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Growers could see full irrigation allotment

Dry winter may impact next year, though

The exact allotment isn't known yet, but South Board of Control manager John Eells doesn't expect much demand for a growers' meeting this year.

He says no irrigators have called asking for a public meeting, and that typically means a good water year is expected.

But, after attending a Feb. 20 Joint Board meeting in Nyssa, Ore., Eells learned a

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Boyle goes to bat for ag producers once again

From Idaho Farm Bureau

A state representative who has proven to be a champion for farmers and ranchers has brought another piece of legislation forward.

Dist. 9B Rep. Judy Boyle (R-Midvale) saw the House Agricultural Affairs Committee overwhelmingly send her trespass bill to the House floor.

The committee voted, 14-1, in support of strengthening Idaho's outdated trespass statutes.

House Minority Leader Mat

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SCIENCE AND SHARING AT THE LIBRARIES



Schoolchildren open the world of technology at Lizard Butte

Chema Moreno, 2-year-old son of Josefina Jacobo, receives help controlling his robot from his big sister Jacquelin (left), 10, and Harlie Palmer, 9, during the UNITE! presentation Friday at Lizard Butte Library in Marsing.



Visitor enlists Dr. Seuss to teach conservation in Homedale

While Nathan Horwood holds the items, Adrian Vega (left) feels a badger pelt and fellow second-grader Sebastian Soto Aguilar checks out a replica of an eagle's foot during an enrichment exercise inside the Homedale Elementary library. An Americorp volunteer working as an environmental educator at Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge, Horwood read Dr. Suess' *The Lorax* and spoke with students about how the refuge works and conservation in general during a Feb. 20 visit. Adrian's parents are Alma and Juan Vega, and Sebastian is the son of Rocio Aguilar and Enrico Soto. Nancy Smith teaches both boys.

GV seeks mayoral applicants

Collett steps down after latest meeting

Grand View residents interested in being the town's next mayor now have their chance to get involved.

As expected, Mayor Edwin (Ed) Collett tendered his resignation earlier this month. Collett has moved outside the city limits and is no longer eligible to serve as part of the city council.

Collett's resignation letter, dated Feb. 14, said he would leave the post on Feb. 16 when his move outside the city limits would be complete.

During a Feb. 14 meeting, council president Danny Martinez was appointed

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County opens door to fighting opioids in court

The Board of County Commissioners supports the idea of the federal government holding drug companies legally responsible for the effects of the nation's opioid crisis.

Spurred by the escalating concerns of citizens, county commissioners said they would be willing to go to court in an effort to curtail the rapid rise of opioid abuse.

Resolution 2018-9, adopted

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Max Bearden takes Fallon's Dream through his paces during the early stages of training. Submitted photo

4-H'er takes on another mustang

Grand View teen trained two horses last year

Max Bearden is looking to improve on his training results as he works to improve another mustang.

The 13-year-old Grand View boy received his 2018 project, named Fallon's Dream, during a Feb.17 lottery at the Bureau of Land Management's wild horse corrals in Boise.

Max will train a 10-month-old gray gelding for the next two months, and the mustang will be put up for adoption on April 15 at the close of the Idaho Horse Expo in Nampa.

Max is a member of the Snake River Livestock 4-H club, which is one of seven Treasure Valley 4-H clubs that participated in the Idaho

Horse Expo Mustang Challenge/Adoption lottery of six geldings and three fillies.

The horses came from a holding facility in Fallon, Nev.

Max finished sixth out of seven entries in the 2017 Idaho Horse Expo challenge with Filly. Later in the year, he was runner-up out of seven contestants when he trained another mustang, Dolly, for the Western Idaho Fair.

The fillies were adopted by private owners, which resulted in \$250 revenue for Max's 4-H club, his father, Taft, said.

Max will halter break Fallon's Dream and get him ready for the first competition,



Max Bearden

the trail challenge, which takes place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 24 at the BLM corrals in Boise. The horse must be trained in leading, walking into a trailer and lifting his feet. The trail competition entails Max leading Fallon's Dream through an obstacle course.

