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New Marsing city councilman Tony Malmberg gets Scratch computer coding instruction from 8-year-old Eduardo Margarito, son of Gricelda Reyes, during the council meeting last Wednesday. Eduardo took part in a presentation by Marsing Elementary teacher John Barenberg.

Malmberg, Green take oath

City Hall will be open during lunch soon

Last Wednesday's meeting of the Marsing City Council, the first of 2018, saw the swearing in of two councilpersons and the appointment of a new president.

Tony Malmberg began his tenure as councilman, replacing the outgoing Cory Percifield, and Jolyn Green officially took

office after winning her seat in the election in November.

Percifield, who decided not to seek another term, left the meeting after receiving words of thanks from fellow council members and other well-wishers.

Green will serve a full four-year term after being appointed to complete Aron Streibel's time on the board.

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Jay Hall to lead Gem Highway board one more year then retire

The Gem Highway 60 miles of public roads in the northwest part of Owyhee County. District board of commissioners is leaning on an old friend for another year of leadership.

But Jay Hall won't be on the board much longer.

Hall was again elected chairman to head up the board responsible for maintaining



Jay Hall

During the board's Jan. 9 meeting inside the Marsing headquarters, Hall also informed his fellow commissioners that he intends to retire in the middle of next year.

"I've been here since, I think 1995," Hall said.

"It's just my time."

The chairman is a farmer and has lived in Marsing his whole life. He has two children. He has also been on the board of the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery since 1981.

The board discussed elements of the Idaho Transportation Department's comprehensive project connected to replacing the Snake River bridge at the

— See *Gem*, page 16

City looks at HHS pedestrian safety

New councilmen, mayor sworn in

Early-morning darkness may give way to a safer path to school for Homedale High School students.

City public works supervisor Bret Smith said he is continuing to look at ways to throw more light into the crosswalk that traverses East Idaho Avenue at South 2nd Street.

Smith's news came during last Wednesday's city council

meeting after Tim Downing and Mike Aebischer were sworn in to each begin four-year terms.

Smith said Idaho Power has agreed to look at the crosswalk, which connects the high school to Bette Uda City Park, to see if there are better illumination options.

During the winter months, schoolchildren walk in near darkness when they cross the street before the start of the school day.

— See *Pedestrian*, page 16



Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen (left) thanks councilmen Jerry Anderson (center) and Shane Muir during their last meeting.

Homedale sends large group to BPA state

Team wins three regional titles in Marsing

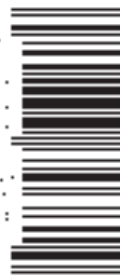
The Homedale High School Business Professionals of America team can rely on a great deal of experience and leadership in competition. Most of the upperclassmen have competed in BPA events multiple times.

However, according to

advisor Casey Grove, this year's eight sophomores competed for the first time in their high school careers Friday because last winter's snow and bad roads prevented them from traveling to competitions in the 2016-17 season.

Half of the sophomores were compete at the BPA state conference this spring after their performances at Friday's Region 4 contests at Marsing

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Otter’s State of the State: Higher education will help grow economy

Governor covers healthcare, tax reform in final address

by Kyle Pfannenstiel
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The second regular session of 64th Idaho Legislature convened Monday with Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter displaying his high hopes for Idaho in his final State of the State and Budget address.

Speaking before a joint session of the House and Senate, Otter highlighted Idaho’s fast-growing population, diverse economy and discussed how the state will tackle issues like healthcare and taxation, focusing especially on education. Nearly one-fifth of the 55-minute prepared speech — Otter’s longest State of the State — discussed education. “Idaho is prosperous, positive, and poised for even better times ahead. Our population is growing fast. Our citizens are striving for a future with more opportunities and even brighter prospects,” he said.

“And our state government is leaner, more fiscally responsible, more transparent, more responsive, and better prepared than ever to help Idahoans achieve their own best potential.”

His executive budget proposal calls for a 6.62 percent increase for Fiscal Year 2019, which begins in July and ends in June 2019, at \$3.66 billion, and assumes revenues will exceed \$3.8 billion. His revenue projections are roughly \$200,000 higher than FY 2017’s projections.

Among the notable increases to education appropriations, the area with the largest portion of funds, are a 4.13 percent

increase for public schools, a 12.96 percent increase for community colleges and a 3.35 percent increase in funding for colleges and universities.

In the address, Otter reflected on the state’s progress toward increasing the rate of Idahoans who go on to receive a college or technical degree, drawing on recommendations from a task force he assembled last year.

He said his higher education task force found Idaho will “never achieve” the state’s goal of reaching a 60 percent college go-on rate for residents 25- to 34-year-olds under its current post-secondary structure.

“Its 12 recommendations focus on dramatically changing the way our system works to make it more integrated, consolidated and student-centric,” Otter said.

His plans for consolidation include allocating funding for the State Board of Education to hire an executive officer in FY 2019, which he earlier announced in a special SBOE meeting Jan. 4.

The position will consolidate support and administrative services, like finance and technology, at public colleges. Presidents of Idaho’s eight public colleges would answer to the executive officer. He assured, though, that this would not be a chancellor system — where colleges become campuses of a central university.

Increasing Idaho’s go-on rate has been the state’s goal for several years, and Otter reiterated its importance to the state economy in his address.

“Here’s a staggering metric: The task force found that state income tax collections in Idaho

will increase by \$500 million a year — with no change in population — when the state reaches our 60 percent achievement goal, compared with today’s 42 percent,” he said.

Otter also discussed the allocation of an additional \$5 million for the Opportunity Scholarship program aimed at addressing higher education access and affordability. The funds are projected to add approximately 1,490 recipients of the scholarship, according to projections from the state Division of Financial Management.

His budget proposal also included \$6.5 million to increase literacy rates, an additional \$10 million annually for school technology and an additional \$5 million for college and career advising.

Responding to sweeping recent federal tax code changes — which the Associated Press reported may cost Idaho about \$100 million a year in lost revenues — Otter said in his address he plans to enable “substantial conformance with the new federal tax code without putting our state revenues or Idaho taxpayers at risk.” This means the individual standard deduction will likely double.

The governor also proposed a non-refundable \$85 child tax credit at the state level, which Democratic legislators later decried as not significant enough to offset federal changes for families.

The State of the State address was the last in Otter’s 12-year tenure, as he is not seeking re-election after serving three terms as governor. When his term concludes in December, Otter will have served more than 40 years in public office.

U of I student bolsters Avalanche’s coverage of 2018 legislative session

Kyle Pfannenstiel is a legislative intern for the McClure Center for Public Policy Research and will be covering the Statehouse for The Owyhee Avalanche and other newspapers throughout the state during the 2018 legislative session.

Pfannenstiel is a sophomore Journalism and Political Science student at the University of Idaho, where he first began reporting. As a copy editor for the Argonaut, the UI student paper, and a news host on KUOI FM Moscow 89.3, the student radio station, he covered university policy, events and speeches.

He graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 2016 after a life on the move as a military brat. Competing in speech and debate in high school helped him to realize his love for politics, journalism and fair representation, which led him to pursue a career as a reporter.

In December, he worked on a long-form story on UI’s budget reallocation process, its state-mandated ranking of programs and critiques about the process. He hopes to apply his student media experience while



Kyle Pfannenstiel

reporting on the Statehouse to focus on education and the environment.

In addition to regular contributions to the Avalanche, Pfannenstiel’s work also will be featured online at IdahoPublicRadio’s social media sites, as part of the UI Journalism and Mass Media News service.

— *This is the third year the Avalanche and the McClure Center have collaborated on the project, which assists a handful of weekly newspapers around the state.*

Goal of Otter’s order: affordable healthcare

Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter took time during his State of the State address to expand upon a healthcare-related executive order he and Lt. Gov. Brad Little issued Jan. 5.

Otter said the order would “stabilize Idaho’s healthcare insurance market and give more working Idaho families the ability to purchase affordable coverage.” The executive order, if implemented, would allow individuals to buy healthcare plans not approved by the Affordable Care Act.

“It will enable those with the most costly, medically complex conditions to move their coverage to Medicaid during the course of their illness,” Otter said.

“That, in turn, will enable insurance companies to reduce their premium rates for the majority of people who remain in the individual marketplace.”

The plan is aimed at reducing the price of coverage for

the “young and healthy” and, according to a budget summary, is expected to affect about 35,000 Idahoans. Healthcare premiums rose 28 percent last year, according to Little.

At a legislative preview Jan. 5, Otter said if insurance companies were not limited by the ACA mandates that require coverage in many different areas, “these companies could drastically — up to 30 percent — reduce the cost of access.”

Coverage for contraceptives among other ACA-mandated areas of coverage like maternity, pediatric and dental care are still being finalized, Idaho Dept. of Insurance Director Dean Cameron said at the preview. Cameron assured that individuals could not be charged different rates based on their gender, though.

Otter and Little plan to tour the state and answer residents’ questions about how the policy change has impacted them.

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Studies still mixed on grazing-grouse relationship

Rangeland event brings ranchers to Marsing

An ongoing study doesn't appear to provide much clarity to the argument over grass height and sage-grouse survival.

Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, director of the University of Idaho's Rangeland Center, was among a handful of speakers who addressed cattle producers during last week's Idaho Range Livestock Symposium in Marsing.

Launchbaugh focused on a current analysis of the relationship between livestock grazing and sage-grouse habitat. The 10-year study is a collaboration between the U of I, stakeholders and several state and federal agencies.

The expert outlined the history of challenges facing sage-grouse in West during the past 120 years.

Launchbaugh's talk and Powerpoint presentation kicked off the afternoon session Jan. 9 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. It



Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, director of the University of Idaho's Rangeland Center, shares findings of sage-grouse studies during last week's symposium in Marsing.

was the first of four stops for the symposium, which traveled to the College of Southern Idaho last Wednesday, The Red Lion Hotel in Pocatello on Thursday and the BYU Idaho Ag Science Center in Rexburg on Friday.

Ranching and range consultant Burke Teichert was the keynote speaker, and Dr. Roger Blew of Sage Consulting Inc., took ranchers through the important aspects of the federal government public comment process.

During her presentation, Launchbaugh showed producers that the sage-grouse ecosystem has experienced

an increase in the prevalence of cheatgrass, an explosion of human development and longer, hotter and drier summers since 1900.

The volume of livestock grazing, something that environmentalists have targeted as a major threat, has actually receded in the years since sage-grouse populations thrived, Launchbaugh pointed out.

Livestock grazing has a greater indirect impact on sage-grouse, including affecting fuel loads, protective cover and the insect community.

Launchbaugh said while there are few instances of cattle trampling nests, direct

impacts are hard to find within the data.

She said there are fewer cattle on the range today, and that rangeland is in better shape than it was six decades ago.

Launchbaugh said studies show livestock grazing is the fourth-highest threat to sage-grouse behind wildfires, infrastructure and the spread of annual grasses.

Another slide Launchbaugh shared portrayed southern Idaho had one of the nation's highest density rates in wildfire incidents between 1970 and 2007.

The grasses and sagebrush cover that wildfires wipe out are essential to the survival of sage-grouse as both provide camouflage from predators.

According to the U of I study, grasses that house successful sage-grouse nesting areas are 12 percent taller than the grass in areas that had failed nests. At the same time, though, data shows that sage-grouse nests were also successful in recently grazed pastures.

Launchbaugh said the "conundrum" seems to dispute the theory that grass height is important to the success of sage-grouse nesting sites.

She said at least three studies

now show evidence that managed grazing helps with nest success.

The U of I study, which is three years in, is looking at bird population demographic traits, the features of sage-grouse habitat, the abundance of insects in the habitat and the abundance of other bird species.

Early results have shown that nest success has been on the decline since 2015. While hen body weight was lower in 2017 as compared to the years between 2013 and 2016, brood survival is up in the past two years.

Cattle grazing may also help improve the viability of sage-grouse habitat in some ways.

Launchbaugh said the study shows that the biomass of insects (food for the bird) is 32 percent higher in grazed areas than it is in ungrazed areas.

There are 32 percent more harvester ants in grazed pastures, and the grasshopper populations are 64 percent stronger in grazed areas, too.

The biomass of beetles, however, is 38 percent lower in grazed areas as compared to rested pastures.

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Plan ahead to remove the stress of caring for aged loved ones

With a large aging population spread across the United States, the number of Americans age 65 and older is projected to reach about 73 million by 2030, up from 46.2 million in 2014, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Roughly 70 percent of these individuals can



expect to need or use long-term care. With that being the case, around 80 percent of older adults say they intend to age where they are, based on a survey conducted by the National Conference of State Legislatures and the AARP Public Policy Institute. When you consider how many individuals would like to remain in their own home, it is necessary to consider what type of caregiving will be available when considering in-home services.

With the need for covering in-home services, there warrants the need for the caregiving topic to be discussed. Many times, it is the children of aging parents who are forced to deal with the reality that their parents may be reaching a point where they are unable to care for themselves. Statistics support that many families have not addressed the

University of Idaho Extension

conversation of later-in-life care decisions, and to many this is not surprising. Discussing how someone wants to be cared for when (or if) they are no longer able to care for themselves is not light dinner conversation. This topic needs to be handled in a manner that lends to its level of importance and needs to be discussed, covering the spectrum of information.

There are many different options available to families, but most come with proper planning and time. Because of a lack of planning, several families find themselves essentially piecing together a care system between private aides, local resource options and providing personal on-hand help. By working in advance, proper strategies can be developed ahead of time to make the process easier overall.

Here are some things to consider now:

- If your parent (or other family member) requires caregiving, reach out to other family members. Build a team that can sit down to fully examine and discuss the situation to determine how it can be handled. Having a team for handling the entire process can be extremely beneficial, especially if the task will be long-term.

