore, the Homedale As-

sembly of God pastor, also got a green light from the council to hold a third annual car show at Bette Uda City Park on Sept. 23.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller’s report included telling the council that he has been busy cleaning up a Humvee and a motorhome that were seized after a drug arrest. Both vehicles will soon be taken to an auction house.

Eidemiller also said HPD has been averaging two or three DUI arrests per week.

“The guys are out there doing what they’re supposed to be doing,” he said. “As it warms up, I only anticipate that we’ll see more activity.”

Public works supervisor Bret Smith gave a report as well, saying that his crews have been focusing on repairing potholes and damage to asphalt caused by freeze/melt conditions.

“The expansion and contraction forces these cracks to surface quicker,” Smith said.

He is currently using gravel to fill cracks and potholes, but will patch them up with an asphalt mix when temperatures warm up.

Smith also said most Christmas decorations around the city have been taken down, and he will start on irrigation projects in a few weeks.

— SC



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Bruneau American Legion Post 83 presents its annual oyster and fish feed Saturday.

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Tickets are on sale or will be available at the door. 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, the menu includes 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.

Legion posts throughout the county are taking Boys and Girls State applications right now.

Voters face another Bruneau-GV school levy

Forum planned Monday at Rimrock

Supplemental levies have become a way of life for about 75 percent of Idaho’s school districts.

The Bruneau-Grand View district in eastern Owyhee County isn’t immune to the trend brought on by dwindling state and federal support.

Patrons of the three-school district have passed — sometimes begrudgingly — three supplemental levies since August 2012.

With the latest two-year, \$1.4 million levy set to expire at the end of the school year, the Bruneau-Grand View school officials have launched a campaign to renew the supplemental funding at a lower rate of \$500,000 per year for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

A community forum outlining the objectives of the two-year, \$1 million levy will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium, 39678 Hwy. 78 in Bruneau.

The levy question, which needs only a simple majority of 50 percent plus one vote to pass, will appear on the March 14 ballot. Voting will take place at polling places within

the district between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Riddle patrons are voting by mail ballot, and the Chattin Flats precinct in Elmore County also will be open for the election.

Superintendent Dennis Wilson, who has been schools boss for the past two supplemental levies, said patrons’ property taxes will decrease because the proposed levy is smaller than the existing funding package.

“Without the levy, the district could not operate three schools,” Wilson said. “Its primary purpose is to help operating and staffing expenses at the three schools, support programs and activities, and continue support for

curriculum upgrade, technology, supplies, and equipment.”

The current supplemental levy passed by just 42 votes in March 2015. It replaced a one-year, \$600,000 supplemental levy that trustees floated in August 2014 as a compromise after two attempts to pass a two-year, \$1.4 million failed in May and March of that year.

The school district has three election days each year to try to get a supplemental levy passed.

The district has operated with a supplemental levy since the 2012-13 school year, and officials put out a pamphlet that says supplemental funding remains essential to operate the district.

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✓ Bruneau-GV: Switch will give athletes more class time

Gary Jones are up for re-election in May. Their terms end in July.

Zone 4 Trustee Scott McNeley’s term ends in 2019.

School trustees elections will take place on May 16. The candidate filing deadline is 5 p.m. on March 17.

Wilson said district officials are looking at switching the four-day school week. Currently students attend class from Tuesday to Friday, but the days of instruction may change to Monday through Thursday. Marsing and Homedale districts both are on Monday-

Thursday schedules.

Wilson said the change is necessary to give student-athletes more class time. A survey has been distributed to district parents.

“Currently high school athletes lose up to 80 hours of instructional time when they travel to away events on Fridays,” Wilson said. “Making the switch will decrease the amount of time out of school and give them more time in class.”

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School athletic director Ashley Merrick also has been in talks with

colleagues from other schools about moving all high school events to Thursday nights or Friday/Saturday to address the time out of school even more.

“The whole reason for the look at the switch is strictly instructional time lost by athletes,” Wilson said.

Bruneau-Grand View has been on a four-day week since the 2010-11 school year.

Wilson said the school district has plenty of instructional hours despite snow days this winter.

“If we have another day then we will have to makeup time, but for now we are good,” he said.

Area flooding on Feb. 17 didn’t cause any damage to school facilities, but school operations were affected slightly, Wilson said.

“We did have to change bus routes to get kids home,” he said. “It took a little longer but everyone got home.”

In another sports-related item, Wilson said trustees have a candidate to fill the open high school baseball coaching position, and a decision could be made during the Thursday, March 9 board meeting.

No specifics on Rimrock spring sports are available, but according to the Idaho High School Activities Association website, baseball practice throughout the state began Friday, and the first games can be played next Wednesday, the day before the Bruneau-Grand View board is scheduled to hire a coach.

— JPB

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Calendar

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschool Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Financial education webinar**
12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (208) 337-4228
- Wilson Sagehens meeting**
1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.
- Preschool story time**
3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Christian Life Club**
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Crafts for Kids**
4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Dr. Seuss night**
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

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

Saturday

- Day of Chess**
9 a.m. to noon, Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale
- Idaho Day celebration**
10 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Free lunch**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Senior center dominoes and card games**
2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- American Legion Post 83 fish and oyster feed**
5:30 p.m., \$15 adults, \$5 ages 6-12, 5 and younger free, American Legion Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2842

Sunday

- Marsing Gun Club membership shoot**
10 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78, Marsing. (208) 941-1922, (208) 880-6543 or marsinggunclub@yahoo.com
- Under the Shadow of the Owyhees concert**
2 p.m., admission: \$4 and one non-perishable food item, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3060

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Adult book club**
1 p.m., Lets Talk About It series, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Adult book club**
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First Monday of every month. (208) 896-4690
- School levy community forum**
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2260

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- Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**
1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- Gem Irrigation District board meeting**
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- South Board of Control meeting**
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- After-school program**
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- After-school Story Time**
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Marsing FFA donkey basketball**
7 p.m., \$8 adults, \$6 grades 7-12, \$4 kindergarten through grade 6, Marsing High School gymnasium, Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4111
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- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
- Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**
7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Homedale Middle

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

Homedale High

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

Marsing Elementary

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*
- March 1: Enchilada w/rice, baked sweet potatoes or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers
- March 2: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB&J, yogurt, graham crackers, pudding
- March 6: Cheeseburger, sidewinders or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers
- March 7: Chicken penne alfredo, breadstick, steamed broccoli or PB&J, yogurt, graham crackers
- March 8: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, animal crackers

Marsing Mid/High

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar; salad bar and grab-n-go lunches available daily*
- March 1: Enchilada w/rice, baked sweet potatoes or BBQ pulled pork, baked sweet potatoes
- March 2: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or PB&J w/sun chips, tossed salad, pudding
- March 6: Cheeseburger, sidewinders or chicken nuggets, roll, sidewinders
- March 7: Chicken penne alfredo, breadstick, steamed broccoli or BBQ chicken sandwich, steamed broccoli
- March 8: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, roll or pork taco, cilantro lime refried beans

Bruneau-Grand View

- March 1: Lasagna, spinach salad, steamed carrots, breadstick (Rimrock), fruit
- March 2: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato, corn, fruit
- March 3: Ham/cheese on bun, sweet potato fries, baby carrots, fresh fruit
- March 7: Stromboli, spinach salad, fresh broccoli, fruit
- March 8: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit

About calendar listings

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 fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays. 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 email 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.

Homedale Sr. Center focuses on health

Property tax reduction help coming this month

Although a planned diabetes self-management class has been cancelled, the Homedale Senior Center still has plenty of programs to help maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The Living Well with Diabetes program, which was scheduled to run 10 weeks beginning later this month, has been dropped because of similar programs already offered in Homedale, Jeff Smith of program sponsor Qualis Health said.

Other diabetes-related educational programs are being offered at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Garnet Road north of Homedale and also through the Southwest District Health Homedale office on East Idaho Avenue.

But the senior center still has other wellness offerings.

The bi-weekly Fit and Fall exercise class continues at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Free blood pressure clinics will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon three times this month on Tuesday, March 14 and March 28.

The monthly foot clinic will be held on Tuesday, March 21. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the senior center at (208) 337-3020.

A checkup costs \$12.

The senior center board of directors meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

On Tuesday, the monthly Widows Breakfast will be held, and the Ladies Coffee Group meets at 9 a.m. each Wednesday.

The senior center is located 224 W. Idaho Ave., and is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Congregate meals are served beginning at 11:30 a.m. each day of operation.

Owyhee County Assessor's Office personnel will be on hand to help eligible property owners with their Circuit Breaker tax reduction filings. The deadline to file is April 18.

Circuit Breaker workshops will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 21.

The property tax reduction applies to primary residences only, and eligible property owners must have had income of less than \$29,640 in 2016 and met one of the following criteria by Jan. 1:

- Age 65 or older
- Widowed
- Blind
- Fatherless or motherless child younger than 18
- Former prisoner of war or hostage
- Veteran with 10 percent or more service-connected disability or receiving a pension from Veterans Affairs for a non-service-connected disability
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Obituary

June L. Davies



During the early morning hours of February 9th, our Mom, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and Sister went to her heavenly home. Mom passed away peacefully at our home in Homedale, Idaho.

Mom was born at home in Watseka, Illinois on June 11th, 1927 to Violet and Dean Williams. A day we were told to never forget. If we forgot her birthday we would be "wrote out of the will", she would say. Knowing there was nothing in the will, we always remembered her birthday with cards or flowers to plant in her "ever" blooming yard!

My mom wore many hats in her lifetime. She operated the switchboard at Caldwell Memorial Hospital. Yes, the kind you plugged in and disconnected when the light went out. She later worked in medical records. Her retirement sent her to the farm in Marsing, caring for a half-acre garden. She worked tirelessly to keep the vegetables and the grandchildren growing. She was always in the kitchen cooking and canning, if she wasn't in the garden, pulling weeds.

After moving into town, she made her yard a show place. It was deemed a back yard sanctuary to wild birds, which she fed with her joy. Squirrels---no!!! If you needed any target practice you could come shoot squirrels. (Yes this is illegal in town.) Her and the grandsons got pretty good with her high-powered pellet gun. She live-trapped many of the @\$%&\$\$#\$# squirrels and sent them to my house, when she couldn't get a good shot in.

She knew every scientific name to every plant she had. It was a show place. She was a member of Master Gardner's. She took on the duty of planting flower boxes in downtown Marsing and keeping them watered. She was a constant recycler and cleaner. She was the lady in the big hat picking up garbage and cans during her daily jaunts around town. She kept the city workers busy, pointing out things that needed cleaned or straightened up. I'm sure they thought she was a pain in the butt!

Her joy of cooking landed her a job as cook at the Marsing senior citizens center. Years later, she cooked for the Sandbar River House when Betty Bish and Annie Muller owned it. They thought the world of Mom, as did her co-cook, Susie Alexander.

She was an avid reader and always had one or two novels going. My mom was an accom-

plished pianist and organist. She played the organ most of her life for St. David's in Caldwell, and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Homedale.

Mom's other hobby was watching basketball. She loved pro ball and college games. Besides cheering at all her grandsons' games with her tambourine. In her last days, she couldn't communicate well, but if the ref made a bad call, she always commented in full sentences about that.

My mom was a strong lady that lived the best life that she could. In her last hours, words were gone for her, yet before she left us to be with her heavenly father, she told us all: "I Love You". She leaves behind three grandsons she loved as her own: Job Russell (Jessika), Wade Davies (Audrey), and Jeb Russell (Amy). Two sisters: Nancy (Jerry) Nichols, Champaign, Illinois; Dianna (Tony) Huckert, Manhattan, Montana; her daughter Mary (Jack) Waite, Homedale; and two sons: Martin (Linda) Davies, Walnut Creek, California; and Stuart (Robin) Davies and Stuarts family in Fairbanks, Alaska. Her great-grandchildren, Laci, Zhyon, Wyatt, Easton, Mathew, and Khaje. Nieces and great-nieces and nephews in Illinois and Montana. Also a dear sweet childhood friend Phyllis Davis from Banning, California.

Mom was cremated on February 11th. The family will gather at a later date for a memorial tribute to her life. Memorials may be made in Mom's name to the Marsing Senior Citizen Center or a charity of your choice.

Death notices

RONALD J. McDONNELL, 82, of Marsing, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2017 at a Nampa care facility of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

WILLIAM "BILLY" ANDREW TAYLOR, 60, of Grand View, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017 at home. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 587-0612

Homedale schools schedule full Friday

The Homedale School District calendar has been altered slightly.

Trustees have added a regular school day on Friday, March 10, to make up for class hours missed because of snow-related cancellations.

All students will attend a full day of class on March 10, which originally was scheduled as a student support and enrichment day as well as staff in-service.

Staff had an in-service day Friday to make up for a staff-only day that was cancelled because of snow on Jan. 20.

No other calendar changes have been made.

Spring Fling

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Lots of snow means moldy yards

With this weather warming up and the snow melting, we are taken away from dangerous road conditions from the snow and ice to concerns with flooding.

Well, with that snow melting and creating the flooding, it is also showing some individuals a new issue on their lawns — snow mold. A Marsing resident contacted the Owyhee County Extension Office seeking more information. If you think you may have issues with snow mold, follow these steps identified by Canyon County Horticulture Extension Educator Rich Guggenheim:

When looking at how to manage snow mold, rapid drying and warming will lessen the outbreak



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of this disease. You can work to remove snow to allow better drainage and you can also remove the mycelial crust on infected turf by raking. This will help in the recovery of the grass. Lightly applying a low dose of nitrogen fertilizer in the spring will promote new growth, to help as you move forward with your lawn.