The competitors will display their training with their mustangs during the April 13-15 Idaho Horse Expo in Nampa. Open adoption begins at 2 p.m. on April 15.

Other 4-H clubs participating in this year's Idaho Horse Expo challenge include Desperados and Denim and Dust from Ada County; Idaho Youth Ranch and Critters of Gold from Canyon County; Gem County's Purple Sage Riders; and Ribbons and Wranglers from Payette County.

— JPB

Circuit Breaker dates

- Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.**
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Tuesday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 20
- Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause**
18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 and Thursday, March 22
- Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St.**
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28
- Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3

County's Circuit Breaker help to start at Homedale Sr. Center

Foot exams back at senior center this month

Homedale Senior Center will host a pair of property tax assistance conferences next month.

The Owyhee County Assessor's Office annual Circuit Breaker clinics will be held on successive Tuesdays (March 13 and March 20) at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The sessions will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and appointments must be made by calling the center at (208) 337-3020.

The Circuit Breaker program helps qualified homeowners reduce their property taxes.

Other March happenings at the senior center include:

- **Tuesday** — Widows breakfast
- **Tuesday** — Board of

directors meeting, 1 p.m. The meeting, which is open to the public, is being held a week early because of the Circuit Breaker program.

• **Tuesday, March 20** — The bimonthly foot clinic will be held. Examinations cost \$15, and folks will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the senior center for details.

Fit and Fall classes are held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

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

The senior center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday each week.

Whenever the center is open, so is the thrift store, which helps provide funding for the senior programs.

The senior center serves a congregate luncheon at noon each day that it's open, and it also conducts a Meals on Wheels program.

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Homedale schools face teacher troubles

Lack of mid-career instructional staff creates cycle of inexperience

A regional education laboratory, REL Northwest, has identified alarming trends in Idaho’s teacher retention and workforce gap.

According to superintendent Rob Sauer’s monthly report to the Homedale School District Board of Trustees, the percentage of teachers with four or fewer years of experience rose from 17 percent to 24 percent in the five-year span between the 2011-12 and 2016-17 school years.

These numbers were compiled by REL, which is one of 10 regional educational laboratories nationwide.

The focus, Sauer said during the school board’s Feb. 20 meeting, is on teacher retention, experience, changing student population, and workforce gap implications.

The teaching gap implications in Homedale are even more startling:

- Five or fewer years completed — 19 teachers (32 percent of the staff)
- 6-10 years — 11 teachers

- (18 percent)
- 11-15 years — Five teachers (8 percent)
- 16-20 years — Six teachers (10 percent)
- 20 or more years — 19 teachers (32 percent)

These numbers suggest that 64 percent of the teachers in the Homedale district are either just beginning their careers or have 20 or more years of experience.

“The study just reinforces how important recruitment and retention of quality staff is for our students,” Sauer wrote in his report.

Sauer also noted in his board report that the state’s Office of School Safety and Security recently completed a review of all three Homedale schools. He met with Safety and Security officials Thursday to discuss the results of their review.

“We received some valuable information and feedback on all three schools that will help us with our safety plans,” he said about the Thursday meeting.

Possible safety improvements to the facilities themselves were also discussed in the Thursday meeting, but Sauer didn’t provide specifics.

High school educators receive training

Principal Matt Holtry revealed recent trainings attended by high school teachers and administrators.

HHS team members Christine Ketterling, Brady Swallow, Alex Willson, Randy Lyons, Stacy Holton, and Holtry engaged in an Idaho Positive Behavior Network (IPBN) training Jan. 19 at Boise State University.

“The No. 1 goal of IPBN is to increase Idaho’s student achievement through creating an integrated system of sustainable support at the school level to meet every student’s needs,” Holtry wrote in his report.