- Designate tasks to members of the team. Examples include: housework, monitoring medication, bill-paying and financial management. If you ensure that everyone has clearly outlined tasks, it can ensure that everyone is aware of their personal duties, but will also know that other tasks are being handled, rather than just assuming they are being taken care of. Having the entire team in on the conversation can help reduce the feeling that someone is feeling completely burdened with all the tasks.

- Communication is key through the entire process. Since caregiving is not a one-size-fits-all concept, it will take time as well as adjustment. By remembering that this is a moving piece in action, it is easier to have regular communication with everyone so that changes can be easily, and everyone remains on the same page.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. Column source: Consumer Reports, December 2017

Dairy seeks permit for employee RV park

P&Z to convene next week

Another agricultural housing development has been proposed for the Marsing area.

DeRuyter Properties, L.P., has applied for a conditional use permit to build a small recreational vehicle park west of town.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear the CUP application at 10 a.m. next Wednesday in Murphy.

The DeRuyter Dairy application is the first of three CUP hearings planned at the courthouse annex, 17069 Basey St.

A two-lot residential subdivision six miles south/southeast of Marsing, and a one-lot residential subdivision

short plat approval also are scheduled to be heard.

The DeRuyter application seeks a six-space RV park on 431 acres on the northwest corner of the intersection of Thompson and Buntrock roads, nearly 2½ miles northwest of Marsing.

The development would house dairy employees.

In the summer of 2015, Nederend Dairy came to the city council with a plan to build a 32-unit residential subdivision on Edwards Street off Main Street. The proposal never came to fruition after citizens voiced concern about how the development would affect traffic and city services.

For more information on the hearings or to obtain copies of the proposed projects, contact the Owyhee P&Z office at (208) 495-2095, ext. 2.

HHS grad makes LCSC honors

A Homedale High School graduate is among nearly 900 students to earn honor roll distinction at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston.

Maria C. Uriarte of Homedale was one of 426 students named

to the President's List for the fall 2017 semester.

To qualify for the President's List, students must have a 3.75 grade-point average or higher on at least 12 graded credits in level 100 classes or above.

Correction

A Jan. 10 article on the new security system for county buildings in Murphy was incorrect. The county has only one card key printer.

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Calendar

Today

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series
Noon, free lunch and presentation, RSVP by Monday, Jan. 15, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131

Movie time
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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 after-school program
4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Academic Bowl
4:15 p.m., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale.

GV Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

John Birch Society community meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-6077

Friday

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

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

Saturday

Free lunch
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Men’s Wild Game Feed
6 p.m., dinner and silent auction, \$15 adults, \$10 children 10 and younger, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd., Wilder (208) 337-3151

Monday

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

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

Tuesday

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.

After-school program
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019

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Thursday, Jan. 25

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Friday, Jan. 26

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

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Saturday, Jan. 27

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Monday, Jan. 29

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

After-school program
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk available each day

Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Fruit & grain bar, string cheese pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans

Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, brownie

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Choc. chip muffin, string cheese, peaches, apple juice **Lunch:** Hot dog, baby carrots, macaroni & cheese

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy

Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Blueberry bash, mini waffles, string cheese, pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit snack

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day

Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans

Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon UBR, or cereal, yogurt peaches, juice **Lunch:** Calzone or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, brownie

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, fresh apple, juice **Lunch:** Crispito or PB&J sandwich, taco salad

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or cereal, yogurt, mixed fruit, juice **Lunch:** Hamburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit roll up

Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Donut or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day

Jan. 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast plate or French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt, juice **Lunch:** Chicken tender, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll or corn dog w/tater tots

Jan. 18: **Breakfast:** Donut holed or rolled taco or cereal, string cheese, juice **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or breakfast burrito or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or deli sandwich w/chips

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Bagel/cream cheese or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken taco or pizza hot pocket, corn

Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast casserole or mini pancakes or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Pork chjop or cheeseburger steak, roasted finger potatoes, dinner roll, goldfish crackers

Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs or toasted cheese sandwich, homemade tomato soup

Marsing Elementary

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily

Jan. 17: Super nachos, mixed vegetables or PB&J homemade, mixed vegetables

Jan. 18: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, whole-wheat roll, buttered corn or PB&J homemade

Jan. 22: Hot dog, baby baker potatoes or PB&J homemade, baby baker potatoes

Jan. 23: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, Italian breadstick or PB&J homemade, green beans

Jan. 24: Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes or PB&J homemade, baked sweet potatoes

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Jan. 23: Chicken parmesan, Italian breadstick green beans or Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, Italian breadstick

Jan. 24: Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes

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Obituaries

Tommy L. Bates

Tommy L. Bates, 88, of Grand View, died Thursday, January 11, 2018 at a care center in Mountain Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Tommy was born May 28, 1929 at the family farm house in Ontario, Oregon to Ted and Frances (Gribble) Bates. He went to school in Grand View as a young child, but the family moved to Nyssa, Oregon when he was a teen.

He graduated from Nyssa High School and while in high school he excelled in track and field. To this day, he still holds school records in track and field. He met the love of his life as a junior in high school, Ellen McGee. They married in 1948 and were happily married for sixty-nine years. He loved to hunt, fish and travel. They did so extensively, spending many years traveling between



Alaska and Mexico. He was also a charter member of the

Lions Club in Grand View and also the first fire chief for the volunteer fire department. Tommy loved to sing, whistle and tell jokes. He will be greatly missed. Tommy is survived by his wife, Ellen; sister, Margo (Rick) Mack; son, Robert (Sherry) Bates; daughters, Margaret (Ray) Ratliff and Cathy Bates; granddaughters, Jessica (Mike) Dewitt, Shaela (Justin) Gage and

Erika Bates; great-grandkids, Stetson Gilbert, Madison Gilbert, Tristan, Jack, and Austin Dewitt and Tristen Gage. Tommy was preceded in death by both parents, Ted and Frances Bates; and brother, Alton Bates. Memorials in his memory may be made to Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Street, Grand View, Idaho, 83624.

Veletta Marie (Stutheit) Gilmore



Veletta Marie Gilmore, age 84, of Homedale, Idaho, passed away Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Owyhee Health and Rehab. She had been ill with pneumonia. Veletta was born to Walter and Eva Stutheit of Nampa, Idaho on September 1, 1933. She moved, at age 8, with her family to Portland, Oregon where Veletta graduated from

Franklin High School In 1951. Soon after graduation Veletta joined and served honorably for two years in the United States Navy. Veletta is survived by five children, Sans Gilmore of Olympia, WA.; Tawn Underwood of Aberdeen, WA.; Kelita Rogers of Easton, WA.; Ty Collins of Caldwell, ID.; Crickett Ruiz of Aberdeen, WA;

and, eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Veletta is preceded in death by a son, Cord Collins of Homedale, ID., and one grandchild, Shawn Gilmore. A service and celebration of Veletta's life will be held at a later date. All of Veletta's children want to thank the staff at Owyhee Health and Rehab,

Homedale, for the last two years of outstanding care they gave our mother. We would also like to thank Roba and Wendy Vaughan whose family has become a part of our family over the last 25 years. Their love and friendship to our mom is beyond our ability to say thanks. Cremation was under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Glenn Kenneth Lillie

Glenn Kenneth Lillie, 87, of Homedale, passed away at home surrounded by family on January 10, 2018. Glenn was born October 12, 1930 on the family homestead at Lingle, Wyoming to Jessie McKellar Lillie and John Calvin Lillie, the last child of seven children. He attended school in Lingle, Wyoming. Upon graduation, Glenn joined the Air Force in 1948. Since he was not old enough to enlist, his parents had to give their written consent. Glenn completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He then went to airplane and engine mechanic school at Kessler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. Glenn volunteered to go to

Germany during the Berlin Air Lift; next he went to Great Falls AFB, Montana where he was a flight engineer instructor. In the winter of 1952, Glenn was sent to Lovelock, NV to drop hay to stranded cattle on ranches in that area, otherwise known as Operation Breakthrough. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1952. After his discharge, Glenn returned home to Lingle and worked at the Sunrise Iron Mine near Guernsey, Wyoming where he was a timber setter. Later he was employed as a mechanic for Rose Brothers Implement in Lingle. On September 6, 1953 Glenn married Vivian Johnson at Henry, Nebraska. Their first daughter, Cynthia Ann, was



born in November, 1954. They moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1955 where their son, John Clifton, was born in 1957. Glenn worked at the McConnell AFB as a pre-flight inspector on B47's. Anxious to get away from the Kansas weather and tornadoes, they sold their home,

packed all their belongings in an old trailer, and headed west with two small children. After arriving in the Treasure Valley, they decided this was the place for them. They did not know anyone here, but Glenn found employment within a week working on Ted Carson's farm in Homedale. A son, Donald Charles, was born in May, 1961 and a daughter, Lisa Marie, joined the family in March, 1965. Glenn and Vivian bought a farm southwest of Homedale in 1969, where Glenn raised alfalfa seed for many years before retiring in 2006. For several years, Vivian and Glenn traveled south in the winter. In 2017, they sold their farm where they had lived for 47 years. Glenn was a member of the Homedale Presbyterian Church and served as an elder and a deacon. Glenn is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Vivian; daughter Cynthia Machado of Morgan Hill, CA, son Donald (Sue) Lillie of Caldwell, and daughter Lisa (Phil)

Rittenhouse of Homedale; grandchildren Joseph Lillie, Joshua (Melissa) Lillie, Rebekah and Liz Machado, Kimberly Price, Bonnie (Jason) Hoewing, and Katie Price; great-grandchildren Josh Ansley, Lyla and Gunnar Lillie; Amelia, Annabelle and Adaline Hoewing. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; son, John Lillie; grandson, Adam Lillie; brothers, Clarence and Harlan Lillie; four sisters, June Yingling, Florence Lillie, Eva Norkett, and Verna Lillie, who was killed in a train accident when she was 16. Being a humble man, Glenn requested no funeral services. A family graveside memorial will be held on Friday, January 19th at the Homedale-Marsing Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Glenn's memory can be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (donate.lls.org), the Homedale Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 664, Homedale or the Presbyterian Church, 320 W. 6th St, Homedale.

Death notices

GEORGE H. MEEKINS, 82, of Melba and Marsing area, died on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018. Cremation: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252
TREVER LEE MILLER, 27, of Homedale, died on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. A viewing and memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at Nampa Funeral Home Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 442-8171

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Recollections from a porch in Silver City

As I sit on my porch in Silver City overlooking the town, I often think of the stories my mother, her brothers, sister, my grandmother and her brothers told me about living in Silver. My family history began in Silver in 1865 and continues today.

I sometimes wish, as others do, that I could have walked the streets of Silver during its heyday. But then I think of some of the stories. Not everything was rosy. With all the horses and oxen, there was obviously a lot of manure. This by itself wasn't so bad, but add to it all the outhouses (some located over creeks) and the fact that everyone had a garbage dump behind their home. The toilet in the Masonic Hall dumped directly into Jordan Creek and was still being used in the late 1950s!

Imagine all the smoke generated by several hundred homes and businesses burning wood and coal year-round. If you think inversions in the valley are bad, think of what Silver must have been like. My grandmother said she thought the stench was worse during the heat of summer.

The people who lived in this era were tough. They were much tougher than we are today. Every day

Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Clarence
Orton

was an exercise in survival. My grandparents had seven children. Obtaining food, water, wood and general household supplies was not easy. Think of raising seven kids with no washer and dryer, no dishwasher, no disposable diapers, no paper plates and cups, no refrigeration and no hot water, except when using the wood stove. Let's not forget about having to dig your way out the back door through snow to get to the outhouse. Talk about stress. Imagine what it must have been like to have an urgent calling to get to the toilet. During my life, I have been able to experience some of these hardships while spending time in Silver in the summer and winter. None of my experiences was nearly as harsh as what these pioneers endured.

There was fun to be had, though, during Silver's heyday. However, some of the things my great uncles

About the author

Clarence Orton's family has a long history with the Silver City and surrounding towns.

His family (Hawes and Leonard) were involved with mining on War Eagle and Florida Mountains and with stores in Silver City and De Lamar.

His grandfather, Robert H. Leonard Jr., was a judge in Silver City until the mid 1930s.

His great uncle Willie Hawes is known as the last fulltime resident and caretaker from Silver's heyday up to the 1960s. Orton served as the town's winter watchman for a time.

When he was a teenager, Orton worked on a ranch in Jordan Valley and on the Tim and Jim Nettleton ranches below the mouth of Castle Creek along the Snake River.

Although he has a home in Meridian, Orton spends most of his time in Silver City and traveling the Owyhees.

He has been active in the Silver City Property Owners, Inc., since 1971, and his parents were charter members of the property owners group and the Owyhee County Historical Society.

told me about the pranks they played on the Chinese wouldn't be acceptable in today's society. They never hurt anyone nor damaged property, but were very annoying to the Chinese.