If you are trying to prepare in advance, when applied in the fall, fungicides can be useful in controlling disease. Unfortunately, they are not effective when applied in late winter or early spring! Additionally, for pink snow mold it's important to maintain low soil pH and balanced soil fertility.

Aeration of your lawn will help remove thatch and allow for oxygen to penetrate the soil and reach the roots. This will help your lawn recover more quickly. This is also

a good time to reseed any areas which may need to be reseeded, as they can all recover and grow at the same time!

If you are looking for any video tutorials, Guggenheim recommends one from Wyoming, "Pre-emergent Weed Control," that can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWADK-my9v4>. If you are seeking regular pest alerts, you can find information on snow mold and others at www.pnwpestalet.net

For more information, contact the Canyon County Extension office at (208) 459-6001.

— *Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach Greenway at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.*

Washout closes part of Wilson Creek Road

A portion of Wilson Creek Road has been closed because it is impassable.

The road is washed out about six miles west of Idaho highway 78 southwest of Givens Hot Springs.

Bureau of Land Management Boise District Owyhee Field Office assistant manager Brian Thrift confirmed the washout on public land early last week.

"We will have a crew evaluate the damage and provide an estimate for how long it will take to repair," Thrift wrote in an email.

He added that road closure signs will be posted near the Wilson Creek Cattle Cattle Feeders lot.

All other BLM roads in the Owyhee Field Office remain open. There are no road closures in the Bruneau Field Office, but five roads in the Jarbidge Field Office of the Twin Falls District are closed.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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March 1: Ham & beans, carrots, corn, bread
March 2: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll
March 7: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll
March 8: Sausage & biscuits w/country gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots
March 9: Baked fish & baked potato, California blend vegetables, roll
March 14: Salisbury steak, mushrooms & onions w/gravy, peas & carrots, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

March 2: Pulled pork on bun, tater tots, apple, coleslaw/ broccoli salad, cookie
March 7: Salisbury steak, potatoes/gravy, beets, green salad, roll, fruit delight
March 9: Beef barley soup, biscuits, canned plums, cookie
March 14: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread stick, fruit

Ramsey's Financial Peace class starts Monday in GV

A session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University begins Monday in Grand View.

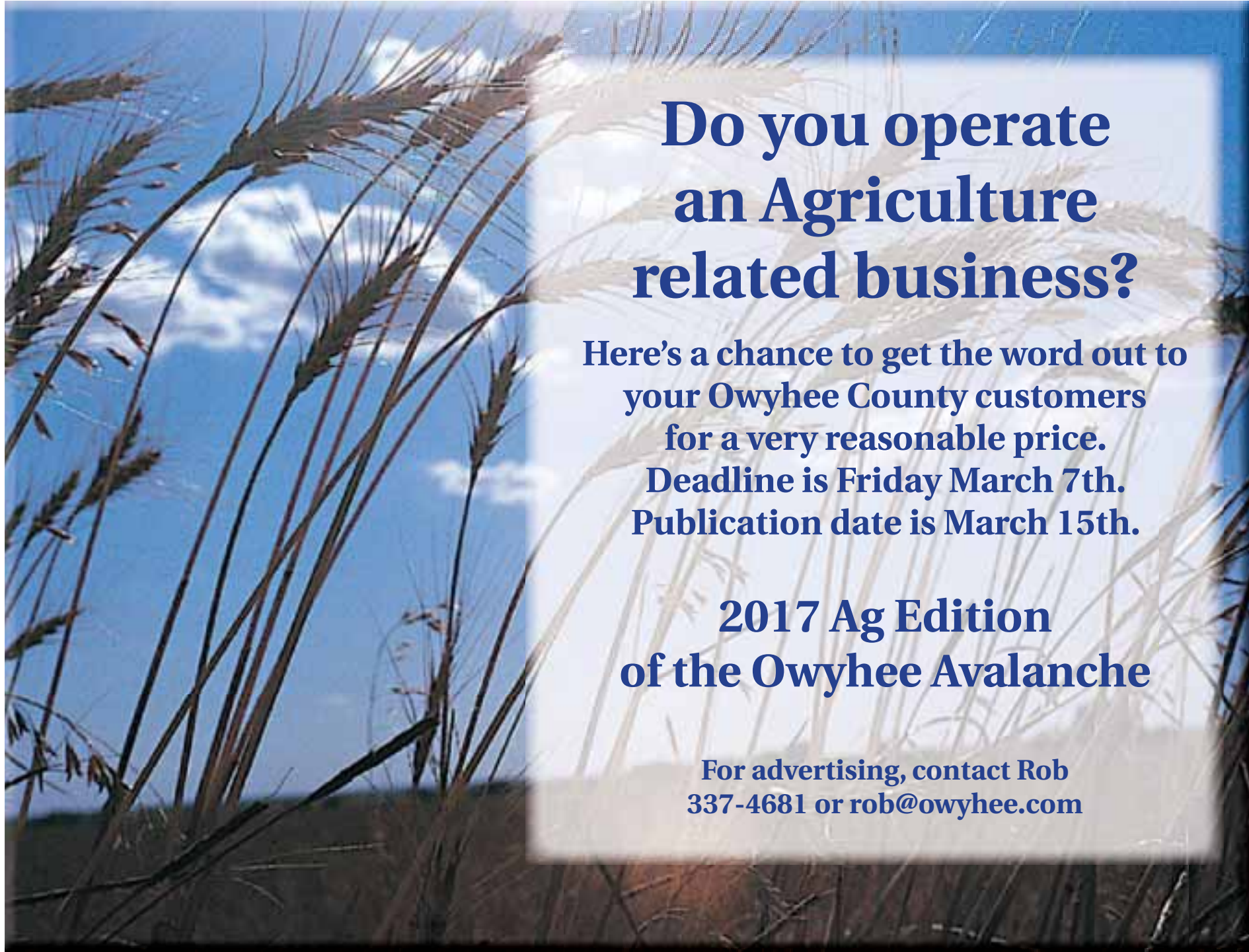
The nine-week class, presented in conjunction with Simplot Land and Livestock, will be held at 7 p.m. each Monday.

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.



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Lions bingo gets an early start

Club kicks off rifle, cooler raffle

The Marsing Lions Club’s bingo night happens a week early this month.

As was the case last year, the March bingo fundraiser will be held Saturday — the first one of the month — rather than the tradition second Saturday.

Club past president Herb Churruca said the bingo night has been moved because of a conflict with the Txoko Ona Basque Club’s annual fundraiser dance, which will take place on March 11.

Saturday’s bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. with the early bird game. The regular set of 12 games starts at 7 p.m.

Bingo is held at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Proceeds from this month’s bingo will benefit The Sandbar Café with a Cause. Churruca said the Sandbar has been providing sandwiches that are sold as part of the available refreshments during bingo night. Proceeds from the sandwich sales are donated back to the Sandbar.

The early bird game costs \$1, and the first set of game cards for the regular 12-game series is \$15. Each additional card set costs \$5. Daubers and markers are available, and there is also a hot number option.

The hot number prize rolls over if no one hits a bingo using that number. A different number is selected each night. Churruca said if no one bingos with the hot number, the prize money is added to the blackout award on the final game of the year during April’s session.

American Legion Post 128 was February’s bingo benefactor, and in April the Lions Club will raise money for Marsing High School’s senior class graduation party.

The Lions Club is selling tickets for a two-prize raffle of items donated by former Owyhee County resident and Marsing Lion Matthew Faulks. The former county prosecuting attorney has donated a Chiappa .22-caliber rifle and a Engle high-performance cooler.

Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$20. Only 600 tickets will be sold, and they are available from any Lions Club member or at Saturday’s bingo night.

Churruca said the winning tickets will be drawn at the club’s Third of July barbecue at Island Park or at an earlier date if all 600 tickets are sold.

Raffle proceeds will benefit the Lions Club’s community service endeavors, including the annual Easter egg hunt, which is set for April 15, and sight and hearing projects.

Call Churruca at (208) 454-7820 for more information.



Louisa Metcalf (left) accepts a pancake from Steve Clapier during the Marsing FFA chapter’s third annual appreciation breakfast Thursday morning. Louisa, 15, is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa Metcalf.

National FFA secretary visits

State officers along for Marsing, Homedale tour

FFA Week for the Marsing and Homedale chapters took on a larger meaning.

The organization’s national secretary visited with members in both towns Thursday.

Victoria Harris of Florida told FFA members how they can make a difference in their community during a speech at an appreciation breakfast held at Marsing High School.

In the afternoon, Harris and Idaho’s state officers — including Idaho FFA secretary Jenny Bautista, a Homedale High School graduate — spent time with the Homedale chapter.

Harris’ day in Owyhee County began as the guest speaker at Marsing FFA’s third annual appreciation breakfast for FFA alumni, advisory board members and friends of the organization.

Harris was impressed by the support that she saw for FFA at the event held in the school’s ag shop.

She witnessed the support “also for agriculture in general, and that’s something most definitely to be proud of,” Harris said.

She added that involvement the FFA is strong across the country.

“I think there’s something about the blue jacket that attracts people to it,” Harris said. “What’s great about FFA is that it brings out the best of individuals.”

She will end her term as FFA national



Victoria Harris, the national FFA secretary from Florida, speaks to fellow FFA students during the Marsing FFA chapter’s appreciation breakfast Thursday morning.

secretary in October. Harris will then return to the University of Florida to continue her studies, focusing on veterinary medicine.

On Thursday, she also made stops at the Idaho Department of Agriculture in Boise, Homedale High School, Wilder Middle School and the Middleton FFA banquet.

In Homedale, Harris helped FFA members understand the important role social media plays in spreading the organization’s message.

During her speech in Marsing, Harris said

FFA members have a unique opportunity to be advocates for agriculture.

“Being an FFA member also teaches us the importance of building strong local communities,” she said. “What makes FFA great is the fact that we start in chapters just like these, with supporters like you all, seeing the importance of agriculture. It’s because of you, that together, we’re able to ensure that the future of agriculture is bright.”

— SC

Donkey basketball a battle of balance, wills

Marsing FFA fundraiser slated Tuesday in gym

It will be the inaugural game for many players, but Marsing FFA students say they’re as ready as they’ll ever be.

The Marsing FFA Donkey Basketball game hits the Marsing High School gymnasium floor on Tuesday.

The game will take place at 7 p.m. inside the Main Street gymnasium, and teams will be comprised only of Marsing FFA students. A Washington state company specializing in donkey-themed sporting events provides

the animals.

Sophomore Logan Stansell has never tried combining donkey-riding and hoops before.

“Hopefully I won’t be falling off,” Logan said. “You don’t train for it, you just go for it, I guess.”

Junior Lena Metcalf has a little bit of experience with donkeys on the hardwood.

She participated in the game during her freshman year at MHS.

“It was fun. I just can’t get on that easy,” Lena said. “I’m so short that the donkeys are taller than me.”

Metcalf added that watching the players try to control the donkeys is almost as fun as playing the game.

There is no dribbling in donkey basketball. Players hold onto the ball with one hand, and do their best to lead the donkey in the intended direction with the other hand. No saddles are involved, but the donkeys are wearing reins.

This will also be the first year for junior Dana McGee to participate.

“I’m just hoping for the best at this point,” Dana said. “I’m hoping and praying that I don’t fall off and hurt myself. But it should be a lot of fun.”

Like McGee, sophomore Spencer Fisher is trying to be optimistic about his first attempt at navigating a donkey around the gym floor.

“I’ve had people say, ‘Try your best to not fall off. Stay on the donkey,’ ” Spencer said. “But I really haven’t gotten much advice.”

Tickets are available from any Marsing FFA member or can be purchased at the door Tuesday night. 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.

As of noon on Thursday, sophomore Ashley Loucks was the top ticket-seller among her FFA mates with 44 tickets sold.

Proceeds from the game will help defray state convention costs.

— SC

Hope House experience grows with greenhouse

Grant helps fresh produce campaign

Young people living at Hope House in Marsing will likely see a lot of fresh vegetables on their dinner plates this fall.

The private Christian academy has been given a \$300 grant from the Idaho Afterschool Network to get a greenhouse ready for spring. The greenhouse is roughly 38-by-50 square feet.

The funds will pay for materials to construct two new plant tables, which will be built by students. The plant tables will be used to start seedlings for vegetables that will later be transplanted outdoors on the Hope House campus.

This is the first Idaho Afterschool Network grant Hope House has ever received.

Gary Schwisow, who manages the Bonnie Plant Farms location in Givens Hot Springs, donated the greenhouse last year. A \$2,500 Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization grant paid for the greenhouse’s cement foundation. Hope House students, community members, volunteers from the Caldwell Rotary Club and others pitched in to assemble the greenhouse.

Assistant administrator and pastor Keith Croft, who has been with Hope House for 30 years, said this will be the first growing season for the greenhouse to produce transplantable vegetables.

“We did have some plants in there this last year that were donated by Bonnie Plant Farms, but because of some ventilation problems, they didn’t take off,” Croft said. “We got them in the garden too late. But we did have some stuff from them.”

Seeds will be started early next month to be nurtured in the greenhouse before they are planted outside on the campus in late spring or early summer.

A wide variety of vegetables will be germinated inside the greenhouse.

“Tomatoes will be a big one,” Croft said. “We love fresh tomatoes.”

In the past, Hope House students have tried to start plants



Above: Hope House assistant administrator and pastor Keith Croft opening the door of the private school’s new greenhouse last Wednesday. **Below:** Croft stands next to three plant tables inside the greenhouse. A \$300 grant will help build two more tables.

outdoors, with mixed results.

“We’ve had some success with it,” Croft said. “We sometimes had more tomatoes than we knew what to do with. Last year was one of those years that it just didn’t work out. It was a pretty lean year for fresh produce.”

The greenhouse serves another purpose besides providing fresh produce for the young people living at Hope House.

