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Owyhee Gardeners ready for spring

A few members of the Owyhee Gardeners spent the morning on March 14 doing some spring cleanup around the gateway sign at the entrance into Homedale. **From left:** Bob Winder, Heidi Decristofaro and Marlene Bean. Club members will return to the welcome sign soon to plant flowers and new shrubs.

Marsing school changes could start this fall

Now the planning begins.

Nearly 73 percent of the voters who showed up at the polls favored the Marsing School District's plan to spend \$13.5 million in property tax revenue to upgrade school facilities.

"Anytime you have something going before the voters, you hope for the best, but you don't know how it's going to turn out until after the election," district superintendent Norm Stewart said.

Nervous trustees and supporters found out how things turned out during the latter stages of the March 14 board meeting.

"It was one of those anxious meetings," Stewart said.

— See *Marsing*, page 3A

Bruneau-GV levy passes on first attempt

Schools boss: Survey says parents support schedule change

Voters gave a rare early nod to the Bruneau-Grand View School District's supplemental levy proposition last week.

Patrons have been known to force two and three elections before acquiescing — sometimes for a shorter levy or after deep budget cuts.

"I am very grateful for the support from the community," Bruneau-Grand View superintendent Dennis Wilson said. "It is especially satisfying that it passed on

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— **Dennis Wilson**, Bruneau-Grand View schools superintendent



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More than 41 percent of the 924 registered voters in the Owyhee County portion of the district cast votes in the March 14 election, and 51.8 percent of the ballots were in favor of the two-year, \$1 million supplemental levy. Only a

simple majority of 50 percent plus one is required for supplemental levies to pass.

The levy is \$400,000 less than the two-year property tax measure that will expire at the end of this school year.

— See *Levy*, page 8A

School board chairs face election challenges

Homedale Highway District has three-way commissioner race

In a rare twist, there will be several contested races in the May 16 election.

The various political subdivisions with board positions up for election have until

Friday to submit their lists to the Owyhee County Clerk's office.

After last Friday's deadline to file with respective district clerks, two of the county's largest school districts will see contests for trustees, and the Homedale Highway District has a three-way race for one seat on the ballot.

Deputy clerk Brook Russell with the county elections office said the May 16

election also will feature a revenue bond question for the Bruneau Water and Sewer District.

Marsing School District board chair Betty Ackerman will face a challenge from Doran Parkins for the Zone 3 seat. Two other Marsing incumbents (Jason Sevy in Zone 1 and Brad McIntyre in

— See *Election*, page 8A



Dennis Huhtala casts his vote in the Marsing School District bond election last week at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.



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Canyon judge gives Homedale man lengthy state prison sentence

A 39-year-old Homedale man could spend 20 years in prison for heroin and methamphetamine trafficking.

Jose L. Obregon was sentenced March 14 before Third District Judge Christopher S. Nye in a Canyon County courtroom.

Nye sentenced Obregon to 15 years fixed and five years indeterminate in the state penitentiary. The sentence will run concurrent with Obregon's parole violation. Obregon also must pay court costs and \$200 in restitution.

Obregon was charged with felony drug trafficking after his arrest in August 2016.

An Idaho State Police trooper pulled over Obregon for driving without his headlights on. He was on parole for a 2011 felony conviction of conspiracy to traffic methamphetamine.

During the traffic stop, a Proba-



Jose L. Obregon

tion and Parole officer located 443 grams of meth, nearly 72 grams of heroin, two syringes and \$6,800 in cash.

According to the Canyon County Prosecutor's Office press release, Obregon later admitted to police that he acquired the drugs earlier in the day to sell.

"Mr. Obregon is a career criminal who probably should have never been out on parole in the first place," Canyon County Prosecutor Bryan Taylor said. "Thankfully, he was caught again before he could do any further harm to our community by dealing drugs to our kids and fellow citizens."

Obregon was convicted of felony aiding and abetting in burglary in 2002 in Owyhee County.

He also was convicted of felony controlled substance possession in 2008 in Canyon County.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
3/14	5.3	11	12.0	62	35	48
3/15	5.0	10	12.0	57	35	47
3/16	4.1	9	12.2	57	40	46
3/17	3.2	7	12.2	62	35	48
3/18	2.3	4	12.2	56	39	47
3/19	1.5	2	12.2	52	36	46
3/20	0.9	1	12.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
3/14	1.5	2	14.3	62	47	54
3/15	1.0	2	14.4	57	44	51
3/16	0.4	1	14.4	51	37	43
3/17	0.0	0	14.5	61	37	51
3/18	0.0	0	14.6	57	43	52
3/19	0.0	0	14.7	50	40	44
3/20	0.0	0	14.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
3/14	18.0	46	25.2	59	43	50
3/15	17.6	44	25.3	56	41	47
3/16	17.1	42	25.4	52	39	44
3/17	16.3	40	25.4	57	38	49
3/18	15.7	37	25.5	53	41	48
3/19	14.9	35	25.5	48	40	43
3/20	14.2	34	25.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 87 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 7,220 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 2,710 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 619,106 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

GV councilman fined for missing court date

A Grand View city councilman has been sentenced for failing to appear in court on a misdemeanor driving violation.

Jon W. Pennington has been ordered to pay more than \$550 in fines and court fees for a driver's license violation and failing to attend his arraignment on that charge.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Pennington was charged with driving without

privileges after he was stopped by an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy on Jan. 18.

A \$1,000 arrest warrant was issued on Feb. 22 because Pennington didn't show up in Murphy for his arraignment before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. Five days later, the warrant was quashed and a guilty plea was entered on the driving without privileges charge, which apparently was Pennington's second such offense.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for March 13, at which time Grober accepted the guilty plea.

Pennington also entered a guilty plea to the failure to appear charge, and Grober imposed sentencing last week after the DWP charge was reduced to a driver's license violation.

—JPB

Flows increased on Owyhee River

No firm start date for irrigation yet

The Owyhee Irrigation District is warning people about higher water on the Owyhee River.

On Monday afternoon, a posting on the district's website said the river is at or near flood stage, and some roads may be affected. The posting also reminded motorists to not drive through water over a roadway.

Three jet flow valves at the Owyhee Dam are releasing water into the river.

Water flowed out of the Owyhee Reservoir at 2,710 cubic feet per second on Monday.

Owyhee Irrigation District manager Jay Chamberlin said folks need to be careful around the river, and there will be flooding.

"We're going to be out on some ag ground with this increase," he said. "We're trying to get the word out to the land

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— Jay Chamberlin
Owyhee Irrigation District manager

owners to please be aware and be cautious."

South Board of Control manager John Eells has told farmers around Homedale and Marsing that they will again receive a full allotment of 4 acre-feet this growing season.

Exactly when irrigators will start seeing water in the canals hasn't been determined.

Chamberlin said the process of charging the system might start early next month, and patrons aren't in any rush.

"There's really nobody in the fields hardly anywhere," he said. "It's hard to say, but April 1 is just a darn good date. It certainly wouldn't be much before that for irrigation."

He also said the Owyhee Dam glory hole won't be activated until after Monday to spill water out of the dam. The glory hole was last used in 2011.

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Marsing Middle School pillars need repairs

On the night they learned a multi-million-dollar school bond had passed, Marsing trustees got a report on repairs that are necessary at the middle school.

Superintendent Norm Stewart said masonry issues on pillars around the outside of the building cropped up after the harsh winter.

DesignWest officials briefed board members on the remedies to cracked and crumbling brick facades that have forced closure of sections of walkways.

There are no structural concerns, but the pillars must be repaired using funds already on hand. Stewart said the \$13.5 million bond passed last week won't be used to shore up the masonry.

"When the building was constructed, inside those exterior columns we had rebar, it was more of a common practice then," Stewart said. "They used an accelerant to dry the mortar inside the columns."

Stewart said the snow and

moisture from the cold winter caused excess material around the rebar to expand, causing the exteriors to fracture.

Some pillars are in worse shape than others, but the closure of the walkway was necessary to keep students safe from crumbling masonry, Stewart said.

"The plan is to inject more of an adhesive in the minor cracks," Stewart said, to buy time until full repair is needed.

For the crumbling pillars, a

mason will be contracted to tear a portion out, repair the rebar and rebuild the columns. The board is seeking bids, Stewart said.

In other business, trustees approved the 2017-18 school calendar and received a \$300 donation from American Legion Post 128 in Marsing to be used for the Giving Tree community food and gift drive this Christmas.

Interviews to find Stewart's replacement as high school football coach could start this week. — JPB



One of the more heavily damaged pillars.

From page 1A

✓ Marsing: Superintendent sees work ahead as transformative for district

In the end, fewer than 30 percent of the registered voters in the Owyhee County portion of the district turned out for the election.

With the Canyon County bloc of voters overwhelmingly supporting the bond (78.7 percent or 37 yes and 10 no), the district received well over the super majority that was necessary for the measure to pass.

The bond passed with 335 yes votes and 124 citizens voting against the idea.

"I feel a great relief that we had the support, but I also know that we have a big job ahead of us and there will be a lot involved," Stewart said.

"I'm excited for it. I'm excited to be part of the planning and how it will change the district for the future because it will be here for years to come."

Stewart said committees will huddle over the next six months to implement a plan of attack on how to use the bond, which will be paid back over 25 years.

"We had a concept, footprint drawing of the new building and the facilities," Stewart said. "Now it's time to start talking about some of the details. Where



Students stand near the main entrance of Marsing High School, which will see changes to allow for the consolidation of the secondary school populations after the passage of the school bond last week.

Marsing school bond election						
Precinct	Yes	No	Total	Percent	Registered voters	Turnout
S. Homedale	2	1	3	66.7%	8	37.5%
N. Marsing	107	31	138	77.5%	506	27.5%
S. Marsing	154	39	193	79.8%	682	28.3%
Wilson	21	40	61	34.4%	299	20.4%
Canyon	37	10	47	78.7%	N/A	N/A
Absentee	14	3	17	82.4%	N/A	N/A
Overall total	335	124	459	72.9%	N/A	N/A
Owyhee total	298	114	412	72.3%	1,495	27.6%

do the doors go? Where do the windows go?"

Groundbreaking is planned in the fall, but Stewart said with so

many projects on the table it's not clear where the work will begin.

A comprehensive overhaul of the school facilities is planned, but now that the bond has passed the district must pay DesignWest architects and consultant Richard Bauscher for their work in preparing for the election, too.

- The district office will be demolished, and administration will move into the middle school.
- Stewart said the district should hear shortly whether it has received a grant to start a preschool program, which also will be housed in the middle school.
- A new high school gym will be built, and Stewart said the 50-year-old gymnasium on Main Street will be remodeled to create a permanent wrestling room. The old gym may be used for community gatherings and possibly recreational basketball, he said.
- "Part of the goal of the bond itself is to try to reduce how late kids are out, so having another practice facility will help," Stewart said. "With one gym, we had (student-athletes) out until 8 or 9 at night."
- "We're very thankful for the support that the community showed for the school district and the kids," Stewart said.

— JPB

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Historical society’s spring bazaar back in Murphy Saturday

Fundraiser
features MRW
chili cook-off


The Owyhee County Historical Society’s annual spring bazaar will be held Saturday in Murphy.
The OCHS fundraiser takes

place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex. There will be about 20 vendors selling items like homemade pies, breads, and preserves. Ceramics, art and woodcraft items will also be for sale.
Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a homemade quilt and a rifle.


- 2017 OCHS bazaar vendors**
Joyce’s Creations — purses, wallets, belts, sunglasses
Cragside Downs — British jams, preserves
Mother Murphy’s Stuff — wooden pens, butter knives
Daisy Patch — jams, jellies
Sheila Whitted — potholders, washcloths
Patti Strong — Scentsy wickless candles
Betty Good — prints, paintings
D & S Designs — pewter and silver creations, semi-precious stones
The Equestrian Vagabond — horse pens, horse magnets, horse suncatchers
Jolynn Hook — pottery
Earth Brite — crystals, nightlights, rocks from around the world
Dadio V. — walking sticks, dreamcatchers, art
Country Crafts by Darlene — aprons, bags, bowl warmers, bibs
Alan Stanford — watercolors, prints
Kim Amaya — Kettle corn

Jerry Stuart donated the gun, and Charlene Nettleton made the quilt.
Nettleton lives in Murphy and has donated several quilts to the fundraiser in prior years. Stuart

lives in Caldwell.
Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and the drawing will be held June 4 during Outpost Days in Murphy.
All proceeds from the bazaar and the raffle benefit the museum, which will be open during the bazaar.
The seventh annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue firehouse chili cook-off will be held in conjunction with the bazaar.
The public can taste the chili entries beginning at 11:45 a.m. A \$5 donation will be asked for the tasting.
Awards will be handed out for first place in five categories along with a people’s choice award.
The cook-off is a fundraiser for MRW’s fire, rescue and emergency medical services departments.
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Owyhee native signs books tonight

A woman born and raised in Grand View will hold a book signing tonight in Marsing.
The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lizard Butte Library.
Irene Chandler’s new book is titled “Bolt of Lightning: The Story of a Stroke Survivor.”
Folks will be able to buy a copy of the book for \$15 during the signing.

In 1981, Chandler’s husband Gary suffered a stroke at the age of 36.
The book focuses on the first two years of the recovery process after Gary’s stroke, with several chapters highlighting his progress in following years.
Her book can also be purchased online at www.amazon.com.
The Chandlers have been married 51 years.



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Final horses removed from Grand View property

Cruelty case continues through courts

The Grand View couple facing animal neglect and cruelty charges has sold the last of their horses.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman confirmed Friday that the last horses on Ray Parker and Billie

Jean Santa Maria Parker’s property were loaded up Thursday. He said the Parkers had completed their efforts to sell the livestock.

According to media reports, the Idaho Horse Rescue group in Eagle purchased more animals to clear the acreage.

The man and woman are due in court at 11 a.m. on Monday for the continuation of their pretrial conference.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery has charged the couple each with misdemeanor animal cruelty and impounding animals without food and water.

The sheriff’s office impounded more than 60 horses and cattle in late January when a deputy spotted 16 dead horses and cows on the property. The Parkers had housed 80 animals on 4.5 acres, according

to Bowman.

Before the animals were removed from the property last week, sheriff’s deputies had been visiting the property twice daily to feed and water the remaining horses.

Idaho Horse Rescue purchased 17 horses earlier this month, and Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober gave the Parkers permission to sell the remaining animals.

— JPB

Calendar

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee County P&Z public hearings**
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2
- 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
- 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
- Grand View author book signing**
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Irene Chandler selling and signing copies of ‘Bolt of Lightning: The Story of a Stroke Survivor’, \$15, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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
- Crafts for Kids**
4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

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

Saturday

- Our Lady Queen of Heaven mass**
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031
- OCHS spring bazaar**
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

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
- Family movie night**
7 p.m., free, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Marsing Fire Department meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Tuesday

- Spring break youth workshop**
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m to 4 p.m. or all day, American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau. (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu
- Property tax reduction assistance**
10 a.m., The Sandbar Cafe, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 495-2817
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon**
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- After-school program**
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- After-school Story Time**
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School menus

Homedale Elementary

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- March 22: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar
- March 23-31: No school

Homedale Middle

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- March 22: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar
- March 23: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar
- March 27-31: No school

Homedale High

- All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students*
- March 22: Lasagna or popcorn chicken, dinner roll, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
- March 23: Nachos or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice
- March 27-31: No school

Marsing Elementary

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar*
- March 22: Lasagna, breadstick, green beans or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers, jello w/topping
- Mach 23: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers
- March 27-30: No school

Marsing Mid/High

- All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar; salad bar and grab-n-go lunches available daily*
- March 22: Lasagna w/breadstick or fish sandwich, green beans, jello
- Mach 23: Chicken fried steak or oven roasted BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, roll
- March 27-30: No school

Bruneau-Grand View

- March 22: Chicken patty/bun, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, fruit
- March 23: Soft taco, black beans, salsa, corn, fruit
- March 24: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks & cauliflower, fruit, apple crisp
- March 28-31: No school

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

- Milk served every day*
- Salad Bar available with each meal (lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)*
- March 22: BBQ chicken on bun, baked potato, mixed vegetables
- March 23: Pork roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll
- March 28: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread
- March 29: Beef & cabbage pockets, potato salad
- March 30: Beef stew, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

- March 23: Pizza, green salad, cookie, fruit
- March 28: Fish & chips, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, Waldorf salad, garlic bread
- March 30: Enchiladas, green salad, corn, orange slices, brownies

Service notices

REBECCA LYN PRALL. A celebration of life for Rebecca Lyn Prall will be held at graveside at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. Please join us for a luncheon after the service to share stories and remember a life lived to the fullest. Service will be held at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 – Rosevale Space 7 Lot 85. (208) 733-5743



CLIFF EIDEMILLER, 67, of Wilder, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017 at home. A memorial celebration of life will be held at 11 am. on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

BETTY JOYCE FRYE, 85, of Caldwell, formerly of Homedale, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 at home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017 at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City. (208) 853-3131

Death notices

JULIA LEE CHILDRESS (COHAGEN), 65, of Homedale, died Wednesday, March 15, 2017 in Homedale. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

TANGIE LYNN FRENCH, 68, of Melba, a 1968 Grand View High School graduate and former longtime resident of the Bruneau-Grand View area, died on Friday, March 17, 2017. Services were held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Ten Mile Community Church, Meridian. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa.