My mother (Ruby Leonard Orton Townsend) was born in Silver and attended school there through the eighth grade. She then moved to Boise and lived with friends until she graduated from Boise High School. She spoke often of the days

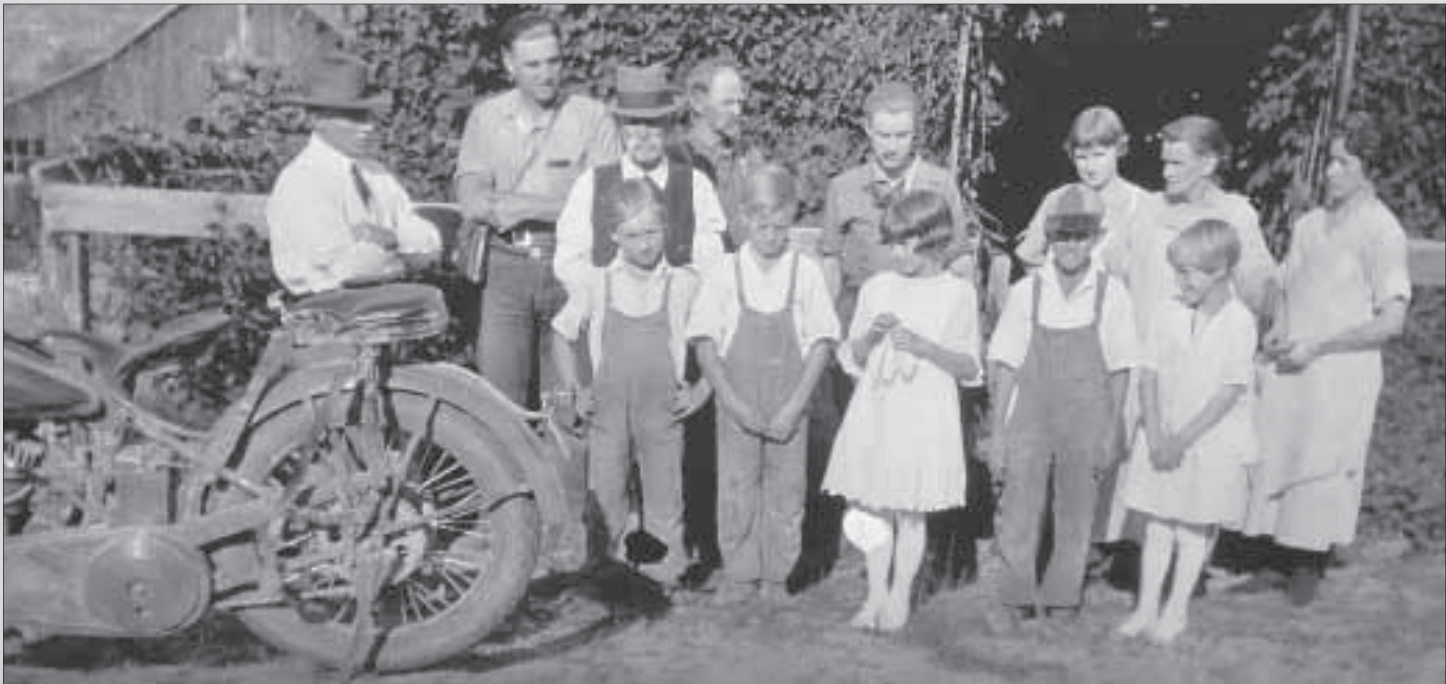
attending school in Silver. In the winter, they would ski to school and then during lunch some of them would hike part way up Florida Mountain and ski down. She also told me of an adventure one time where she and others skied over New York Summit to the Murphy side, were picked up by automobile, drove to Oreana to a dance, then returned to Silver that night. They worked hard to have fun.

The Leonard family had a

home in Silver where they lived during the winter, but also had a home about one mile up Jordan Creek where they lived during the summer. They often swam in the ice pond in Jordan Creek, which was between Silver and their summer home. In the winter, people would cut ice blocks from the pond, haul them to Silver and pack them in a sawdust-insulated building.

When I was a very young boy I made dozens of trips to and from Silver with my Uncle Fred Leonard. He knew the road very well, day and night. Once when my cousin and I were riding out of Silver at night with him, he kept dozing off but would always snap out of it before going off the road. My cousin and I found this amusing, but one time my cousin reached over to help a little with the steering wheel. Uncle Fred opened his eyes and swatted his hand away and said, "What the heck are you trying to do, kill us all?" We cracked up.

— Send your Owyhee memories for the Reminiscing feature to jon@owyheeavalanche.com. Call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information.



The Leonard and Hawes families stand in front of the summer home a mile up Jordan Creek from Silver City.

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HMS students build inclusive Future City

Eighth-graders lead team into regional

Homedale Middle School students are preparing their entry into this year’s Future City regional.

The theme for Saturday’s competition at Boise State University is “age-friendly city.” The city must have accessibility for the elderly.

The HMS group, which is supervised by science teacher Kim Portwood, has split up into three teams to produce a city model that meets a couple goals.

First, they must create an environmentally friendly city. Second, the city must have happy, healthy, active, and engaged “Sims.”

The design team, led by eighth-grader John Lejardi, is responsible for creating the physical model of the city.

Another eighth-grader, Tea Uranga, is leader for the essay team, which must compose a detailed description of the city that is no longer than 1,500 words.

The “Sims” team, tasked with creating the virtual city, is headed up by eighth-grader Allison Whitehead.

The city, known as Vetus-Bona, must have three different and clearly defined zones: industrial, commerce, and residential. Each building within the zones must have a function that is also clearly defined.

Examples of the buildings in the city include a recycling center, a golf course, fire

and police stations, and The Manor. The Manor’s design offers a futuristic view of a nursing home in which the upper floors are inhabited by lower-functioning residents who are in need of more acute care. Residents living on the lower floors are higher functioning.

The teams have deadlines in which certain aspects of the project must be completed.

The essay portion, which describes the various aspects of the city, and the project plan was finished Dec. 13.

The Sim city was completed Dec. 6. The virtual city was created along with a Power Point presentation to show the goals of the city. Eighth-grader Ryker Johnson was team leader.

The physical model will need to be completely designed and ready to go by the competition on Jan. 20. Team members gathered on Fridays to put more work into the model.

At the competition, Uranga, Whitehead and fellow eighth-grader Belisia Larzelier will present the project for the judges.

When presenting to the judges, the expectation is to do it without reading something prepared but rather to be fully knowledgeable about the topic.

The HMS entry will be graded on multiple aspects, including the model and the rubrics (which defines a particular aspect’s purpose or function). The city must have proper infrastructure, such as water, power, and roadways. Also included are public ser-



Above: Homedale Middle School eighth-grader Tea Uranga and seventh-grader Trenton Rooks analyze one of the commercial buildings of Vetus-Bona, HMS’s entry into the Future City competition. Vetus-Bona will be presented to judges Jan. 20 at Boise State University. **Below:** Seventh-graders Kambell Garrett (left) and Bailey Purdom put finishing touches on a building for Vetus-Bona.



sists of eighth-graders Uranga, Larzelier, Johnson, Eli Heck, and Whitehead and her sister Elizabeth. Seventh-graders working on the project include Catie Decker, Kambell Garrett, Rylan Love, Bailey Purdom, and Trenton Rooks.

If the team finishes in the top five, they will present in front of an audience instead of just the judges. The Homedale team has finished in the top five each of the last four years.

“We got fourth, then we got third, last year we got second,” Uranga said. “So big plans for this year.”

Two Homedale teams have won the regional championship in the past. Regional winners advance to the national competition in Washington D.C.

— TK

vices such as public safety.

“The city must have quality workmanship and age-appropriateness,” Uranga said. “This means that it must look like it could be built by us, not something that was built by someone a lot older than us, like our parents.”

The cities in the competition must have at least one moving part. The Homedale team’s city has four. This includes the golf course and wave generator.

The materials used in the creation of the city must be recycled.

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Officials discuss RS 2477 assertions Friday in Murphy. **From left:** Owyhee County Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff, Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area manager Amanda Hoffman, Bureau Land Management Bruneau Field Office manager Tanya Thrift, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland and District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick.



Commissioners, BLM compare notes on RS 2477 routes

Officials from Owyhee County and the Bureau of Land Management sat down Friday in the next phase of the RS 2477 road validation process.

The county commissioners and BLM managers Tanya Thrift (Bruneau Field Office) and Amanda Hoffman (Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area) compared notes on roads and trails during a special meeting in Murphy.

By analyzing county maps created through a series of public meetings and BLM’s own maps vetted by on-the-ground examination, the people in the room began the process through which they hope to form a consensus.

“This is helping to ensure the future of access for all of us,” Thrift said. “Everyone has a huge stake in this.”

Not every route will be agreed upon in the meetings. The commissioners continued

the process Tuesday in a coordination meeting.

Board of County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi said that the county will maintain their RS 2477 assertions even on roads that may have been found to be different than public meeting findings to preserve Owyhee’s rights.

A federal court eventually will rule on the RS 2477 claims, but meetings like the one held Friday aim to cut down on the number of disputes.

“It would make it a lot easier and better if we could work together on this going forward,” Aberasturi said.

No decisions were made during the meeting.

“We want to make sure things are tracking ahead,” Thrift said. “We want to make sure all our records are matching.”

The first meeting dealt with the county’s Canyonlands East and Birds of Prey maps.

“I think this is awesome,” Thrift said during the meeting.

“After going through and double-checking staff, I feel pretty good.”

Mary Huff, the county’s Planning and Zoning administrator who spearheaded the validation meeting process, and county staff coordinator Jim Desmond also attended the meeting.

“There is an amazing amount of agreement on this,” Huff told the others in the meeting.

The BLM and county will analyze the Canyonlands West (northwest part of the county) and Grand View maps in the next round of meetings.

Thrift expects few problems with the Canyonlands West region because of rugged terrain. The Grand View map may be a different issue.

“Grand View is where there is going to be more challenges to overcome,” she said.

The challenge, Thrift said, would be to strike a balance between grazing and recreation.

— JPB

County jail passes quarterly inspection

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office passed its Board of County Commissioners fourth-quarter jail inspection, which applies for the period of October through December.

The county’s three commissioners — Jerry Hoagland (District 1), Kelly Aberasturi (District 2), and Joe Merrick (District 3) — conducted the inspection Jan. 8.

The inspection’s conclusions included:

- No escapes or attempted escapes
- No physical or operational weakness regarding security at the jail
- No complaints filed regarding treatment and conditions of inmates
- No unusual sickness or infection at the jail
- The facility has a cleaning schedule and a written medical delivery process (including clear guidance on inmate care
- Plumbing, lighting, ventilation, furnishings and security hardware are in working order
- There is a written policy to govern food service operation
- There is a written agreement with a physician or health authority to provide services to inmates
- The facility follows procedure to govern inmate classification
- Inmates have access to legal services and supplies
- Newly admitted inmates are provided clothing, bedding, and hygiene items

The sheriff’s office is currently looking to fill two recent vacancies in its full-time detention deputy roster.

Commissioners sign Amerigas contract

County commissioners have approved the 2018 Amerigas propane contract.

According to the propane supply agreement and equipment lease, the county agrees to purchase 13,000 gallons with a

fixed price of \$1.30 per gallon. Agreement is for the period Feb. 1, 2018 to Jan. 30, 2019.

The contract further states cylinders of propane purchased by Owyhee County in excess of the first 13,000 gallons will be priced according to the county’s existing supply agreement and equipment lease.

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Polling places set

The commissioners established the usual dozen vote precincts as the election season nears.

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No. 2 South Homedale — Magistrate courtroom, City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

No. 3 North Marsing — Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

No. 4 South Marsing — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W.

No. 5 Pleasant Valley — Mail ballot only

No. 6 Wilson — Wilson Schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane

No. 7 Murphy — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Hwy. 78

No. 8 Oreana — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road

No. 9 Grand View — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.

No. 10 Bruneau — American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

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The next round of classes for the Homedale School District program will run from Feb. 2 to Feb. 18.

Classes are held on Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

A mandatory student/parent night is January 29, 2018 at the high school library at 6:30 p.m.

The class fee has been \$180, but it is determined each session, according to instructor Luci Asumendi. Students also must have a supervised instruction permit, which is obtained from the

Division of Motor Vehicles. The permit costs \$21.50 and must be purchased on or before the first day of class.

The deadline to pay the class fee is Feb. 1. If the fee isn't paid by that time, the student can sign up for the next session.

All class-related fees are paid at the Homedale High School office, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Students also must bring a birth certificate, Social Security card or number, proof residency, a photo ID and a Verification of Compliance form.

The verification form is obtained from the high school office.

Woman with Homedale ties teaches sign language

Six-week classes begin Thursday at Bowling Alley

Many people born deaf or hard of hearing feel they don't have a voice. For a large portion of those people, American Sign Language (ASL) gives them that voice.

Bekki Boslau, a Treasure Valley native, was born deaf. ASL has always been her voice.

“For most deaf people, those with moderate to profound deafness, it’s our first language,” Boslau said. “I think it is essential to provide all the tools to a deaf child.”

She said English and ASL are both important for equality for a child.

“Depriving a (deaf) child of language, especially ASL, can impact them later in life with self-identity and lack of placement in the world,” Boslau said.

Boslau will begin six weeks of ASL instruction Thursday at the Bowling Alley in Homedale. There is a family class from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and an adult class from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The cost for the class is \$90 per person, but if they refer a friend who takes the class as well, it's \$75 per person. The family class is \$55 for adults and \$25 per child.

Boslau, whose parents graduated from Homedale High School, got the classes set up with the help of Tara Adams, whose company, ASL Expressions LLC, is bringing the classes to Homedale.

The mother of two Homedale Elementary students, Boslau understands there's a financial commitment to taking these classes, but the only other real option to taking the class

in a community setting like this is taking it at a college or university. She knows most people aren't in a position to do that.

The cost for the class is used for the time spent on the curriculum, videos, and materials.

All materials are provided and participants will have unlimited access to the website, which has videos of signs.

Boslau is a signing assistant paraprofessional for the West Ada School District. She is also a substitute teacher for Idaho Educational School for the Deaf and Blind in Meridian.

"I had tons of speech therapy during the first few years of my life," she said. She added, "I can speak a little, and not clearly, that's for sure."

A big reason that educating people with ASL and about the deaf culture is important to her is so they can know how to deal with a situation whenever they run into a deaf person.

Because Boslau has so much experience in education and has such complete knowledge of the culture and language itself, she feels she can help the community succeed at learning how to sign without certification.

If a hearing person wants to teach ASL they must go through intensive training, education, and have a certification. In the state of Idaho they have to pass a test per the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

People can learn some sign language with books and videos, but Boslau encourages people to come down for the classes.

“The best way to learn ASL is in person. It is a visual language.”