“This will help teach them horticulture skills,” Croft said. “They’ll learn the whole process from seed to a fresh tomato, planting to table.”

About 40 minors are currently staying at Hope House, but there are also some young adults.

“We have a number of kids who have grown up here who are over 18 and still require some assistance,” Croft said. “They’re not quite ready to be on their own, or they’re doing things like going to college or trade school.”

Hope House was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1980.

Croft describes the school, and the housing that it offers, as “the last stop that is available” to the



youth it serves.

“They have, for the most part, slipped through the cracks of social services,” he said. “The majority of our kids come from failed, or failing, adoptions. We do our best to give them a home that they can call home. We’re able to reunite some families. Others, that’s never going to work out.”

— SC



Sugar beets are strewn on an embankment above Idaho highway 78 after a semi-trailer tipped over near Sinker Creek. Photo courtesy of OCSO

Beet hauler loses load

The driver escaped injury when a semi-trailer hauling sugar beets overturned last Wednesday.

Owyhee County sheriff’s deputies were on scene of the crash for more than five hours after a Trans Systems semi-trailer left the roadway near milepost 40 on Idaho highway 78.

The cab and the main trailer tipped, spilling beets on the side of the road. The pup trailer remained upright.

Sheriff Perry Grant said the driver, 52-year-old Jesus Medina of Nampa, was uninjured when he drove the westbound semi off the edge of the highway around 6 a.m. near Oreana Loop Road.

Grant said the two trailers were loaded with sugar beets en route to the Amalgamated Sugar Co., processing plant in Nampa. Medina had picked up the beets at the Grand View storage ground.

Although deputies didn’t clear the scene until 11:30 a.m., Grant said most of the beets were strewn off the roadway.

— JPB

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A tarp covers damage caused by heavy snow on the roof of the post office in Murphy.

✓ Post office: Clerk says building’s roof damaged by snow buildup

also can be deposited in those containers outside the privately owned building. But anyone needing counter service — including officials inside the county courthouse and sheriff’s office across Hailey Street — will have to drive 34 miles round-trip to the area’s administrative post office in Melba to meet retail needs. The other nearest post offices are in Grand View or Marsing, which are both 60-mile round trips.

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“We’re going to have to figure out and assign one person (as a courier),” County Clerk Angie Barkell said. “We still have things that require face-to-face service — registered mail and certified mail, packages and passport applications.” Barkell said county departments also have a lot of mail that requires tracking, and although many

packages can be weighed inside one of the courthouse offices, it was often easier just to tote the item over to the post office and have it weighed right before shipping. Although Putnam couldn’t specify what the structural problem was, Barkell said the back half of the structure caved in under the weight of snow earlier this winter. According to the assessor’s office, the property is owned by Daniel Martin. Although Martin is paying property taxes on the building, a county official said the payments aren’t current. Still, there is no danger that a tax lien will be applied yet. A property owner must be delinquent for three consecutive years before tax deed proceedings can be instituted. The postal service first warned of problems with the building in a Jan. 23 letter to customers signed by Melba-based administrative postmaster Vikki Tyson. The letter, which instituted “an emergency Continuation of Operations,” alluded to a building assessment that concluded conditions were unsafe to continue operations. The letter laid out a plan that included the cluster boxes and keys to the area’s P.O. box holders. It also said all retail services would be moved to Melba, but didn’t give a closure date for the Murphy branch. “This operations plan is temporary and is designed to continue as much service as possible while we determine the best way to provide service to Murphy,” the letter said. Murphy residents apparently received no immediate warning before the post office was closed after Tuesday’s counter hours. “We had to make the decision quite quick,” said Putnam, who was unaware of the January letter. “We determined that it was just unsafe, and we had to do something quickly.” Putnam said the postal service is trying to find a way to restore counter service in Murphy, which saw its hours of operation cut after the USPS started a branch consolidation plan in 2015. “We’re working on a solution because we do know it’s an important post office,” Putnam said. “We’re looking at either repairing it or replacing it or finding another business partner that would want to provide retail services.” — JPB

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Grand View couple barred from horse ownership

Judge allows private sale of animals to reimburse county

Twenty-two horses remain on a Grand View property as an animal neglect case drags on.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said the horse population increased by one last week when a deputy who showed up to feed the animals discovered a newborn colt.

Grant confirmed that the animals' owner, Ray Michael Parker, sold 17 horses to Idaho Horse Rescue. Those animals were removed from the 4.5-acre Grand View site directly to the IHR corrals in Eagle.

The county received some reimbursement for feed costs through the sale of 17 cattle that were shipped to a Twin Falls sales yard on Feb. 14. Deputies continue to visit the property, where Parker and his wife Billie Jean reside, twice daily to feed the animals.

"I really commend my deputies who are

going out there and doing this feeding," Grant said. "They're working their tails off, and they're animal lovers, too."


Grant estimates the county has spent about \$6,000 on feed, and he says Wolfe Brothers Hay Farm in Grand View has given the sheriff's office a good deal on feed at a rate of about \$110 per ton.

An interim order Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober issued last month gave the Parkers permission to conduct horse sales either privately or at auction with proceeds to reimburse county care expenses.

Grober also banned the couple from owning or housing livestock at their Grand View property for five years.

The next court date is a continued pretrial conference at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 13 in Murphy. The Parkers have been charged with two misdemeanors — impounding animals without food or water and animal cruelty.

— JPB




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2/22	6.3	16	10.9	32	24	28
2/23	6.5	18	11.1	26	17	23
2/24	6.6	17	10.8	27	6	17
2/25	6.7	17	10.5	31	2	17
2/26	7.0	17	10.6	32	10	20
2/27	7.1	17	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
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2/27	6.9	15	13.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
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2/25	17.1	53	22.5	31	12	19
2/26	17.2	51	22.4	26	18	21
2/27	17.2	51	22.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 69 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,408 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 250 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 496,626 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

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✓ Irrigators: Flood control measures have begun at dam

begin flood control measures.

"Once we get to certain levels in the reservoir with what's left in the hills, with their percentage, then we have a table to go by," Eells said.

On Sunday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 69 percent full with 496,626 acre-feet of water. Water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,408 cubic feet per second. Water was flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 75 cubic feet per second.

The outflow changed when the floodgates were open Monday.

Eells also wants to know if water users would like to have a meeting with South Board officials regarding what they can expect for this year's irrigation season. Traditionally, the meeting has been held at the Homedale Senior Center.

"If we have no feedback, we won't have a meeting, unless

growers actually want one," Eells said.

SBOC patrons can call (208) 337-3760 to give their input.


The irrigation director's next series of meetings takes place Tuesday downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 S. 1st W. in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem directors at 1:15 p.m., and the South Board of Control at 1:30 p.m.

Eells expects the meetings to be short and estimates that the directors might be there for about 70 minutes.

"I have nothing for the meeting other than just paying the bills," he said.

— SC

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OCD seeks producers to guide field trip

The Owyhee Conservation District wants to educate area schoolchildren on its mission.

US Ecology Idaho (USEI), the hazardous waste disposal facility in Grand View, presented the Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) with a check in the amount of \$1,500 on Feb. 21 for education efforts on conservation.

The bulk of the Helping Hands grant will be used to finance a field trip for middle school students from Homedale, Marsing and Jordan Valley.

OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard said a date and location for the field trip has yet to be determined, but the idea is to show students how to maximize the use of natural resources.

She added that tools such as no-till drills, which retain soil during the planting season, and pivot irrigation for efficient use



From left: OCD supervisor Andrea McRae, USEI resource generalist Elizabeth Schwager and OCD chairman Chuck Kiester display the grant check.

of water will be highlighted during the field trip.

Millard said farmers or agriculture experts who are

interested in lending their expertise to the field trip should contact her at (208) 896-4544 or gina.millard@id.nacdn.net.



Flamenco dancer Kerri Brown performs Sunday. Photo by Bark Cepek

Sunday concert helps HHS drama, El-Ada

The second annual Under the Shadow of the Owyhees showcase has expanded to include dance.

The music and dance event takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale.

Kelli Brown will perform Spanish flamenco dance Sunday.

The founder and past artistic director of Off Center Dance has choreographed over 30 works and five short dance videos, including a flamenco piece for Off Center entitled “Fire,” which premiered in February.

An adjunct professor at Boise State University and a dance educator at Idaho Arts Charter School, Brown is currently performing with Maha Via Flamenco and has soloed in three productions.

She has trained in Spain at the Carmen de Cuevas school four times. In addition to her training in Spain she has received flamenco training in Portland, Seattle, Chicago and at the International

Flamenco Festival in New Mexico.

Other performers include:

- Bill Buckendorf, 1960s-style folk singer
- Carol Burroughs, yodeling cowgirl
- Bob Law and Jim Sample, 1940s swing duo
- Judy Pittman, bagpipes
- Agnes Kilonzo, Afro-Zumba
- Betty Adams and JoAnn Redburn, country gospel

Adams and Redburn both have ties to Homedale and both have recorded albums. Adams fronts the band Betty and Ozark Mountain Music.

Admission for Under the Shadow of the Owyhees is \$4 plus one non-perishable food item. Proceeds will benefit Owyhee County’s El-Ada Community Action Partnership food pantry as well as the Homedale High School drama department.

The church is located at 320 N. 6th St. W., in Homedale.

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Nampa man acquitted of lewd charges

A man charged with three felony counts of lewd conduct has been acquitted.

A jury found Christopher Stevens of Nampa not guilty on all three charges after his trial wrapped up last month.

After Homedale Police investigated, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery filed charges in August accusing Stevens of lewd conduct with a 12-year-old girl.

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Friday event marks Marsing Chamber leadership change

New leadership is at the helm for the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary Julie Scheu recently was named as the business organization’s new president. She succeeds Luke Burbank, who has served as Chamber president since January 2014 when he took over for Jolyn Green.

Ellen Boatman stepped down as Chamber secretary in January of 2016. Scheu became a member of the Chamber three months later in April and then took over for Boatman.

Burbank is also president of US Bank in Marsing, and became a Chamber member in 2011.

He is taking a new job as the bank’s payment solutions market manager for the region between Marsing and McCall. The job will be based in Caldwell.

Burbank said a couple of things come to mind when he looks back on his time as Chamber president.

“One is that we kicked off the annual wine and art in the park,” Burbank said. “It’s growing and flourishing, I would say. Also, the Third of July has grown significantly.”

Scheu said she initially joined the Chamber to promote the business she owns with her husband John, Franklin Auto and Truck Repair on North Bruneau Highway.

But her motives with the organization have since changed.

“Honestly, my main drive now is with the community,” Scheu said. “I want to be part of my community. I’m going to go to City Hall meetings. I just want to be part of the city, and we have a momentum starting, I think.”

Nobody else threw their hat into the ring to replace Burbank. There is no vice president or secretary on the Chamber right now. Mike Sprinkel is treasurer of the organization, while Stan Beebe serves as a director.

Scheu already has plans to make the Chamber more accessible to businesses and Marsing community members.

Scheu hopes to add several more directors in the next few months.

“Basically it’s just people who do something that needs to be done,” she said. “There are different facets of the Chamber that we’re trying to develop, so I’m looking for key people that are smart in those areas.”

She’s also planning other

changes to help with the Chamber’s visibility.

“I’d like to have a central location where people can go see what we’re about, so a website is coming,” Scheu said. “More events are coming, and more communication with social networking like Facebook.”

Scheu had never been involved with a community organization prior to joining the Chamber, but she worked at Home Depot for 16 years in several capacities, including as an assistant manager and as a trainer traveling to nine different stores.

“That gave me a great platform to communicate very well with people, and it opened up a lot of things for me,” Scheu said.

The Chamber meets at 1 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month at various businesses around town.

“The reason why it’s moving around is because whoever pays membership dues, we’re going to patronize them,” Scheu said.

She added that folks can check the Marsing Chamber of Commerce Facebook page to see where each meeting will be held.

“The Facebook page will tell you all you need to know that is



New Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Julie Scheu (left) with outgoing Chamber president Luke Burbank.

current at the moment,” Scheu said.

People are invited to The Sandbar Café from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., on Friday for a gathering to say thank you and farewell to Burbank and welcome Scheu in as the new president. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided and beer or wine will be available for purchase. The Sandbar Café is located at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.

Scheu wants Burbank to know that she appreciates his confidence in her to take over leadership of the Chamber.

“Also his willingness to show me what ever I need, and of course his service that is genuine to the bone, for not only the Chamber but the community as a whole,” she said. “He’s just an all-around good guy in general.”

Burbank said he thinks Scheu will do “great” as Chamber president.

“It feels like my baby. It’s been a huge part of even my personal life,” he said. “I think that Julie understands that, and knows how much of a passion I had for it. I think she has more fire than even myself or previous presidents.”

— SC

HMS Day of Chess set Saturday

Critical thinking and problem-solving will be on display in a fun way Saturday at Homedale Middle School.

Rescheduled from two months ago, the Day of Chess will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the school.

“Day of Chess came about because we wanted students to have a hands-on, practical experience with critical thinking and problem-solving,” middle school math teacher Andrea Ratkowski said.

“The fact that chess is a fun game and positive social experience is, of course, a bonus.”

Day of Chess, which isn’t a tournament, is open to everyone fifth grade and up, not just students. The middle school is located a 3437 Johnstone Road.

A free pizza lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The first hour of the event will be spent on instruction about the game, and a round robin event begins at 10 a.m. Players of like abilities will be put into the same pods.

“We decided to open the day up to anyone in the community fifth grade and up so that families,

friends and chess-lovers could all share the experience together,” Ratkowski said.