He said the network continues to offer School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) trainings. These are for the purpose of engaging students academically, to improve their behavior, and

enhance school culture and climate.

Additionally, Sauer and Holtry attended the Idaho Department of Education’s Danielson training.

That workshop followed the Introduction to the Framework for Teaching, Idaho’s instructional model.

An understanding of the structure, architecture, and vocabulary of the Framework for Teaching was provided.

“Participants developed awareness and application of the different levels of performance and the rubrics that guide instructional improvement,” he wrote of the workshop.

Ketterling, the district’s Federal Programs Director, added in her report that there was a second IPBN training this month.

According to Ketterling’s report, the principal and a coach from each building attended a one-day training with the IPBN staff to begin work on planning and establishing Tier 1 behavior supports, a k a primary intervention.

— TK

Future City team returns enriched

They brought back no hardware, but Homedale Middle School’s Future City national qualifiers have plenty of memories from visiting Washington D.C.

“The students had a great time touring our nation’s capital with their parents and friends,” HMS teacher and team advisor Kim Portwood said.

The HMS delegation visited Arlington National Cemetery and witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

A member of Sen. Jim Risch’s staff gave them a personal tour of the Capitol, and one student glimpsed President Donald Trump as his motorcade passed.

“We had a great time and will never forget the experience,” Portwood said.

In addition to war memorials and presidential monuments, they saw The Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Hope Diamond, famous paintings, meteorites, The Star Spangled Banner, space shuttles, and the Wright Brothers airplane.



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Pupil presents Passion Project to Homedale school officials
Baylee Waters, 8, a third-grader at Homedale Elementary School, shows the school trustees her Passion Project, a model of the Titanic, during their monthly meeting on Feb. 20. Watching her presentation are, from left, high school principal Matt Holtry, state/federal programs coordinator Christine Ketterling, and elementary principal Terri Vasquez. Baylee's parents are Sara and Joshua Waters.

Marsing Lions bingo returns Saturday for second-to-last night

Scheduling conflicts have required the Marsing Lions Club to move off its usual second Saturday for the final two bingo nights of the 2017-18 season.

The next bingo night will take place Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The final bingo night of the year will be held on Friday, April 13.

Bingo nights begin with a 6:45 early bird game followed by the regular 12-game series at 7 p.m.

The early bird game costs \$1, and the first set of game cards for the regular 12-game series is \$15. Each additional card set costs \$5.

Free popcorn is furnished, and players have the opportunity to purchase sandwiches made by the Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause, sodas and water, coffee and cookies for refreshments during the games.

Bingo season proceeds benefit causes in town, but also fund Lions Club activities such as the annual Easter egg hunt and vision screenings for Marsing Elementary School second-, third- and fifth-graders each year.

The club will hold its community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31 at the Marsing High School football field.

The Marsing Lions will hold their charter party on Saturday, March 17 at the Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause.

The club has a tradition of auctioning off the centerpieces from the dinner tables.

The community service group raised \$550 for Hope House through the centerpiece auction after its Christmas party.

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Correction
An article on the Bruneau Boosters Community Auction in the Feb. 21 edition misidentified the organization's president. Judy McBride is club president.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut, string cheese, pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Crispito, corn
March 1: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon breakfast round, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, fresh broccoli
March 5: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar, string cheese, peaches **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries
March 6: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, mixed vegetables, hot roll
March 7: **Breakfast:** Maple brown sugar bar, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Hot dog or fish nuggets, string cheese
March 1: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or PB&J sandwich, tater tots
March 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, fresh apple **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans
March 6: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or cereal, yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** BBQ chicken or rib-b-que, green beans
March 7: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, hot roll

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuits/gravy or mini waffles or cereal, yogurt, juice **Lunch:** Crispitos or rib-b-que, green beans
March 1: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or rolled taco or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken patty w/chili or French dip sandwich, chips
March 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or BBQ chicken ranch wrap, potato chips
March 6: **Breakfast:** Bagel w/cream cheese or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Beef taco or burrito, corn
March 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast boat or maple breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken, rice, egg roll or PB&J stacker, pork & beans, fortune cookie