RAYMOND GROSS, 58, of Wilder, died Friday, March 17, 2017 at home. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

Farmers can rent OCD’s no-till drill

With spring planting on the horizons, the Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) is renting its no-till drill to area farmers to encourage soil health measures. Farmers within the district can rent the no-till drill for \$13 per acre.

No-till farming is a way of growing crops or pasture from year to year without disturbing the soil through tillage.

The technique is aimed at increasing the amount of water that infiltrates the soil, increasing organic matter retention and cycling nutrients in the soil.

No-till farming can also help reduce labor, fuel, irrigation and machinery costs.

The OCD board of directors purchased the 13-foot Crust-buster no-till drill in 2015. The drill was purchased from Mountain View Equipment in Homedale for \$48,982.

No grant money was available to pay for the drill, so the board had to buy it with reserve funds. That money will be recovered over the next few years by renting it out, the supervisors said.

For information about renting the no-till drill, call OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard at (208) 896-4544.

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Obituaries

Dean David Jayo

Dean David Jayo passed away on March 14, 2017 at St. Luke’s Hospital in Boise. He was a beloved son, brother, father and friend to many. His easy-going personality and witty humor will especially be remembered and missed.

Dean was born in Mountain Home, on February 23, 1973 to Fred and Dee Jayo. He attended school in Grand View and graduated from Rimrock High School. Dean went on to the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, where he earned an Associate’s Degree in Diesel Mechanics. After the passing of his father, Dean took over operations of Jayo Custom and Trucking. He loved driving truck! Hauling potatoes was his favorite time of year.

Dean enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved hunting, fishing and just being in the mountains. He



blessed the world with his two beautiful daughters. He really loved driving around with them, teaching them how to drive, how to shoot guns, and all the other outdoor experiences he was passionate for. Dean lived for “his girls”. He also enjoyed spending time with his many friends and

cousins. Dean is survived by his daughters Brittney Jayo and Freddi Jayo of Morgan, Utah; his mother, Dee Jayo of Grand View; his brother, Randall Jayo (Launa), and nephew, Nic Jayo, both of Eden, Idaho; niece Natalie (Garret) Lammers and great-niece Ryanne Lammers both of Kimberly, Idaho. Dean was preceded in death by his father Fred Jayo.

The family would like to thank the wonderful nursing staff at St. Luke’s Hospital for their compassionate and professional care.

Services were held Monday, March 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Community Hall in Oreana, Idaho. Dean will be laid to rest next to his father at the Oreana Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Jerry L. Scarbrough

Jerry L. Scarbrough, age 72, passed away in the early morning hours of March 15, 2017 surrounded by his daughter Kim and son Kevin.

Jerry was born in Boise, Idaho on November 26, 1944. He was the youngest of five children to Luther and Florence Scarbrough.

Jerry attended school in Bruneau, Idaho. In high school, he lettered in basketball and football, graduating as Salutatorian of his class in 1963.

Jerry moved to Boise in the early ’60s, attending Boise State University for a short period of time. He began working at Gate City Steel as a helper, working his way to driver, shipping department, before transferring to sales. In 1988, Jerry made his way to Farwest Sales, as a salesman. He was a past member of the Idaho Cowboy Association and a current member of the ACTRA



association.

On May 28, 1977, he married the love of his life, Merna Quinn. They lived a full and eventful life for 39 years before Jerry lost his love in July of 2016.

Jerry’s passions in life included camping, fishing and trail riding. He spent 55 years of his life as a team roper, traveling from one

arena to the next. Later on, he developed a passion for golf. Thursdays became a ritual for spending time with his golfing buddies out on the greens.

Jerry is survived by his children Kim Costello (Eric), Jim Miller (Teresa), Mary Scarbrough, Kevin Scarbrough (Jan); two brothers, Bob Scarbrough (Bette), Vernie Scarbrough (Maurene); one sister, Evelyn Barowski; and four beloved grandchildren: Nikki, Heath, Trevor and Hayley.

Services will be conducted on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Foothills Church, located at 9655 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho 83714.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bruneau Legion Hall.

The family would like to thank Butch Glineski for his tireless devotion to Jerry during his last few weeks with us.

Man hurts foot in motorcycle spill

A 43-year-old Bruneau man was taken to the hospital for treatment after an off-road motorcycle wreck.

James Jolley suffered an injury to his right foot in the accident, which took place Saturday south of

Murphy on Bureau of Land Management ground, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Air St. Luke’s transported Jolley to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

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Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by Stan Soran

Owyhee country road trip



In 1993 instead of going to the cabin on Memorial Day weekend, we decided to travel the Back Country Byway. The cabin was already booked as it's first-come, first-get. So for the first time ever at the crossroad of Juniper Mountain Road and Soldier Creek Road, instead of hanging a left, we went straight. Totally new scenery for Kathy and me.

We had the blue '65 Chevy pickup as usual, but the battery was a question mark so I loaded up another question-mark battery along with some jumper cables. Also brought camera gear, tools, spare tires, food, water and ... oh yes, some beer. Kathy was about seven months along with who would become our son Rider. Money was tighter than usual, so we just planned a day trip with no frills.

It had been a wet winter and spring after several years of drought, so there were flowers out that hadn't been seen in years. The first place of interest was Dougal's Reservoir, but "NO TRESPASSING, NO FISHING" signs in abundance spoiled the picture so we didn't stop. The first place we did stop was at North Fork Canyon campground. It's a very steep drop into it and just as dramatic an incline out of it. There was a great picnic area with nice views all around. I took several pictures of the surrounding cliffs, and we had lunch before driving on. There are a lot of springs and stock reservoirs, and once we drove out of the canyon the newly popped-up wildflowers were everywhere. I didn't stop at every place I thought there would be a good picture, as that would have made it more than just

a one-day excursion. I had plenty of films and wanted to get some good pictures to enter in the Canyon County Fair at the end of July.

I'm not up on the names of wild plants, but I took a picture of a swampy meadow filled with violet flowers (wild iris? lupine?) and rimmed in juniper trees. A little later, another meadow with the same flowers only in white and later on a field of yellow flowers. Later on, I took pictures of some old stone ranch buildings, hillsides covered with yellow daisy-like flowers and some landscape pictures.

I don't know for certain how far along we were on the route, but we were going through a winding section of road with a lot of blind corners. I slid to a stop when I saw a cooler setting in the middle of the road. Did it fall out of someone's truck? It was upright and hadn't spilled, so we figured it must be some sort of warning. Sure enough when we idled around the corner, we saw an empty horse trailer hooked to a smashed pickup. In front of it was a more severely smashed compact car. The two had met at the blind corner, and this was the result. The horses were unhurt and were ridden to the nearest telephone to get help (it's 1993, remember). By the time we arrived, the injured people in the car had been picked up and taken to a hospital. Two people were left with the wrecked rigs to help the tow trucks when they arrived and warn traffic in the meantime.

So far the anemic battery had worked every time, and we continued on our way. It was getting on toward

late afternoon, so we decided not to go all the way to Grand View and took the soonest turn-off, which I think went through Oreana. We needed to find a rest area, but on this route there were none to be found. So we headed toward Kathy's sister's house outside of Melba. As we got closer, nature was not just calling, it was screaming at the top of its lungs! As poor luck would have it, Renee was not home, and I couldn't bring myself to do a 1062 (police code for breaking and entering). There was no further discussion as I just waited by the pickup while Kathy left and communed with nature for a moment. How do you spell relief? This time, the battery had had enough, and it took both of them to get the truck going again.

The pictures turned out great, and one of them adorns the living room wall after winning first place at the Canyon County Fair. I had to have my brother-in-law Kevin enter them for me as I was busy at the hospital with Kathy and our new son, Rider. And so began our best adventure ever.

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

Study reveals television's influence on relationships

A research firm, Propeller Insights, was hired by a team at the cable company Xfinity to survey almost 2,000 individuals between the ages of 25 and 49 regarding their relationships and the influence that television played in them. Surprisingly enough, the survey could conclude that



Surine Greenway

television plays a larger role in a romantic relationship than one might originally think. Although the survey conducted was not in-

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depth or long-term research taking place, it still yields interesting information about our transforming society and the large role that television is taking in it.

Out of all those surveyed, 66 percent of couples claimed that watching TV together made their relationship stronger. When looking at only the millennial couples that responded to this question, they found that the number increased to 75 percent. Of all parent respondents, 55 percent said they sent their kids to bed earlier or later so the parents could watch a favorite show. Fifty percent of

couples said that they had "TV cheated," a term referring to watching a show without their partner present. One of the final things found from the survey was that 28 percent of single millennials said they had ended a potential relationship over a difference of TV preferences with the significant other.

In a way, it is alarming to see how heavily a relationship is being impacted by television, but more importantly, what type of effect is this having on the youth in our homes?

When adults are placing such a heavy dependence on their TV shows and the usage of a television to influence a relationship,

one can only start to consider the message that this is sending to our children.

Long-term studies have shown that the more that a child is exposed to television, the higher likelihood that they will begin to develop a low-level addiction to its use, with side effects ranging from reduced attention spans and some research even going as far as stating that youth with more than two hours of television per day having a lower intelligence level than their peer counterparts with limited television time.

The ultimate thing to realize here is that everything is OK, even television, but in moderation. If you start to realize that you have

developed an addiction to certain shows or tendencies regarding your television, maybe it is time you pull out a book or consider starting a hobby that you can easily do in its place. Maybe your mind and your relationship will thank you for it.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach Greenway at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Source: Time Magazine, July 2016.

Career Expo returns Thursday to COSSA campus in Wilder

The annual Spring Showcase and Career Expo returns to the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency.

The event takes place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday at COSSA's Regional Technical Education Center, 109 Penny Lane, in Wilder.

High school students from Homedale and Marsing as well as the COSSA Academy, Notus,

Parma and Wilder have been invited to attend.

Unlike past years, seventh- and eighth-graders from schools that are part of the COSSA consortium won't make the trip.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with post-secondary education and military representatives along with businesses and potential employers in the area.

The students also will get a hands-on feel for the career and technical programs COSSA offers and the opportunities that are available after high school.

Organizer Brandy Smith said more than 700 students have filed through the various stations in past expositions.

For more information, contact Smith at (208) 482-6074, ext. 256 or smithb@cossaschools.org.

Library, Extension present robotics class next week

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office and Homedale Public Library will offer a free robotics class.

The event will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Thursday, March 30, at the Extension Office at 238 8th Ave., W., in Marsing. Anyone age 8 or older is invited.

The Homedale library's robotic equipment will be used.

An email from library director Sharla Jensen said attendees will

build their own marshmallow catapult, learn the basics of programming computer software coding, get hands-on experience with various types of robots, and find out about 3D printing. Participants will also get to see a 3D printer in action.

Space is limited, so people must RSVP by next Wednesday. Call the Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or Homedale library at (208) 337-4228.



Weston Woodward from Kristi Uria's second-grade class peruses titles during the Homedale Elementary PTO's book fair preview Monday. Submitted photo

Book fair to benefit Homedale Elementary

The Homedale Elementary School PTO is staying local with this week's book fair. Materials from Meridian-based Idaho Book Fairs will be available from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday inside the library, 420 W. Washington Ave. "They get their books from several companies, including Scholastic," PTO spokesperson Camille Heck said. "This is a great improvement from past years because now the library will have access to a better variety of books. "We are excited to support a local company this year." On Monday, children got a sneak peek at what titles and other products will be available. The book fair will be a fundraiser for reading material at the school. "The elementary gets a large percentage of the profits to purchase new books for the library and classrooms," Heck said. — JPB



Rimrock actors pull off production
"Zeph" (sophomore Dalton Allison, left) auditions for the part of Romeo in front of "Carol Danes" (junior Breanna Bybee, center) and "Roger" (sophomore Ray Draper) during the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School Drama class' performance of "Bad Auditions by Bad Actors" by Ian McWethy on Friday night. Photo by Sierra Swanson (junior), Rimrock Journalism



American Legion shotgun prize stays in Marsing
Marsing resident Justin Hance, right, won a Remington 870 Express shotgun at last weekend's American Legion Post 128 gun show in Marsing. Post Cmdr. Darryl Burham presented the prize. Submitted photo

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✓ Levy: Wilson thanks community member for spearheading effort

"We owe our success of the levy to our community members that worked to pass the levy," Wilson said. He said Sherry Colyer led the lobbying in the community. "Her hard work was key to passing the levy," Wilson said. Property tax revenue from the levy — \$500,000 each year — will be used to "keep all the schools opened," Wilson said. Money will go toward school maintenance and the cost of supplies, curriculum, technology,

Bruneau-Grand View school levy election						
Precinct	Yes	No	Total	Percent	Registered	Turnout
Bruneau	87	28	115	75.6%	293	39.2%
Grand View	84	107	191	43.9%	455	42%
Oreana	12	38	50	24%	120	41.7%
Riddle	12	8	20	60%	56	35.7%
Elmore	23	13	36	63.9%	N/A	N/A
Absentee	3	3	6	50%	N/A	N/A
Overall total	221	197	418	52.9%	N/A	N/A
Owyhee total	198	184	382	51.8%	924	41.3%

extracurricular activities and support staff not funded by the State Department of Education. Wilson also announced decisions from the school board's March 9 meeting.

• Todd Jensen was hired as Rimrock High School baseball coach, and Amy Jensen was named the junior high track and field coach. • Wilson also shared results of the parent survey regarding the proposed switch to a Monday-Thursday school week. He said more than 200 responses were received, and 70 percent of them favored discarding the Tuesday-Friday schedule and aligning with schedules in other four-day districts in the region. — JPB

✓ Election: No challenges to Homedale school board incumbents yet

Zone 5) have filed to retain their positions. In the Bruneau-Grand View School District, board chair Lori Bennett, who resides in Zone 3, will see a challenge from RaeLynn Schkade. Longtime Zone 5 trustee Howard Field will go up against Steve Boren, while Zone 1 Trustee Gary Jones has filed to seek re-election and is thus far unopposed. The only other contested race at this point comes in the Homedale Highway District's Sub-district 2. John Demshar has filed to seek election to the position after being appointed by the board to serve

the remainder of Joel Wilson's term. Demshar served on the board previously, too. David "Hap" Duryee and Robert Wolfe both have filed petitions to oppose Demshar in the spring-time election. In other school board elections, only single hopefuls have filed. Incumbents Dwayne Fisher (Zone 3) and Shelley Shenk (Zone 4) will seek re-election to the Homedale school board. Owyhee County resident Susan Jaca has filed to seek the Melba school board Zone 5 position. Incumbent Mary Huff has yet to submit paperwork.