— TK

Mtn. View Nazarene's men's wild game feed back Saturday

A retired Fish and Game officer will give testimony during the 14th annual Men's Wild Game Feed on Saturday.

The annual Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Men's Group fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m. at the church, 26515 Ustick Rd., Wilder. The church is located on the corner of Batt Corner Road and Ustick Road between Homedale and Wilder.

There also will be a silent auction. Proceeds will help the church's Men's Group accomplish service projects throughout the year. The group focuses

on helping widows and orphans.

Dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and younger. The food will be wild game prepared by the men who hunted it during the season.

Some of those hunters may have come across Don Sturtevant during his Fish and Game career.

Sturtevant will share his on-the-job experiences and his personal testimony of faith.

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MHS girls' tough
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Avalanche Sports

Hall's gold leads three Magic Valley medalists

Huskies wrestlers tie
for 10th in team ranks

Marsing High School's top wrestlers at the Magic Valley Classic wasted little time claiming their medals. Wrestling back at his traditional 220

pounds, Mason Hall pinned Declo's Dawson Osterhout three seconds before the first-period horn to win the championship Saturday. Hall had begun the season as a heavyweight before settling back into the weight class in which he has competed at the past three 2A state

tournaments. Hall pinned Osterhout in the same time (1 minute, 57 seconds) to open the tournament Friday in Wendell. He pinned Melba's Gage Cussins in 2:16 in the quarterfinals and needed just 28 seconds to wipe out Firth's Cole Barrett to reach the title match.

Medals from Hall, fourth-place 182-pounder Jaden Kinney and fifth-place 160-pounder Jesus Duran helped Marsing finished tied with Challis for 10th in the team standings. Fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference teams

— See *Medalists*, page 14

Trojans' mission to get No. 2 seed clear

Wins Thursday, Tuesday are crucial in quest

A big win has preserved Homedale High School's chances to grab the No. 2 seed in the 3A District III girls' basketball tournament. The Trojans will have to do some work to get the first-round bye at Treasure Valley Community College, though. Homedale went on the road and walloped Weiser, 41-27, on Friday to close out the first half of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a half-game lead over Fruitland for second place. The Grizzlies at the moment have the tiebreaker by virtue of their 36-30 victory in Homedale on Jan. 6. Homedale (8-8 overall, 3-1 in conference) plays Payette, which has lost 31 straight conference games, on Thursday then gets its chance at revenge on Tuesday when the Trojans visit Fruitland (7-10, 3-2)

Jan. 9: Parma 63, Homedale 41 — An 18-8 run to close the first half helped the first-place Panthers win a conference game at home. The teams had played to an 11-11 tie in the first quarter. The Trojans mounted a comeback with 16 points in the third quarter, but Parma was able to extend its lead to 15 points heading into the final eight minutes. The Panthers built momentum toward their ninth consecutive win by scoring 19 points off 18 Homedale

— See *Trojans*, page 13



Homedale's Nelson Lomeli finishes a second-half fast break against Weiser.

SRV leaders to face Fruitland

Trojans off to 2-0 start
after winless 2016-17

The Homedale High School boys' basketball team opened conference play with two impressive victories. The Trojans shocked one of the 3A Snake River Valley conference's top teams, Payette, 62-51, on Saturday on the Pirates' home floor. "That was a great game for us, going out

on the road for a big win," Homedale coach Chad Mann said. The upset put Homedale atop the conference by a half-game over perennial favorite Fruitland. First play could be on the line Friday when the Trojans (5-8 overall, 2-0 3A SRV) play host to Grizzlies (9-4, 1-0 at week's end). Fruitland played last-place Weiser on Tuesday after deadline. The Trojans wasted little time grabbing

— See *Leaders*, page 15

Huskies come alive in thriller

On a balanced offensive night, a freshman reserve helped short-handed Marsing High School defensively. Jacob Ankeny delivered key plays in five minutes on the floor during the Huskies' exciting 47-45 boys' basketball victory over 2A Western Idaho Conference foe New Plymouth on Saturday. "Jacob Ankeny logged about five minutes total and came up with two rebounds and a great block to make his presence felt inside," MHS coach Tim Little said. Big baskets from starters Enrique Quebrado and Tyler Wood sparked a 14-6 third-quarter run to help Marsing (6-7 overall, 1-2 in conference) take control of the game. The Huskies forged a three-way tie for third place behind unbeaten co-leaders Cole Valley Christian and Nampa Christian, who face off Friday.

"Our league is extremely even right now — no team has come out at as the team to beat — and even though NC and CV were undefeated (after) tonight, all games in our league have been very close," Little said after Saturday's games. New Plymouth (2-10, 0-3) kept the game close with a 2-3 zone that stifled the Huskies' penetration and held Quebrado without a field goal in the first half. The Pilgrims' 25-20 lead wouldn't last long, however, after the intermission. In the third quarter, Little said, the Huskies' defense came

— See *MHS*, page 15

Sports

Antelopes sharper than Harper

The Adrian High School boys' basketball team enjoyed a successful weekend in 1A High Desert League play.

On Friday, the Antelopes beat Harper Charter, 65-43, at home after leading by 14 points at halftime.

Junior Warren DeMark led Adrian with 27 points. Five of his 11 makes were from beyond three-point line.

DeMark's brother Miller, a senior, finished with a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds. Senior post Andy Walker scored just four points but had a physical game on the glass, pulling down 16 boards.

Freshman Raul Baheña chipped in with nine points on three treys.

Saturday: Adrian 60, Crane 55 — The Antelopes needed a comeback to pull off the league win Saturday.

Adrian found themselves down 27-18 at halftime to the Mustangs.

"We played poorly in the first half," coach Craig DeMark said. "Then had possibly our best half of the season in the second."

The second half saw Adrian outscore Crane, 42-28.

Warren DeMark again led the scoring charge, putting in 12 of his team-high 21 in the fourth quarter.

The Antelopes had two players collect double-doubles: Miller DeMark (11 points, 13 rebounds) and Walker (13 each).



Jordan Valley's Chase Fillmore (left) puts up a shot against Huntington's Derrick Harding on Thursday. Submitted photo

Mustangs boys derail Locomotives

Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team came away with two 1A High Desert League home wins last week.

The Mustangs (12-2 overall, 3-0 in league at week's end) rode a 25-point halftime lead to a 77-46 blowout of Huntington on Thursday.

Senior Kirk Eiguren made his presence known right away against the Locomotives, scoring 18 of his 22 points in the first two quarters.

Senior Chase Fillmore put up 18 points for the game, with 12 coming in the first half. Another senior, Wade Stanford, and junior Zeke Quintero scored 14 each.

The Locomotives were led by junior Kyle Kondo, who finished with 13 points, and sophomore Derrick Harding with 12.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 61, Burnt River 10 — The Mustangs came out scorching versus the Bulls and coasted to an easy win on Saturday night.

Jordan Valley sprinted on a 21-0 tear through the first quarter and never looked back. The Mustangs went into the half with a 32-7 lead, for which Burnt River would have no answer.

Eiguren led all scorers with 11 points, while sophomore teammate Don Youren chipped in 10.

Ten of the 11 Mustangs scored at least one basket.

The visiting Bulls saw just three players score. Paldo Rodriguez tallied six points, including one three-point goal.

✓Trojans: Swallow logs 15

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turnovers. Parma made 55.2 percent of its shots (16-for-29) after the intermission.

Only four Homedale players broke into the scoring column, including Josey Hall with 16 points and Jayci Swallow with a career-high 15 points.

Swallow connected on three three-point goals. Faith Jacobson had a trey for part of her five points, and Amaya Carter was the only other HHS athlete to score, notching in five points and six rebounds.

Hall led the team with seven boards, and Ashley Burks collected four of her five rebounds on the Homedale glass.

Parma's Madison Jackson led all scorers with 25 points, and she had a team-high seven rebounds.

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Girls' basketball
Josey Hall, jr., P
Led team with 16 points, 7 rebounds vs. Parma

Boys' basketball
Robert Evans-Quijano, sr., P
6 points in big win over Payette

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 18, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Jan. 18, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph

Thursday, Jan. 18, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Jan. 17, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Wednesday, Jan. 17, home vs. Marsing, 6 p.m.

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Wednesday, Jan. 17, home vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19 at Padilla Invitational, Parma H.S., 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20 at Padilla Invitational, Parma H.S., 9 a.m.

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Sports

✓ Medalists:
Kinney, Duran
make stand, too

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New Plymouth (seventh) and McCall-Donnelly (ninth) finished better.

After losing in the semifinals (a 28-second pin vs. West Jefferson's Zane Mecham), Kinney rallied with a pinfall of McCall-Donnelly's Parker Pyle (1:29) in the consolation semifinals.

The senior lost the third-place match when Jerimiah Hansen of Soda Springs pinned him for the second time in the tournament six seconds into the second round of their bout.

Kinney pinned Hansen in 1:13 to break out of the quarterfinals.

Duran needed just 32 seconds to pin Denzil Lloyd of Raft River in the 160-pound fifth-place match.

The senior pinned Filer's Owenn Meyer in 2:15 to reach the quarterfinals, but McCall's Tuff Bentz squeezed out a 7-6 decision.

Other MHS quarterfinalists were:

- Adonis Stelzried (138) with pins against Declo's Ethan Gould (4:22) and Scott Hunzeker of Soda Springs (5:02).
- Seth Black (170) with a 84-second pin of Challis competitor Nathan Schwenke.

Other results included:

- Dawson Walker (170) pinned Melba's Abraham De La Torre (1:32) in the consolation bracket.
- Bastion Ackerman (145) pinned Soda Springs' Cole Barnes (2:31).
- Troy Miller (98) beat Jake Drummond of Wood River, 9-0.



Marsing's Mackenzie Farrens (left) fights to put up a shot against Melba's Katie Clark. Photo by Dan Pease

After facing league
leaders, Marsing has
another big week ahead

Games may be
key to district
positioning

Even with losses against the conference's top teams last week, Marsing High School can help shape the girls' basketball district bracket this week.

The Huskies fell to second-place Cole Valley Christian, 60-44, on the road Friday.

No statistics were provided.

There won't be any bracket busting, but the Huskies (8-7 overall, 1-5 in conference) can climb a little higher in the lineup with wins at McCall-Donnelly on Thursday and at home against Nampa Christian on Tuesday.

Both teams are tied for fourth place, a game ahead of Marsing. The Huskies trail current No. 3 seed New Plymouth by two games with four games remaining.

Coach Jake Dugger's squad can secure the No. 5 seed tiebreaker by beating the Vandals on the road and sweeping the season series.

Grabbing the fourth seed tiebreaker against Nampa Christian may be more challenging because the Trojans beat the Huskies by nine points in their first meeting this season.

Jan. 9: Melba 88, Marsing 33 — A fast start propelled the unbeaten Mustangs to a school-record point total in a 2A WIC game on the Huskies' floor.

Kori Pentzer scored 29 points, and Kate Clark added 22 points, and Melba roared out to a 27-10 lead after eight minutes.

Elsa Margarito and Mackenzie Farrens scored nine points each to lead Marsing, which never led in the contest.

The Huskies committed 28 turnovers, and Melba capitalized for 32 points off the miscues.

Marsing managed to connect on just 32.5 percent of its field goals (13-for-40).

Margarito was 3-for-6 from beyond the three-point line for all of her points. Farrens converted four of seven two-point tries and led the team with five rebounds.

MARSING HUSKIES

Girls' basketball
Elsa Margarito, sr., G
3 3-pointers, nine points vs. Melba

Boys' basketball
Joaquin Oliveros, so., G
6 points, 5 defensive rebounds, 4 assists in two games

Wrestling
Mason Hall, sr., 220 pounds
Won Magic Valley Classic title with first-round pin

Girls' basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 18 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 18 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24, home vs. Cole Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Homedale, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Homedale, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24, home vs. Cole Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Varsity
Friday, Jan. 19 at 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament, Garden Valley
Saturday, Jan. 20 at Mile High Duals, McCall, 10 a.m.

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Sports

✓ MHS: Quebrado nets 13

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alive and the offense adjusted to build a lead the team wouldn't relinquish.

"Our offense looked better against the zone, and we moved the ball well," the coach said.

Quebrado rallied for a pair of three-point goals, and he led all players with 13 points. Wood had eight points and seven rebounds. Dwight Sevy chipped in nine points with four boards.

Hyrum Lindsey and Tanner Butler each had 10 for NP.

Thursday: McCall-Donnelly 54, Marsing 48 — The Huskies managed just 13 first-half points after a long road trip to face the Vandals in 2A WIC play.

"This is always a tough road game for everyone in our league," Little said.

"McCall shot the ball extremely well. Defensively, we gave up way too much

penetration, which allowed them to kick to open shooters."

"That was frustrating, especially when we work on those scenarios in practice for hours a week. I guess I need to do a better job teaching it to our players."

The Vandals drained seven three-point goals, but still had to work to maintain the advantage after gaining a 10-point halftime lead.

Only seven Huskies were eligible to play four quarters.

"We were shorthanded, and fatigue became a factor down the stretch."

The Huskies had fewer turnovers than their hosts with 13, but couldn't capitalize on McCall's 19 miscues.

Quebrado went 5-for-15 from the field, knocking down three three-point goals and leading Marsing with 14 points.

Sevy scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

✓ Leaders: Trojans at the top

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momentum against Payette, starting strong out of the gate to build a nine-point halftime lead, 35-26. Junior Carson Brown scored 11 of his game-high 21 points before the intermission.

"I feel like we controlled the game, tip-off to buzzer," Mann said. "My guys were really composed."

Homedale didn't let up coming out of the break. The team matched its second-quarter total of 16 points in the third and headed into the final period ahead by 18 points, 51-33. The junior was 6-for-10 from the free-throw line.