Marsing Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 28: Tater tot casserole, whole-wheat roll, buttered corn or PB&J homemade, buttered corn
March 1: Corndog, steamed carrots or PB&J, steamed carrots, snicker doodle cookie
March 5: Chicken sandwich, green beans or PB&J, green beans
March 6: Beef taco's, refried beans, Spanish rice or PB&J, carrot sticks
March 7: Cheese burger, seasoned fries or PB&J, seasoned fries

Marsing Middle/High

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 28: Tater tot casserole, whole-wheat roll, buttered corn or pork taco, refried beans
March 1: Corndog, steamed carrots or orange chicken & rice, steamed carrots, snicker doodle cookie
March 5: Chicken sandwich, green beans or Philly sandwich, green beans, rice crispy treat
March 6: Beef taco's, refried beans, Spanish rice
March 7: Cheese burger, seasoned fries

Bruneau/Grand View

Milk and fruit offered daily
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Pancakes & egg patty **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans/salad
March 1: **Breakfast:** Biscuit & jelly **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, baby carrots, brownie
March 5: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll
March 6: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll
March 7: **Breakfast:** Hash browns & waffles **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

COSSA

Milk and fruit offered daily
Feb. 28: Crispito, Spanish rice, beans, salad

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✓ Irrigation: South Board chief doesn't see much more reservoir intake

little more about how the water allotment may shape up.
“It’ll be close to 4 acre-feet,” Eells said. “It may be 3.8, but we don’t know that yet.”
Eells said he’ll know more about a turn-on date for the season around the first of April.
The Owyhee Reservoir held 512,216 acre-feet of water on Monday (72 percent of the two-year capacity).
An anticipated storm didn’t bring much more snow pack into the Owyhees last week, so the run off into the reservoir may not increase much.
Water was moving into the reservoir at 250 cubic feet per second Monday.
“The main concern is just what the water looks like,” he said. “There’s no inflow, so we got what we got.”
Owyhee River inflows measured at Rome, Ore., have been flat during the current water year and are far below the average of 2400 cfs for this time of year. Last year, the flow at the end of February was at 7,900 cfs after a spike of 18,200 cfs earlier that month.

A drier-than-expected winter means very little snow pack, and probably crossed fingers for better snowfall next winter.
“We’ll run (reservoir capacity) down to no carryover,” he said. “We’re living on last year. If had to run on (run-off from) this winter, we would be in very dire straits.”
The snowpack has fluctuated throughout the winter because of short storm cycles and warmer temperatures. The Owyhee basin is sitting at about 40 percent of average.
“There’s not much up there,” Eells said of the snowpack in the watershed.
Eells expects the reservoir to top out at 520,000 to 540,000 acre-feet by the time the gates are opened to charge the irrigation system.
But he’s not going to speculate.
“I’m not the type of guy that does forecasts or predictions,” he said. “Whatever is up against the dam, I go with.”

— JPB

✓ Mayoral: Grand View to seek fed funding to help with sewer planning

interim mayor, and he will handle city business such as endorsing checks.
The council has invited community members interested in serving as mayor to apply. Applications will be open until the next council meeting on March 14.
According to a public notice appearing in The Owyhee Avalanche, the council wanted to give town residents time to get news of Collett’s departure and to also give interested residents time to submit a letter of interest to succeed Collett.
“On behalf of the Grand View City Council, we want to express our appreciation to Mayor Edwin Collett for his years of service,” the city wrote in the public notice.
Collett was elected to a full, four-year term as mayor in November. He announced his intention to resign earlier this year.
The current mayoral term expires on Dec. 31, 2021.
There are some parameters for anyone who wants to apply for the job:
• They must live in the city limits.
• They must be a registered voter.
• They should not be related to an existing city council member.
Letters of interest should be submitted either by mail or in person to Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, ID 83624. Letters must be received before the council convenes at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14.
The council could make an appointment during its next meeting.
Collett was appointed to the position in August 2016 after then-council president John Morrison had served two months on an interim basis in the wake of Mayor Franklin Hart’s resignation.
The rest of the current council includes Martinez, who was elected to his first term in November; John Morrison, who was re-elected in November; Bill Mead; and Jon Pennington.