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Melba Legion chili feed set

As the winter chill continues, the American Legion Post 126 in Melba plans a chili feed. The free chili feed will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Legion Hall, 304 4th St., in Melba. The main raffle prize is a .22-caliber lever-action Henrys rifle with 500 rounds of long rifle, hollow-point shells. Raffle tickets are available from any Post 126 member, at the door Saturday night or at Cook's Two-Hole Bar in Melba.



Posse honors service, welcomes new president
Bill Jones (left) receives a belt buckle from Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse president Don Best during Saturday's annual banquet. The buckle commemorates Jones' 20 years of service to the Posse. Saturday's banquet at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center marked Best's final night as Posse president. Michael Beavers, the 2016 vice-president, assumed the gavel for this year, and Tony Malmberg is the new vice-president. Submitted photo

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Celebratory mood at GV library

The Eastern Owyhee County Library will mark two anniversaries this week. Additionally, the first Story Time for preschool-aged children will be held from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. today. The library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

The 113th anniversary of Dr. Seuss creator and children's author Theodor Seuss Giesel's birth will be celebrated Thursday. There will be refreshments, stories and goodies. Call (208) 834-2785 for more information on the library's programs.

The 154th anniversary of the Idaho Territory will be commemorated at 10 a.m. on Saturday. There will be refreshments and readings from the book "Home Below Hell's Canyon."

Program coordinator Penny Vance said the library has nine copies of the book for folks to check out. There is more going on at the library, too. At 1 p.m. on Monday, 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. At 4 p.m., each Thursday, the Kids Crafts activity allows first-through seventh-graders to pick up a free book while enjoying a snack, games or karaoke.

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JV boys, Adrian girls reach state tournament

Mustangs put 20-game victory streak on line

A 20th consecutive victory has pushed Jordan Valley High School into the 1A Oregon state tournament.

The sixth-seeded Mustangs breezed past No. 11 Rogue Valley Adventist Academy, 68-54, in Friday's second-round playoff game on the Mustangs' floor.

Coach Clint Fillmore's squad (22-2) will open the tournament at 7:30 p.m. MST today against No. 3 Hosanna Christian (25-3). The state tournament runs through Saturday at Baker High School.

— See *Mustangs*, page 5B

Antelopes win twice to make State return

Adrian High School cruised into its third consecutive 1A Oregon girls' basketball state tournament Saturday.

The 10th-seeded Antelopes dismantled host No. 7 Crosshill Christian, 46-19, to make the eight-team field that will play in Baker City this week.

Coach Gene Mills' squad finished fourth in last year's tourney and was third in 2015.

The team has reached the state tournament three straight years and five times since 2008.

— See *Antelopes*, page 5B

IDAHO WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENTS



Above: Marsing High School junior Mason Hall pulls Orofino's Brandon Stump to the mat at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa on Saturday. Hall pinned Stump for the bronze medal in the 2A tournament's 220-pound bracket. **Below:** The referee raises Homedale wrestler Joel Padilla's arm after his fifth-place win over Fruitland's Cameron Russell (left) at 160 pounds in the 3A tourney Saturday. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Hall leads Marsing with bronze medal

Joseph Ineck captures 6th in third appearance

Mason Hall medaled again to top Marsing High School's performances at the 2A wrestling state tournament.

The junior 220-pounder, one of three Huskies who were making a return to the tournament at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa, finished third Saturday to improve on his 2016 showing.

Joseph Ineck, who was also making his third straight

appearance, finished sixth at 145 pounds.

Hall's third appearance in as many prep seasons ended when he pinned Orofino's Brandon Stump in 59 seconds in the third-place match.

The junior (38-6) wrestled into the semifinals where Trae Dominguez of Clearwater Valley caught him with two seconds to go in the first period.

Hall rallied with a 1:36 pin of Declo's Dawson Osterhout in the consolation semifinals to reach the bronze medal match.

Hall had quick pins of Cole

— See *Marsing*, back page



Padilla 5th as HHS seniors reach Day 2

Every wrestler wins at least once

Joel Padilla and Shane Keller made it to the final day of the final wrestling tournament of their high school careers.

Padilla, a senior transfer from Middleton High School, was Homedale's only medalist in the 3A state tournament at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Keller, another senior, just missed his shot at a medal.

Padilla's fifth-place medal, and victories from all five of the Trojans' state qualifiers, helped coach Jake Levinski's first team finish 19th in the two-day tournament that wrapped up Saturday.

Padilla's tournament run was filled with drama, including a one-point victory in the final match of his career. He beat fellow District III qualifier Cameron Russell of Fruitland, 6-5, for fifth place at 160 pounds.

Padilla (36-11) began his tournament Friday with a

— See *HHS*, back page

Sports

Jamboree jump starts HHS softball season

There’s still snow on the ground in some places, but high school spring sports are under way.

Practice for softball, baseball, tennis and track and field began Friday. Golf workouts started Monday.

The preparation for a possible 3A state championship three-peat begins in earnest for Homedale’s softball team Saturday.

Coach Larry Corta leads the Trojans into the eight-team Vallivue varsity jamboree in Caldwell.

Homedale will play three scrimmages on the junior varsity field. The Trojans meet Skyview of Nampa at 12:40 p.m. and Caldwell at 1:15 p.m., for a pair of two-inning contests. Homedale wraps up the jamboree at 2 p.m. with three innings against Middleton.

Capital, Meridian and Kuna also take part in the jamboree.

The Trojans begin the softball season at 5 p.m. on March 15 with a non-conference home game against Vallivue.



The Jordan Valley High School girls’ basketball team upset Hosanna Christian in the 1A Oregon girls’ basketball state playoffs in Klamath Falls. **Back row, from left:** “Bob” Burch, Emilee Burch, Regann Skinner; Alisha Rogers, Baylee Davis, Shaienne Keller, Becky Mackenzie, Nicole Terry, and Katelyn Deen. **Middle row, from left:** Allisyn Reynolds, Zoey Warn, and Taylor Warn. **Front:** Cheyenne Davis. Submitted photo

Young All-3A SRV picks embolden HHS girls’ basketball coach

The Homedale High School girls’ basketball team finished the season in unfamiliar territory.

Missing out on the first 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament in the Joe Betancourt coaching era may be an anomaly, though.

The out-of-the-ordinary snowfall set an odd pace to the 2016-17 season, and Betancourt believes that may have affected his young squad, which featured only four seniors.

“The year ended earlier than what we’ve been accustomed to over the past few years, although this wasn’t a typical year,” the coach said.



Homedale High School all-conference first-teamer Josey Hall (left) battles for a rebound during the district tournament against Parma.

“The snow storm that hit after Christmas really hurt our development. Starting on Dec. 16, we lost six games from our schedule leading up to the district tournament. Since our biggest challenge going into this year was lack of experience, it definitely affected us.”

The Trojans’ three All-3A Snake River Valley conference selections are underclassmen, including sophomore post Josey Hall on the first team.

Juniors Ashley Burks (post) and Faith Jacobson (guard) were named to the honorable mention list. Jacobson rebounded from an injury to put together an all-conference campaign.

“The senior class we have next year might be our biggest one since I’ve been out there,” the fifth-year varsity coach said.

Other juniors poised to return include guards Kendall Nash, Lainey Johnson and wings Allison Shenk and Lauryn Fisher.

“We had some sophomores (Hall, Sophie Nash and Jayci Swallow) that gave us great minutes this year, and we’ll expect them to take another step forward as juniors stating this summer,” Betancourt said.

No Homedale seniors were selected to play in the 2A/3A District III All-Star Game, which

will be played at 6 p.m. on Monday in Fruitland. The boys’ all-star game will tip off at 8 p.m.

Adding to Betancourt’s optimism to make a return to the state tournament is the two subvarsity championship trophies sitting in the HHS gymnasium foyer. This is the second consecutive season in which the Trojans have swept the junior varsity and frosh-soph titles.

“I’m proud of where the program is at and where it potentially can go,” Betancourt said. “I’m proud of what we’ve built out here over the last six years.”

— JPB

Upstart Jordan Valley girls can’t extend state playoffs magic

Taylor Warn’s three-point shot at the buzzer didn’t fall Saturday, ending Jordan Valley High School’s shocking run in the 1A Oregon girls’ basketball state playoffs.

The No. 14 seed Mustangs scrambled back from an 11-point deficit in the final six minutes but lost, 51-49, to third-seeded Country Christian in a state tournament qualifier in Molalla.

Four days earlier, the Mustangs (18-7) upset sixth-seeded Hosanna Christian, 50-47, in Klamath Falls

to open the playoffs.

Saturday: Country Christian 51, Jordan Valley 49 — Alisha Rogers’ three-point goal tied the game, 49-49, with 8.8 seconds left, but the Cougars’ Anna Farmer dropped a pair of free throws to establish the final score with 3.3 seconds left.

Jordan Valley trailed by 11 points with six minutes to go.

Rogers scored 19 points to lead Jordan Valley, while Regann Skinner chipped in 15 points.

Country Christian (20-7) took a

40-32 lead into the fourth quarter after the teams finished the first half tied, 23-23.

Last Wednesday: Jordan Valley 50, Hosanna Christian 47 — Skinner scored 11 of her team-high 22 points in the third quarter as the Mustangs rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit.

Jordan Valley took a 39-36 lead into the final period after an 18-8 run to start the second half.

It was the second consecutive win for coach Kelsi Skinner’s club.

Marsing boys’ season closes

Cold shooting helped end Marsing High School’s boys’ basketball season.

The Huskies managed just eight field goals in their 55-43 loss to Nampa Christian on Feb. 21.

The loss on the Trojans’ floor knocked Marsing (9-12 overall) out of the 2A District III Tournament.

Sophomore Enrique Quebrado accounted for six of Marsing’s successful shots and dropped 10 of 12 free throws to lead all players with 25 points.

Griffin Carson paced the Trojans with 21 points.

Quebrado was 6-for-17 from the floor (35.3 percent), including converting three of four three-point tries.

Nampa Christian (13-10) owned a nine-point halftime lead, but Marsing tried to make up a little ground by holding the Trojans to five points in the first eight minutes of the second half. The Huskies cut the margin to six points, 33-27, at the end of three quarters.

Quebrado and Tyler Wood shared the team lead with five rebounds each.

The rest of the team went 2-for-



Marsing High School’s Dwight Sevy floats past Nampa Christian’s Dusty Rhodes for a layup. Photo by Dan Pease

24 (8.3 percent), but the Huskies visited the free-throw line 35 times, hitting 23 chances for more than half of their points.

Dakota Hardy scored all of his points on 5-for-6 shooting from the foul line.

Dwight Sevy and Landry Villa had mirror performances with four points and four rebounds each, including two apiece on each end of the floor.

Sevy led the Huskies with five steals.

Sports

Local college rodeo stars get back to work

MHS grad ranked nationally in bareback

The collegiate rodeo season is back in full swing, bringing local standouts back into the spotlight. Austin Williams resumed his 2016-17 season during the weekend with a home rodeo at Odessa College in Texas. Adrian High School graduate Quincy Pendergrass leads the women’s all-around in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Northwest Region. She competes for top-ranked Blue Mountain Community College. A Marsing High School

graduate, Williams entered the three-day Odessa rodeo Thursday as the third-ranked cowboy in the Southwest Region standings, and he was rated 21st in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. The season began in the fall for Williams. He finished in the top seven of all five rodeos held between September and October. A championship at Vernon College (Sept. 29-Oct. 1) in Texas kicked off three consecutive top-three finishes that carried Williams into last week’s rodeo. He was runner-up at Clarendon College (Oct. 13-15) in Texas, and finished third at Texas Tech (Oct. 27-29).

He tied for fifth in the season opener Sept. 15-17 at Eastern New Mexico University, and was seventh at the Sul Ross State meet held Sept.22-24 in Texas. Pendergrass’ season doesn’t resume until Friday, March 10 with the second Northwest Regional of the season at Walla Walla Community College. That’s followed up by a two-day meet at Walla Walla on March 11-12. During the first Northwest Regional in October in Ontario, Ore., Pendergrass was second in barrel racing at 18.55 seconds, and she was third in goat tying at 8.4 seconds. She also finished sixth in the team roping as a header with heeler Lynn Leyva. During the TVCC rodeo on

Oct. 15-16, Pendergrass was fifth in barrel racing with a cumulative time of 37.34. Homedale graduate Jacob Falls is listed on the TVCC roster for the 2016-17 season. While Owyheecans wait for the college rodeo season to resume after winter, the College of Southern Idaho is playing host to the 41st annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo next week. The CSI men’s team is ranked seventh heading into the March 10-11 event in Twin Falls, which will also attract the ninth-ranked Idaho State University women’s team. The CSI men are the top-ranked team in the Rocky Mountain Region, while the women’s squad is No. 2.

Other schools scheduled to compete next week at the Eldon Evans Expo Center include Weber State, Utah Valley, Snow, Southern Utah, Utah State, Dixie State, Colorado Northwestern, Colorado Mesa, and Utah State-Eastern. Advance tickets to the CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo are \$8 and available at Vickers Western Store in Twin Falls, the Shoe and Tack Shop in Jerome, and EZ Money Auto in Burley. They’re also available in advance at the CSI Expo Center office or from any CSI Rodeo team member. Tickets at the door will be \$10. Children ages 5-12 will be admitted for \$5. Doors open each evening at 6 p.m.

Marsing youth wrestlers can cultivate homegrown talent

Program gives identity to athletes who hit the road before

Heeding fellow wrestling parents’ desires, Jake Astorquia started the Marsing Youth Wrestling program. Judging from the turnout at the inaugural practices and high school coach Jon Nelson’s enthusiasm, Astorquia made the right call. “I would love to see this program be a great opportunity for Marsing kids to stay active and gain skills and experiences that will surely help them in all athletics in the future,” Astorquia said. “I am also hopeful to build the program in years to come that would allow for some fundraising efforts to put some money back into the middle school/high school wrestling program with funding for mats or needed equipment.”