Payette (8-5, 0-1) made a fourth-quarter run, outscoring Homedale by seven behind Colton Lewis, who scored half of his team's points for the period. The senior finished with a team-high 14.

Scott Matlock finished tied with sophomore Nelson Lomeli with 12 points. A senior post, Matlock put up 10 in the first half.

HHS junior Mason Kincheloe chipped in nine, and Robert Evans-Quijano came off the bench for six points.

Seniors Bryant Gerdes and Mason Rynearson tossed in 11 points each for the home team.

Despite the big win, Mann tempered the celebration.

"There are plenty more challenges with Fruitland and Parma coming up," the sec-

ond-year coach said.

Thursday: Homedale 36, Weiser 32 — The Trojans snapped a nine-game conference season losing streak (and a string of 12 losses against conference opponents) with a comeback win against the visiting Wolverines.

The boys stumbled off the blocks, scoring 11 first-half points, but Weiser didn't fair much better and headed into the break with a 16-11 lead.

"We expected them to slow the game down but not to the extent that they did," Mann said of the Wolverines.

"Coach (Brad) Adolfson did a great job of getting us out of what we like to do, which is play with pace and push the ball when the opportunity presents itself."

HHS outscored Weiser, 25-16, in the second half to pull off the win. The finish was punctuated by Lomeli's exciting late-game three-pointer that got fans on their feet and kept the Wolverines at bay.

Kincheloe and Brown scored nine points each to lead Homedale, and Matlock dished in seven.

"Carson (Brown) has shown a lot of leadership this year, and the Weiser game is an example of how he did that," Mann said. "He's shown a lot of maturity with dealing with these situations."

Braden Bumgarner scored 11 for the Wolverines, and Taylor Doty added six.

From page 1

✓ Oath: MES 5th Day school touted

Chris Even was named council president for 2018.

MES teacher discusses 5th Day program

Marsing third-grade teacher John Barenberg visited the council to discuss the Unite! 5th Day program in practice at the elementary school.

The program for students kindergarten through fifth grade runs three Fridays a month from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Kindergarteners through second-graders work with Dorothy Hutchings, an MES second-grade teacher, while Barenberg works with third-through fifth-graders.

The 5th Day program is funded through a two-year grant from the Albertsons Foundation. It is currently in its first year.

The younger students engage in activities such as making dioramas, painting, crafts, physical activity, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities.

The older students work on photography, virtual reality activities, physical activities, and computer coding.

A big emphasis for this program is no school work.



Marsing City Clerk/Treasurer Janice Bicandi (left) swears in council members Jolyn Green (middle) and new appointee Tony Malmberg at City Hall during the council meeting last Wednesday.

Barenberg said that it's important to understand that this is not just a school program but a community program as well.

Participants will be spreading the word with visits, in addition to the city council, to the Lizard Butte Library and the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Security means City Hall hours will change

Mayor James Ferdinand discussed the impending change in City Hall's security.

The contract with Mountain Alarm System has been ratified. The cost for the

city for the equipment and installation is \$1,687.40, with an additional \$35 per month for monitoring.

The monitoring aspect of the system is month-to-month and does not require a contract.

Additionally, with the new alarm system in place, the plan is for City Hall to remain open during lunch starting in February.

The mayor also discussed the Marsing Disaster Auction. The approved up to \$500 to help Marsing High School's senior class finance its graduation party.

— TK

✓ BPA: State meet set for March in Boise

High School.

The rest of Homedale's 2017-18 BPA roster features eight seniors, five juniors and a freshman.

Students who qualified for the state competition to be held at Boise State University on March 8-10 include:

- The first-place Parliamentary Procedures team of seniors Lauryn Fisher, Tylee McKay, Jesse Packer, and Krista Mayer; juniors Jaeger Rose and Drew Deal; and sophomores Spencer Fisher and Delanyie Dorsey.

- Sophomore Daniel Uranga won the Fundamentals of Word Processing championship, while teammates Packer and Mayer were second and third, respectively.

- Senior Kaden Henry, who won the Intermediate Word Processing title.

- Seniors Julia Gomez and Kendall Nash, who finished second and third, respectively, in Basic Office Systems and Procedures.

- Sophomore Nyelah Johnson qualified for state with a third-place finish in



Marsing High School BPA video production team members Landry Villa (left) and Matthew Lee take part in Friday's regional. Cade Freeman was the third member of the team.

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The Parliamentary Team, advised by FFA adviser and teacher Sue Poland, was as good as Grove suspected it would be. He expected a state qualifying performance, and that's just what the squad did.

"We have had pretty good success over the past nine years since I have been (at HHS)," Grove said. "We usually

have about a 50 percent state qualifying rate."

State championship qualify for the national competition in Dallas from May 9 to May 13. Homedale's Deena Emry won a national title in Interview Skills in 2013.

No regional results for host school Marsing's BPA team were submitted before deadline.

— TK



Twenty people raise their game cards in unison Saturday after winning the fourth game of the Marsing Lions Club's Saturday bingo night. Submitted photo

Record 20-person bingo called at Marsing Lions event

The win startled Marsing Lions Club bingo regulars, not because of the size of the jackpot, but because of the size of the winners' pool.

Twenty people shared in one of the bingos Saturday night at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

That's more than 20 percent of a crowd of about 90 taking a piece of what was supposed to be a \$50 payoff on the fourth game of the night.

Lions Club officials are calling the occurrence a record.

"We've never seen it before. Everyone shouted 'bingo' at the same time, and it startled the whole room," Lions Club member Jeannie Drennon said.

"All the cards were different, and the winning spots were in different spots on the cards."

The game was a box of four squares.

"We usually try to have a few really fast games in with the longer games just to have variety," Drennon said.

"It just happened that the numbers all lined up for 20 winners this time. It was pretty funny."

Drennon said prize pools for subsequent games were rearranged so the 20 winners could at least come away with \$5 each.

The blackout still paid close to \$150 to end the night.

The next bingo night is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10.

— JPB

From page 1

✓ Pedestrian: Colleagues appoint Atkins council president once again

Idaho Power owns the streetlight near City Park; Smith said he is also consulting with AME Electric about getting a brighter bulb in the streetlight in front of the high school, which was installed as part of the city's Local Improvement District project nearly a decade ago.

"We're working to make it a more visible and a lot safer crosswalk," Smith said.

New councilman Mike Aebischer said he has already researched prices for a solar-powered flashing light for the crosswalk. He said he found one example with an activation button for \$7,000.

"That's cheaper than someone going to the hospital," Aebischer said.

The city installed flashing pedestrian signs to the east and west of the crosswalk years ago, but they are constant rather than activated only when someone is in the crosswalk.

Atkins remains council president

Before Aebischer and Downing joined Mayor Gheen



Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram (left) administers the oath of office to (from left) Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and new councilmembers Tim Downing and Mike Aebischer.

Christoffersen to take the oath of office, the mayor presented outgoing councilmen Jerry Anderson and Shane Muir with plaques of appreciation.

Both men were appointed to fill board vacancies during Christoffersen's first term in office.

"They stepped up and stepped into some shoes that we really needed filled, and they did it and they've done a great job for us and I want you to know that we really appreciate the work that both of you have done," Christoffersen said.

After City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram administered the oath of office, Aebischer nominated Councilman Steve Atkins to continue as city council president. After Downing seconded the nomination, the vote was unanimous.

Auditor: Finances looking good

Homedale's new councilmen

Parker said. "The city is financially sound."

Parker said the city operated on nearly \$300,000 less in Fiscal Year 2017 than in FY 16, resulting in a net gain of \$279,209 in the government's fund balance.

And, Parker said, the fund balance improved even as the city continues to make double payments on water and sewer bonds. The city still owes about \$2.8 million on the sewer and water bonds.

The irrigation fund still finished with a negative balance — a deficit of more than \$28,000 — even though a rate increase was initiated in an attempt to close the gap.

He also told the council that the Local Improvement District bonding is scheduled to be paid off in four years. Downtown property owners within the LID boundaries are paying assessments that brought sidewalks, curbs, gutters and streetlights to Idaho Avenue and a four-block area centered on Idaho Avenue and Main Street.

— JPB

John Birch member to discuss UN plan Thursday

A member of the John Birch Society plans a free community meeting on Thursday.

TomMund will speak about the

United Nations' Agenda 21 and how the organization's global agenda affects Americans.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

For more information, call (208) 896-6077.

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✓ Gem: Board discusses ITD ramifications

entrance to town.

Among the topics discussed:

- The new sidewalk placement on Idaho highway 78 in front of the Marsing schools complex
- Because of ITD's plan to rehabilitate pavement all along Idaho 55, there will be no direct access to the parking in front of the highway district's office. The access would be in front of the welding and machine shop next door.

Gem is appealing to have the entrance widened so it can be split between the two properties.

The board agreed on its Marsing Disaster Auction donation. The district will

donate 20 yards of gravel, which will be split in two loads, for the Feb. 3 auction.

The Gem crew will deliver the gravel to the winning bidders.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

— TK

Honor roll

Homedale Middle School

First semester
Eighth grade
4.0 grade-point average
— Beal, Emma; Belnap, Athen R.; Conger, Summer R.; Diaz Hurtado, Daniela; Durrant, Alexa L.; Flores, Rose J.; Guzman, Cassandra; Henry, Abigail C.; Hergesheimer, Elizabeth R.; Lejardi, John M.; Swallow, Delaney D.; Tejeda Marroquin, Katherine A.; Uranga, Téa A.; Whitehead, Allison L.; and White, William T.
3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Aguilera, Christopher, 3.833; Heck, Eli J., 3.833; Hicks-Daniel, Colton D., 3.833; Johnson, Ryker K., 3.833; Larzelier, Belisia D., 3.833; Ramirez-Sanchez, Daryl, 3.833; Vega, Cristal, 3.833; Aberasturi, Amiya L., 3.8; Brown, Joshua D., 3.8; Cayford, Brianna N., 3.8; Fink, Breanna N., 3.8; Franko, Austin M., 3.8; Haun, William G., 3.8; Ross, Whitney M., 3.8; Ruiz, Jesus, 3.8; Martinez Jimenez, Natalia, 3.667; Martinez, Leonel d., 3.667; Nelson, Jordan L., 3.667; Whitehead, Elizabeth R., 3.667; Woodward, Tyler L., 3.667; Cortez, Jose L., 3.6; Bullard, Justin S., 3.5; and Garcia, Maribel M., 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 GPA — Ashli-man, Brooklyn T., 3.4; Gonzalez-Vega, Yasmin, 3.4; Liebschwager, Cody H., 3.4; Santana, Esmeralda, 3.4; Vega, Delia, 3.4; Crifffield, Emma S., 3.333; Jimenez, Diana, 3.333; Lopez, Ariana, 3.333; McBride, Amber L., 3.333; Simmons, Marcus A., 3.333; Vega Ayala, Brian A., 3.333; Villines, Summer N., 3.333; Wilson, Landen J., 3.333; Kelly, Cheyenne S., 3.2; Sanchez, Maria I., 3.2; Monreal, Silvestre A., 3.167; Serrano, Daniela K., 3.167; TenHulzen, Tucker M., 3.167; Van Es, Brandon L., 3.167; Aceves, Valerie A., 3.0; Galvan, Marcus T., 3.0; Gentry, Corben G., 3.0; Kinch-elope, Hayden S., 3.0; Palacios, Obed, 3.0; Romans, Logan C., 3.0; Scott, Bailey M., 3.0; and Souhrada, Torrie A., 3.0

Seventh grade
4.0 GPA — Chavez, Angel J.; Christoffersen, Katie L.; Fisher, Trenton A.; Frank, Maite I.; Layne, Jeffrey A.; Lindgren, Aubrey M.; Love, Rylan J.; Mata Lamas, Marysol; Parker, Jacy C.; Purdom,

HMS perfect attendance
First semester
Eighth grade — Diaz Hurtado, Daniela; Flores, Rose; Galvan, Marcus; Gonzalez-Vega, Yasmin; Johnson, Ryker; Kelly, Cheyenne; Monreal, Silvestre; Ramirez-Sanchez, Daryl; Ruiz, Jesus; Vega Albor, Daniela; and Vega, Cristal
Seventh grade — Albor Cortez, Yocelyn; Chavez, Angel; Detbun, Danny; Huskey, Corilynn; Lindgren, Aubrey; Love, Rylan; Mendez, Israel; Neil, Jazmine; Norris, Susan; Parker, Jacy; Rooks, Trenton; Stewart, LaRae; Teller, Danielle; and Tomevi, Kaden
Sixth grade — Godinez, Marisa; Hall, Abagale; McKay, Keegan; Nolasco-Contreras, Ramiro; Ortiz-Ponce, Izmael; Roseborough, Jocelynn; and Thomas, Lita
Fifth grade — Albor, Miguel; Buckley, Kenzie; Gonzalez Villarreal, Melissa; Henry, Lukas; Koepnick, Damian; Nolasco-Contreras, Angel; Santiago Martinez, Mirella; Stewart, Wyatt; Thatcher, Todd; and Valero, Brisa