City applies for grant
The city has announced its intention to seek federal assistance in its ongoing wastewater system improvement plan.
Grand View already has received a \$30,000 planning grant from Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The city plans to apply for a \$30,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Rural Utilities Service grant to pay the second half of the cost.

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Death notices

DONALD RAY BARNHILL, 72, of Murphy, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

BOYD MORGAN BURTON, 83, of Homedale, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at his home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day

Feb. 28: Cheeseburger on bun, hash browns, Calif. blend veggies

March 1: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, spinach, roll

March 6: Chicken chow mien, fried rice, stir fried vegetables

March 7: Beef burger on bun, hash browns, broccoli

March 8: Taco salad, salsa, chips, cheese

March 13: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll

March 14: Sausage & biscuits w/country gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots

March 15: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll

March 20: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed veggies, roll

March 21: Hot dog on bun, baked potato, spinach

March 22: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
March 1: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed green salad, pears, garlic bread

March 6: Salisbury steak, potatoes & gravy, cooked carrots, fruit mix, whole wheat roll

March 8: Barley beef soup, coleslaw, fresh fruit salad, chocolate pudding, saltine crackers

March 13: Teriyaki chicken, stir fry style veggies, steamed broccoli, peaches, rice, chow mien noodles

March 15: Corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes & carrots, canned fruit, soda bread

March 20: Turkey dinner, stuffing, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, pineapple cake, whole wheat roll

March 22: Enchilada casserole, corn, Texas coleslaw, apricots, muffins

Obituary

Leland Frank Davis



Leland Frank Davis, age 90, of Bruneau, passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, in Bountiful, Utah. Services will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Grand View. A visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM, funeral services at 11:00 AM, and burial will follow at the Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Frank was born at Canyonville, Oregon, on September 13, 1927, the fifth of six children of Perle and Hilda Davis. In December of 1927, his family moved from Oregon to Kuna, Idaho where Frank went to school until the middle of the seventh grade. In 1939, his dad took up a homestead just across the Oregon border from Homedale. He finished school at Adrian, Oregon.

Immediately upon graduation from high school in 1945, Frank enlisted in the US Marine Corps. After completing boot camp at San Diego, he was assigned to the Marine detachment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway, where he served until the end of WW II.

Having survived Marine boot camp, Frank decided he might be tough enough to be a cowboy. He worked with horses and cowboyed as much as possible until the Korean War, when he reenlisted in the Marines. Frank shipped out to Korea in November and served there until June 1951

when he was wounded. He received his second honorable discharge in October 1951. It was a memorable experience, especially watching those flatlanders who had never been off the city sidewalks try to negotiate the brush-covered hills of Korea.

In 1953, Frank started rodeoing, and riding bareback horses. He rode bulls whenever he could find them, but there weren't many amateur rodeos back then that had bulls. He really wanted to be a bull rider, so in 1954, Frank joined the RCA and rodeoed pretty steadily until 1967. During those years, like most of the other rodeo cowboys, he won some and lost some. He split the Cow Palace with Wagner in '59, won Tucson on a good Vold bull in '60, got a buckle from John Day Oregon and gathered a few other bits of memorabilia.

Frank was a Gold Card Holder in the PRCA, a member of Bruneau American Legion Post #83, an inductee to the Idaho Cowboy Hall of Fame, and a member and Past President of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association.

Frank and Tally were made Honorary Life Time Members of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association in 1997. He also served on the Idaho Animal Damage Control Board.