The only other filings reported before deadline came from incumbents in the Eastern Owyhee County Library District as appointees Vera Lea Jayo and Sharon Carothers and incumbent Nancy Law have all filed to seek new terms. All other political subdivisions with seats up for election in May have yet to report candidate filings. The write-in candidate filing deadline is April 1. Petitions must be submitted to the clerk of the taxing district. Those boards, including incumbents with terms ending,

include: **Pleasant Valley school** — Todd Gluch, the board chair from Zone 3. **Three Creek school** — David Severe (Zone 1), Gus Brackett (Zone 2, chair) and Art Small (Zone 3) Owyhee County voters in the Castleford and Glenns Ferry districts in the eastern part of the county also will vote for trustees in Zones 4 and 5 in each district. **Lizard Butte Library, Marsing** — Three at-large trustee positions will be on the ballot. Incumbents include Jamie Parks, whose position will be a

six-year term; Patricia Russell (four years) and Jean Udesen (two years). Russell and Udesen both were appointed to the board mid-term. **Bruneau Valley Library** — Districtwide trustee Ginny Roeder has announced her retirement, so a new board member is needed. **Gem Highway** — Commissioner No. 1 Morris Giedd and Commissioner No. 2 Jeff Perci-field are nearing the end of their terms. **Three Creek Highway** — Commissioners Chet Brackett and Kathy Jones are at the end of their terms.

HMS musicians play for peers



Homedale Middle School sixth-graders Corilyn Huskey (left) and Mason Cooper perform “New World Symphony” by Antonin Dvorak during recitals at the school Thursday morning. Corilyn is the daughter of Roger and Echo Williams. Mason is the son of Aaron and Dawn James.



Homedale Middle School fifth-graders Fabian Nolasco-Contreras (left) and Hayden Thornton perform “Morning” from the Peer Gynt Suite. Fabian is the son of Nancy Contreras. Hayden is the son of William and Amy Thornton.



Marsing event teaches 4-H’ers about beef industry

South Mountain Livestock 4-H sent club members to the 4-H and FFA Beef Field Day in Marsing on March 11. From left: Sarah Baker, Cassity Gluch, Kyndra Williams, Kelsey Gluch and Allisyn Reynolds. Submitted photo

Pot found in car, arrest made

A California woman was cited for marijuana possession after an Owyhee County Sheriff’s narcotics canine alerted on her vehicle during a traffic stop.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 24-year-old Taylor Ledesma from Ventura, Calif., was cited and released after deputies found about 5.1 grams of pot in a backpack.

Ledesma had been pulled over for going 77 mph in a 65 mph zone near milepost 19 on U.S. Highway 95 at about 10 a.m. on Monday.

Bowman said Ledesma’s passenger, 21-year-old Boise resident Robert Phanlen-Ornelas admitted to having marijuana in his backpack.

— JPB

Council talks animal control

The city council will begin initial examination of a proposed update to Homedale’s animal control ordinance at its Thursday meeting.

Councilmen also will analyze possible grant projects during the 6 p.m. meeting at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

A Riedesel Engineering representative will lead a discussion about whether to seek funding for a pedestrian pathway to Homedale Middle School, building a fence around the municipal airport and sewer lagoon and water infrastructure projects.

C.J. Strike campers evacuated due to fire

A campground near C.J. Strike Reservoir was evacuated last Wednesday after a controlled burn got away from crews in windy conditions.

Bruneau Fire Chief Stacey Buckingham said the burn was reported as being out of control at 2:30 p.m.

“The managers at Idaho Power there were doing a controlled burn near the Idaho Power headquarters on Highway 78,” Buckingham said.

He explained that the Idaho Power workers were burning crop residue off a field. Their intent to burn was phoned into Owyhee County Sheriff’s dis-

patch around 8 a.m.

No structures were damaged, but part of a campground in the area was evacuated for about three hours.

“Nobody was hurt, so that’s always good,” Buckingham said.

He added that all of his department’s fire fighting vehicles were sent to the blaze.

“Then we had two private water tenders respond as well,” Buckingham said. “Grand View Fire came to assist and brought two brush trucks.”

The fire burned about 50 acres and was extinguished before 5 p.m.

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Outside agencies make arrests on Owyhee warrants

A Mountain Home woman has been arrested on a \$15,000 warrant for violating her parole stemming from an Owyhee County felony conviction.

Victoria Lynn Sheffield, 43, was released on parole in June after serving time for writing bad checks.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Sheffield most likely will have to answer to charges in Elmore County before she is extradited to face charges in this county.

She was booked into Elmore County Jail for violating her probation on a 2016 driving without privileges charge in that county. She was scheduled for sentencing Friday on another DWP misdemeanor.

Nampa man arrested for not going to jail

Nampa Police arrested 23-year-old Ryan Irwin on March 13 on an Owyhee County warrant accusing him of not reporting to jail in Murphy.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Irwin was sentenced to two days in jail and a year of unsupervised probation on Sept. 7 after he entered a guilty plea to driving without privileges.

Homedale Police arrested Irwin on the original charge last March.

A bench warrant was issued on Jan. 4 after Irwin failed to report to serve his jail time and pay \$450 in court costs and fines.

— JPB

Young sisters taken to hospital after wreck

A rollover on Idaho highway 78 sent two Grand View girls to the hospital Saturday.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a 15-year-old driver and her 11-year-old sister were hurt when the 2010 Dodge Caliber in which they were riding hit a washout near milepost 68 and left the roadway.

The vehicle rolled over in the accident near Anderson Loop Road outside Bruneau.

Air St. Luke’s transported the driver to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, and Grand View Ambulance took her sister to Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home.

Both girls were treated and released, and Bowman said there would be no citations.

Bruneau Quick Response Unit and Bruneau Fire also responded.

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Officers for the new Sage Riders 4-H club are, from left, president Trinity Neeser, vice-president Caitlin Fisher, treasurer Fallon Wasson, secretary Treylan Fisher, reporter Montana Wasson and sergeant-at-arms Deonna Barnard. Submitted photo

New 4-H club starts in northwest portion of Owyhee County

Leaders Rebecca Wasson and Tony Fisher have formed a new 4-H club in the Homedale-Marsing area.

The Owyhee Sage Riders already have jumped into the community.

“We formed our club in January, and the members put together a movie gift basket for the Marsing Disaster Auction held in February,” Wasson said.

Wasson and Fisher are both Marsing residents.

More community service is planned, and the club will present a fundraiser soon, she said.

“We formed this club because there have been a couple of clubs that are no longer in existence and we wanted a club for this end of the county,” Wasson said.

The club, which has 14 members ranging in age from 5 to 18, will focus primarily on horse projects. But, Wasson said, there are a couple of livestock projects, some archery projects and Fallon Wasson — daughter of Rebecca and Jeff Wasson — attended the state 4-H’s Know Your Government proceedings at the Idaho Statehouse last month.

Officers were elected at a recent meeting and include Trinity Neeser, president; Caitlin Fisher, vice-president; Fallon Wasson, treasurer; Treylan Fisher, secretary; Treylan Fisher; Montana Wasson, reporter; and Deonna Barnard, sergeant-at-arms.

NOCWMA distributes free weed spray again

All Owyhee County residents are being encouraged to spray for puncturevine and other noxious weeds as spring approaches.

The Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area (NOCWMA) will hold its spray day on Saturday, April 8. The free distribution runs from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing. Spray will also be available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

NOCWMA is distributing a Chlorsulfuron 75, which has replaced Telar XP, a pre-emergent for noxious weeds — both puncturevine and broadleaf — that stops the sprouting process.

Spray containers sized one gallon to 15 gallons will be filled with a liquid form of the chemical. County residents with containers larger than 15 gallons will be given granules to mix themselves.

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MMS students will build own apps with new tablets

Teacher gets STEM grant in first try

Some Marsing Middle School students are now using brand-new tablets in the classroom thanks to a grant from the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Action Center of Idaho.

Petra Vawter teaches sixth grade science and technology, and computer science to the school’s seventh- and eighth-graders. This was the first grant application she has ever written, and she said it took about four hours to complete.

Vawter’s grant proposal stated that she would like to have a supply of new tablets to enhance the school’s science program.

The \$8,100 award paid for 28 Samsung Galaxy tablets and a mobile charging cart for the devices.

Vawter will be able to take the tablets around to any classroom that needs them.

“The grant stipulated that we use them with computer science, or science-type stuff, or STEM activities,” she said.

The students previously had access to laptops at MMS, but did not have tablets.

Vawter is excited about one of the projects her students will tackle with the new devices.

“The kids will be able to use them to create apps that they



Marsing Middle School science and technology teacher Petra Vawter (left) helps students Zitlali Gutierrez and McKenzy Jerome (right) learn their way around new Samsung Galaxy tablets during their first day of use in the classroom on Thursday. Zitlali, 13, is the daughter of Arturo and Caroline Gutierrez. McKenzy, 12, is the daughter of Darrin and Mona Jerome.

can actually use on their own phones,” she said. “The majority of them don’t have Apple phones, so that’s why I went with the Galaxy. Whatever they create on that will work on the non-Apple phones.”

She added that the tablets will also come in handy for taking lab notes. The machines are only for use inside MMS; boys and girls will not be allowed to take them home.

Vawter said her students started working with the tablets last week.

“(Students worked on) basic familiarization and use, and

they are starting working on their apps,” she said. “They’ve had enough practice with the computer programming that they’re ready to start putting together an app. They’re excited about it.”

Marsing school superintendent Norm Stewart said that school board trustees also learned of another technology grant during their March 14 meeting.

Stewart said 21st Century Classrooms coordinator Ken Price received a \$1,000 STEM grant to purchase Kindle Fires and material to help program and run robots.

— SC

Marsing Chamber chief issues call for artists

Registration for Art in the Park extended

Details are being finalized for the third annual Marsing Art in the Park.

This year’s event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 6 at Island Park.

New Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Julie Scheu said she has been hearing from more artists interested in setting up booths at the community gathering, so she has extended the deadline to sign up.

Scheu was hoping to have all of this year’s artists registered by

March 31, but people now have until April 30 to reserve a space.

The official title of the event is “Wine and Art in the Park.”

It is sponsored, in part, by the Sunny Slope Wine Trail. Several wineries from the Sunny Slope area will be selling wine by the glass.

Live music will also be featured during the event. Marsing resident Dan Sevy’s band “Wrong Turn” will perform from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Emily Tipton Band from Boise will take the stage from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on “Wine and Art in the Park,” email marsingchamber@gmail.com or call Scheu at (208) 859-2087.

— SC

Stopped for speed, man arrested for second DUI

A 35-year-old man remained in custody on Monday facing a drunk driving charge.

Jeremy Thompson of Homedale was arrested for misdemeanor driving under the influence, second offense after being stopped for speeding on East Market Road near Jump Creek Road.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Thompson failed field sobriety tests and registered a .158 blood-

alcohol concentration after the stop after 9 p.m. on Friday.

He was also cited for misdemeanor marijuana possession and driving 54 mph in a 35 mph zone.

A vehicle’s passenger was not cited or arrested, Bowman said.

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Science Club works for Grand Canyon trip

Homedale High School Science Club members washed cars Saturday in the school parking lot as a fundraiser. The club, the advisor for which is HHS science teacher Mark Thatcher, is trying to raise money for a field trip to the Grand Canyon.

Farmers market fees increasing

People will pay a little more to sell their crafts or fruits and vegetables at the Homedale Farmers Market this year.

The market’s summer season runs from June 1 to Sept. 20. Shoppers can browse between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each Thursday in Bette Uda City Park.

People selling items at only the summer farmers markets will pay 50 percent more this year as the fee increases from \$30 to \$45.

Manager Denise Dixon said the \$15 increase is the first vendor fee hike since she started the market in 2013.

“The cost of doing business has increased, and what we offer to our vendors has grown,” Dixon wrote in an email.

“They benefit from the customers, from the Cultivate! children’s program, EBT and “Double Up” food bucks, and this year we are adding the SNAP snack program to the market. So we will increase our customer base again as these kids come to get free snacks. This should in turn increase the vendors revenue.”

She added that the summer market season will be longer than last year’s.

EBT stands for Electronic Benefit Transfer, and allows customers to buy items at the market with food stamps. Money spent with EBT cards is doubled for

up to \$10, and free snacks will be available to parents participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The EBT and SNAP options for customers will be available at all of this year’s markets.

Folks who only sell things at the holiday markets will pay vendor fees of \$35 this year, \$5 more than in previous years.

“The holiday market will be every Saturday in November and (the first) three Saturdays in December. Therefore, a longer season as well,” Dixon wrote.

Those markets are set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the old high school gymnasium across East Idaho Avenue from Bette Uda City Park.

Vendor fees for people who set up booths at both the summer and holiday markets will pay \$65, a \$5 increase. Full season membership may be paid in full by July 1.

There is also the option of paying \$10 to set up at individual markets. The one-time fee is unchanged from previous years.

All vendors also pay the market five percent of their sales at the end of each market.

Money collected from vendors helps fund various arts-related programs in the Homedale School District.

“Many markets require an application fee, as well as higher

vendor fees each year,” Dixon wrote. “It made more sense to increase the vendor fee and leave the 5 percent the same, so it does not affect them as much on how much they sell.”

Vendors at the Nampa Farmers Market pay \$75 for a season plus a weekly service fee of \$5 and 6 percent of sales, while Caldwell’s Farmers Market charges \$200 per season or \$12 per week with no service fee or commission.

The market season will kick off with a standalone Spring Fling from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 in Bette Uda City Park, or the old high school gym in the case of inclement weather. The one-time fee of \$10 will apply for anyone wanting to set up a booth at the Spring Fling. This event is not part of the vending package for summer and holiday markets.

Vendors planning to sell at any of this year’s markets are required to attend a mandatory training seminar on Thursday, May 18 in Bette Uda City Park. Youth vendor training begins at 6 p.m., and adult vendor training starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about the market, or to reserve vendor space, contact Dixon at ddixon222@msn.com, by phone at (208) 840-0440, or visit www.homedalefarmersmarket.com.

— SC

Sho-Pai official remains as BLM resource advisor

New Boise District RAC appointments made

Two returning members are among five people given new terms on the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council.

The 15-person RAC, which includes a variety of volunteers who have ties to Owyhee County, helps the federal agency make land management decisions. The members represent stakeholder interests in public land management, such as conservationists, outdoor recreationists, ranchers, industry officials, tribal leaders, state and local government officers, academics, and others.

“Resource Advisory Councils are critical elements of our collaborative approach to public land management,” BLM Idaho state director Tim Murphy said. “I appreciate the diverse perspectives we get from our Resource Advisory Council members, and thank all of them for volunteering their time and talents to help improve public land management at the local level.”

Reappointed for another three years are Ted Howard of the Shoshone-Pauite Tribes based in Owyhee, Nev. Half of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation encompasses part of the Boise District’s southernmost portion

in Owyhee County.

Howard is part of Category 3 representation including elected officials, tribes and academia. Owyhee County District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick is part of the RAC’s Category 3 contingent, too. New member Eric Yensen, Ph. D., from The College of Idaho also is a Category 3 rep.

Rick Raymondi, a retired hydrologist based in Boise, also returns to the board as part of the Category 2 group of conservationists, environmentalists, supporters of dispersed recreation and archaeological and historic interests.

Also in Category 2 are Karen Steenhof, a retired biologist living in Murphy, and Nampa’s Art Talsma, who is involved with the Owyhee County Sage-grouse Local Working Group.

The other two new members are Category 1 representatives Rochelle Oxarango, a federal grazing permittee living in Emmett, and Boise resident Michael Gibson of Trout Unlimited.

Former Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association and Idaho Cattle Association president Charles Lyons of Mountain Home is in Category 1 representing grazing as is ranching permittee Donna Bennett of Grand View.

The next RAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5. The meetings are open to the public, and they are typically held at the Boise District Office.

Few days left to do DMV business in Grand View

Clerk’s retirement to force temporary closure

The Division of Motor Vehicles branch inside Grand View City Hall will be shuttered temporarily in nine days.