Second quarter
Eighth grade — Brown, Joshua; Diaz Hurtado, Daniela; Flores, Rose; Galvan, Marcus; Gonzalez-Vega, Yasmin; Johnson, Ryker; Kelly, Cheyenne; Kent, Devin; Lopez, Ariana; McBride, Amber; Monreal, Silvestre; Nix, Rhyalee; Ramirez-Sanchez, Daryl; Ruiz, Jesus; Vega Albor, Daniela; Vega, Cristal; Whitehead, Allison; and Wilson, Landen
Seventh grade — Agnew, Athena; Albor Cortez, Yocelyn; Brown, Riley; Chavez, Angel; Cooper, Mason; Detbun, Danny; Fleming, Alexa; Huskey, Corilynn; Jerome, Faye; Lindgren, Aubrey; Love, Rylan; Mendez, Israel; Neil, Jazmine; Norris, Susan; Parker, Jacy; Rooks, Trenton; Soto, Jolette; Stewart, LaRae; Teller, Danielle; Tomevi, Kaden; and Waters, Andres;
Sixth grade — Cornejo, Yesenia; Godinez, Marisa; Hall, Abagale; Lee, Shawn; Marston, Andrew; McKay, Keegan; Nelson, Bryant; Nolasco-Contreras, Ramiro; Ortiz-Ponce, Izmael; Roseborough, Jocelynn; Thomas, Lita; Whitehead, Melani; and Zamudio, Alexander
Fifth grade — Albor, Miguel; Andrade Lopez, Kevyn; Badzic, Bedran; Buckley, Kenzie; Gonzalez Villarreal, Melissa; Henry, Lukas; Koepnick, Damian; Koepnick, Nakita; Mendez, Jose; Mendoza Morales, Abigail; Miller, Ellie; Nolasco-Contreras, Angel; Santiago Martinez, Mirella; Sorenson, Keaton; Stewart, Wyatt; Thatcher, Todd; Valero, Brisa; and Vega Albor, Francisco

Bailey R.; Ramirez, Dafne L.; Sanchez Linares, Yaneli; Strong, Mason W.; and Waters, Andres D.
3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Cooper, Chase B., 3.857; Detbun, Pheeraphat, 3.857; Egusquiza, Elizabet M., 3.857; Monreal, Jazmin A., 3.857; Rios Cardenas, Omar, 3.857; Rojas, Lucia A., 3.857; Garrett, Kam-bell L., 3.833; Mendez, Israel L., 3.833; Decker, Catherine G., 3.714; Gonzales, Cindy, 3.714; Rountree, Mackenzie R., 3.714; Stewart, LaRae G., 3.714; Ferguson, Karisma V., 3.667; Jerome, Faye C., 3.667; Teller, Danielle N., 3.667; Vega, Baltazar, 3.667; Contre-

ber N., 3.333; Stebly, Ashley D., 3.333; Agnew, Athena A., 3.286; Huskey, Corilynn, 3.286; Joyner, Wayne A., 3.286; Layne, Wylie B., 3.286; Albor, Jorgeluis, 3.167; Albor, Rodrigo, 3.167; Garcia Robledo, Mariana, 3.167; Tomevi, Kaden G., 3.167; Marcial, Nicolas, 3.143; Norris, Susan G., 3.143; Womack, Cameron A., 3.143; Gonzalez, Gabriela, 3.0; Johnstone, Christopher K., 3.0; Rodriguez, Zul Anele N., 3.0; and Vargas, Steven S., 3.0

Sixth grade
4.0 GPA — Ankeny, Braden P.; Asumendi, Olivia B.; Belnap, Elijah B.; Chase, Hannah G.; Christensen, Bobby W.; Christiansen, Cooper J.; Heck, Lexie A.; Johnson, Brock G.; Larzelier, Isana B.; Marston, Andrew W.; Quezada, Arlett; Roseborough, Jocelynn S.; Thomas, Lita A.; Wellard, Thomas C.; White, Brodie C.; Whitehead, Melani R.; and Zavala, Jacqueline A.
3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Neeser, Trinity C., 3.8; Peirsol, David J., 3.8; Reynolds, Heather C., 3.8; Smith, Cali M., 3.8; Barnard, Deonna N., 3.75; Garrett, Kinlee D., 3.75; Goettling, Bella L., 3.75; Hall, Abagale K., 3.75; Lee, Shawn W., 3.75; Rogers, Kaytlin M., 3.75; Romriell, Corey T., 3.75; Stimmel, Karaline R., 3.75; Barrett, Mylisa L., 3.6; Rich, Raquel N., 3.6; Alonso, Edith M., 3.5; Cornejo, Yesenia, 3.5; Hall, Zayne D., 3.5; Heng, Heidi E., 3.5; Kerbs, Jackson G., 3.5; Moore, Carlie R., 3.5; Perry, Rena A., 3.5; and Vega Aguilera, Anthony, 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 GPA — Erickson, Savannah Y., 3.4; Mendez, Ise-la M., 3.4; Waltman, Grant M., 3.4; Alvor, Ashanti L., 3.333; Hernandez, Mia J., 3.333; Garcia, Andres, 3.25; Lomeli, Jose D., 3.25; Robinson, Jackson G., 3.25; Sosa Rubio, Alondra, 3.25; Thornton, Hayden J., 3.25; Zaragoza, Alizeya I., 3.25; Montes, Jeremiah J., 3.2; Rayne, Sadie M., 3.2; Redburn, Madeline R., 3.2; Cuevas Orozco, Melany, 3.0; Garcia, Snuepy R., 3.0; Godinez, Marisa R., 3.0; Greene, Jamie M., 3.0; McKay, Keegan G., 3.0; Nelson, Bryant J., 3.0; Ortiz-Ponce, Izmael J., 3.0; Porter, Kaden J., 3.0; Sanchez-Dominguez, Andrew R., 3.0; Santana, Alfredo F., 3.0; and

Villa Galvez, Omar, 3.0

Fifth grade
4.0 GPA — Albor, Miguel; Almaraz, Avere A.; Badzic, Bedran B.; Bell, Allie K.; Bingham, Carson T.; Breshears, Kayci J.; Buckley, Kenzie L.; Bullard, Isaac C.; Canterbury, Zachary M.; Conger, Ethan D.; Cortez-Vega, Diego; Ferguson, Cordelia J.; Frank, Breken M.; Gonzalez Villarreal, Melissa; Henry, Lukas G.; Hibbs, Aliya T.; Koon, Evelyn; Koon, Myra Jean; Maxwell, Patrick J.; Miller, Ellie M.; Miramontes, Nelson; Parker, Gweneth S.; Reyes, Daniela; Reynolds, Brandon Q.; Rogers, Kali M.; Rosa, Addisun Lee D.; Sanchez, Jesse; Santiago Martinez, Mirella; Sauer, Lily K.; Silva, Isaac N.; Smith, Carsten A.; Sorenson, Keaton D.; Swallow, Brady M.; Taylor, Emily K.; Thatcher, Todd A.; Trout, Tayler J.; Valero, Brisa; Villasenor, Amber C.; Walker, Brock V.; and Zaragoza, Angel I.
3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Aguayo, Joshua A., 3.8; Cussins, Addison G., 3.8; Eells, Talia P., 3.8; Gaspar, Joseph S., 3.8; Lyman, Jayden I., 3.8; Mendoza Morales, Abigail J., 3.8; Ramirez Gaytan, Neidy D., 3.8; Andrade Lopez, Kevyn, 3.75; Garcia, Mario L., 3.75; Garcia Robledo, Diana, 3.75; Layne, Caden J., 3.75; Martinez Jimenez, Josue A., 3.75; Mendez, Jose J., 3.75; Nolasco-Contreras, Angel, 3.75; Santana, Pablo A., 3.75; Sotelo, Edgar A., 3.75; Stewart, Wyatt J., 3.75; McBride, Mikah F., 3.667; Neri Rodriguez, Daisy, 3.667; Bernabe, Alexis F., 3.6; Cayford, Seiarra E., 3.6; Decker, Jack E., 3.6; Kiser, Raelynn C., 3.6; Parker, Skyler G., 3.6; Arellano, Esperanza E., 3.5; Cuenca, Rafael, 3.5; Gonzalez-Vega, Jesus, 3.5; and Macias, Andres, 3.5
3.49 to 3.0 GPA — Koepnick, Nakita F., 3.4; Monreal, Jose J., 3.4; Scarbrough, Adeline P., 3.25; Ford, Riley A., 3.2; James, Emily E., 3.2; Koepnick, Damian C., 3.2; Lindgren II, Nathanael D., 3.2; Whitfield, Timmothy G., 3.2; Anderson, Ashton J., 3.0; Hawkes, Alexis K., 3.0; Rodriguez, Armando, 3.0; Vega Albor, Francisco, 3.0; Vega, Ventura, 3.0; and Woodward, MaKenna E., 3.0

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Braymer bait

I started out in the cattle business south of the Little Ear Parallel. That line that runs approximately from Fresno to Atlanta. South of that imaginary boundary cattle with “a little ear” do real well. Braymer and braymer cross is what we’re talkin’ here.

They differ from the European breeds in several ways, particularly in their resistance to hot weather and bugs. But they differ in another important trait, which affects the way you handle them. They are not afraid of human beings.

Oh, they’ll give us a wide berth given a choice, but they adjust very quickly to the company of men as long as you don’t stir ’em up. Which explains why Zebu and not Charlois are worshipped in India. But start messin’ with a Santa Gertrudis calf and you better be lookin’ over your shoulder. Or pushin’ a sick braymer ... he’s liable to charge your horse.

As a young stupid youth, I worked in the feedlots in the southwest. We fed lots of braymers. They arrived right out of the swamp or piney woods, or off the desert and soon adjusted to life at the bunk. But they were not very good patients at the doctor shack, ’specially after they got to weighin’ six or seven hundred pounds.

In spite of my counseling, they got real testy about goin’ through the squeeze chute for a little needle and bolus therapy. I can remember many occasions acting as braymer bait. They’d get on the fight, and one of us would stand in the gate waving like a shipwrecked sailor, trying to entice them out of the pen. Even when sick, they were fast, and I’ve had more than my share of snot on my shirt tail.

Rick said he was attempting to drive a braymer cross cow to the corral. It was hot that spring in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. He’d pushed the ol’ darlin’ within half a mile of the pen when she sulled up and got on the fight. In a moment of brilliance ... he roped her. She kept chargin’, but he held his dally ’til they came to a standstill.

He managed to get Joe’s attention. Joe climbed out of the pickup near the corral where he’d been waiting and walked to Rick. The ol’ cow snorted and charged Joe!

Joe lit out for the pickup. “Run to the corral!” yelled Rick, spurrin’ up behind the cow, holdin’ her like a Doberman on a leash.

“Toward the gate!”

Joe slowed a couple of times and went down once, but Rick managed to keep her from walkin’ Joe like a footlog.

The cow was slobberin’ in Joe’s pocket when he raced through the gate. Rick undallied as soon as the cow shot in behind Joe. Joe cleared the 5-foot fence from the inside and never hit the top rail!

Which just proves my point: You don’t see many Herefords gathered that way, do ya?

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book is “Scrambled Wisdom — Almost Isn’t ... Is It.”

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee

The dawn of new beginnings



New opportunities opened in the county’s three municipalities last Wednesday.

Four men joined city councils – three for the first time – in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View.

New beginnings are always exciting, and hopefully an infusion of new ideas and a fresh perspective will help each governing board with its ultimate task – bettering the lives of citizens and the fortunes of communities.

In order to do that, however, each new councilman – Tim Downing and Mike Aebischer in Homedale, Tony Malmberg in Marsing and Danny Martinez in Grand View – must face the route ahead while keeping the road in the rear-view mirror in mind.

It can be a tricky maneuver. Past newly elected officials have arrived on scene intent on tearing down what already was in motion.

But, throwing wrenches in machinations that are moving forward is not the sole job of newly elected officials. Instead, each man should be ready to guide their respective cities through the progress while looking for potholes and pitfalls that could into messy situations.

In Homedale, the public library grant application is heading to the Department of Commerce advisory board for scrutiny. Downing opposes the library

expansion on fiscal grounds. With no library district in place, there is no tax base to pick up what logically seems to be larger operating costs because of a near-tripling of the floor space to 4,900 square feet.

But, the former two-term councilman would be wise to let the grant process run its course. If the city gets the financing to construct a new building, then Downing can put on his fiscal conservative hat and help ensure it is built in the most efficient way possible.

He should not, however, give up his passionate belief that a library district is important to ensure the city’s continued fiscal viability.

Malmberg has been appointed to a council that is about to embark on a potentially harrowing two-year relationship with the Idaho Transportation Department. The Army veteran and sheriff’s Posse member appears to have the good humor and common sense to get through the bridge and highway reconstruction with a level head and a smile.

Martinez has been involved in Grand View’s happenings for some time. He has regularly attended city council meetings and has offered input. He has shown that he cares for the city and the schools, and hopefully will be a constructive and productive addition to the governing body.

From Washington

Celebrate Americans’ honor, service

The Americans traditionally honored during national holidays this month and next exemplify the leadership and set the example that make our nation so great. With Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday and Presidents’ Day approaching next month, we take time to celebrate the contributions of leaders who guided Americans and helped build our nation into the leader of the free world, we can remember the leadership principles of service and commitment to the nation and its citizens they embodied as we take stock of what we can do as Americans to drive our nation into a new era of progress. The courage and light they employed to drive out darkness and advance freedom can be seen in many areas of our communities and nation.

Idahoans work each day to fill our communities with kindness and positivity. Last year’s vandalism of the inspiring Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial in Boise has been countered with some of the leadership principles stressed by these leaders, as resources poured in to repair and enhance the memorial, and Idahoans move forward with a positive spirit of renewal and inclusiveness. Thank you to the countless Idahoans who see needs, both big and small, and work to fill the needs. Idaho is brimming with problem-solvers and giving individuals.

The Corporation for Community and National Service ranks Idaho fifth in the nation for volunteer service and reports the following highlights of service in Idaho:

- 34.1 percent of Idaho residents volunteer;
- 382,220 volunteers;
- 37.5 volunteer hours per capita;
- 53.42 million hours of service;
- \$1.1 billion of service contributed; and
- 53.5 percent of residents donate \$25 or more to

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In view of our nation’s Capitol building stands the Lincoln Memorial. Etched on the wall of this tribute to Abraham Lincoln, our nation’s 16th president, are the words of some of his most memorable speeches. This includes the words to the Gettysburg Address that contains a reminder of the core of our nation’s founding, “our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

As we celebrate the lives of extraordinary leaders and pay tribute to their great accomplishments in strengthening the diverse cultural history we have in America, we are reminded of the importance of ongoing efforts to ensure equality and justice for all Americans.