More than 30 wrestlers turned out for the first night of practice last month, and several more were eager to sign up and get going, Astorquia said. The season begins Saturday at Nampa High School, and the team plans to take a contingent to Homedale’s annual tournament on April 8. The first-year club welcomes athletes from elementary school age through high school, and the meets will begin once the high school season concludes. Jake and his wife, Megan, are coaching the younger batch (fifth-graders and below). Former Marsing High School state placer Noah Grossman is handling the athletes in sixth grade through the senior year of high school.

Astorquia’s idea grew out of personal experience. “I have been taking my son Jaxon to Homedale for the past couple of years for their youth wrestling program, which has been great, but heard many comments from Marsing parents expressing interest for their children but wished it could be in Marsing,” Astoquia said. “Knowing that many of Marsing’s wrestlers begin their experience when they get to middle school, I thought it would be a great opportunity to begin to build the ‘program’ for the future starting with the small kids as I had an opportunity to do the same when I was young.” When putting the program together, Astorquia made one of his

first phone calls to Grossman. “With the great deal of wrestling experience and success he has it is sure to be a benefit to the kids,” Astorquia said. “I asked him to spend some time beyond the little kids’ practice with some of the middle school- and high school-aged athletes that are looking to get as much mat time as they can.” Grossman’s arrival has had a bit of a pied-piper effect. “I was also ecstatic to see multiple wrestlers from the Marsing High School team stick around to help guide the little ones as they learned some new moves,” Astorquia said. “With so many little ones, additional help is needed to keep things safe and productive.” Astorquia said he has been “amazed with the positive response from the school district

allowing for facility availability to Jon Nelson and the MHS wrestling crew to the parents and athletes alike.” With training continuing, the Marsing Youth Wrestling bunch looks toward a full springtime schedule, including the Homedale freestyle meet on April 8. Tournaments will be held primarily on Saturdays and will expose Marsing youth wrestlers to talent from all over the Treasure Valley and points beyond. The schedule also includes: **March 18** — Centennial High School, Boise **March 25** — Kuna High School **April 1** — Eagle High School **April 8** — Homedale High School **April 15** — Location to be determined

HMS eighth-graders reach semifinals

Homedale Middle School’s eighth-grade boys’ basketball season has ended, but not before the Trojans made some noise. Seeded fourth, the Trojans reached the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament semifinals last Wednesday. Weiser halted the upstart Trojans’ drive with a 34-28 semifinals victory. Thomas Symms scored eight points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Trojans (5-5). Jacob Ankeny led the team with 17 boards and 10 blocked shots to go with seven points. Milo Mertz had six points and nine rebounds. The Trojans started the tournament on Feb. 21 with a 30-27 upset of Payette’s McCain Middle School.

Mertz scored 14 points, and Muir and Ankeny added five apiece. Ankeny led the team with 12 rebounds. Other eighth-grade A team members included Ventura Martinez, Blake Walker, Bryce Cornwall, Brayden Christofferson, Keagon Christensen and Jase Lowder. The eighth-grade B team consisted of Giovanni Aguylera, Andres Albor, Josiah Alvor, Tye Atkins, Bowen Campbell, Dakota Gammel, Francisco Jimenez, Uriel Neri, and Kevin Villaseñor. Luke and Dennis Ankeny, son and father, and Chad Hungate coached the program, while Matt Domme, Emilee Garrison and Belisia Larzelier served as statisticians.

Adrian boys bow out in Medford

The Adrian High School boys’ basketball season ended after a long road trip last week. The Antelopes couldn’t find their shooting touch after traveling to Medford, Ore., on Feb. 21 for a first-round 1A Oregon state playoff game. Host Rogue Valley Adventist Academy made more than half its shots in a 56-31 victory that put the Hawks on the road to Jordan Valley for a second-round matchup Friday against the 1A District 8 champion. After enduring a 7½-hour bus ride, Adrian (10-15 overall) was

afforded only one free throw in the game, and converted just 28.6 percent of its field-goal attempts (14-for-49). The teams combined for 50 turnovers, but Rogue Valley was able to capitalize on Adrian’s 28 miscues to the tune of 18 points. Trevor Haugen made 13 of his 20 shots and all four of his free throws to nearly single-handedly match Adrian’s score. The Rogue Valley 6-foot, 4-inch senior swingman poured in 30 points. Playing his final basketball game for Adrian, Kenny Purnell led the way with 10 points and

six steals. He also had five rebounds. Miller DeMark was held to nine points, but snagged six rebounds. Warren DeMark got all of his points on a pair of three-point goals. Andy Walker’s eight rebounds was Adrian’s team high, while Ryker Murrey swept up six. Isaiah Christensen added 11 points for 1A District 5 runner-up Rogue Valley (21-7), which missed its shot at the 1A state tournament with a 68-54 road loss to sixth-seeded Jordan Valley on Friday.

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25 years ago

March 4, 1992

31st Marsing disaster auction this Saturday

The 31st Annual Marsing Community Disaster Auction will begin at 10:13 a.m. Saturday at the Marsing Elementary School multi-purpose room.

Proceeds from the auction will go into the community emergency fund and will be disbursed throughout the coming year to worthy applicants by a seven-member committee.

Last year’s auction brought in about \$27,750. According to Haken, about \$20,000 was profit.

Marsing computer infected with virus

A nationwide computer virus, called the Michelangelo, was discovered on the Marsing city computer Tuesday. The virus is set to begin destroying information stored on computers on Friday, the artist’s birthday.

City Clerk Janice Bicandi discovered the virus after watching a report about it on Good Morning America Monday.

She said she called to find out what to do to check the city’s computer, and upon checking, discovered the virus.

If the virus is not stopped before Friday, it will erase everything on the hard disk drives of computers that have been hit. Stored information will be lost.

Bicandi said a disk can be put into the computer that will stop the virus. She plans to pick up the disk and run it through her machine by then. She said no damage has been done to information stored on the city’s computer.

County 4-H members chosen as ambassadors

Alayna Malmberg, Marsing, and Barry Bean, Homedale, were recently selected to attend a 4-H Ambassador Training Conference at the Daystar Lodge in Donnelly.

Ambassadors are chosen from older 4-H members and are prepared to promote 4-H programs by making presentations and giving public speeches.

Fifty youths, ages 14 to 19, from throughout the state attended this fifth annual, three-day conference.

Andy Smyth, Wilder, also serves as the State Ambassador Coordinator.

Local All-Stars score combined 23 points

Three local high school seniors who were chosen to compete in the District 3 A-3/A-4 Girls All-Star Basketball Game played well Monday evening.

Mamie Boian, Homedale, and Lachelle Loucks and Debb Webb, Marsing, all played on the A-3/A-4 East Team, coached by Orrin Hills, Greenleaf.

The East lost to the West team 96-77.

Boian scored 9 points, Loucks, 12, and Webb added two.

Homedale wrestlers defeat Payette

The Homedale Wrestling Team came away with a decisive victory over Payette Friday, 48-19, after the Pirates forfeited five times during the contest.

Winning matches for the Trojans were Joe Hinojos (125), who came away with a pin, Jerry Love (135) and Chris Ford (145), who won their matches by decision, and Dwayne Orr (140), who won on a technical foul.

J.R. Castro (103), Sam Freitag (112), Joe Love (160), Josh Patterson (171) and Jake Volk (heavyweight), all won by forfeit.

Homedale was 6-5 overall, and 4-1 in their league, after the Payette match. They competed against Melba Tuesday night, and will compete in the district wrestling meet Saturday.

4-H news

Shoo-Fly 4-H club had its second meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9th. New officers were elected as follows: President: Angie Garrett; Vice President: Kasey Garrett; Secretary: Angie Sherfick; Treasurer: Shelly Stansell; and Reporter: Corby Garrett. Leaders are Susie Larrocea, Dennis Dines and Diane Bruneel. Project demonstrations were given.

50 years ago

March 2, 1967

SEC to set approval of bond sales for Development Co.

Approval for the sale of bonds for the Homedale Development Co. should be received by the end of this week, reported Chamber of Commerce president, Don L. Shaffer, at the regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday at Bicandi’s Café.

Shaffer reported that Harper Saunders went to Boise last Wednesday to sign the new applications for the Securities and Exchange Commission and they stated that approval should be made in a week or ten days (from that date). He explained that word should be received on the approval by the end of this week.

Shaffer pointed out that once the SEC clearance is made the development company and businessmen will start an all-out drive to collect the necessary money (\$60,000) to bring the L. H. Arvin millwork company to Homedale.

Once the stocks and bonds are sold in that amount another application must be made to the Small Business Administration for their approval of the application, he explained.

Central Cove’s 50th Pioneer Day celebration held

Members of the Central Cove Ladies club observed the 50th anniversary of the community’s celebration of Pioneer Day last Wednesday with a covered dish dinner and program at the IOOF hall in Homedale.

During the program, Charles Steffens of Nyssa led the group singing with Ellen Van Slyke as accompanist. Faith DeGeus played an accordion solo and Robert Paxton and sons, Matt and Jim, presented a skit. Mrs. Elmo Price gave a reading, “It could only happen to a farm wife.”

A bouquet of chrysanthemums, a gift of the Paxton family in memory of their mother, Mrs. Mary Paxton, was presented to Mrs. Geneva McArthur of Glenns Ferry, the eldest woman present (age 85).

A single long-stemmed red rose was presented to each of the original homestead women and those who had lived in the community more than 40 years. Receiving roses were: Mrs. Ora Olsen of Central Cove, and Mrs. Sedonia Morrison of Boise, Mrs. Pansy Post of Boise, and Mrs. Grace Colley of Homedale. Roses were sent to Mrs. Messec Galya of Boise and Mrs. R. C. Kinder of Central Cove, who were unable to attend.

The presentations were made by C. M. Van Slyke.

Bruneau Boosters improve cemetery

The Bruneau Booster Club has asked relatives of those interred in the Bruneau Cemetery to make donations to aid in the landscaping project, according to Albert Harley, senior member of the Cemetery District Board.

Preliminary work on the project is partially completed and ready for seeding, Harley said. The club has received several hundred dollars for the project to date.

“Brass plaques for unmarked graves have been donated by the Smith Mortuary and have been set in cement tablets,” Harley added. Asa Black, Booster Club president, reported Job Corps members from Mountain Home will level and gravel the parking lot.

Survey made for interest in Senior Citizens Club here

A group of interested residents of Homedale are in the process organizing a Senior Citizens Club and are seeking the assistance of the civic organizations in helping to form the club which they hope will become self-sufficient once it is organized, reported the Rev. Edward Alora, who is helping to get the project started.

Those at present working on the organization are: Miss Dorothy Aldrich, Mrs. Estelee Tuttle and Mrs. Blanche Johnson, Rev. Alora concluded.

Robert Bauer to attend workshop

Robert Bauer, Homedale, will join Idaho delegates in a workshop for western state 4-H club leaders at Salt Lake, March 5 to 9, according to Dan Warren, Idaho club leader for the University of Idaho extension service.

140 years ago

March 3, 1877

POLITICAL NOTES AND OPINIONS. Called to the Presidency of this nation by “Joe Bradley and a minority of the people, I.” – Hayes’ Inaugural – *Ex.*

Tilden and Hendricks elected President and Vice President by the Democrats of the Union, November 7th, 1876. Given away by the Democrats in Congress, February, 1877.

THEIR PLAIN DUTY. While the Electoral Commission Bill was under consideration in the Senate, it was opposed by several leading Republicans on the grounds that it empowered the arbitrators to go behind the election returns and investigate proofs of irregularities or frauds that might be submitted with a view to arriving at correct decisions. Morton himself, in one of his speeches in opposition to the measure, used the following language, the significance of which will be apparent now: “The bill as it now stands requires the Commission to go behind the returns of a State. The Democratic party would not vote for it if it did not allow them to go behind the returns.” Morton followed up his speech by proposing an amendment to that particular section of the bill in the following words: “Nothing contained in this act shall authorize the Commission to go behind the finding and determination of the canvassing and returning boards of any State, authorized by the laws of that State, to find and determine the result of the election of electors.” Morton’s proposed amendment was rejected by a very decisive majority, some twenty Republicans voting with nearly all the Democrats in the Senate against it. It was contended then and there and clearly understood that the commission would be empowered by this law to go behind returning board returns, and it was for this reason that it met with the determined opposition of Garfield and others in the House. Viewing these facts in connection with the recent course of the Commission, it is plain that the arbitrators have not done their duty or performed what was expected at their hands by the passage of this bill. A majority of them have proved recreant to the trust reposed in them.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS. Fairview, Feb. 20, 1877. Editor Idaho Avalanche:

For the benefit of those whom it may concern, and for the information of our sister Lodges throughout the Territory, I wish to announce through your columns that Empire Lodge of Good Templars, situated at Fairview, Idaho Territory, was reorganized on the 14th instant and the following officers elected and installed by John Upham, Past Deputy of War Eagle Lodge: James Monroe, W.C.T.; Miss Prudie Harley, W.V.T.; Isaac Culp, W.S.; John Lee, W.F.S.; Miss Susie Harley, W.T.; Charles Coakley, W.C.; James Heron, W.M.; John Beggs, W.I.G.; Mrs. Bunvard, W.L.S.; Miss Alice Harley, W.R.S. Respectfully yours, James Monroe.

EVERYONE of these Idaho mines, honestly and intelligently managed, would pay good dividends – more then twelve per cent per annum on the investment. There are millions upon millions of capital in Europe earned at less than four per cent that would be taken up and invested in our mines, to the great improvement of business, but for the systematic frauds and rascalities which here cast their dark shadow over mining enterprise.