Shirley Sargent is in her final days as Grand View’s sole DMV clerk. The office will close at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30 (Sargent’s last day) and will remain shut until the county can hire a replacement.

An open house in Sargent’s honor is planned at 3:30 p.m. on March 30 in Murphy. She has worked for the Owyhee County Assessor’s Office for 11 years.

Until March 30, the Grand View DMV branch is open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Once the Grand View location closes, anyone from that end of the county who has vehicle registration and driver’s license transactions can either drive to Murphy or pay for renewals through the mail or online. Idaho DMV applies a convenience fee to all Internet transactions.

The Murphy DMV office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., for driver’s licenses, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for vehicle registration and title issues.

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Historic preservation board adds member; vacancies still exist

Don Barnhill hopes to serve another term

The Owyhee County Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) has a new member, but two chairs at the table remain vacant, and the reappointment of a chairman is pending.

The Board of County Commissioners approved Marissa King's appointment earlier this month.

King is an archaeologist working out of the Bureau of Land Management's Owyhee Field Office in Marsing.

Former HPC chair Bill Statham explained what King's involvement will be with the panel.

"She is effectively our representative liaison with the Bureau of Land Management," Statham said.

King clarified that there is no mandate to have a BLM representative on the committee.

"It's just supportive from our perspective to work with the landowners," she said.

The previous archaeologist at the Owyhee Field Office, Kelli Barnes, was also on the committee and suggested that King should try to join the panel because of the

BLM-administered land in and around Silver City.

"We work cooperatively with a lot of the land owners on updates to their structures," King said.

The commission has seven positions, but only four are filled:

- JoEllen Ross-Hauer, term expires Dec. 31, 2018
- Kevin Bowen, term expires Dec. 31, 2018
- Don Barnhill, term expires Dec. 31, 2018
- King, term expires Dec. 31, 2019

The commission meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

With King's appointment, there are three open positions. State law allows up to nine members on a historical preservation panel. The minimum number of members required by law is two.

Statham's term expired on Dec. 31.

Whether or not he will return for another term hasn't been decided.

"I have yet to get my letter into (county) commissioners to request reappointment, if they want me," Statham said.

John Liable's term also expired on Dec. 31, and he is no longer interested in serving on the panel, according to Statham. Liable was a representative from the Silver City property owners association.

Statham said he has contacted officials with the association.

"I requested that they get a representative selected so we can fill that position," he said.

The newest committee member said that in addition to her archaeological skills, she also brings a love of history to the table, "and knowledge of historic preserva-

tion laws and guidelines, and just the love of preserving the past," King said.

King added that she hopes to be a good fit for the committee.

"I like working together and coming up with solutions," she said. "I'm very excited to work with the panel and landowners in the future to preserve the past."

The committee hears applications for historical appropriateness on structures in Silver City primarily, but the group oversees related issues in the entire county.

The guidelines for historical appropriateness are based on maintaining the historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage reflected in landmarks in the old mining town.

"I think the main goal is to maintain good, efficient review and comment on the applications in Silver City," Statham said. "We're planning for a meeting in Silver City towards the end of the season this year so we can take a look at what's going on and also meet with Silver City folks."

He estimates that the meeting will happen sometime in September.

Statham said he hasn't yet seen any applications for work projects this year from Silver City property owners.

Part of Statham's passion for serving on the panel comes from being a fourth-generation Owyhee County resident. He is a Silver City homeowner.

Statham's great-grandfather Elisha Lewis was his first relative who lived in Owyhee County. Lewis was part of a mining interest in 1865 when he first visited Silver City and moved his family from Indiana to the mining town in 1874.

— SC

Drunk driving suspect allegedly punches deputy

Man charged with felony after trying to escape from hospital

A fugitive from California arrested for driving under the influence kept sheriff's deputies busy last week.

Rene Elizondo, 44, of Nampa was taken to the hospital twice in the days after he was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving around 8 p.m. on March 13 near milepost 8 on U.S. Highway 95.

During his second trip to a Nampa hospital, Elizondo allegedly punched an Owyhee County Sheriff's reserve deputy in the face. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Elizondo has been charged with felony battery on a corrections officer and attempted escape. Nampa Police is investigating the Saturday afternoon incident.

It was Elizondo's second trip to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center-Nampa in four days. He was taken to the hospital by Marsing Ambulance mid-morning on Friday. Bowman said the man was detoxifying after reportedly swallowing methamphetamine during his traffic stop.

Elizondo remains in custody after being released from the hospital Sunday.

He was initially taken to the hospital after 1:30 a.m. on March 14 after he began complaining of a rapid heartbeat and shortness of breath while



Rene Elizondo

in custody in Murphy. Emergency medical personnel from Melba, Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson and Marsing responded.

Bowman said Elizondo was arrested for misdemeanor driving under the influence (second offense) after being pulled over for speeding on U.S. 95. He failed field sobriety tests and registered a .138 blood-alcohol concentration, Bowman said.

During the traffic stop, the responding deputy also discovered Elizondo is wanted on a \$50,000 felony warrant out of California. Bowman had no further details on the out-of-state case.

Elizondo received tickets for traveling 80 mph in a 65-mph zone and failure to provide proof of insurance. He also has been charged with misdemeanor driving without privileges and carrying an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

His pretrial conference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 17.

— JPB

Man who crashed car while drunk sentenced

A Bruneau man must enter a treatment program after his driving under the influence conviction.

River Steele Gennette can avoid serving three days in Owyhee County Jail if he performs 32 hours of community service.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober imposed sentencing on March 13 for an amended charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Gennette's driver's license was

suspended for six months, and he's on nine months probation. Grober suspended 175 days of a six-month jail sentence.

Gennette must pay \$800 in fines and court costs.

Grober credited Gennette for the two days he spent in jail in Murphy after he was arrested on Aug. 31.

Gennette and his passenger were uninjured after he crashed a black 2011 Nissan Juke passenger car off Colyer Road in Bruneau.

He was originally charged with excessive DUI because of a 2012 juvenile case in which he entered a "true" plea.

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Local youth wrestlers
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Sauer memorial softball shifts to Sundance

Anti-texting presentation scheduled Saturday

Taylor Sauer's family is molding the softball tournament honoring their daughter's memory closer to their original vision.

The tournament, hosted by Marsing High School, has been condensed to one day, but the field of competition and the community

outreach activities have expanded.

The tournament will be held Saturday at Sundance Park in Homedale. Shauna Sauer, the mother of the 2011 MHS graduate for whom the tourney is named, has been working with Shane Brown of Homedale Youth

Sports Inc. to coordinate the tournament on three fields. The auxiliary parking lot will be in use next to the third field of play.

"We're so excited," Shauna said. "We walked around with Shane Brown (at Sundance), and we will be able to accommodate more teams.

"They've been way awesome to work

with."

Shauna said Sundance is "such a great location" for a tournament that will bring nine teams from around southern Idaho, including the Marsing varsity and the Homedale junior varsity.

— See *Sauer*, page 3B

Huskies pound 20 hits in coach's debut

Win streak grows with sweep of Payette JV

Her players took Kortney Ford on a wild ride in her first game as Marsing High School softball coach.

The Huskies scored three runs in the top of the fourth inning to take control in an 18-12 non-conference victory over the Nampa junior varsity on March 13.

By the end of the week, Marsing had posted two more routs to build a three-game win streak.

The host Bulldogs took an 11-10 lead with a single run in their half of the third inning after Mars-

ing had tied the score with a five-spot in the top of the frame.

The Huskies added another five runs in the fifth inning for cushion. The game was halted after six innings.

Autumn Bennett led Marsing's 20-hit attack with a 4-for-4 performance, while Emily Loucks racked up four RBI with a pair of singles.

Alex Grant, who notched eight



Kortney Ford

— See *Huskies*, page 3B



Homedale junior Ben Lee gets intense during a pitch to the plate against Melba.

Lefty Lee limits Mustangs

Left-hander Ben Lee gave up a two-out single in the third inning but otherwise dominated in Homedale High School's non-conference cruise Thursday at John Jackson Field.

Eli Bangerter lined a ball into right field for Melba's only hit in the Trojans' 10-0, six-inning victory.

A junior, Lee showed a knack for wiggling out of rare trouble. He hit Bangerter in the top of the first inning, but quickly picked him off. A two-out walk to Kobe Phillips in the second inning went nowhere.

Lee was efficient, striking out four, walking two and even scoring a couple runs to serve his cause. Two of his strikeouts came in the fifth inning after a leadoff walk to Billy Dyas.

The Trojans (4-2) at the end of the week) woke up in the third inning.

Leading 1-0, Homedale piled up five runs against right-handed Mark Stradley, who struggled with his control.

Drew Taylor ripped a two-run double as Homedale put three base runners aboard before the first out. Chase Stoddard's two-out double brought in Wyatt Dorsey. Stoddard came home when Jaren Mease chopped an infield hit.

Lee scored on Wyatt Wolfe's two-out single in the fourth inning, and Jordan Packer had a pinch-hit RBI single in the Trojans' next at-bat.

Homedale ended the game on Drew Deal's two-run single with two outs in the sixth.

Taylor and Drew Deal knocked in two runs apiece, and Lee, Taylor and Dorsey scored two times each.

— See *Lee*, page 5B



Homedale senior Ben Holloway hits a backhand return against Ontario's Caleb Wilson.

Seasoned HHS boys cruise past Ontario

Tennis coach wages battle of player development again

A three-set loss was the only thing that stood between Homedale High School's boys and a tennis season-opening sweep last Wednesday.

Scott Michaelson returns for his sixth season as the Trojans' head coach, and he sees a team of 17 players, including seven boys after losing five to graduation last year.

"With fewer players this year, there will be opportunity for more individual instruction from coaches," said Michaelson, who is getting help from volunteer assistant coach Zell Mertz again.

"There are several players who just started tennis who showed considerable potential and growth

— See *HHS boys*, page 3B

National AMA races back to Murphy

Several local riders will mingle with the professionals this weekend at the 42nd annual Rabbit Creek 100.

The off-road motorcycle race in the desert outside Murphy is a stop for the American Motorcycle Association's National Hare and Hound series.

This weekend's races are the third round of the national series.

Youth registration will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on

Saturday. The sportsman and pro rider sign ups will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Entry fees are \$15 for Pee Wees, \$35 for youth and sportsman, \$60 for non-pro, and \$100 for pro.

Saturday's races include a 45-minute Pee Wee race at 11 a.m. (15 minutes after a mandatory riders meeting) and a 90-minute youth race at 2 p.m. (15 minutes after a mandatory riders meeting).

Sunday's adult races will

feature either a 56-mile loop for most sportsman and women's classes and a two-loop, 109-mile competition for the pros and other classes. An hour after the riders meeting, the banner will go up at 11 a.m.

The races, which are open to youths on mini bikes to men and women on big bikes, will be held Saturday and Sunday. It's presented by DIRT Inc. and is part of the 2017 Southern Idaho Desert Racing Association (SIDRA) season.

Sports



Homedale junior Tony Baltierrez cleared 5 feet, 2 inches for a personal-best mark and fourth place in the high jump in Ontario, Ore., on Friday. Photo by John Braese / Malheur Enterprise

Furlott, Symms lead Trojans in Ontario

When Jacob Furlott gave up basketball in the winter, he asked Homedale High School assistant track coach Luke Ankeny to help him train.

Even though the harsh winter relegated most workouts to the confines of the school gymnasium, Furlott apparently gained plenty of momentum for his final spring with the Trojans.

Sufficiently warmed up with a couple of indoor meets under his belt, the senior broke through Friday in the Ontario Ice Breaker.

He helped the Trojans' 4x100-meter relay continue its early-season prowess. With Furlott sprinting the anchor leg the HHS quartet won in 45.06 seconds. The wind-aided time was .48 of a second faster than the team's hand-timed 45.54 in the season opener in Parma seven days earlier. Freshmen Michael Babcock and Caleb Smith ran the middle legs Friday, while junior Max Mertz led off.

Furlott also shaved time off his 200, winning the Ontario sprint in 23.41 seconds, which bested his Parma 200 by .40 of a second.

Three athletes won four events as Homedale finished third in the Ontario girls' meet.

Junior Evan Symms uncorked a personal-best throw of 34 feet, 6½ inches to capture the shot put, and she dominated the discus with a 117-5 toss.

Senior Carlie Sawyer won the girls' 100 in 13.76, while junior

Lainey Johnson captured the 400 in 1 minute, 4.91 seconds. Johnson also was runner-up in the 200 at 29.21. Sawyer was runner-up in the triple jump at 32-2, while junior Ashley Burks posted the fourth-best distance at 31-3½.

Sawyer ran the first leg and Johnson anchored the effort as the girls' 4x100 relay team finished third in 55.13. Maggie Johnson ran the second leg, and Burks covered the third.

Senior Carli Sawyer grabbed second in both the girls' shotput (32-9) and the discus (94-0).

Sophomore Kelsey Taylor notched a personal-best time of 1:13.21 to finish fifth in the 400.

Smith, a freshman transfer, continued his impressive production for the Homedale boys.

He was fourth in both the 100 (11.88) and the 200 (24.00) with personal-best times.

Babcock finished fifth in the 100 at 12.04.

Another ninth-grader, Matthew Randall, ran the fastest 3,000 meters of his career, finishing third in 10:50.02.

Sophomore Ricky Soto also had a PR with a fourth-place time of 11:12.12.

Senior Kendall Freeloove's PR of 35-11 was good enough for fourth in the boys' shot.

Tony Baltierrez, a junior, finished fourth in the high jump after clearing a personal-best 5-2.

Mertz's PR of 39-11 earned a bronze in the triple jump.

Raiders frosh leaps to Parma win

Phoenix Wright soared to a high jump championship Thursday at the Lynn Berhman Invitational.

The Rimrock High School sophomore cleared 4 feet, 6 inches to capture the girls' high jump in Parma. Teammate Heidi Pearson, a freshman, was fifth at 4-2.

The Raiders girls' team had several top-10 finishes, including a runner-up showing for the 4x100-meter relay team. Taylor Magers, Makayla Davies, Mylee Meyers and Laura Gasper finished in 59.76 seconds.

Davies, Meyers and Gasper joined lead-leg runner Hannah Field to finish second in the 4x200 relay (2:07.35).

A freshman, Gasper was fourth in the 100 at 14.39.

Junior Ryan Neilson played a part in two of the Rimrock boys' three third-place finishes.

He ran at 21.33 in the 110 hurdles and served on the 4x200 relay team that finished in 1:48.97.

Ian Burbank, Rigo Lion and Tyrel Lowe joined Neilson on the relay team.

Lowe and Ligo also carried the baton during the Raiders' third-place showing in the 4x100. Anthony Herrera ran the opening leg, and Todd Marvin had the third segment to post a 51.38.

Freshman D.O. Draper paced the distance runners with a fifth-place time of 5:26.87 in the 1,600, and he finished eighth in the 800 at 2:20.78.

Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

Baseball
Ben Lee, jr., pitcher
Threw one-hitter, scored twice in rout of Melba; 3-for-3 vs. Ontario

Softball
Olivia Cardenas, so., right fielder
Fueled Trojans' first win with 2 hits, 3 RBI

Track and field
Eva Symms, junior
Swept Ontario Ice Breaker throws, including a PR in the shot put

Golf
Scott Matlock, junior
Broke 100 with a 94 in the Nampa Invitational

Tennis
Joseph Zamudio, sophomore
Won season debut at No. 3 singles against Ontario, Ore.

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Baseball

Varsity
Wednesday, March 22 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 23, home vs. Baker, Ore., 5 p.m.

Softball

Varsity
Wednesday, March 22 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, March 23 at Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.

Golf

Girls
Wednesday, March 22 at Weiser Invitational, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 3 p.m.

All
Monday, April 3 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (nine holes), Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 3 p.m.

Softball

Varsity
Wednesday, March 22 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, March 23 at Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.

Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament
Saturday, March 25, Sundance Park, Homedale
9 a.m., vs. Kuna JV, Field 2
1:30 p.m., vs. Mountain View JV, Field 3
3:30 p.m., vs. Kuna frosh, Field 2
5:15 p.m, vs. Gooding JV, Field 2

Track and field

Thursday, March 23 at New Plymouth Inv., 3:45 p.m.

Tennis

Tuesday, April 4 at Weiser, 4 p.m.

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Sports

Seniors get three of Adrian’s five track wins

Adrian High School got its share of No. 1s during its first track and field meet of the season.

Competing Friday in the Ontario Ice Breaker, the Antelopes won five events as the boys’ and girls’ teams finished fourth in their respective meets.

Adrian’s boys finished 13 points behind third-place Homedale, while the girls trailed the Trojans by 11 points.

Senior sprinter Wes White had three top-three finishes for the Antelopes in the boys’ meet.

He won the 400-meter run in 52.57 seconds, and was bronze medalist in the 100 (11.84) and 200 (23.76).

Drake Wilson’s winning 38-foot, 6-inch heave in the boys’ shot put highlighted the senior’s three top-five finishes in the throws.

He was runner-up in the javelin at 123-4, and finished fifth behind teammate and event champion Kenny Purnell in the discus at 94-0.

Also a senior, Purnell had a 119-2 winning throw, which was the longest of his career. He also finished third in the shot put with a personal record of 36-0.

Teammates Selina Villarreal, a senior, and sophomore Roby Young shared the best height in the girls’ high jump. Both cleared 4-10.

Junior Shyanne Allaire won the javelin, flinging the spear a personal-best 93-6.

Allaire was third in the shot at 30-08, another personal record.

Another junior, Morgan Bayes, was runner-up in the girls’ 300 hurdles with a time of 52.27.

Bayes was third in the 100 hurdles at 18.72.

Young was runner-up in the 400 at 1:06.51.

Three girls finished third in four different events: Villarreal ran the 100 in 14.3 and hit 14-06½ in the long jump, sophomore Shayla Griffin covered the 200 in 29.28, and sophomore Sadey Speelmon finished the 800 in a personal-best 2:45.9.

Young was third in the triple jump at 31-5½, and Bayes lost third place in attempts to Villarreal in the long jump, settling for fourth at 14-6½.

Adrian’s other top finishers in the boys’ meet included sophomore James Ellsworth, who was fourth in the 1,500-meter run in 4:55.67.

Freshman Wade Bond started his high school career right with a fourth-place showing in the high jump (5-2).

Junior Ed Munoz finished fifth in the triple jump at 38-1½.

✓ Sauer: Move to Homedale opens opportunity for larger tourney field

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The first two tournaments were held on one field at Marsing High School, where Taylor helped the Huskies win a Class 2A state championship in her senior season.

The tournament is popular among returning players because of a sweet treat they receive. Each team gets a bag of sour watermelon candy, which was a favorite of Taylor’s and a symbolic catalyst during the 2011 state title run.

“Taylor brought sour watermelons to one of the games to pump them up, and they did really well, and she started bringing them to every game that year,” Shauna said. “A lot of girls know this tournament as the ‘sour watermelon tournament.’”

Moving to Sundance Park gives the tournament room to grow and the family adequate space to deliver its “Put it down” anti-texting and driving message, which is the poignant backdrop to the daylong softball tournament.

Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament

Saturday
Sundance Park, Homedale
Field 1

9 a.m. — Marsing vs. Kuna frosh
10:45 a.m. — Weiser vs. Mountain View JV
1:30 p.m. — Marsing vs. Gooding JV
3:30 p.m. — Sugar-Salem vs. Mountain View JV
5:15 p.m. — Marsing vs. Kuna JV

Field 2

9 a.m. — Homedale JV vs. Kuna JV
10:45 a.m. — Kuna JV vs. Gooding
1:30 p.m. — Weiser vs. Sugar-Salem
3:30 p.m. — Homedale JV vs. Kuna frosh
5:15 p.m. — Homedale JV vs. Gooding JV

Field 3

9 a.m. — Gooding vs. Sugar-Salem
10:45 a.m. — Gooding JV vs. Kuna frosh
1:30 p.m. — Homedale JV vs. Mountain View JV
3:30 p.m. — Weiser vs. Gooding

“The whole purpose of the thing is to educate,” Shauna said. “We’ll have a media room with all the videos from our presentations running.”

A freshman at Utah State University, Taylor was killed instantly in a car crash on Jan. 14, 2012 when she made the decision to text and drive on Interstate 84 on her way home to visit family.

Since Taylor’s death, her par-

ents Shauna and Clay, her siblings and other family members have been active with “Put It Down” presentations to high schools, church groups and businesses to raise awareness of the dangers of texting and driving.

The family sponsors several scholarships in Taylor’s memory. One is awarded to a livestock exhibitor at the Owyhee County Fair, and another goes to a player from the tournament each year. If the honored player is an underclassman, the \$250 award goes into their school account.

The family has also awarded a scholarship to a graduating Marsing High School senior each year. This spring, they will sponsor a scholarship for a Homedale senior for the first time as part of the agreement to use Sundance fee-free.

Proceeds from tournament concessions, admission and T-shirt sales help finance the scholarships and pay the family’s expenses while traveling the state for presentations.

Each team paid \$125 to enter the tournament. Spectator admission is \$5 for adults and junior and senior high school students and \$3 for everyone else, including students with activity cards.

Games will be played all day long Saturday, with most teams getting three games apiece.

But between noon and 1:15 p.m., all softball action will stop, and the focus will be the message.

A 20-minute texting and driving presentation will include personal accounts from Taylor’s friends and family.

“We’ve invited her teammates from the state championship team to share how Taylor’s actions have affected them,” Shauna said.

The family hopes to build the tournament going forward.

Anyone interested in a tournament sponsorship or volunteering for the event, can contact Shauna at (208) 867-8725 or by email at taylorcorner0419@gmail.com.

— JPB

✓ Huskies: Marsing offense shows off prowess in first games of season

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strikeouts over the game’s final three innings, was 3-for-5 with a double, triple and three RBI.

Avery Villa also had a double and was one of five Huskies with two hits each, including Emma Heitz, Sheyanne Glorfield, Hailee Bennett, and Louisa Metcalf.

Nampa took advantage of 12

walks, but was hampered by seven errors.

Bulldogs freshmen Alexis Durham and Ynfiniti Sigman were 2-for-3 with Durham picking up a double and three RBI. Sigman drove in two runs as did Autumn Morgan.

Friday: Marsing 31-18, Payette JV 12-10 — Leading 11-10,

helped the Huskies get a victory via the 10-run rule after five innings.

Heitz went 6-for-7 with five RBI in the first game. Four Huskies drove in four runs or more in the opener, including Heitz, Glorfield, Grant and Hailee Bennett.

Bennett and Glorfield each doubled twice in the first game, and three MHS pitchers combined

on a five-hitter.

In the second game, Heitz, Emily Loucks and Autumn Bennett had three hits apiece. Loucks doubled, Heitz tripled, and Bennett drove in four runs.

Grant drew three walks and scored three runs, and the sophomore pitched 2 2/3 innings of no-hit ball in relief of Heitz.

✓ HHS boys: Plenty of Trojans back, but only one state qualifier returns

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last year.”

Sarah Jones and Orion Cardenas finished fifth in the 3A state tournament. Cardenas has graduated, so Jones is the only returning state qualifier. She’s playing mixed doubles again, this time with fellow senior Ryan Randall.

Homedale’s No. 1 team helped sweep the mixed doubles against Ontario, Ore., in the season opener. The boys’ team prevailed 4-1, while the girls fell 5-1.

Randall and Jones dispatched Caleb Wilson and Emily Jordan, 6-0, 6-4.

Another senior returner, Ben Holloway, started the season with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Wilson at No. 1 boys’ singles.

Holloway came within a victory of the state tournament as a junior but was upset in the District III quarterfinals.

“Ben Holloway nearly qualified for State last year, and four of the six who finished ahead of him at districts, including the state champion and runner-up, graduated,” Michael son said.

Depth and experience will be a problem again because, in part, of the lack of a middle school feeder

program such as that which has fueled Parma’s prominence for years, and the Panthers swept the state championships for the second consecutive year last season. Fruitland also high in both state tournaments.

Michaelson anticipates Parma and Fruitland are the teams to beat again this year in the 3A Snake River Valley conference, but he has seen inexperienced players mature during the season in the past.

Case in point would be this year’s No. 1 girls’ doubles team. “Makayla Kelly and Mikayla Smith showed great improvement as freshmen in their first year of tennis,” Michaelson said.

Two returners helped Homedale sweep the boys’ singles ladder against Ontario with relative ease.

Junior No. 2 Jose Uriarte bounced Charlie Garcia, 6-1, 6-3, and sophomore Joseph Zamudio cruised past Zach Gilman, 6-0, 6-3.

Garcia came back in the only doubles match of the meet, teaming with Trevor Gammage to get Ontario’s only boys’ victory. They needed three sets to beat William Cole and Connor Slater,

6-0, 3-6, 6-2.

Homedale’s only point in the girls’ meet came in mixed doubles. No. 2 Jessica Evans and Austin Conant blasted Ontario’s Keyona Navaretta and Megan Oester, 6-0, 6-1.

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25 years ago

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City’s jail cell relocated

The old jail cell at city hall was moved Friday afternoon, from its location near the front of the building to the far back corner.

The cell was moved as part of remodeling underway at city hall.

There are no records to show where the cell originated, but some believe it was once part of the U.S.S. Idaho, a war ship.

However, Walt Adams, longtime Homedale resident, said he remembers when the cell was brought down from DeLamar, and set across the street from city hall.

Blenda Lewis judges horses in spare time

Blenda Lewis has been working for Owyhee County for 1½ years. She is currently the deputy clerk for driver’s licenses in Murphy.

Lewis came to the Courthouse experienced in working for the government, having worked at the United States Department of Treasury office in California.

She began working for Owyhee County as a dispatcher in the sheriff’s office, before transferring to the driver’s license office.

Lewis lives in a log cabin in Walter’s Ferry.

She said she enjoys living in the area because of a “lack of civilized confusion.”

She said there is very little traffic, and she enjoys the people who live in and around Owyhee County.

Lewis has two children and three grandchildren.

VFW Post dedicates flag

The VFW Post 11065 dedicated a flag to the Homedale Library Friday afternoon. The post is from Wilder but meets in Homedale.

The following were present: Eloise Dexter, library board chair, Lee Phillips, Wilder, Jim Spickler, Homedale, Alvis Collins, Wilder and Bob Huff of Wilder, who is post commander.

Marsing students win awards

Four eighth-grade students were Marsing’s first entries ever in Idaho History Day regional competition held in Boise March 14.

Greg Nightingale placed first in the junior division historical papers category, with a well-researched paper on Lewis and Clark.

Miche Nielsen, Mary Long and Chelsea Stahle earned third in group media presentations in the junior division with a video on Lewis and Clark.

All four students will move on to the state competition slated for April 24 at Boise State University.

Stahle was also the National Geography Bee finalist from Marsing. She will be competing against 99 other finalists March 27 at Boise State University to determine the Idaho state winner.

Marsing B.P.A. students attend state

Amy Percifield, Marsing High School sophomore, was elected vice-president for the state Business Professional of American (B.P.A.) group at the state conference in Boise March 14.

Percifield, who is B.P.A. president for Marsing, said she was elected by B.P.A. members from around the state after submitting an essay, resume and application, being interviewed by state and national officers, giving a campaign speech to about 1,000 members and answering in front of the members.

Her duties will include helping other officers perform their duties, plan an agenda for next year’s state conference and check all torch awards.

Mike Cerda, junior, placed second in the data specialist test at the state level. The test covered Lotus 1-2-3, a computer spreadsheet program.

Percifield and Cerda will attend the B.P.A. national conference in Cincinnati April 30 to May 3.

50 years ago

March 23, 1967

Hiway 95 Assn. nixes Marsing route

The Highway 95 Association unanimously adopted a resolution against the possible change of Highway 95 through Marsing Friday night at their regular monthly meeting at the Duchess Café in Parma.

Bill Sachet, district highway engineer, was the guest speaker at the meeting and gave an informative talk on the construction program now underway and proposed future projects for Highway 95 from Jordan Valley to Payette.

In his talk Sachet pointed out the three possible routes for 95 from Elephant Butte to Homedale, one of which would turn right at the present 95 and 72 intersection and be routed through Marsing, across the railroad tracks and a new highway would be constructed north along the river to Homedale, Sachet explained.

The other alternatives were the present route, improved; the new highway from the present intersection of 95 and 72 straight to the railroad tracks and then north to Homedale. In all, Sachet explained, there were 15 alternatives of all routes from the Oregon border to Homedale.

Dale Jackson pointed out that if the route was changed into Marsing, tourists would then head for Boise with Highway 95 losing its importance. “We favor the Owyhee-Homedale route as it is designated in the studies as the Homedale Chamber of Commerce has also adopted resolution favoring that route – and not the one through Marsing,” Jackson added.

Chronicle publishers purchase PV Sentinel

The Payette Valley Sentinel, weekly newspaper at New Plymouth, was purchased last week from Charles Sellars by Tom and Sandi Mills, publishers of The Owyhee Chronicle.

Sellars is the owner-manager of Twin Cities Printing in Caldwell and publisher of the Sentinel for the past two years.

The Millses officially took over the operation as of March 1, and will print it in the Homedale plant beginning with the first issue in April. They also print The Wilder Herald.

Mrs. Jeanette Larson has been hired as reporter and office manger for the New Plymouth office and Mrs. Phyllis Wherry, photographer. Mills will handle the advertising and job printing sales, working in that town about two days a week.

This is the second Idaho weekly owned by the Homedale couple, who purchased The Owyhee Chronicle from Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Colley last July.

Both Mills and his wife, Sandi, have worked on newspapers, both weekly and daily, before they were married in 1963 in Barstow, California, and since that time in Parker, Arizona, and Hermiston, Ore. Mills also worked for a year and a half at the News-Tribune in Caldwell, while his wife worked at The College of Idaho prior to their purchase of the Chronicle.

Mildretta Adams shows slides on Silver City area

The annual Kiwanis Scholarship Banquet will be held April 19, reported President Merrill Baigrie at the regular Wednesday noon luncheon meeting at the IOOF Hall.

In other business, the club adopted a resolution to sponsor half of the expense for two girls to Girls’ State in June at a cost of \$50.

Howard Bergeson, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Mildretta Adams, well-known historian and writer of the area. Mrs. Adams showed slides on Owyhee County, particularly Silver City, the mines in that area, churches, cemeteries, the old Idaho Hotel and people, who are living or have lived in that city.

One of the pictures shown was Willy Hawes’ car, which Mrs. Adams bought for the Owyhee County Historical Society of which she is a member and past president. Other scenes were of Ruby, DeLaMar, the Bruneau Canyon, Succor Creek and Leslie Gulch.