Looking back over those "roll of red and a loaf of bread" days on the rodeo road, Frank met a lot of great people, saw a lot of new country, and came away with a heart and mind full of wonderful memories.

During and after his rodeo years, he cowboyed for brothers, Bob, Don and Gene until he got a ranch of his own. Frank ran cows for nearly 40 years and raised some good horses. Frank married the love of his life, Nathalie "Tally" in 1970. He always said marrying her was the best thing that ever happened to him. They had nearly 48 wonderful years together. Frank was a man of few words. It was a great compliment when he called someone a "good man." Frank was a good man.

Frank is survived by his wife Nathalie "Tally" Davis, her two sons, Mike and Doug Atkins, his brother Dick and his wife Joyce, sister-in-law Pat Davis, 13 nieces and nephews and their families and many loving family members on Tally's side. He was preceded in death by both parents, his sister Frances Newman, his brothers Bob, Don and Gene, nephew Bill Davis and niece Darlene Williams.

Memorial contributions can be made in Frank's name to your favorite charity or take your kids and grandkids to a rodeo.

Indoor sale to help fund Mtn. View Nazarene's Alaska mission

An indoor yard sale set for Saturday will benefit the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene mission trip this summer.

The yard sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 26515 Ustick Road at Batt Corner Road between Homedale and Wilder.

The sale takes place in the church's Fellowship Hall. Food will be available for a small donation, and the menu includes chili, hot dogs, soda and coffee.

The church's mission team will travel to Alaska from July 24 to Aug. 3. The Ketchikan Church of the Nazarene has a small congregation, and it has

been on the Nazarene's Work & Witness list for 11 years partly because of its remote location.

"Our Mission Team chose this project as it has been only a few years ago, that our church was small and received help from others," the Mountain View congregation's press release said. "We want to do our part to pass the blessing on."

Repairs are needed to make the church building weather resistant in the harsh Ketchikan winters.

The church property needs a new fence for safety, and other scheduled projects include the installation of a handicap

ramp and new stairs into the church.

The Mountain View mission team will host a Vacation Bible School for the community's children, too.

The church invites the public to a Messiah in the Passover demonstration conducted by Ryan Karp. The event will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 25 at the church.

The program gives Christian insight into Jewish traditions, and helps both communities understand their common heritage.

For more information about Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, call (208) 337-3151.

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Today’s technology makes communication faster and easier than ever before, but it shouldn’t be the only way we communicate. For all our innovation, nothing can quite replace the impact of face-to-face communication.



Janelle Thompson

Not being able to engage even in small talks may be detrimental to the future success of our youth. Even when youth are sitting together in a group, they usually seem to be more interested or comfortable in communicating via text messages on their cellphones. Their inability to communicate verbally when standing face-to-face with a person may hinder their future. Over-dependence on technologies such as the social media, text and email for communication may be the cause of this problem. Over-reliance has also killed the desire and need to communicate.

Communication is also important in maintaining relationships. We all maintain relationships through communication with both verbal and non-verbal communication being important. Face-to-face communication plays a role in maintaining ties. Eye contact, touch and expressions are very

important to our youth because they feel safe and comforted when we engage with face-to-face communication with them. We communicate to learn about each other, to share experiences and information no matter our age.

Like many other soft skills, communication can be undervalued because it’s difficult to measure, but its power should not be underestimated.

Emails and texts are great tools to stay connected with others, especially those that may live a great distance away. However, youth today must understand that face-to-face communication is still the most important mode of communication.

Rather than using our devices to buffer us from the awkwardness of closer connection, risk it and reap the rewards of greater and deeper human connectedness. As role models to our youth, we can set examples by showing them how easy it is to not be afraid to put down the device and have a good old-fashioned conversation.

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

North county weed managers to hold first meeting of year

The first 2018 meeting of the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area will be held next Wednesday.

The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture Resource Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

NOCWMA usually holds six or seven meetings a year from March to June and then from September to November, according to administrative assistant Tammie Hedges.