POORMAN. There were 2,350 shares of Poorman sold on Saturday after the Pacific Board at fifteen cents a share for account of whom it may concern. Two days ago the stock was selling at ten cents.

BREVITIES. This jig is up. Election does not elect. The area of Idaho in square miles is 36,204. March came in like a lamb and is bound to go out like a lion.

Earl Race reports plenty of six thousand dollar rock in the Heath District.

If Idaho can vote for President at the coming election, she will probably offset the vote of Colorado.

Sports

✓ Mustangs: Jordan Valley reaches final eight for first time since 2013-14 season

From Page 1B

Jordan Valley’s 20-game winning streak is one of the longest in program history and rivals the 25-game streak posted during the unbeaten 1977 Class B state championship season.

This is Jordan Valley’s first state tournament appearance since the 2013-14 season. The Mustangs have made the state playoffs for five consecutive seasons, but haven’t brought home a trophy since a fourth-place victory over Spray, 38-36, in 2003.

The Mustangs last won the state championship in 2001, beating Days Creek, 63-48, with Skeeter Duby as coach. It was the first of Jordan Valley’s two straight appearances in the state championship game and marked the second state title in program history.

Jordan Valley beat Arlington, 58-48, for a 1977 state championship that capped a 25-0 season under coach Ben Dunn.

Hosanna Christian reached the state tournament after blasting Prairie City, 55-33, on Friday night in Klamath Falls.

Prairie City, which was the No. 3 seed out of the 1A District 8 tournament that Jordan Valley won for fourth time in five years, isn’t the only common opponent for the Mustangs and the Lions.

Hosanna Christian beat Rogue Valley Adventist three times during the season. Two of the victories came in 1A Mountain Valley League play, and the third triumph occurred in the 1A District



Jordan Valley senior Garrett Youren goes to the basket against Rogue Valley Adventist Academy defenders in Friday’s 1A Oregon state playoffs victory. Photo by Tara Echave

5 Tournament title game.

Hosanna Christian has won three consecutive games since dropping its regular-season finale to Chiloquin. The Feb. 11 loss stopped the Lions’ 16-game win streak.

Hosanna Christian is returning to the state tournament for the third consecutive season and the fourth time in five years. The Lions finished fourth last year.

Jordan Valley boys’ state history

- Class 1A**
- 2016**
- First round, playoffs** — Triad 39, Jordan Valley 36
- 2015**
- Second round, playoffs** — Crosshill Christian 48, Jordan Valley 47
- 2014**
- First round, tournament** — Crosshill Christian 64, Jordan Valley 47
- 2013**
- Second round, playoffs** — Elkton 53, Jordan Valley 38
- 2012**
- Second round, playoffs** — Horizon Chr. 61, Jordan Valley 54
- 2010**
- Second round, playoffs** — Ione 60, Jordan Valley 54
- 2009**
- Second round, playoffs** — Days Creek 50, Jordan Valley 40
- 2008**
- Second round, playoffs** — Mohawk 68, Jordan Valley 48
- 2004**
- First round, playoffs** — Arlington 70, Jordan Valley 48
- 2003**
- Fourth place** — Jordan Valley 38, Spray 36
- 2002**
- Championship** — Mohawk 67, Jordan Valley 58
- 2001**
- Championship** — Jordan Valley 63, Days Creek 48
- 2000**
- Third place** — Jordan Valley 67, Columbia Christian 58
- 1999**
- Third place** — Jordan Valley 57, Dufur 52
- 1998**
- Consolation semifinals** — Powers 59, Jordan Valley 55
- Class B**
- 1990**
- Third place** — Jordan Valley 76, Elkton 61
- 1977**
- Championship** — Jordan Valley 58, Arlington 48
- Note** — Jordan Valley finished 25-0
- 1976**
- Championship** — Mohawk 48, Jordan Valley 46
- 1975**
- Consolation** — Camas Valley 54, Jordan Valley 51
- Note** — Records according to Oregon Scholastic Activities Association website archive

Adrian girls’ state history

- Class 1A**
- 2016**
- Fourth place** — Rogue Valley Adventist Academy 24, Adrian 19
- 2015**
- Third place** — Adrian 45, Elkton 34
- 2014**
- First round, playoffs** — Powder Valley 48, Adrian 47 (OT)
- 2013**
- First round, playoffs** — Triad 46, Adrian 31
- 2010**
- Consolation semifinals, tournament** — Country Christian 69, Adrian 53
- 2009**
- First round, playoffs** — Columbia Christian 39, Adrian 37
- 2008**
- Fourth place** — Adrian 65, Triad 53
- 2000**
- Consolation semifinals, tournament** — Umpqua Valley Christian 62, Adrian 48
- 1996**
- Consolation semifinals, tournament** — Alsea 60, Adrian 46
- 1995**
- Consolation final, tournament** — St. Paul 47, Adrian 42
- 1986**
- Consolation final, tournament** — Dayville 53, Adrian 49
- Note** — Records according to Oregon Scholastic Activities Association website archive

✓ Antelopes: Adrian blasts Crosshill Christian after narrow home win vs. Joseph

From Page 1B

On Saturday, the Antelopes (23-3) bolted from the gate with a 16-0 first quarter and never looked back.

Crosshill Christian (19-8), the 1A District 2 champion, was playing its first game of the state playoffs.

Adrian, which was ranked fifth in the 1A Oregon coaches’ poll, will face second-seeded North Douglas at 9:15 p.m. MST on Thursday in Baker City.

The 1A District 3 champion Warriors (25-2) beat Lowell, 37-20, on Saturday. It was North Douglas’ ninth straight win.

The Antelopes, who won for the 17th time in their past 18 outings, held a 35-7 advantage over Crosshill Christian after three quarters.

Despite playing on its home floor in Turner, Ore., Crosshill Christian managed to connect on just nine of 50 field-goal attempts (18 percent).

Selina Villarreal led the Antelopes with 12 points and

five steals.

Shyanne Allaire had nine rebounds and six points, while Carlee Morton had eight points. Mariah McLay hit one of Adrian’s two three-point goals (Villarreal had the other) and contributed seven points.

Hannah Schanz led Crosshill Christian with 10 points, while teammate Sarah Stoddard led all players with 13 rebounds.

Last Wednesday: Adrian 49, Joseph 47 — The Antelopes opened the fourth quarter on a 12-1 run and held on for the win at home in the first round of the state playoffs.

The Eagles (17-8), the No. 3 seed from 1A District 7, capitalized on a string of Adrian turnovers to slash their deficit to a basket, 47-45.

Ally Cooney’s 4-footer with about 2 minutes left capped six unanswered points.

Carlee Morton and Villarreal hit free throws in the final 50 seconds to give the Antelopes a little cushion, and Joseph missed a

flurry of shots 10 seconds later.

Adrian trailed, 38-35, heading into the fourth quarter.

An inability to score second-chance points plagued Joseph throughout the game. Adrian held the Eagles to just nine offensive rebounds, and the Antelopes held an 18-0 edge in second-chance scoring.

The teams combined for 66 turnovers, and each cashed in 18 points on those miscues.

Allaire registered a co-game-high 18 points and snagged 12 rebounds for Adrian. Alexis Sykora led three Joseph scorers in double figures with 18 points.

Carlee Morton (six steals) and Villarreal (five) paced Adrian’s defense. Morgan Bayes and Erin Nielsen scored seven points each.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Gimp

I was out in the driveway scattering stove ash when I heard the geese. It was three days until the end of the season, and I was still zero for 6. They rose from the field to the north, squawking raucously and aimed straight over the house.

I dropped the coal bucket in the snow and raced back in the front door! I careened off the furniture like a bad billiard shot! At the back door I grabbed the big 12-gauge leaned against the wall and three shells that I had conveniently placed on the top of the window ledge. Crashing off the back porch, I loaded the gun with the relaxed ease of a 13-year-old on his first date! The geese beat the air above me as I swung the shotgun skyward. Boom! Boom! The geese sailed over the barn like a giant manta ray. Nary a feather fluttered to the ground, but my two horses thundered from the barn!

I was in a funk that evening when I went to feed. But I noticed that my new rope horse was packin’ his right hind. After a thorough lameness exam I concluded he musta slid on the ice and pulled a muscle. Possibly, I admitted, the result of a sudden fright.

Join the club. My old dog was favoring his left front. Considering his long history of bein’ shot and run over, I wasn’t surprised.

The cat Lefty, got stepped on a couple years ago, and the Doc amputated her right hind.

Adding my bilateral bursitis, Pablo’s bad back and my teenager’s loss of memory, my place looks like a World War I field hospital. It’s a hazard of country life.

My friend Charlie has a cowdog named Gimp. He has established a breeding program and now has produced a litter of pups that all limp. He wrote me of his success predicting that he will make a million selling them to cowmen. His theory is that it will save an enormous amount of time getting a cowdog to the bum leg-ged stage.

And, he stressed, it is humane since they won’t have to go through the agony of getting injured in the first place. He says that a gimp dog will be more cautious around kicking cows, truck tires, bangin’ chutes and cattle alleys. They can get right down to business.

It might be a good idea, but Charlie, like me, is gettin’ a little long in the tooth. We’re getting too practical. Playin’ it safe. Goin’ to bed early and eating our prunes. We’re thinkin’ like old dogs.

Young dogs think work is play. They turn over a new rock every day discovering their world. Kinda like the thrill I got when I saw those geese fill the sky. Innocent wonderment. Made me feel like a puppy again.

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The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the March 14 school election until noon on Friday, March 3.

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Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito

Inside the Legislature House leadership resists Castle Doctrine upgrade legislation



Coming to the Idaho State Legislature to represent the people of District 23 and the people of the state has been an honor. I have had opportunity to learn so much. One of the opportunities that I cherish the most was being asked by citizens from all over the state to carry the Castle Doctrine upgrade.

This issue is very personal to me. I have had to use a firearm to protect my daughter. This is a decision that is not taken lightly. In a matter of seconds, a decision is made that will forever impact your life. If you do not use force against force, how do you explain to that child why their parent, the one who has the God-given responsibility to keep them safe, was not able to do so? How does one look herself in the mirror and know that she was not able to keep that child safe from a horrific experience that will change their life forever, or even end that precious life?

The legislation we are proposing is written by Alexandria Kincaid, one of the foremost Second Amendment lawyers in the United States. Alexandria is a former prosecuting attorney, elected district attorney; she has tried hundreds of cases involving guns, is an expert marksman, and has hunted all over the world.

The proposed doctrine would codify existing jury instructions for the State of Idaho. Current statute requires homeowners to prove that they were in fear of losing their life, or in fear of bodily harm. The new legislation would shift the burden of proof from the homeowner to the

perpetrator, the invader of your home, business, vehicle, or any dwelling including a tent, cabin or any structure in which you have a legal right to be, even as a guest.

The legislation provides for criminal immunity should the State attempt to punish you for defending your life, and would require the State to reimburse legal expenses to you should you be found not guilty. There is also a provision for civil immunity that would prevent the family of the perpetrator from suing you for acting in self-defense. It is horrific enough to know that you had to pull the trigger, without having to endure an investigation that assumes that you were wrong in making that split-second decision to defend those most precious to you.

The Idaho Legislature has been in session for almost eight weeks. Work has been done to move the bill to a print hearing every single day. The draft of this legislation was prepared prior to the beginning of the session. Before the first week was over we had an RS of the bill. State Affairs Committee Chair Thomas F. Loertscher (R-Iona) thumbed through the RS and immediately told me it had language problems. I returned several times that week to find out what the problems were. There was never a clear answer. I invited Alexandria to come to the capital to discuss these issues with the chairman. She addressed all his concerns, and a new draft was prepared and a new RS written. She

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Strengthening Medicare Advantage program imperative



In Idaho, one in three Medicare beneficiaries have chosen a private health plan through Medicare Advantage (MA), which allows beneficiaries to select a health plan that best suits their individual budget and health needs. Given the successes of Medicare Advantage for many in Idaho and across the nation, maintaining and strengthening it will ensure its long-term stability.

I recently led a letter signed by fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch and 63 of our Senate colleagues to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Acting Administrator Dr. Patrick Conway encouraging the Trump Administration to enact policies to protect and strengthen the Medicare Advantage program. The letter was signed by a growing, bipartisan group of senators (four more than signed a similar letter I led last year and 12 more than signed the letter I led in 2015).

More than 18 million seniors and individuals with disabilities nationwide access comprehensive, high-quality health care through the MA program. Plans offered through Medicare Advantage allow beneficiaries to choose a health plan that best suits their individual budget and health needs. These plans often offer more flexible services and additional benefits, including vision, dental and prescription drug coverage. Additionally, this program is a successful effort to push Medicare more toward market-based health care.

Despite the value the MA program has demonstrated and broad use by beneficiaries, it faced repeated attempts by the Obama Administration to raid the program to cover the cost of inefficiencies in Obamacare and traditional Medicare. Idaho has been impacted by reductions to the program, as the past Administration’s cuts to the program resulted in MA plans no longer being offered in numerous

Idaho counties. As the new Congress and new Trump Administration consider comprehensive reforms to our health care system, it is noteworthy that a bipartisan and increasing majority of the Senate is pressing for the strengthening of “this proven part of the program that has led the way on value-based care.”

In the letter to the CMS, we went on to write, “Millions of our constituents depend on Medicare Advantage for affordable, quality, patient-centered health care. Enrollment has increased by about 60 percent since 2010, as plans have demonstrated their ability to deliver value to their members. Nearly one of every three Medicare beneficiaries has selected a Medicare Advantage plan, with 90 percent of members reporting satisfaction with their selection. ... We believe Medicare Advantage is an important part of the health care system that is working for America’s seniors. We encourage the Administration to strongly support and build on Medicare Advantage for today’s Medicare beneficiaries and those who will be entering the program in the future.”