Honoring the legacy of those who have given so much for the advancement of our freedoms requires vigilant pursuit of the fundamental principles of equality and justice.

Commentary

Financial management

Crystal-clear rental agreement helps avoid family flare-up

Dear Dave,
I have cousins who are thinking about moving back to Connecticut from Virginia. They'll be renting for a while, and I have an unoccupied rental house. Do you think renting to family is a bad idea?

— Katherine

Dear Katherine,
Renting to family can work out just fine, as long as there are clearly understood rules and boundaries in place ahead of time. Both parties should understand there must be a landlord and tenant relationship with regards to all aspects of

the rental agreement. Tenants have the right to expect a landlord to make needed repairs promptly, pay the taxes and insurance on a property on time, and do all the other things a landlord should do as outlined in the rental agreement. As a landlord, you have the right to expect the rent to be paid early or on time, and for the tenant to respect the property and guidelines in the rental agreement. A landlord also has the right to evict a tenant through fair, legal process if they violate the terms of the agreement. When it comes to these



business dealings, you're wearing the landlord cap,

and they're wearing the renter's cap. At Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other family events, the caps come off and you're family. But they don't get to play the cousin card as a way to keep from paying rent, and you don't get to play that game to avoid your duties as a landlord. Phrases like, "Well, I just thought because you're my cousin" have no place in these situations. Make plans to have a full-blown, in-depth conversation about every aspect of the rental agreement and relationship before anything is signed. If you don't, there's

a possibility someone will develop a sense of entitlement about something. And that's no good in any type of relationship!

— 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 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

Americans for Limited Government Millennials' viewpoint endangers American freedom, unity

by Natalia Castro

Millennials are letting their country down in the simplest way possible, by no longer believing in their country. The concept of patriotism has been perverted amongst Americans youngest generation as this group distances themselves from the basics of the Constitution. In order to truly make America great again, political change is not enough, but a cultural shift is needed to solve the way in which this country's young adults view their nation's future.

The American Culture and Faith Institute (ACFI) conducted a comprehensive study from October to November that sought to understand how the American people view patriotism and patriotic entities. Among the findings was the consistent trend that individuals between 18-29, predominantly millennials, are the least proud to be American and view symbols of patriotism less meaningfully.

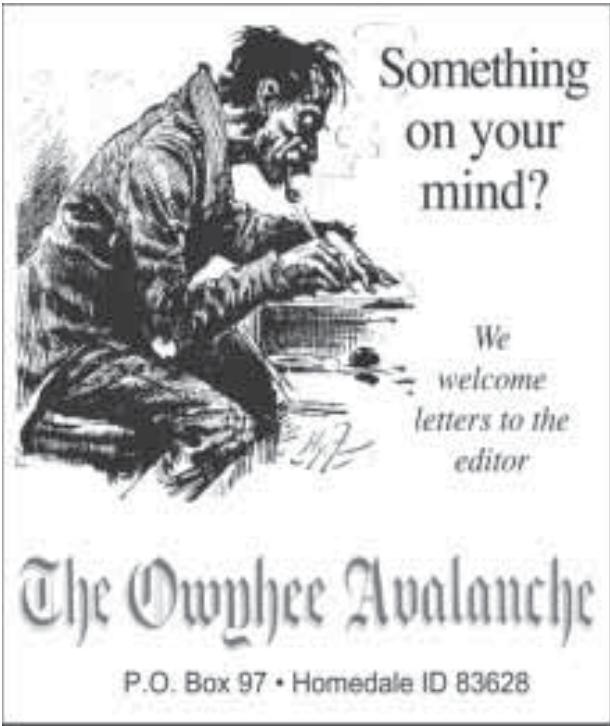
Only 34 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds "feel proud to be an American" as a "completely accurate" description of themselves. This is a striking contrast compared to individuals over the age of 65, whom found this statement completely accurate 64 percent of the time.

As the study shows, America's young adults are not just distancing themselves from the ideology of "patriotism" but many of the fundamental principles that make America unique and extraordinary.

Only 70 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds considered the U.S. Constitution "very meaningful" to them personally, 59 percent considered the American flag "very meaningful," and only 54 and 53 percent, respectively, felt the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem were "very meaningful" to them personally. These were the lowest across any age range, indicating that younger generations are no longer associating the foundations of American patriotism with meaning in their lives.

This makes it unsurprising that when asked to assess personal levels of patriotism, only 12 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds considered themselves extremely patriotic. With just 12 percent of American young adults believing that the principles of American culture and identity are genuinely worth fighting for, imagining a future in which America is first on the global stage is difficult.

David Brooks of The Seattle Times explains, within



previous generations, a sense of unity arose from American "civic religion." Protests of the 1960s and 1970s were critical of the contemporary state of American society, but groups rooted their criticism in the American ideology that all men are created equal. Martin Luther King Jr. sang the national anthem before his "I Have a Dream" speech and then quoted the Declaration of Independence within it. While individuals disagreed with what others said, they maintained the American principle that every individual had the right to speak.

Now, the ACFI shows only 36 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds even consider "tolerant of different social/political views" to be a completely accurate description of themselves. Millennials are also the least likely to believe Freedom of Speech to be very meaningful to them personally.

Brooks continues to explore a reason for this decline in patriotism, "The civic religion has been under assault. Many schools no longer teach American history, so students never learn the facts and tenets of their creed. A globalist mentality teaches students they are citizens of the world rather than citizens of America ... Sitting out the anthem takes place in the context of looming post-nationalism. When we sing

the national anthem, we're not commenting on the state of America. We're fortifying our foundational creed. We're expressing gratitude for our ancestors and what they left us."

George Barna, ACFI executive director, told the Daily Caller he believes the young people's outlook on patriotism is the most critical consideration for the future of America, which is mainly problematic considering the sharp divide between liberal and conservative viewpoints, another crucial area of focus for the study.

Days after the protests at Kent State erupted into violence in 1970, President Richard Nixon stunned the Secret Service with an unplanned visit to the Lincoln Memorial one early morning. Nixon met with protestors to start a conversation about the issues surrounding the Vietnam War. In a clear search for compassion and understanding, Nixon walked amongst students who hated his beliefs to open the gates to conversation.

Imagine our President Trump attempting to walk amongst the protestors of ANTIFA or Black Lives Matter trying to create a similar dialogue. Most American do not even believe this would be possible for themselves, as the study found only 22 percent of those surveyed expressed they felt safe wearing a Make America Great Again hat anywhere in the U.S.

With decreasing patriotism and increasing partisanship, 34 percent of those surveyed strongly agree the U.S. does not have a widely shared vision of our future for people to rally around.

While President Trump has worked hard to restore faith in the future of our country, this is a problem no government can fix. The people must. The people must decide the principles of their country are worth saving. For generations, this has been known truth, but millennials seem to enjoy the benefits of American freedom without understanding how vulnerable it truly is.

Millennials would be wise to remember the words of Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

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

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 20, 1993

BLM replies to county: “We do not understand...”
In response to a letter from the Owyhee County Commissioners, Bureau of Land Management State Director Delmar Vail stated that, “We do not understand your references to ‘coordinate status’.”

In the letter dated Dec. 24 the county commission put the BLM office on notice to either comply with federal law relating to the county’s land use plan or face litigation.

The law to which the county referred is the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976, which requires federal agencies to coordinate all planning activities with the county, under the Owyhee County Land Use Policy Plan.

However, in the letter from Mr. Vail he states “It is, after all, our belief that we are fully complying with all Federal Laws” because “we have notified you whenever we initiated a land use plan, land use plan amendment, or environmental impact statement, and we have carefully considered your input.”

The county’s position is, and has been, that the Act requires “coordination” meaning an equal level of input to policy making with federal agencies, not notification after a plan or policy has already been initiated.

Small snail, big trouble for ranchers

A tiny snail could well pose big problems for some Owyhee County ranchers possibly even costing them their livelihood.

As expected, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated the Bruneau Hot Springs snail an endangered species last Friday.

The action by the federal agency goes against the wishes of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, which adamantly opposed the listing.

It is unclear what the ramifications for area ranchers will be, but it is believed an attempt may be made to curtail pumping groundwater in the area, and that may spell doom for those ranchers who depend on spring water.

All parties involved must now develop a course of action to prevent further losses of the snail’s habitat.

Council approves new irrigation tax

Local property owners will see a change in their annual irrigation assessment when billed by the city next November.

The city council passed a new formula to compute the assessment in regular session Jan. 13.

Property owners are assessed the fee every November to cover what the South Board of Control charges the city for delivery of water and the city’s maintenance expenses. This year, South Board charged the city \$10,865 and city salaries and maintenance account for roughly \$33,000.

With the new proposal, irrigators would be charged \$41.25 plus \$2.30 per 25-foot lot or \$32 an acre.

City public works supervisor Larry Bauer said someone with a 50-foot lot now is paying \$22.86, and that would increase to \$41.25 plus \$2.30 for every 25 feet. Those owning acreages, for example, who now pay \$91.89 will, under the adopted formula, see their assessment decrease to about \$74. People with 100-foot lots will not experience any difference, or might see a decrease in their yearly bill.

“It’s fair. It makes it easy to figure,” Bauer said. “The way it is now, we’ve got so many different types ... everybody’s got a little different deal.”

50 years ago

January 18, 1968

Smorgasbord again proves great success

A total of \$1,650 was gained at the 8th annual PTA Smorgasbord held at the Washington school Saturday.

A broad choice of foods was offered when doors opened at noon, with serving continuing until 8pm. The various tables were decorated in the motif of the country represented.

Included on the menu were codfish and chorizos at the Basque table; baked lasagna, meatball and spaghetti at the Italian table. The oriental table featured sweet and sour spare ribs, chicken teriyaki, shrimp foo yung, pork chow mein and Japanese gelatin dessert.

The Hawaiian table offered ham Hawaiian, fruit salad, banana bread and fried rice. The teen table produced hot dogs and potato chips, and the American table offered a full turkey dinner. There also was a salad bar with an assortment of salads.

Junior and senior high school girls served beverages and cleared tables.

Community organizations whose members worked in shifts in the kitchen included the Rod and Gun Club, State Line Grange, Homedale Farm Labor Association, American Legion, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, school board and volunteer firemen.

Marcia Richards crowned Jobs Daughters queen

Marcia Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richards, was crowned as Honored Queen of Bethel No. 31 during “The Book of Silver” ceremony Dec. 28 at 8pm at the Masonic hall in Homedale.

Installing officers for the evening were: Becky Carter, Carolyn Schiegel, Janice Brown, Sheila Wood, Gene Downing, Marlene Page, Gayl Phillips and Pam Drew. Honor Guard of the Gem Chapter, Order of Demolays also assisted.

Elected officers installed were: Marilyn Curtis, senior princess; Lynne Evens, junior princess; Debbie McPherson, guide; and Kathy Herob, marshal.

Appointed officers installed were: Ruth Evans, chaplain; Leslie Fujishin, treasurer; Kristy Eachus, librarian; Linda Morris, recorder; Rhonda Lineberger, musician; Janine Townsend, first messenger; Pam Crain, second messenger; Jackie Cahill, third messenger; Cindy Yost, fourth messenger; Vicki Cook, fifth messenger; Cheryl Burroughs, senior custodian; Sharon Wood, junior custodian; Toni Downing, outer guard; and Jerry Vanderhoff, inner guard.

Installed as choir members were: Lorna Saunders, Faith DeGues, Shannon Criffield, Janell Wood, Patsy Lineberger, Carol Burroughs and Cindy Lillie.

The ceremony was narrated by Everett VanSlyke. Soloist was Carolyn Scheigel. Jeff Haylett was escort.

Assisting at the guest book was Debbie Kushlan and programs were Terri and Brad Palmer.

Mrs. Margaret Lineberger is guardian for the bethel, and Bill Marston is associate guardian.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 AF&AM holds meeting

Silver City Lodge No. 13 AF&AM held its first regular meeting of the year on Jan. 13 with Master Marvin L. Haney presiding. Many visitors were present from lodgers in Idaho and Oregon.

A Washington Birthday Party is planned for Feb. 23 with a potluck dinner to be served at 6 p.m. and some form of entertainment after dinner.

140 years ago

January 18, 1878

MANY MEN THROUGHOUT the country have recently been making themselves ridiculous by allowing their wives and daughters to go to Washington for the purpose of urging upon Congress the taking of steps to secure an amendment to the Constitution allowing women the privilege of voting. These semi-masculine shriekers found some pliant tools both in the Senate and House who were willing to obey their behests and make fools of themselves. The best thing to be done with the whole caboodle of them, the “sufferers” and sympathizers as well, would be to consign them all to a national insane asylum and let them be properly taken care of for the balance of their lives.

COUNTY AFFAIRS — In a recent number of this journal the especial attention of the taxpayers of Owyhee County was directed to the gross irregularities that the Commissioners had been guilty of in expending money for which they had no warrant of authority of law; in giving out contracts without first advertising that the same would be let to the lowest bidder; in the furnishing of supplies by one of the Commissioners contrary to the express provisions of the statute, and in the general and flagrant disregard of the law, in some of their acts, so plainly set forth that even a ten-year-old child could read and understand its meaning. These proceedings occurring at a time when business is depressed throughout the land, when jobbery, favoritism and corruption had been the rule everywhere in the management of the public affairs leaving their reeking odors to contaminate the public morals, it might have been supposed that our Commissioners would have taken warning by this lesson, so plain, so patient and so palpable to every man who possesses any degree of intelligence. Not withstanding this, we find them, on a small scale, imitating the example of those higher in authority and shamefully violating trusts committed to their keeping. Is it any wonder that their constituents are dissatisfied? Is it any wonder that there are threats made by tax-payers to have a legal investigation of these proceedings with a view to bringing order out of chaos and doing justice to those who have been wronged and imposed upon? They see in these acts a disposition on the part of the Commissioners to evade the rights of the people, set the laws at defiance, and make appropriations not only with a view to providing for their friends, but to maintain and keep in existence a few superannuated excrescences who manage to feed at the public crib and live upon the drippings that fall from corporate bodies. Too indolent to go to work and earn their own living in a legitimate way, as most of their fellow men do, they are ever ready to devour the substance of the tax-payers and eke out an existence that almost any honest and industrious citizen would be ashamed of.