140 years ago

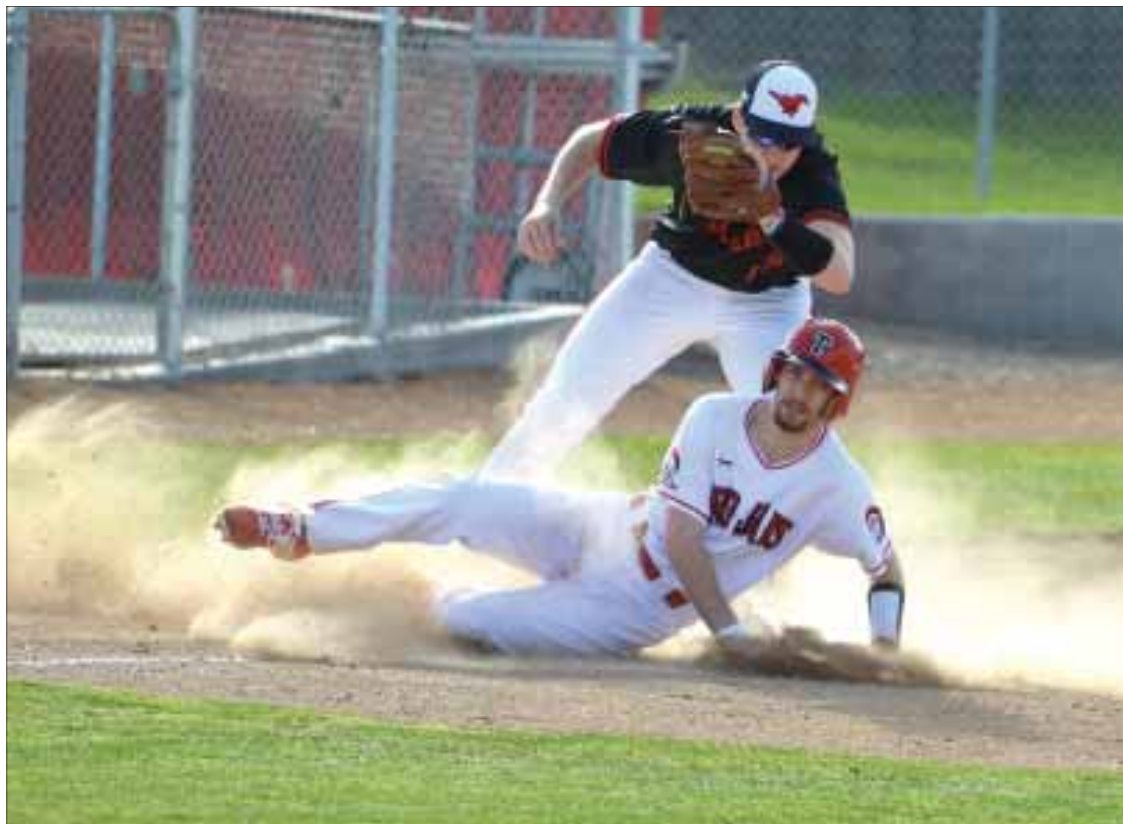
March 24, 1877

GAMBLING. We notice that there’s mania for prohibitory legislation, in respect to the Pacific Coast. The States of California and Nevada now embrace quite a per centage of population willing and anxious to see the most restrictive kind of measure adopted with a view to the entire suppression of gambling. The great trouble is, that, in enacting stringent laws on such a subject as this, they are sometimes so framed as to preclude the possibility of a strict observance of such enactments and thus a contempt for all law is engendered among the people, and has a demoralizing effect. Stringent prohibitory enactments, whether they relate to gambling, drinking or any other vice, are unwise. They defeat the object intended to be consummated. Thus in Maine, where, there have been stringent temperance laws on the statute books for the past ten years, it is well known that drunkenness is quite as prevalent as ever. Man will naturally rebel when the law steps in to deprive him of any social privileges. Believing that he has a right to be the judge of his own wants, and how he should spend his own money, he is apt to spit upon the law and become more resolute if denied the exercise of any reasonable gratification within the range of social comforts. Hence it is, that arbitrary laws, framed on these subjects, have been and always will prove a failure. Such laws are the offshoot of puritanical notions. They are adopted and foisted upon the public in many communities from a hypocritical desire, on the part of person supporting them, to curry favor with the straight-laced element of the population. That such enactments cannot flourish on the Pacific Coast is evident. Naturally liberal minded in their views the people of this section of the country have become accustomed to freedom of thought and action to such an extent as to place all such obnoxious measures in decided disfavor with them from the start. That there should be restrictions we do not question. The license system presents the only proper solution to the question. This is restriction in a mild form, and those who want to enjoy the luxury should be made to pay for it and thus contribute to the public revenues. The tiger is not an aggressive animal. He does not enter our residences and places of business and compel us to submit to his behests. It is not compulsory on the part of any person to visit his haunts. Hence, we believe in the enactment of laws on this, as on all other matters pertaining to the public welfare, framed on a liberal basis and with a view to deriving as much revenue from their operations as circumstances will consistently admit of. People, generally, who wish to enjoy luxuries, are willing to pay for them.

NEPOTISM, one of the curses of Grant’s Administration, is likely to receive a staggering blow at the hands of the new President. He has already given some applicants for office the cold shoulder in consequence to their being kinsmen of the Hayes family. This is well. It begins to look as though Hayes would be a decided improvement on Grant in many other respects.

THE TELEGRAPH. For the past month the telegraph wire, between this city and Winnemucca, has been down much of the time, and unless the line gets a thorough overhauling and repairing soon its business will slip into insignificance. Dispatches accumulate at Winnemucca and are frequently three or four days old when they reach here. In consequence of these frequent breakages those who are accustomed to patronizing the line are beginning to withdraw their business and trust it to the mails. The operator here is now absent from his post more than half the time, making repairs on the line and while he is away no messages can be sent or received, unless an operator from a neighboring town happens to be around. We hope the new company, which have recently become interested in the line, will see that thorough repairs are made without delay. Keep the line in good working order all the time and the business will be remunerative.

Sports



Jesse Packer slides in safely ahead of Melba third baseman Cameron Goetz's tag while advancing on a wild pitch.

✓ Lee: Junior gets five hits in other games

From Page 1B

Friday: Ontario, Ore., 4, Homedale 0 — Lee went 3-for-3 for all but two of the Trojans' hits in a non-conference home loss to the Tigers.

Ontario made a first-inning unearned run stand up until breaking the game open with three runs in the top of the seventh inning against Wyatt Wolfe.

Jake Deal took the loss despite allowing three hits and striking out seven in five innings.

Senior Wyatt Dorsey ripped a double to left in the second, but was stranded.

Deal also singled for Homedale's other hit.

Adam Hawker was 2-for-4 with two runs scored for Ontario, while teammate Steele Hartley went 1-for-3 with two RBI.

March 14: Homedale 12, Vale, Ore., 5 — Four Trojans rapped two hits apiece, and Drew Taylor allowed one hit in 4 1/3 innings on the mound to get his first victory.

Wyatt Wolfe ripped a bases-clearing triple to ignite Homedale's breakout fourth inning, which resulted in seven runs at John Jackson Field.

Taylor's sacrifice bunt — which immediately followed a bunt single from Jake Deal — snapped a 1-1 deadlock in the third inning by bringing home Ben Lee. Taylor finished with two RBI.

Lee was 2-for-4 and scored three runs, while Drew Deal went 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI. Jake Deal and Wolfe had two hits each.

Taylor struck out six and worked around six walks while giving up three earned runs.

Wolfe surrendered two unearned runs in relief.

Tanner Hamilton scored three of Vale's five runs.

Glenns Ferry hurlers handcuff Huskies

The Marsing High School baseball team ended the week still in search of its first victory.

The Huskies (0-4 overall at week's end) entered this week on a 10-inning scoring drought after Glenns Ferry swept a non-conference doubleheader by identical 19-0 scores Friday.

Played in Marsing, both games were shortened because of the 10-run rule.

The Pilots' Kody Arellano and Tanner Martinez banded together to throw a no-hitter in one game, and Colby Loucks singled for the Huskies' only hit in the other contest.

March 14: Parma 13, Marsing 6 — The Huskies scrambled for three runs in the bottom of the seventh in their non-conference opener, but couldn't overcome an overpowering freshman pitcher. The Panthers' Kyle Powers racked up eight consecutive strikeouts while setting down 12 consecutive batters between the third and sixth innings.

Four consecutive base runners to start the seventh broke Powers' hold on the Huskies' bats. Cole Wainman and Dakota

Hardy began the three-run rally with back-to-back singles, and Powers plunked Alec Gibson with a pitch.

Wainman and Gibson scored on passed balls, while Hardy came home on Dwight Sevy's RBI single.

Senior Tyler Simonson reached on a two-out infield single before Powers was able to corral the Huskies.

Marsing was in a 3-0 hole after a half-inning. Hardy drew a lead-off walk in the bottom of the first, and the Huskies scored two runs (Hardy and Clay King) without the benefit of a hit.

Tyler Wood's grounder scored King, but Powers struck out Wes Ireland to leave the bases loaded.

Powers scattered six singles and struck out 12.

Marsing's first hits were back-to-back, one-out singles in the second. Hardy stole a couple bases and scored on King's infield single.

Seniors Jacob Godina and Chase Slate teamed up for half of Parma's 10 hits in the top two slots in the lineup.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

Baseball
Tyler Wood, Jr., first base
2 hits vs. Homedale JV; 3 RBI for week

Softball
Emma Heitz, so., catcher
Hit .688 (11-for-16) with 11 runs, 8 RBI; got 2 wins vs. Payette JV

Track and field
Sam Galligan, sr., throws
Galligan finished 2nd in shot put, 3rd in discus in Parma.

Golf
Mason Hall, junior
State wrestling standout has picked up clubs for spring

Baseball

Thursday, March 23, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.
Friday, March 24 at Wilder, 4 p.m.

Golf

Varsity boys
Friday, April 5 at Lakeview GC, Meridian, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity boys
Friday, April 5 at Lakeview GC, Meridian, 3 p.m.
Varsity girls
Tuesday, April 4 at Ridgcrest GC, Nampa, 1 p.m.

Track and field

Thursday, March 23 at Melba Invitational, 4 p.m.

Softball

Thursday, March 23, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.
Friday, March 24 at Wilder, 4 p.m.
Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament
Saturday, March 25, Sundance Park, Homedale
9 a.m., vs. Kuna Frosh, Field 1
1:30 p.m., vs. Gooding JV, Field 1
5:15 p.m., vs. Kuna JV, Field 1

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Anything that can go wrong ...

“By gosh, that’s a new twist,” thought Terry as he tightened his collar against the biting wind and stared at the heifer. She was trying to calve standing up! He eased up on her and dropped a loop over the horns.

She stood atop a swell on the high plains of eastern New Mexico. Terry reached her and tied 100 foot of polyethylene water skiing rope around her horns, as well: A safety line so he could at least get within 100 feet of her if she decided to take off in the 300-acre pasture.

Terry was unsuccessfully tugging on the calf’s protruding legs when his father-in-law cautiously drove up behind him.

“Got any O.B. chains?” Terry asked.

“Nope, but we could make a slip-knot in that poly rope,” suggested Dad, owner of the ranch and resident wiseman.

Terry soon had the yellow plastic clothes line attached to the calf’s leg. The remainder of the poly rope lay coiled ominously behind these two obstetrical wizards. It snarled and gaped like a rhino trap.

“Lemme grab some gloves outta the pickup,” were Terry’s last vertical words.

He started toward the truck but stopped when he heard the sound of thundering hooves. He glanced back over his shoulder to see the heifer sprinting towards the Colorado border! He felt something move underfoot and looked down to discover his boot dead center in the discarded coils. A microsecond of his life flashed before his eyes just as the nest of yellow plastic snakes tightened around his ankle and jerked him off his feet!

Down the other side of the swell they sailed, Terry tobogganing like a 200-pound ham tied to a runaway buffalo! Dirt pounded up his pant legs as he scooted and skittered along trying to avoid straddling the brush and yucca that lay like land mines in the obstacle course!

Dad, ever the quick-thinker, ran to the pickup and took up the chase! He had a plan. He raced alongside the dynamic duo and, at just the right moment, swerved between the heifer and Terry!

Folks. Pause here a moment and consider the possibilities. The pickup tire could have stopped on the rope. That, in fact, was the plan. But a cowboy’s fate works in mysterious ways, and Murphy was waiting in the wings.

Dad did slam on the brakes, but the rope flipped over the hood and slid down behind the black-iron grill guard. Terry, too, came to a stop when his foot wedged between the headlight and the grill guard. His boot came off and the heifer trotted on no worse for the wear.

As Terry stood at an angle emptying 20 pounds of New Mexico soil out of his boxer shorts, he pointed out the flaws in Dad’s plan.

“Well,” Dad said, “heifers that good are hard to come by, and you’re just my ... well, heifers that good are hard to come by.”

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Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma



Inside the Legislature
Key legislation affecting Owyhee County moving along

The past week in the Idaho Legislature flew by. In the process, we also reviewed legislation critical to those of us in District 23.

Of prime importance was the passage of Senate Bill 1111 and Senate Bill 1101. These are the two bills that will codify the Joyce Livestock decision and provide a measure of financial relief for those seeking approval of pending stock water rights. It was great to see Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry testify in front of the House Resources and Conservation committee about the importance of the bills. These two families have worked tirelessly to preserve Idaho’s supremacy when it comes to stock water. I was proud to make the motion to send the bills to the House floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved. A few days later, both bills also passed the House floor unanimously and are headed to the governor for his signature.

The House also passed the appropriation for the Office of Species Conservation. This agency is responsible for coordinating efforts related to threatened, endangered, and candidate species with the federal government. It is under this umbrella that the state manages its sage-grouse population in a continued effort to avoid its listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Listing of the sage-grouse under the ESA would be devastating to our ranching community and by funding the Office of Species Conservation, the state continues to preserve public lands for multiple use.

Final work on transportation funding was introduced in the Senate last Wednesday. The proposed legislation provides necessary GARVEE funding approval. There has been a serious effort to convince legislators of the necessity of using GARVEE funds to both repair and expand the I-84 corridor through Canyon County. As we all know, the corridor is essential to many western Owyhee residents, as well as being a major commodity corridor for much of southern Idaho, and I am supportive of the project. It will be interesting to see how the integrity of the bill is maintained throughout the last days of the session as it passes between the House and Senate.

Sine Die is still scheduled for Friday, and many of us are hopeful we will adjourn on time. I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve.

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

Letters to the editor

Trustees grateful for community support of Marsing bond

The passage of the Marsing Joint School District bond on March 14, 2017, was accomplished through tremendous teamwork. During the past five months, large groups of people have put in many days and evenings of long hours, in an effort to provide our students with better facilities. These efforts have now been rewarded.

As the Board of Trustees, Marsing Joint School District No. 363, we want to personally offer our heartfelt appreciation to all those who supported the future education of our students. Under the leadership of chairpersons Jolyn Green, Megan Astorquia, Jessica Showalter and Adam Percifield, the bond committee of JW Chadez, Courtney Barber, Nicole Cassity, Janelle Thompson, Jill McIntyre, Ginger Loucks, Lisa Percifield, Debbie Percifield, Jake Astorquia, Amy Chadez, Stephanie Sevy, John and Mary-Lou DeOsio, Sean and Maurina Rowley, Dave and Sharon VanWassenhove, Raul and Cristina Degadillo, Steve and Mary Sloyer, Michael Nielsen and Lisa Wolfe, never once faltered in the many tasks put before them.

Many staff members willingly gave of their own time, after working hours, to actively participate in providing information to the patrons. The district’s administrative team was tireless in its effort to get the facts out to the voters so that they could make an informed decision.

Letters to the editor

Submitted letters must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number. Deadline is noon on Friday.

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Lastly, we would like to offer our thanks to the 335 voters who stood in line at the polls, waiting patiently to cast their ballot in support of our students.

The teamwork paid off, and we can all be assured that we have made a positive impact on the future education of our students and the Marsing community. We will keep the patrons well informed on our construction progress now that we have entered the post bond phase.

Thank you.

Marsing Jt. School District No. 363 Board of Trustees
Betty Ackerman, Michelle Jacobi, Chad Showalter, Brad McIntyre, Jason Sevy

House’s Castle Doctrine bill does more than Senate version

First let me start off by saying I have great respect for our current Owyhee County state legislators, especially Senator Bert Brackett. However, Sen. Brackett has brought forward a bill (SB 1161) for the stated purpose of fixing the Idaho law as it pertains to the defense of yourself and others (Castle Doctrine).

SB1161 does nothing to repair the self-defense law in Idaho. In fact, it could actually have the opposite effect. The bill is a cover for the legislators, so they can say they support the Constitution and have voted on a bill to help the citizens. This way they don’t have to vote on the record for a strong Castle Doctrine.

Our Qwyhee County Rep. Christy Zito (District 23A) has brought forward a Castle Doctrine bill in the House that actually does fix the flaws in the Castle Doctrine. She is being stymied at every turn by the leadership in the House,

but I have hope the bill will get a fair hearing.