The Medicare Advantage program can serve as a model of coordinated care that aligns payments with patient outcomes, rather than the number of procedures. As I work with Idahoans, my colleagues in Congress and the Trump Administration to reform our health care system, I will continue to press for leveraging the MA program to encourage innovation, increase competition and expand beneficiary access to these private Medicare plans.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Start a debt snowball to combat financial avalanche

Dear Dave,
After listening to your show, I want to try to get control of my finances, but I'm afraid to open up the bills. I make about \$60,000 a year, but it's a real struggle just to keep my head above water financially. My checking account is always overdrawn, and I don't know where to start in catching up. Can you help?

— Gail

Dear Gail,
Trust me, I know it can be scary. But the easiest way to attack this thing is by taking one slow, sure step at a time. Try not to let worry consume you in the process, either.
First, sit down, take a deep breath, and open all the unopened bills. Throw away any duplicates, and keep only the most recent statements and notices. The un-

known is always scarier than the known, so facing the bills and cutting that stack in half right off the bat will help reduce a lot of your initial anxiety.
Next, let's start a debt snowball. List all the debts you owe, from smallest to largest, making one column for the payoff balance, one column for the amount you need to get current on that debt, and one column for the single payment amount when you get current. Total each column — the payoff balance, the amount to get current, and the single payment. I promise it won't be as bad as you think.
Finally, make a monthly budget. Prioritize your needs, starting with food, utilities, house payments and transportation. When it comes to your debts, pay as much as you can on the smallest one while making minimum payments



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on all the others.
You can do this, Gail. If you'll follow my plan, I think you'll see improvement in several areas of your life, and you'll feel good about the progress you're making, too!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My mom is 73 years old, and she's dealing with depression and a few other mental issues. Is it too late for her to get long-term care insurance?

— Julie

Dear Julie,
It wouldn't be a big problem if she were healthy. But given her age, and the other struggles you mentioned, I'd check with a good insurance broker to see what's out there for her.
In the insurance world they call this "making a market." Will they be able to find a company that will write her in that situation? I can't give you an accurate answer off the top of my head, because this is a difficult thing. It would probably depend on things like the extent of her depression, how long it has been manifested, and what it has

done in her life.
That's one of the reasons I'm advising you to see an insurance broker. A broker doesn't represent just one company; they represent several companies. They can shop around in a given situation, and find someone to write something you might not get written otherwise. They can also shop around for the best possible price, and you get the efficiencies of the marketplace working for you.
God bless you both, Julie.

— 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.

Resourcement management

Time to put federal lands under state or county control



by Russ Fulcher

I was honored to attend the 2017 Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting. Of all the things I heard talking with folks, one thing struck me the most: Several ranchers from families that have been in the area for generations testified that since 1960 access to BLM ground, and the number of ranchers in Owyhee County has been cut roughly in half. And also since that time, we hear the same concerns regarding federal infringement and frivolous environmental regulations that continue to burden these rancher families — with no meaningful positive response. As a fourth-generation Idahoan who grew up on a dairy farm, I can appreciate some of that burden. This meeting gave me a chance to hear first-hand the challenges our cattlemen face, and the opportunities they see to make things better.
As I meet with people across our state, wise land management and dealing with our "federal landlord" often come up. I believe we need to shift control of our lands from the federal government to the state and counties. First, we are better stewards of it. For years, I've seen federal neglect in our forests and on our ranges. Poor fire prevention strategies — often due to the feds' failing to fund programs adequately — has led to stronger fires that damage property and hurt the environment. Excessive and intrusive environmental rules that lack common

sense, but restrict economic growth, seem to guide too much of federal policy. Besides, relying on a broke, and broken, federal government to continue funding our land management is risky.
Owyhee County is "ground zero" when it comes to land use as it applies to grazing. The federal government controls 62.3 percent of Idaho's land, but in Owyhee County, it's even more than that. When it comes to land management, my guiding principle is as follows: Those who control our lands ultimately control our economic destiny. When I worked for Micron, I fought competition from Japan by finding new markets around the world to sell our products. I believe the people of Owyhee County and the people of Idaho can find a way to do more with what God has given us. But that will only happen if we control our own economic destiny by controlling our own lands.
— Russ Fulcher is a candidate for governor of Idaho in 2018. He works in the commercial real estate business, and previously served in the state senate for 10 years. He also spent 20 years as an international business executive in the technology industry. A fourth-generation Idahoan, he and his wife Kara, have three adult children. He can be reached at russ@russfulcher.com or through his website at www.russfulcher.com

✓ Castle: Good ol' boys club keeps home protection doctrine languishing

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also prepared a 37-page clarifying explanation so the chairman could understand the RS.
Again, returning the RS to the chairman, his only comments were "language" problems. In the meantime, the bill was shared with other legislators. The concerns were addressed. To date, 18 brave patriot legislators have cosponsored the legislation. One more draft was prepared addressing clerical issues and some wording. The bill was hand-carried to the chairman, and was denied a print hearing again.
Tuesday, I spoke with the chairman and was informed that others were working on a Castle Doctrine bill and that I should work with them. I am more than willing to

work with others. I believe that the work of Alexandria is valuable to the discussion as she has the necessary experience to understand the legality of gun legislation more than most. When I asked who was working on another version of Castle Doctrine legislation, I was told by Chairman Loertscher that he would have them contact me. I have heard nothing.
Before coming to the Legislature, I had heard stories of "secret committees," clandestine meetings, elite groups who control the destiny of those outside the marble halls of the capital. I chose not to believe it. Sadly, the proof is to the contrary. The good old boys and/or girls club is alive and well. The game is more important than representing the

voice of those outside the walls of the "People's House." Am I discouraged? Somewhat. Will I give up? No, absolutely not. I have been entrusted to represent others' voices in a process I consider sacred that has endured for more than 200 years. I believe the Constitution and our form of government were ordained by our Creator. Other than being a mother, I can think of no more sacred assignment.
— Christy Zito (R-Hammett) occupies Dist. 23, Seat A of the Idaho House of Representatives. The 2017 session marks the beginning of her first term. She can be reached by phone at (208) 590-4633, by email at czito@house.idaho.gov, or on Facebook.

Noon Friday is the deadline for letters to the editor

PROTEIN POWER

Give your favorite recipes an extra protein boost



- Old-Fashioned Caramel Cinnamon Rolls**
Servings: 9
- Rolls:**
- 1 cup Premier Protein Caramel Shake
 - 2 1/4 teaspoons (1 packet) yeast
 - 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and divided, plus additional for greasing bowl and pan
 - 1/4 cup sugar, plus 3 tablespoons, divided
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 egg
 - 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus additional for kneading and rolling
 - 1 1/4 cups whole-wheat flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- Glaze:**
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 1 tablespoon Premier Protein Caramel Shake

Heat protein shake in microwave or on stove to about 110 F, or warm to touch but not boiling.

In medium bowl, sprinkle yeast over warm protein shake and stir to combine. Let sit 3 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1/4 cup sugar, salt and egg, and mix until well combined. Gradually add flour, stirring after each addition. Once dough is no longer too sticky to handle, turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 3-5 minutes to make moderately soft dough. Shape dough into ball.

Place dough in lightly greased bowl; turn once. Cover and let rise in warm place until size has doubled (about 1 hour). Punch dough down, cover and let rise 1 additional hour. Punch dough down.

Grease 8-by-8-inch glass or metal baking dish and set aside.

In separate bowl, combine remaining sugar and cinnamon. On lightly floured surface, roll dough into 12-by-8-inch rectangle. Using pastry brush, brush about 1 1/2 tablespoons of remaining butter evenly over dough. Sprinkle 2/3 of cinnamon sugar mixture over dough.

Using pizza cutter or knife, cut dough into nine even 12-inch strips. Roll each strip tightly, sealing ends by pressing into dough. Arrange rolls in prepared pan. Pour remaining butter over buns then sprinkle remaining cinnamon and sugar on top. Let rise uncovered 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 350 F. Bake rolls 25-30 minutes, or until lightly browned.

While rolls cool slightly, prepare glaze. In small bowl, whisk together confectioners' sugar and protein shake until smooth. Drizzle rolls with glaze. Serve warm.

FAMILY FEATURES

Anything is possible when you have the energy to take on the day. Protein shakes have grown in popularity because they're a convenient and healthy way to curb hunger and give your body sustained energy. Plus, they can give your favorite recipes a protein boost.

When choosing a shake, look for an option such as Premier Protein Shakes, which can help provide fuel to make the day yours with sweet and savory recipes from cinnamon rolls and bread pudding to soups and twice-baked potatoes. Each single-serve, 160-calorie shake is packed with 30 grams of protein, is low in fat and contains just 1 gram of sugar.

Explore more energy-boosting recipes plus nutrition facts and tips at PremierProtein.com or [Facebook.com/PremierProtein](https://www.facebook.com/PremierProtein).



- Twice-Baked Sweet and Savory Potatoes**
Servings: 4
- 2 medium sweet potatoes
 - 2 slices thick-cut bacon
 - 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots
 - 1/2 cup Premier Protein Vanilla Shake
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1/16 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1/8 teaspoon cumin
 - cayenne pepper, to taste
 - 1/4 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese, divided

Heat oven to 400 F.

Prick potatoes with fork and bake 45-60 minutes.

During last 15 minutes, cook bacon in small pan until crispy. Drain all but 1 teaspoon of fat and cook shallots over low heat until caramelized, about 5 minutes.

When potatoes are soft and cooked, remove from oven and carefully cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out soft flesh, keeping outside shell intact.

In bowl, mash potato flesh with cooked shallots, protein shake, salt, pepper, cumin, cayenne and 2 tablespoons cheese.

Fill empty potato shells with mixture. Top with remaining cheese and crumbled bacon.

Bake 10 minutes, or until potatoes are hot. Turn on broiler and cook, watching carefully, until cheese is lightly browned. Serve immediately.

- Double Chocolate Breakfast Bread Pudding**
Servings: 4
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 - 1 Premier Protein Chocolate Shake
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon or nutmeg
 - 1 teaspoon butter
 - 6 cups (about 6 slices) soft white or whole-wheat bread cubes
 - 2 tablespoons dark chocolate chips
 - 2 teaspoons confectioners' sugar

Heat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, whisk together eggs and protein shake, followed by cinnamon or nutmeg.

Grease 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish with butter. Add bread cubes. Pour egg mixture over bread. Mix gently to coat. Sprinkle in chocolate chips.

Bake uncovered 20 minutes, or until knife inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm.



- Orange and Vanilla Butternut Squash Soup**
Servings: 4
- 2 pounds (about 4 cups) butternut squash, peeled and cubed
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
 - 1/8 teaspoon cardamom
 - 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1 1/2 cups chopped leeks, white and light green parts only
 - 2 tablespoons medium or dry sherry
 - 1 quart low-sodium vegetable broth
 - 1/2 teaspoon orange zest
 - 1/2 cup Premier Protein Vanilla Shake
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Heat oven to 400 F. Line baking sheet with foil.

In large bowl, toss squash with 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt, cardamom and nutmeg. Place on baking sheet and roast 25 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking time.

Meanwhile, in 3-quart pot over medium-high heat, heat remaining olive oil. Add leeks, reduce heat to medium-low and cook 15 minutes, stirring often, until caramelized.

Remove squash from oven and add to leeks. Stir in sherry and broth. Bring to boil, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer uncovered 30 minutes.

Remove from heat and blend to desired consistency using immersion or standard blender. Reheat if desired. Stir in orange zest, protein shake, remaining salt and pepper. Serve immediately.



Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On March 22, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Cynthia Eaton seeking to divide 9.29 acres from her 19.29-acre parcel to allow her son to establish a single-family residence on. The subject parcel, RP01N03W066301A, is in an agricultural zone, located at 8004 Birmingham Road and is situated in the south half of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Murphy Flat Power, LLC represented by Thomas J. Ross seeking to establish a 100' tall broadband communications tower on a previously approved solar power project site, including parcel numbers RP02S01W270010A and RP02S01W340000A. The property is in an agricultural zone, located off Sinkers Butte Road, six miles east of the Murphy Townsite. The subject property is located in a portion of the N ½ of the N ½ of Section 34, and Section 27, all in Township 2 South, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear a request filed by Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch, represented by John Hepton, seeking a modification of special condition #12 of approved conditional use permit Z16-03. That permit granted an expansion of an existing calf feeding operation from 15,000 head averaging 200 pounds to 35,000 head of calves averaging 200 pounds with 23 special conditions imposed. Special condition 12, states "The site shall not have any animals that exceed 400 pounds, and shall not ever exceed 35,000 head of calves, or a maximum total of seven million pounds of calves at any one time." The request for modification proposes to revise the condition to "The site shall never exceed 35,000 head of calves, or a maximum of seven million pounds of calves at any one time. For the purpose of this decision a calf is defined as less than 12 months of age." The Commission may consider the proposed language, suggest an alternative revision, or deny the request to modify and leave the condition as written. The site of the previously approved conditional use permit includes a portion of the West ½ of Section 13, and a portion of the North ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 24, all in Township 1 South, Range 3 West, also including a portion of the N ½ of the NW ¼ of section 19, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:30 pm, the Commission will review the preliminary plat for the Waterview #2 Subdivision filed by Loucks Homes, LLC for a previously approved 21-lot residential subdivision on approximately 27 acres of land divided from parcel number RP03N04W275476A.

The property is in a residential zone and is situated in a portion of the W ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.
3/1/2017

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION
Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Bond Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho (the "District"), adopted on January 17, 2017, notice is hereby given that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, beginning at the hour of 8:00 A.M. and closing at the hour of 8:00 P.M. on said date, on the question of whether the District shall be empowered to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 to be repaid not later than twenty-five (25) years from the date of issuance.