The expenses of maintaining a government of any description, whether local, state or national, are always larger than they ought to be. If to the original cost were added the expenses and all the repairs and improvements made on the Court House in this county we doubt whether the sum total would fall far short of \$100,000, an enormous expenditure for such a purpose, especially when it is taken into consideration that the amount voted away by the Commissioners a few days ago to pay for improvements, would, in the present condition of business affairs here, have been almost sufficient to buy and equip a building suitable for carrying on all the county business.

Public notices

CALL FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF NEW BUS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Marsing, Idaho for the purchase of a new school bus. Bids, documents and detailed specifications are available at the Marsing School District Office, (located in the Marsing High School), 301 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm., Monday through Thursday until day of bid opening. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 to the Marsing School District Office,(located in the Marsing High School) 301 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. On February 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any irregularities. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Deb Holzhey, Clerk
Marsing Joint School District No.363
PO Box 340
Marsing, ID 83639
1/17,24/2018

LIEN SALE
Unit F-25, Jeanetta Buzzard, 300 Holiday Ave., Lansing, Kansas 66043. Unit containing furniture, treadmill and misc. household items.
Unit I-8, Terisa Perry, 16 W. Washington, Homedale Idaho 83628. Unit containing 12 totes and a carpet cleaner.
Sealed bids will be accepted Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Units are located at 3685 Hwy. 95, Homedale, Idaho 83628. All sales are final and must be paid in cash.
(208) 337-3417
1/17,1/24/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on May 22, 2018, 11:00 AM at the Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby 20381 Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”): A parcel of land being a portion of the Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter; thence South 89°41’56” East along the North boundary of said Northwest Quarter Northeast Quarter a distance of 157.35 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 89°41’56” East along said North boundary a distance of 549.65 feet to a point on the center line of an existing irrigation drain ditch known as Drain Ditch No. 4; thence South 0°14’08” West along said center line a distance of 543.39 feet; thence South 89°12’23” West along the center line of the Benson Drain a distance of 470.71 feet; thence leaving said center line and bearing North 6°20’53” West

a distance of 92.38 feet; thence North 19°14’20” West a distance of 201.78 feet; thence North 0°0’32” West a distance of 270.47 feet (formerly shown of record as 241.61 feet) to the True Point of Beginning Commonly known as: 5177 Thompson Road, Marsing, ID 83639 Deborah A. Caldwell and Barry D. Caldwell, as Grantors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated August 22, 2002, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Mortgage Market, Inc., an Oregon Corporation, its successors and assigns as Beneficiary, in which Chicago Title a Missouri Corp. was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on August 27, 2002, as Instrument No. 240693, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-1. Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1 Assignment Dated: July 16, 2007 Assignment Recorded: July 20, 2007 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 261787 Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on June 28, 2017 at Instrument No. 293094, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor’s failure to make monthly payments beginning August 1, 2017, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$90,037.05, interest in the sum of \$3,527.88, and other fees \$279.74, for a total amount owing of \$94,914.74, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions,

if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Grantors, successor in interest to the Grantors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Grantors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2018. Benjamin J. Mann Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 49178
1/10,1/17,1/24,1/31/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on May 29, 2018, 9:00 AM at the Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby 20381 Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”): In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho.
Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, T1S, R2W, B.M., lying South and West of the High Line Canal.
Excepting therefrom, any portion thereof which may lie within the East 330 feet of said Lot 3.
Together with a Manufactured Home affixed to and made a permanent part of the subject real property described as follows:
Year: 1992
Make: KITM
VIN: X9474B22SN14088AB
Body: HS
Model: TL
System Ident. Number: Q31032812 Commonly known as: 12946 Bailey Road, Melba, ID 83641-4302 Angela M. Fritzler and Eric J. Fritzler, as Grantors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated December 29, 1998, in favor of North American Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, in which Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc. was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee

ANNUAL STREET & ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT	
CITY OF GRAND VIEW	
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	
Beginning Balance as of October 1st, 2016:	\$0.00
Receipts:	
Local Funding Sources:	
Interest Income	\$77
All Other Local Receipts - Idaho Power Franchise	\$8,919
State Funding Sources:	
Highway User Revenue	\$15,409
Federal Funding Sources	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$24,400
Disbursements:	
New Construction	\$0.00
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$0.00
Routine Maintenance	\$3,344
Equipment	\$1,292
Administration	\$13,956
All Other Expenditures	\$3,512
Total Disbursements	\$22,104
Receipts Over Disbursements	\$2,296
Closing Balance	\$2,296
Funds retained for specific future projects	\$0
Ending Balance	\$2,296
Jodi Jewett, Clerk	
City of Grand View	
1/8/2018	
1/17/2018	

County, Idaho, on January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119, and modified pursuant to the Modification recorded on December 7, 2012, as Instrument No. 279354, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Midfirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Bank Assignment Dated: June 4, 2008
Assignment Recorded: June 19, 2008, Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 265399. Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on June 26, 2017 at Instrument No. 293070, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor’s failure to make monthly payments beginning May 1, 2016, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$107,462.86, interest in the sum of \$7,842.41, and other fees in the amount of \$6,738.85, for a total amount owing of \$124,521.30, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in

cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Grantors, successor in interest to the Grantors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Grantors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 9th day of January, 2018. Benjamin J. Mann Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 14907
1/17,24,31,2/7/2018

Public notices

NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 57, of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 19 W. California Ave., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MIKE LOREN KITCHENS, a Married Man, as his sole and separate property, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded November 20, 2007, as Instrument No. 263130, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated November 19, 2007, in the amount of \$1,211.00 each, for the months of December, 2016 through April, 2017, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.04% per annum from November 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$132,819.04, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.04% per annum from November 1, 2016.

DATED This 4th day of January, 2018.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar,

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES
1/10,1/17,1/24/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No: ID-17-798764-BB
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **5/22/2018**, at the hour of **11:00 AM** of said day, **Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby 20381 Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650**, said Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of **OWYHEE**, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: **LOTS 12 AND 13 IN BLOCK 39 OF AMENDED PLAT OF THE TOWNSITE OF HOMEDALE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED AUGUST 9, 1911, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 7284, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYTHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.** The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **216 W MONTANA AVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628** may sometimes be associated with said real property. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on **12/1/2005**, by and among **ARTHUR L. POPE AND ALTHEA O. POPE, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor, and **CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY**, as Trustee, and **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on **1/4/2006**, as **Instrument No. 254671** Official Records of **OWYHEE** County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is: **The monthly installment of \$443.67, which may include principal, interest and escrow, due on 5/25/2017, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee’s fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall**

accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. The balance due and owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of **\$43,706.23** in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of **4.7400** percent per annum from **5/25/2017 adjusting, if at all, pursuant to the terms of the note**; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law. TS No: ID-17-798764-BB Dated this 3rd day of January, 2018. Robert W. McDonald, Esq, Trustee By: IDSPub #0135631
1/10,1/17,1/24,1/31/2018

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-14-18-118 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: JAMES GLEN FREE

A petition to change the name of James Glen Free, now residing in the City of Nampa, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Canyon County, Idaho. The name will change to James Glen Tucker. The reason for the change in is: CDL — to correct birth certificate.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 1 o’clock p.m. on Feb. 26, 2018 at the Canyon County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: Jan. 3, 2018
Clerk of the District Court, S. Swanson
s/ S. Swanson, deputy clerk
1/10,17,24,31/2017

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA-NRCS Malheur County Local Work Group

USDA-NRCS is holding a local work group meeting, open to the public, to gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Malheur County.

The meeting takes place 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2017 at the Malheur Education Service District, 363 A Street West, Vale, OR.

Contact: Lynn Larsen, District Conservationist - Malheur County, USDA-NRCS, 2925 SW 6th Ave., Ste. 2, Ontario, OR 97914, 541-823-5132, lynn.larsen@or.usda.gov
01/17/2018

Ag group salutes state legislators

The entire District 23 Idaho legislative delegation has been honored for backing agriculture in Idaho.

The Food Producers of Idaho Inc., list state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and Hammett Republicans Christy Zito (Seat A) and Megan Blanksma (Seat B) from the House of Representatives in its latest Ag All-Star Legislators roll call.

The District 23 lawmakers were among 81 legislators recognized during a banquet at The Red Lion Hotel Downtowner in Boise

The organization represents more than 45 agriculture commodity and farm groups in the state.

According to the Food Producers of Idaho Inc., press release, Ag All Star legislators are important to the state’s agriculture and natural resource industries.

The group has presented an Ag License plate reading “AL STR” to selected legislators for 16 legislative sessions.

Every topic that is identified as a tracked issue by the Food Producers organization may be an issue that will be used on the organization’s scorecard at the end of the session.



Bert Brackett



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State panel to consider Homedale library grant

The City of Homedale’s second attempt to get a library expansion grant will be evaluated Tuesday.

The Idaho Economic Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. in Boise, and among the agenda items is to discuss and evaluate an Idaho Community Development Block Grant application that was developed by Great West Engineering.

City representatives will not make an application presentation, Idaho Department of Commerce spokesperson Megan Hill told The Owyhee Avalanche.

The EAC, which advises Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter on which grant applications to award, will meet in the Sawtooth Conference Room

on the second floor of the J.R. Williams Building, 700 W. State St., Boise.

This is the second consecutive year that Homedale has submitted a ICDBG application in an attempt to expand the city’s public library to 4,900 square feet.

The state advisory panel rejected the application written by Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson last year, in part, because of a lack of local funding.

This time around, the family of late library board member Gypsy Jackson has pledged \$100,000 to the project if the grant is successful and if the city agrees to rename the library in Jackson’s honor.

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Chamber’s “Meet Marsing” guide arriving in spring

Businesses welcome to participate in booklet, group

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce looked forward to a year of events, exposure and expansion during its first meeting of the new year.

A small group of women gathered at The Spot on Thursday to work on the Meet Marsing community information guide, talk about the upcoming Wine and Art in the Park and get word out that 2018 Chamber memberships are available.

The Meet Marsing booklet will be a first-time endeavor for the Chamber aimed at giving folks in and around town information on services, entertainment and recreational opportunities available.

The booklet is project to be 40 pages this year, and the Chamber plans to make it an annual publication.

Local businesses can buy advertising in the booklet, which will go to press in late March.

The Chamber plans to mail about 2,000 copies to Marsing addresses, and other copies of the booklet will be available at City Hall.

The guide will include a calendar of events and some feature articles. Information on the city’s history, the school

system and Lizard Butte Library is planned, too.

Business advertising prices will range from \$160 for a full-page color ad to \$15 to a black-and-white, business-card-sized ad. Advertising proofs and payments are due by the end of February.

Contact Chamber president Julie Scheu Franklin at marsingchamber@gmail.com for more information on getting a business listing, buying an ad or adding informational content.

The next Meet Marsing subcommittee meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 at Lizard Butte Library.

Artists may also contact Franklin for information on how to participate in the fourth annual Wine and Art in the Park, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 at Island Park.

Several food vendors are planned, and the Chamber is currently working on booking a band. There will be wine and beer vendors as well as art displays.

Scheu Franklin said the event exploded in popularity last spring with 28 booths in Is-

land Park after the 2016 event had only eight vendors.

The next Wine and Art in the Park planning meeting takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1 at The Spot.

While the Chamber is looking for participants for both the Meet Marsing booklet and Wine and Art in the Park, Scheu Franklin said the group will always welcome new members and volunteers to help with event planning and Chamber business.

Chamber dues is \$25 annually, and the group meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The meetings have been held recently at The Spot, but members want to find other venues for the meetings as well. Visit the Chamber’s Facebook page for updates.

The next regular meeting has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 at The Spot.

Chamber membership entitles a business to free advertising during three annual community events, including Wine and Art in the Park (May), the Third of July Celebration of Our Nation and the Christmas parade in the fall.

Members businesses have logos appearing on www.marsingchamber.com, and each will receive a membership certificate to display in their storefront.

— JPB



Jon P. Brown, The Owyhee Avalanche managing editor (right), accepts a certificate of appreciation from George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 Cmdr. Bob Warner. Warner and other Legion members visited several Homedale businesses earlier this month to present certificates in appreciation of their help with the organization’s free community Christmas dinner.

American Legion Post 32 gives thanks

The businesses and individuals George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 in Homedale thanked for help with the annual Christmas dinner:

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- Campbell Tractor, Homedale
- Wilder Building Supply
- Tango Saloon
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- Williamson Vineyards
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- Albertsons
- Homedale Men’s Hair Shack
- Del Rio restaurant
- Idaho Pizza Co.
- Fisher’s
- Owyhee Tire and Service
- A&S Lumber
- Pair-A-Dice Lounge
- The Orchard House
- Alejandra’s Restaurant
- Perfection Repair
- Owyhee Meat Pack
- The Owyhee Avalanche
- Tommy Murray
- Jerry’s Barber Shop

Homedale residents urged to license dogs

The City of Homedale has sold nearly 50 dog tags for 2018.

With the new year, all dog owners in the city limits are required to obtain new licenses for their animals.

A week ago, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram told The Owyhee Avalanche that her office personnel had sold 44 licenses thus far.

The city had 264 registered dogs in 2017.

Tags cost \$10 for spayed or neutered animals. Dogs who aren’t fixed will cost owners \$15 to register.

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