Please let Sen. Brackett (bbrackett@senate.idaho.gov) know the Senate bill is not in the best interest of the people of Owyhee County and needs a lot of work, and while you are in the mood to talk, please let Rep. Zito (CZito@house.idaho.gov) know you appreciate her efforts.

Update: Friday, the Idaho Senate State Affairs Committee held a full hearing on Senate Bill 1161, the establishment version of Castle Doctrine. The bill was opposed by the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance and gun owners across Idaho as it did not expand protections and may have been worse than current law.

We are happy to report that the bill was unanimously held in committee and will go nowhere this session.

Louis Monson
Wilson

Commentary

Financial management
Dump the credit card and reward yourself by saving

Dear Dave,
We're trying to get control of our finances, and my husband wants to close all our credit cards. I want to keep one and use the bill-pay option for monthly stuff like utilities, so we can keep earning rewards points. I look at my way as a method of just re-routing the money and paying it off each month. Am I wrong in looking at it like this?

— Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,
Yes, you are. Life never goes as planned. You can have all the well-reasoned and best-intentioned ideas you want, but sooner or later something will go wrong.
Why not use a *debit* card that has a rewards system attached? Lots

of debit card programs offer the same kinds of rewards programs that credit card companies do, with one big exception — you don't have to go into debt!
Studies have shown that the vast majority of people never redeem their credit card airline miles. Other studies show that people spend more when using credit cards as opposed to cash. That extra money you spend on things you don't need is money you could have been saving and investing.
So, where's the reward?

— Dave

Dear Dave,
We were very late on one of our credit card bills, and now it has been turned over to a



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collection agency. The collection company has offered us three or four different payment options.

Does the original creditor accept the agreement, too, if we accept one of the collection agency's options?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
In most situations of this type, the collection agency owns the debt outright or they're directly representing the original creditor. It's pretty much standard operating procedure when someone has defaulted on a loan.
My advice would be to accept the deal they've offered that makes the most sense for you and your current financial situation. It'll ding your credit report, and show a settlement on the defaulted credit card, but that's not the end

of the world. There's already a mark against you for it being turned over to collections.
If you want to keep things like this from happening in the future, you need to get control of your finances. Stop playing with credit cards!

— Dave

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

Americans for Limited Government
Administrative deconstruction will build billions in economy

by Peter Hong

What do you picture when you hear the phrase “administrative state?”
Do you think about the lexicon of federal agencies with acronyms that have come to dominate our everyday lives: IRS, EPA, OSHA, TSA? Envision sterile federal buildings populated by unelected bureaucrats rewriting laws to expand the scope of government overreach? Foresee a dystopian universe where administrative bodies supplant the constitutional system of checks and balances by simultaneously playing lawmaker, administrator, judge, and enforcement officer?
The bad news is you're not far from the truth. Worse, for nearly a century, the administrative state has grown exponentially, taken root in our system of governance, and extended its tentacles over every aspect of our society.
What's the good news?
At CPAC last month, White House counselor Steve Bannon raised eyebrows with the Left and the mainstream media when he called for the “deconstruction of the administrative state.” On March 13, President Trump got the ball rolling by issuing an executive order to “reorganize governmental functions and eliminate unnecessary agencies.”
Under the order, departments and agencies will have to submit for comment plans to reorganize themselves: “Within 180 days of the date of this order, the head of each agency shall submit to the Director a proposed plan to reorganize the agency, if appropriate, in order to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of that agency.”
What is this “administrative state?” Heritage Foundation scholar Joseph Postell defines it as a system of governance where “authority to make public policy is unlimited, centralized, and delegated to unelected bureaucrats.” Postell calls it a “‘fourth branch’ of government that

typically combines the powers of the other three and makes policy with little regard for the rights and opinions of citizens.”
In other words, the administrative state is dangerous in principle because it amalgamates power by usurping the constitutional roles of the legislative and the judicial branches. For example, consider the powers of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) whose ostensible primary mission is to protect consumers from unfair methods of competition, such as monopolies.
Like numerous other agencies, the FTC conducts most of its business through substantive rulemaking, carrying with it the force of law. It also has the policing power of investigating, prosecuting, and enforcing violation of these rules. Furthermore, it has at its disposal administrative law judges and hearing officers who adjudicate conflicts arising from these rules.
Agencies, like the FTC, have amassed these powers largely because of deference or inaction by the other two branches of government. The judiciary has given deference to administrative agencies having “quasi-legislative” or “quasi-judicial” — as well as executive — powers
Also, Congress increasingly has “written” laws simply by passing vague legislative language delegating to agencies the authority to fill in the blanks with regulations and rulings. When Nancy Pelosi said about Obamacare, “We have to pass the bill before you can find out what's in it,” she couldn't have known how on-point she really was.
Thanks to this abdication of authority, the administrative state has amassed powers that run contrary to a constitutional, republican form of government. Practically speaking, when the real business of governing, lawmaking and adjudicating is turned over to unelected bureaucrats, who can the people hold accountable?

The easy answer is the president, but that ignores the fact that he can only appoint approximately 4,000 of the nearly 3 million members of the executive branch civilian workforce. Nor does he have the power to directly fire “career” federal employees. In other words, the soldiers of the administrative state are generally bulletproof — and they know it.
Not surprisingly, the scope of the administrative state is almost unimaginably immense — and growing. According to Diane Katz with the Heritage Foundation, federal regulators have issued more than 22,700 regulations since the start of the Obama Administration in 2009, increasing regulatory costs by more than \$120 billion each and every year. Today, there are nearly 300,000 career bureaucrats administering red tape at a cost to taxpayers of nearly \$70 billion, according to a George Washington University study. And with our nation facing a national debt-to-Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio approaching its historic high, the state of our economy — and the need to dismantle the administrative state — has never been more dire.
President Trump's executive order is commendable, but only if it marks the opening salvo of a long-pitched war. The administration is going to have to think more like Gordon Gekko and less like Al Gore. Remember “Reinventing Government”? Neither does he. Simply consolidating a few agencies here and there is like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic: insufficient to avert disaster.
Donald Trump amassed a fortune building — among other things — buildings. Now he has the opportunity to return billions of dollars to the American people and the economy by doing more than just knocking down a few federal buildings in Washington.
It's time to smash the administrative state.
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Sports

Throwers lead MHS at Parma meet

Sam Galligan didn't seem any worse for the wear Thursday coming off a basketball injury. The Marsing High School senior eased into the track and field season with top three finishes in the throws at the Lynn Behrman Invitational in Parma. The Huskies' best finish in the girls' competition also came in a throwing event as Chloe Ramirez placed seventh with a personal-record effort of 25 feet, 3 inches. Galligan had the Huskies' best finish of the day with a 38-11 heave as runner-up in the shot put. He was third at 100-8½ in the discus. Three Marsing boys placed in the top six in the shot put with sophomore Taj Jacobi taking fourth at 37-6, and junior Gavin

Thorud finishing sixth at 35-4½. Both were career bests. Senior Karl Isert grabbed fourth in the boys' 110-meter high hurdles, running to a 21.95-second finish. Freshman Isaac Lee was fifth in the 400 meters at 58.78, and senior teammate Justin Yetter placed seventh at 59.41. Yetter and Lee were seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 200. Yetter had a personal record distance of 30-7 to finish ninth in the triple jump. Distance veteran Landry Villa, a junior, finished seventh in both the 1,600 (5 minutes, 32.21 seconds) and the 3,200 (11:46.21). Another distance runner, sophomore Sefora Arriaga, finished eighth in the girls' 1,600 with a personal-record time of 6:55.09.

Matlock, Uranga finish under 100 at Nampa Invite

Two golfers broke 100, but Homedale High School finished back in the pack at the Nampa Invitational. Freshman Daniel Uranga led the Trojans again with an 84 during the 18-hole tournament held March 14 at Centennial Golf Course.

Scott Matlock fired a 94, and Kaden Henry carded 100. Rounding out the Trojans' scorers were Spencer Fisher (102) and Tanner Miller (106). Rocky Mountain of Meridian had three golfers shoot in the 80s and won the team title with a 279 total.

Runners take to hills Saturday in Adrian

The third annual Owyhee Off-Road Challenge series of foot races is set for Adrian on Saturday. Proceeds from the half-marathon, 10- and 5-kilometer events for runners and walkers will help the Adrian Sports Boosters continue a campaign to improve the town's high school track. Last year's event attracted nearly 250 participants and raised more than \$5,000. The half-marathon begins at noon Saturday at Three Rivers Park in Adrian. Participants can save \$5 on their entry fees if they register online at <http://www.owyheehoffroadchallenge.com> by Friday. Pre-registration is \$55 for the half-marathon, \$45 for the

10K and \$35 for 5K. Race packets include information on event sponsors and other running events as well as a long-sleeve tech T-shirt. The first three men and women to finish the half-marathon will receive a medal and trophies fabricated and donated by Martin Mfg. of Adrian. The course takes entrants up into the hills of the Owyhees south of Adrian, offering a scenic route with views of the Snake River Valley. Chip timing will be provided for all three events. Runners and walkers are welcome regardless of experience. For more information visit the website or email adrianboosters@gmail.com.



Homedale's junior varsity first baseman reaches for a pickoff throw from Hayden Burke (21) as a Marsing baserunner dives back into the bag. Photo by Dan Pease

Rallies push Trojans JV past MHS

Pitchers combine to no-hit Melba

A four-run second inning set the scene as Homedale High School's junior varsity overpowered Marsing's varsity baseball team last Wednesday. The Trojans slammed the door with a nine-run sixth inning for a 16-6 non-conference win on the road. Ismael Garcia knocked in three runs and had two hits from the bottom of the order to lead Homedale's nine-hit attack. The Huskies grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first against Hayden Burke. Dakota Hardy led off the inning with a single and eventually stole home with two outs and the bases loaded. Boone Sevy's base hit brought in Tyler Wood. Homedale (7-0 overall at week's end) took the lead with four runs in the top of the second against Clay King, who had finished the first inning with consecutive strikeouts for half his total. Garcia's first RBI single tied the game, 2-2, and Jake Collett doubled to plate Garrett Bettleyon with the go-ahead score. Garcia stole home in the final piece of the rally. Wood's ground ball scored a run in the fifth inning for Marsing, and King and Alec Gibson both stole home in the sixth. Wood was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and Dwight

Sevy scored twice. Homedale put the first seven batters on base to start the nine-run sixth as Mason Kincheloe and Jason Puri singled and Khi Carr, Garrett Elordi and Karsen Freelove were hit by pitches. Puri grounded an RBI single later in the inning. **Friday: Homedale 8, Ontario, Ore., 7 (6)** — Freelove crushed a run-scoring triple then scored on Puri's base hit to start the Trojans' six-run rally in the first inning. Homedale pitching withstood the Tigers' game-long onslaught, and the Trojans won their seventh straight game to start the season. Keifer Cooper strolled home on Clayton Wolfe's bases-loaded walk, and Brady Trout had a run-scoring groundout in the third inning. Those runs proved integral to the Trojans' survival of Ontario's four-run fifth inning, which established the final score. Puri was 3-for-4, and Trout went 2-for-3. Jake Collett smacked a bases-loaded double to drive in two runs in the first inning. **Thursday: Homedale 12, Melba 0 (5)** — Collett struck out 12 in 4 2/3 innings and teamed with Freelove to toss a no-hitter in a non-conference road game. Freelove fanned the only batter he faced as 13 of the Melba's 15 outs were recorded by strikeout. Wolfe went 2-for-3 with two RBI and three runs scored, and the final five batters in the Trojans' lineup — Trout, Elordi, Garcia,

Carr and Mason Rountree — picked up a single apiece. Homedale led 7-0 after scoring four times in the second inning. At one point, Collett struck out 10 in a row. Melba didn't get a runner past second base until two outs in the fifth inning. Back-to-back walks marked the only time a Mustangs player got past first base. **March 14: Homedale 9, Vale, Ore., 5 (6)** — The Trojans scored the game's final five runs, including four in the bottom of the fifth inning to stay unbeaten. It was Homedale's fourth consecutive road game. Wolfe went 3-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored to lead the offense, which banged out five singles and doubles from Freelove and Trout. Trout's two-out double cleared the bases in the first inning. After Homedale scored four runs in the first inning, Vale took at 5-4 lead with three runs in the third. Garcia struck out five in relief and gave up two unearned runs in 3 1/3 innings to get the win. He and starter Mason Kincheloe, a sophomore, combined to scatter five singles among three Vikings. Garcia tied the game in the fourth inning when he led off with a walk, stole second and scored on freshman Mason Rountree's base hit. Homedale took the lead for good when Collett's bases-loaded walk brought in Carr.

Zamora homers in HHS softball loss

Vallivue rides unearned runs to win

Miscues doomed Homedale High School in its non-conference softball loss Friday. The Trojans committed three errors, and all of Vallivue's runs were unearned in a 4-1 victory at Sundance Park. Junior Dakota Kelly reached double-digit strikeouts for the third time in three games this season. She took the loss despite scattering four hits and walking just two against the Class 4A Falcons. With Homedale (1-1-1 overall)

trailing, 3-0, Dazsha Zamora crushed her first varsity home run with two outs in the fifth inning. Zamora lined a double into center field in the seventh inning as part of consecutive hits with Allison Shenk. The Trojans put the tying run on first base with back-to-back hard-hit singles from Sophie Nash and Megan Maxwell, but were unable to get any further traction. Rian Beebe also notched a single for the home squad.

March 14: Homedale 8, Vale, Ore., 2 — Olivia Cardenas knocked in three runs to help the Trojans pick up their first win of the season at Sundance Park. Cardenas was one of three Homedale players to notch two hits each, including Paige Carter and Megan Maxwell, who also had two RBI and a double. Kelly mowed down 18 Vikings batters by strikeout in a five-hitter. Kelly, Kendall Nash and Kaylee DeWitt also knocked in runs, while Kendall and Sophie Nash scored two runs each.

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SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
January 3, 10, 17 & 23, 2017
January 3

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$27,449 Road and Bridge \$15,351 District Court \$1,263 Probation \$294 Historical Society & Museum \$825 Indigent & Charity \$21,434 Revaluation \$396 Solid Waste \$6,152 911 \$6,768 County Vessel \$7 Waterways \$639 Economic Development \$365

Approved the 2016 Annual Road and Street Report.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for case 16-29.

Approve the 2016 Annual County Vessel Fund Report.

Hired Katie Friesen for the Buildings and Grounds department to begin on December 27, 2016 at \$12.50 per hour.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-55.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-50.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-51.

January 10
Nominated Commissioner Aberasturi as Chairman of the Board.

Swore in newly elected Sheriff Grant and Prosecuting Attorney Emery.

Continued the organization of the Board as it was for 2016.

Commissioner Aberasturi: District Magistrate Commissioner, Southwest District Health Department, Western Alliance and Treasure Valley Partnership Commissioner, Weed Department and Probation Supervisor.

Commissioner Merrick: Road and Bridge District #3, Solid Waste and Planning and Zoning Supervisor.

Commissioner Hoagland: Road and Bridge District #1 Supervisor.

Declare the entire county as a noxious weed extermination area.

Set the Indigent and Charity burial fee at \$750.00

Designate The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of the county.

Approved all departmental reports submitted.

Approved a contract with Cable One for services for the Homedale Courts.

Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2017-01 and 2017-02.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 16-48.

Approved Resolution 2017-01; transferring service weapon to retiring employee.

Held hearing Indigent and Charity case 16-22. Rescinded the previous decision to deny Indigent and Charity case 16-22 and approve to pay.

Approved a letter to Mike McGee with Boise District BLM regarding comment on the BOSH Project.

Approved Resolution 2017-02; disaster declaration for weather emergency.

January 17
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$44,977 Road and Bridge \$152,268 District Court \$1,977 Probation \$436 Health District \$4,565 Historical Society & Museum \$197 Indigent & Charity \$5,136 Revaluation \$325 Solid Waste \$7,914 911 \$4,134 Waterways \$208 Off Highway Vehicles \$537 Economic

Development \$1,631
Approved (3) Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2017-03, 2017-04 and 2017-05.