Said election shall be held at the regular polling places for elections in Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, [or by mail], as indicated below:

Precinct 002 - S o u t h Homedale – Marsing School Zone Residents Only, Magistrate Court / City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628

Precinct 003 - North Marsing, Marsing Community Center, 126 2nd Avenue West, Marsing, Idaho 83639

Precinct 004 - South Marsing, County Extension Office, 238 West 8th Avenue, Marsing, Idaho 83639

Precinct 006 - W i l s o n – Marsing School Zone Residents Only, Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnstone Lane, Melba, Idaho 83641

Precinct 013 - A b s e n t e e Voting, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650

For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting, contact the Owyhee County Clerks Office at 208-495-2421.

All Precincts are handicapped accessible and / or offer curbside voting shall the voter need assistance.

The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code:

The Projects to be financed by the sale of the proposed bonds are the costs of (a) construction of a new middle school; (b) construction of improvements to the existing high school consisting of a new physical education/gymnasium facility, a new library facility and other needed renovations; (c) construction of a covered walkway between the existing elementary school and the cafeteria; (d) designated grading and paving of parking lots and access roads; and (e) various safety improvements throughout the District.

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue, based upon current market rates, is four and twenty-one hundredths percent (4.21%) per annum. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$18,823,644 consisting of

\$13,500,000 in principal and \$8,645,463 of interest, totaling \$22,145,463, less \$3,321,819 in estimated bond levy equalization payments.
As of March 14, 2017, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, is \$456,100.
3/1/2017

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363 (MARSING) OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the Bond Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho (the "District"), adopted on January 17, 2017, that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, beginning at the hour of 8:00 a.m. and closing at the hour of 8:00 p.m. on said date, on the question of whether the District shall be empowered to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount not to exceed \$13,500,000, to be repaid not later than twenty-five (25) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of construction of a new middle school and improvements on existing buildings and surrounding infrastructure.

The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code:

The district currently has outstanding indebtedness, including accrued interest of \$456,100. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue, based upon current market rates, is four and twenty-one hundredths percent (4.21%) per annum. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$18,823,644, consisting of \$13,500,000 in principal and \$8,645,463 of interest, totaling \$22,145,463, less \$3,321,819 in estimated bond levy equalization payments.

All qualified electors in Joint School District No. 363 may vote on the Special General Obligation Bond.

Precinct 32-11: Vallivue Lions Clubhouse, 15047 Riverside Rd., Caldwell, Corner of Riverside Rd. & Hoadley Rd.

Precinct 33-11: Deer Flat Free Methodist Church, 17703 Beet Rd., Caldwell

All precincts are handicapped accessible and/or offer curbside voting shall the voter need assistance.

Any qualified elector of Canyon County in Joint School District No. 363 may apply to the Canyon County Elections Office for an absentee ballot. The application must be in writing listing name, address where registered, mailing address if different, and must be signed by the voter. This request can be mailed, faxed, or emailed. Fax: 454-6899, email: electionsclerk@canyonco.org

Mail: Canyon County Elections, 1102 E Chicago St, Caldwell ID 83605. All requests must be received in the Elections Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2017.

Qualified electors may vote early at the Canyon County Elections Office until 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2017.

The Canyon County Elections Office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Monday through Friday.
Pre-registration is closed for this Election. You may register on Election Day by showing proof of your current address and photo identification.
Dated at Caldwell, Idaho this 1st day of March, 2017
Chris Yamamoto, County Clerk
3/1/2017

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a **supplemental levy election** will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**, in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** for the following question: "Shall the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in **Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code**, in the amount of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00)**, for the total of **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)**, which will be collected in full during each of the **next two (2)** fiscal years, for the purpose of paying lawful and necessary expenses to operate and maintain the **District** for two (2) fiscal years beginning **July 1, 2017**, and ending **June 30, 2019**" Said election will be conducted pursuant to **Title 34 Idaho Code**.

Owyhee County polling locations for the March 14, 2017 Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy:

Precinct 008 - Oreana, Oreana Community Center, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana, Idaho 83650

Precinct 009 - Grand View, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho 83624

Precinct 010 - B r u n e a u, American Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Avenue, Bruneau, Idaho 83604

Precinct 011 - Riddle – Mail Ballot Precinct, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650

Precinct 013 - A b s e n t e e Voting, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650

For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting, contact the Owyhee County Clerks Office at 208-495-2421.

Elmore County residents who reside in the Chattin Flats voting precinct will vote mail-in ballot or in-person absentee at the Elmore County Courthouse.

All Precincts are handicapped accessible and / or offer curbside voting shall the voter need assistance.
3/1/2017

NOTICE OF MEETING TIME CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING

SCHEDULE OF THE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT HAS CHANGED EFFECTIVE 3-1-17

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 8TH** AT THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 102 E. COLORADO AVENUE IN HOMEDALE, AT **7 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT **7 P.M.**, ON THE **SECOND WEDNESDAY** OF EVERY MONTH. THE MEETING LOCATION IS AT THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT OFFICE, LOCATED AT 102 E. COLORADO AVENUE, HOMEDALE.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017
Terri Uria, Secretary - Homedale Highway District
3/1/2017

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
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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

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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.
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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

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57-11898, NEDEREND FARMS LLLP, 4998 HOGG RD, HOMEDALE, ID 83628
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Use: COMMERCIAL, STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 2 CFS
Total Diversion: 2 CFS
Date Filed: 12/30/2016
Place of Use: COMMERCIAL, STOCKWATER
T03N R05W S35 SW(ALL) NWSE SWSE
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Adrian seniors bring home state medals

Marcus Furtado’s final high school wrestling season ended much like his junior campaign. Adrian’s 113-pound senior found himself in the 1A/2A Oregon state tournament bronze medal match again. And, once again, he faced fellow District 4 qualifier Shane Lund of Enterprise.

This time, however, Furtado’s rival got the last word, avenging his loss in the 2016 state third-place match with a 9-3 victory

Saturday in Portland.

Furtado’s medal was one of two fourth-place awards Antelopes upperclassmen would collect Saturday.

Drake Marquez finished fourth after Siletz Valley’s Isaac Butler pinned him at the 2-minute, 22-second mark of their 182-pound third-place match.

Adrian sophomore 145-pounder Enrique Delgado (14-18), lost both of his state tournament matches by pinfall.

Furtado’s trek to his second state medal began when he pinned Vernonia’s Elijah Bozied in 50 seconds in the quarterfinals. Lorenzo Vasquez of Culver sent Furtado into the consolation bracket with a pin at the end of their semifinal match.

Furtado (36-9) routed Joshua Fellows of Bonanza, 8-0, for a major decision and a ticket to the third-place bout.

Marquez (19-12) battled back from a quarterfinals loss, winning two straight

elimination matches to reach the bronze medal match.

A 10-3 decision over Elgin’s Donovan Tate moved Marquez into the final match of his high school career against Butler.

The senior pinned Bandon’s Kane Rilatos 11 seconds into the second round of their consolation opener to stay alive.

Central Linn’s Ben Hughes knocked Marquez out of the championship bracket with a pin at 1:43 of their quarterfinal.



Above: Homedale High School senior Shane Keller (left) works against Weiser’s Kaden Fager before pinning the 152-pounder in the first round of a consolation match. Below: Joel Padilla wards off Fruitland’s Cameron Russell in their 160-pound fifth-place match. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

✓ HHS: Keller qualifies for 152-pound quarterfinals

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9-7 overtime triumph against Marsh Valley’s Thor Aagard, but he fell into the consolation bracket after losing to Bonners Ferry’s Jesse Sandelin, 4-0, in the quarterfinals.

Padilla beat Kellogg’s Anthony Noto, 4-0, to keep his medal hopes going before falling into the fifth-place match after a 14-2 major decision setback against Priest River’s Noah Jamison in a consolation semifinal.

Keller also reached the quarterfinals at 152, but lost to fellow District III athlete Jesse Camacho of Parma by a 17-1 technical fall.

Keller (27-11) pinned Weiser’s Kaden Fager six seconds before the end of the first round in their consolation match before his tournament ended with a 9-5 loss to another Parma entrant, Dre Salinas.

Keller pinned Marsh Valley’s Dax Gibsion in 3 minutes, 42

seconds to start his tournament Friday against his only non-District III opponent.

Every other HHS wrestler competing in the state tournament didn’t survive Day 1, but didn’t bow out before getting a victory.

Jorge Vega (21-25) lost his 113-pound opener quickly (1:02 to Easton Banta of South Fremont), but he rallied with an even faster pinfall in the consolation bracket.

The sophomore pinned Shelley’s Colton Ward in 37 seconds, but was eliminated when Bonners Ferry’s Tyler Beazer posted a 13-4 major decision.

Jaegar Rose (14-20) pinned Jakob O’hanlan of Timberlake-Wieppe in 4:16 of their first-round consolation match at 132 for his only victory of the tournament.

Likewise, sophomore 182-pounder Robert Nix (20-14) posted a consolation-round technical fall, 18-2, against Teton’s Keegan Kearsley for his only triumph.



Marsing junior Joseph Ineck (left) tries to escape the grasp of McCall-Donnelly’s Jed Lowen during their fifth-place match Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

✓ Marsing: Joseph Ineck gets three wins

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Barrett of Firth (50 seconds) and quarterfinalist David Pike of Oakley (41 seconds) to reach the semis.

Hall finished fourth in 2016.

Ineck’s third trip to state ended with a 10-3 loss to McCall-Donnelly’s Jed Lowen, but the junior still came away with a medal.

Ineck (31-18) had three wins in the tournament, including a pin of Brian Rios in his opener (4:49). After losing a close quarterfinal match, 8-4, to Firth’s Colton Clemens, Ineck rattled off two consolation victories — pinning Abel Torres of Aberdeen (4:32)

and defeating Bear Lake’s Hayden Hunt, 8-2 — before losing the consolation semifinal. Ty Eliason of West Jefferson snagged a spot in the third-place match with a 9-3 victory.

Senior Oscar Gonzalez (34-11) made his second appearance at the state tournament as one of two 160-pounders from coach Jon Nelson’s roster.

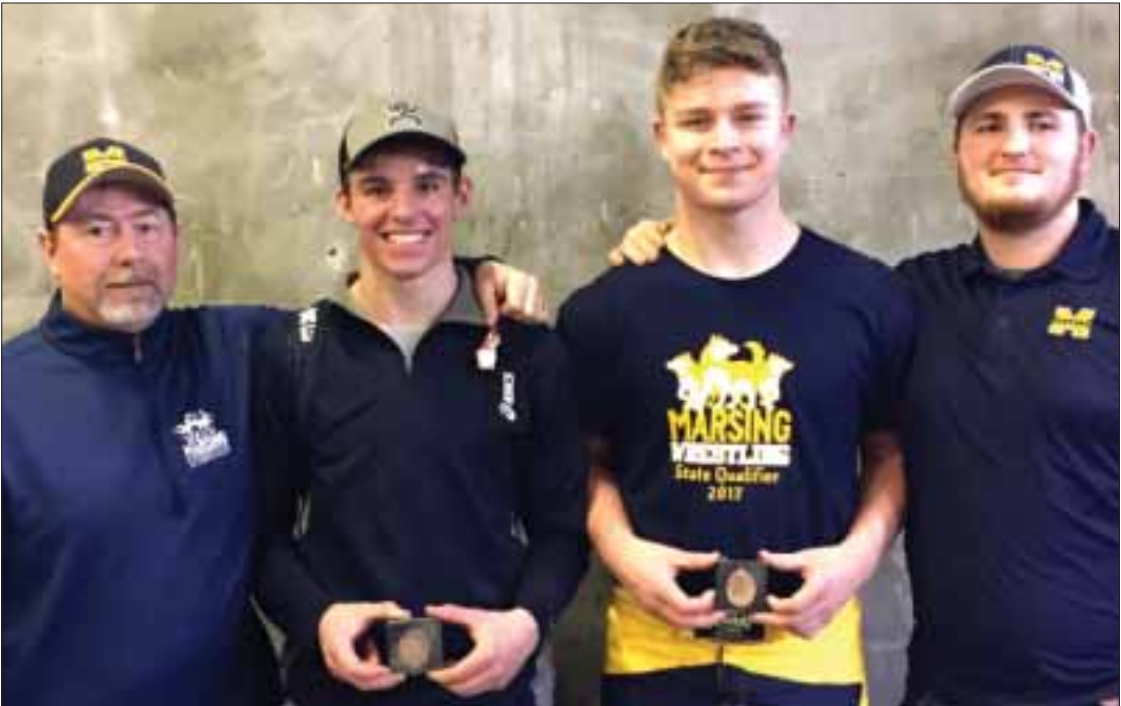
Gonzalez’s only victory was a 10-3 consolation bracket decision against Devan Morrison of Glens Ferry. The senior lost his championship bracket opener by pinfall to Ririe’s Trey Yearsley (5:24). Gonzalez (34-11) ended his career with a major decision loss to Taylor Adams of Soda Springs.

Another two-time qualifier, Jaden Kinney (29-16), also managed a consolation-bracket victory, pinning Grace’s Perrin Gunderson late in the opening round of their match at 170.

Marsing’s other 160-pounder, Dawson Walker (17-11), lost both his matches.

Freshman Adonis Stelzried (34-19) picked up one victory at 132, edging Hayden Villa of St. Maries, 7-5, in a consolation opener.

Justin Ineck (17-31 at 113) and Hayden Kish (15-25 at 138) lost both of their matches in first-time appearances.



Marsing High School’s 2A state tournament medal winners pose with their coaches. From left: Coach Jon Nelson, sixth-place 145-pound wrestler Joseph Ineck, third-place 220-pounder Mason Hall and assistant coach Noah Grossman. Photo by Kelly Ineck