Approved a contract with Branch Enterprises, Inc. for the Spring Creek Sage Grouse Brood Rearing Habitat Project, not to exceed \$23,760.00.

Approved the full time hire of Bethany Casselman to the Prosecuting Attorney’s office in the amount of \$12.66 per hour.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 17-01.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-02.

Approved a letter to Julie Canoy regarding Rocky Top Road.

Approved a letter of support to Dirt Inc., c/o Bill Walsh for an Idaho Parks and Recreation grant application.

January 23
Approved the new hire of Burke Romans to the Assessor’s Office as Appraiser, to begin on February 6, 2017 at a rate of \$14.76 per hour.

Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2017-06 and 2017-07.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 17-03 and 17-04.

Approved the Amended Approval for Indigent and Charity case 16-17.

Approved the Amended Approval for Indigent and Charity case 16-22.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 16-47.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-52.

Approved a letter of support to the Waterways Improvement Fund Advisory Committee regarding the Marsing Island Park Boating Enhancement Project.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

3/22/2017

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
February 6, 13, 21 & 27, 2017
February 6

All outstanding bills were paid from the following funds: Current Expense \$108,757 Road and Bridge \$37,954 District Court \$4,822 Fair, County \$793 Probation \$2,179 Health District \$4,565 Historical Society & Museum \$1,994 Indigent and Charity \$27,315 Junior College Tuition \$12,000 Revaluation \$1,659 Solid Waste \$15,840 Tort \$.38 Weeds \$50 911 \$4,540 County Vessel \$1,240 Waterways \$976 Off Highway Vehicles \$2,147 Taxing District \$782 Economic Development \$740
Approved a 90% refund of the Basel Conditional Use Permit fee.

Approved the 2016 personal property tax cancellation request for parcel PP5901860 in the amount of \$3,661.00 and penalty of \$50.00.

Approved a catering permit for the Pour House and Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association for February 11, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Approved the Syringa outdoor cabinet at the Marsing Annex.

Approved Resolution 2017-03; trade in and sell surplus Sheriff’s boat and trailer.

Approved Resolution 2017-04; sell vehicles and misc. equipment at public auction.

Approved Resolution 2017-05; to sell drug seizure / forfeiture vehicle at public auction.

Approved the contract with Dennis Rogers at a rate of \$30 per hour to maintain the Murphy well.

Approved 3 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2017-08, 2017-09 and 2017-10.

Approved a contract with JBS Auctions to sell items March 4, 2017 at the SRC parking lot in Homedale, Idaho at a 10% commission rate.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-55.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-01.

Approved Resolution 2017-16; Ratification to purchase water pumps.

Approved comments to BLM representative Gonzalez and Douglas regarding the Tri-State Fire Breaks.

February 13
Approved Resolution 2017-07; to sell surplus property (Jeep Carry All) at public auction at SRC Sports parking lot in Homedale on March 4, 2017.

Approved the new hire of Kasey Freeloove to the Marsing DMV to begin February 21, 2017 at a rate of \$12.29 per hour.

Designated mail ballot Precinct 012 Three Creek, with Owyhee County Courthouse as the polling place for the March 14, 2017 Election.

Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho and the College of Western Idaho for students 2017-11 and 2017-12.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 17-05.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-03.

Approved the request in the amount of \$3,650.00 from Haz-Mat funds for EMT training for 6 students.

Approved the Advertisement for Bids in the Owyhee Avalanche.

Approved to spend \$2,544.00 of 2016 OEM Grant Funds to replace the monitors in the Dispatch POD.

Approved Resolution 2017-08; closing certain roads in Owyhee County to heavy vehicle traffic. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried. (Road and Bridge #1: Rabbit Creek Road – Murphy to Reynolds Creek and Road and Bridge #3 A & A Road, entire road distance and River Road from Rimrock High School to Sheep Camp Road)

February 21
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$68,054 Road and Bridge \$110,776 District Court \$5,034 Probation \$536 Historical Society & Museum \$1,495 Indigent & Charity \$1,425 Jr. College Tuition \$7,350 Revaluation \$1,228 Solid Waste \$4,065 911 \$3,910 Waterways \$965 Off Highways Vehicles \$200 Taxing Districts \$1,046 Economic Development \$581

Approved a letter to Murphy Flat Power LLC regarding the required road work to be performed on Sinker Butte Road.

Approved a letter of support to Freemont County regarding the Invasive Dreissenid Mussel.

Approved 32 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2017-13 through 2017-44.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student 2017-46.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to North Idaho College for student 2017-45.

Placed a lien on Indigent and

Charity case 17-06.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-06.

Re-affirmed the November 14, 2016 decision to deny Indigent and Charity case 16-40, based on St. Alphonsus request for hearing withdrawal.

Approved the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Indigent and Charity case 16-40.

Re-affirmed the November 14, 2016 decision to deny Indigent and Charity case 16-38.

Approved a letter to the United States Department of the Interior Office of Hearings and Appeals Board of Land Appeals regarding the January 19, 2017 Record of Decision by Bureau of Land Management Director, Neil Kornze approving “an electric transmission line right-of-way grant,” identified as DOI-BLM-ID-B000-2014-0003-EIS, and Case File IDI- 35849-01, also known as Gateway West Segments 8 and 9.

February 27
Approved a letter of support for a Homedale Library grant application.

Approved the Solid Waste hire of Robert Schaefer to begin February 25, 2017 at a rate of \$11.35.

Approved 1 Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student #17-47.

Approved 39 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student’s #17-48 through #17-87.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 17-07 and 17-08.

Approved the amended approval of Indigent and Charity case 16-22.

Rescinded Resolution 2017-08 (Resolution to close certain roads in Owyhee County to heavy vehicle traffic – a portion of Rabbit Creek Road, A & A Road, a portion of River Road).

Approved the Notice of Service to the following individuals for the Gateway West Record of Decision Appeal approved on February 21, 2017.

Kristin Bail, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management

Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources

Rod Fisher, Pacificorp d/b/a/ Rocky Mtn. Power

Laura Brown, Associate Solicitor, Division of Land Resources

Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mtn. Region, US Dept. of Interior

Mark Stokes, Idaho Power Co.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

3/22/2017

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public meeting will be held on April 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm in Courtroom #1 of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78 in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments, and to thereafter receive further written public comments for 60-days, on the “Proposed Maps” that identify the group for each of the RS2477 rights of way on the public lands depicted on 161 USGS maps within Owyhee County, State of Idaho, as per Owyhee County Resolution No. 2011-21 dated September 12, 2011, paragraphs

1-2. *See also* Owyhee County Resolution No. 11-01 dated January 4, 2011, paragraphs 5-6. The public comments and written comments may include any omissions of any rights of way on the “Proposed Maps”, and if any omissions, the public comments and written comment shall include the suggested group in which that right of way should be within. *See* Owyhee County Resolution No. 11-01 dated January 4, 2011, paragraph 6.

This will be the eighth and final meeting to gather comments and input from the public on these rights of way, as per Owyhee County Resolution No. 11-01 dated January 4, 2011, paragraphs 5-6. The meeting on April 24th is one of the final steps in this process.

After this meeting, after expiration of the 60-day written comment period, and after consideration of any public comments and written comments, the Board of County Commissioners will “determine and otherwise establish by separate and further Resolution the Maps, as *Final Maps*”, as per Owyhee County Resolution No. 11-01 dated January 4, 2011, paragraph 7

The 161 maps group the rights of way lying on the public land in Owyhee County in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution dated January 4, 2011, and with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21 dated September 12, 2011. **These groups apply only to rights of way on public land, not private land and not State land.** The Board is seeking documentation of use, and proof of maintenance with public funds between 1948 and 1976.

The 161 categorized maps cover all of Owyhee County and are available for review beginning on March 24th, during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Planning and Zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey Street in Murphy, Idaho. All referenced maps and Resolutions will also available for review on the Owyhee County web site at www.owyheecounty.net.

Please contact the Planning & Zoning Department for additional information, or copies of the Resolutions pertaining to RS2477 rights of way. Written comments can be mailed to the Owyhee County Commissioners at P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650, or you can hand deliver them to the Owyhee County Clerk’s office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above meeting should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at 208-495-2095 ext. 2, or Owyhee County Annex Building, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650.

3/22&4/12/2017

LEIN SALE

Market Road Storage abandoned storage sale on 3/25/2017 at 9-10am, 4595 E. Market Rd, Homedale, ID 83628.

Kathy Harris #3-5 c/o Ashley Manor, Aaron Brook Place, 9337 W. Conley Ln, Boise, ID 83704. Unit contains household items.

3/15,22/2017

Public notices

INVITATION TO BID PAINTING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Bruneau, Idaho 83604, 39678 State Highway 78, Telephone (208)-834-2260, until 5 o'clock p.m., April 13, 2017 for Painting Services for the Gym, locker rooms at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School and the Gym and lunch room at Bruneau Elementary School.

Please pick up the painting information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent Dennis Wilson at 208-834-2260.

The bids will be publicly opened, read and awarded at the regular board meeting, April 13, 2017 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 7 p.m. At this time proposals submitted after that time will be returned to the sender.

The work to be done by the Contractor shall include the furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, and equipment required to repair and complete the interior painting and decorating of the gym buildings and other structures, as specified.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 365, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604. JayDene Aquiso, Business Manager
3/22/2017

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the Marsing Community Disaster Fund, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Marsing Community Center for the purpose of electing (1) director-at-large for a term of 3 years. Director-at-large from within the Association boundaries, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting. Jessica Showalter, Association Secretary.
3/22,29/2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: March 2, 2017 File No.: 7345.29401 Sale date and time (local time): July 11, 2017 at 9:00 AM Sale location: In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650 Property address: 750 West Main Street Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Michael G. Rice and Jenell A. Rice, husband and wife Original trustee: Alliance Title and Escrow Corporation Original beneficiary: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Recording date: 03/19/2013 Recorder's instrument number: 280366 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of March 2, 2017: \$60,892.91 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary

after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: In Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho Section 34: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence East 25 feet along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence leaving the South Boundary North 0 degrees 49'20" West 33 feet to the initial point of this description; thence continuing North 0 degrees 49'20" West 153 feet to a point; thence North 90 degrees East 100.00 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 49'20" East, 153 feet to a point; thence South 90 degrees West 100 feet to the initial point of this description. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Rice, Michael and Jennell (TS# 7345.29401) 1002.289206-File No.
3/22,29;4/5,12/2017

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-2017-01246 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THRID JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In Re: DENNIS DEAN BALLARD

A Petition by DENNIS DEAN BALLARD, now residing in the City of Murphy, State of Idaho, proposing a change in name to DENNIS DEAN READ has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for the change in name being because he wishes his legal name to reflect the name he has used his entire life: such Petition is scheduled for a hearing at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on April 17, 2017, at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2017.

By: Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

ERIC F. BALDWIN - ISB NO. 6240, BALDWIN LAW, PLLC, 3045 E Copper Point Drive, Meridian, Idaho 83642. Telephone: (208) 991-3560 Fax: (208) 473-2966 eric@baldwinlawpllc.com Attorney for Petitioner
3/22,29;4/5,12/2017

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-2017-01245 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THRID JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In Re: DANIEL ROGER BALLARD

A Petition by DANIEL ROGER BALLARD, now residing in the City of Melba, State of Idaho, proposing a change in name to DANIEL ROGER READ has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for the change in name being because he wishes his legal name to reflect the name he has used his entire life: such Petition is scheduled for a hearing at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on April 17, 2017, at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2017.

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3/22,29;4/5,12/2017

NOTICE

Bybee Air will be conducting aerial applications in and around the areas of Bruneau, Grand View, Mtn. Home, Homedale and Marsing during the months beginning March 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding operations in the vicinity or over your property, please contact your neighboring farmer or Bybee Air Service 541-372-5232 or 208-590-9792.
3/15-4/12/2017

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT, TRANSFER NO. 81278

MURPHY FLATS WATER CO INC, PO BOX 3110, PASCO, WA 99302-3110; has filed Application No. 81278 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 2-10020, 2-2361, 2-2370, 2-7001, 57-179, 57-180B, 57-181, 57-7152, 57-7385. This transfer proposes to create a 4,687 acre POU within a 5,115 acre PPU for 9 water rights that total 4,882 acres of irrigation use. A consolidation of 195 acres is proposed. Changes to diversions or delivery methods are not included. The farm is located approximately 4 miles SE of Murphy, ID.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 4/3/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
3/15,22/2017

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Homedale Freestyle Club
Freestyle

Carsen Nelson — Bantam 60 champion
Shade Volk — Bantam 75 champion
Isaac Bullard — Intermediate 87 champion
Isaih Adams — Cadet 88/94 champion
Hunter Bell — Pre-Bantam 55-64, second place
Logan Wilson — Bantam 75+, second place
Keegan Sallee — Novice 130-140, second place
Am Black — Bantam 55, third place
Nathan Marston — Intermediate 65, fourth place
Andrew Marston — Novice 85, fourth place
Cole Kushlan — Novice 95, fourth place
Raleigh Lerrutia — Pre-Bantam 41-42, fourth place
Blaise Uranga — Pre-Bantam 46-51, fourth place
Brayden Rosa — SchoolBoy 77-84, fifth place
Also competing — Kash Sallee, Donovan Uranga, Stetson Nicodemus and Braydon Ensley, Bantam 50; Jason Kinkade, Jayden Bixby and Khyler Maxwell, Bantam 55; Zander Gonzalez, Bantam 60; James Transue and Keighan Stimmel, Intermediate 60; Mannie Mulrony, Intermediate 65; and Geoffrey Adams, Novice 80

Greco-Roman

Isaih Adams — Cadet 88/94 champion
Isaac Bullard — Intermediate 87-95, second place
Geoffrey Adams — Novice 80, third place
Cole Kushlan — Novice 95/100, third place

Folkstyle

Hunter Bell — Pre-Bantam champion
Nathan Marston — Intermediate 65, third place
Mannie Mulrony — Intermediate 65, fourth place
Andrew Marston — Novice 85, fifth place
Also competing — Jaxon Kinkade, Bantam; and Geoffrey Adams, Novice 80

Marsing Youth Wrestling
Freestyle

Joseph Ineck — Juniors 145-152 champion
Jace Stritesky — Pre-Bantam 39-40, second place
Elias Brock — Pre-Bantam 45-46, second place
Parker Showalter — Pre-Bantam 46-51, third place
Danny Flores — Pre-Bantam 55-64, third place
Taylor Izzard — Bantam 40/45, third place
Troy Campbell — Bantam 60, third place
Koooper Griggs — Novice 65, third place
Colton Brown — SchoolBoy 120, fourth place
Jonathan Ineck — SchoolBoy 128, fourth place
Miray Izzard — Pre-Bantam 37-39, fourth place
Daysen Frazier — Bantam 70, fourth place
Jaxon Astorquia — Intermediate 95-103, fourth place
Wyatt Barber — Intermediate 95-103, fifth place
Also competing — German Martinez, Bantam 50; Levi Loucks, Peyton Showalter and Korban Cegnar, Bantam 55; Julian Loera, Bantam 75+; Tristan Izzard, Intermediate 70; and Landry Padilla, Novice 95



Marsing Youth Wrestling Club's Joseph Ineck looks for the signal before his 43-second pin of Nampa's Brayden Alvarez in the freestyle tournament.



Clockwise from top left:
Marsing's Parker Showalter (right) battles Homedale's Blaise Uranga in a Pre-Bantam 46-51 freestyle match.
Homedale Freestyle Club's Hunter Bell (top) beat Marsing's Danny Flores on the way to second place in the freestyle tournament.
Marsing's Taylor Izzard (right) grapples for control against Boxer Stone of Team Bullcatcher in the Bantam 40/45 third-place match in the freestyle tournament.
Marsing's Colton Brown (top) lunges for position against Timberline's Kaden Ponton. Brown pinned Ponton on the way to fourth place in the Schoolboy 128 freestyle class.

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