The big topic for next week’s

meeting will be NOCWMA’s annual spray day.

Hedges said directors will work on setting a date for folks to come out and pick up free quantities of herbicide to fight puncturevine.

Board members include chair Kent Curtis, co-chair Elmon Thompson, treasurer Paddy Doyle, Gina Millard from the Owyhee Conservation District, Tim Volk, Ray Mansisor and Chuck Kiester.

Owyhee County weed superintendent Kelly Aberasturi also serves on the board.

Calendar

Today

Ladies Coffee Group

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Story Time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

BLM scoping meeting

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Silver City Travel Management Plan, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 896-5912

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Sage-grouse Local Working Group meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

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

Indoor yard sale

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., proceeds fund mission work, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Free lunch

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

Marsing Lions bingo

6:45 p.m., early-bird game, 7 p.m., regular

games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Sunday

Benefit concert

2 p.m., \$5 and a canned good, “Under the Shadow of the Owyhees,” First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale.

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

Adult book club

7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First monday of every month. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

Crochet club

10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Murphy airport public meeting

6 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 957-5179

Wednesday

Movie time

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

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NOCWMA meeting

7 p.m., U.S. Department of Agriculture Resource Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Two auction helpers hold up a lot so folks can get a better look as Kyle Colyer (back, right) calls the bids during Saturday’s annual Bruneau Boosters Community Auction. Photo by Jan Cook

Popular community donations drive Bruneau auction’s success

Spurred by another round of wildly successful bidding on Aunt Fern’s Red Velvet Cake, the Bruneau Community Auction topped \$30,000 again.

Booster Club president Judy McBride said the \$33,000 raised Saturday is expected to go higher.

The auction, which is held every February inside the American Legion Post 83 Hall, has raised more than \$30,000 in each of the past five years, McBride said.

The standing-room-only event also featured 340 dinners served, she said.

Dick and Linda Strickland put in the winning \$2,100 bid for Fern Graham’s famous cake.

Graham’s niece, Lez Rahn, and Rahn’s granddaughters, Caelynn and Joanna Short, executed the recipe this year.

Graham, who will turn 97 in April, is known for more than her red velvet cake. The longtime Bruneau postmistress dressed as the Energizer Easter bunny for the annual 4-H Easter egg hunts.

“She would drive up in her bunny costume in her golf cart and all the children would run to meet her,” McBride said.

Another claim to fame is the popcorn balls Graham makes for Halloween.

“Young and old line up for



Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president Lynn Bachman (right), a Bruneau resident, and another auction-goer chat in front of a large quilt that was auctioned Saturday.

one every year,” McBride said.

The red velvet cake was Saturday’s top seller, but it was just one of many community contributions that drew bids Saturday night:

- Chuck Hall’s headstall was purchased for \$500 by Blue Collar Farms (Sid Wing)
- Reisinger Honey sold for \$45 a bottle
- Cherry Meyers’ donuts brought \$250 per dozen

- A copy of the “Valley of Tall Grass Book,” Adelaide Hawes’ memoir of growing up in the Bruneau Valley, which was published in 1950, sold for \$300.
- Ruth Jackson’s cinnamon rolls fetched a bid of \$900.
- Celia Hall’s peanut brittle sold for \$275 a box
- A cutting board built by former Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School carpentry teacher Gary Jones sold for \$500.

Sage-grouse group to meet Thursday

Juniper project, Gateway West on the agenda

The Owyhee County Local Working Group for sage-grouse conservation will meet Thursday in Murphy to discuss the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat (BOSH) project.

Group members will work to formulate comments to deliver to the Bureau of Land Management before the Friday, March 9 deadline. The agency is seeking comment on the BOSH plan’s Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat (BOSH) project.

The county LWG meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

- Presentations will include:
- “After the Soda Fire and Beyond the Sage-grouse: Monitoring health and interactions of plants and wildlife” from Jennifer Forbey of Boise State University.
 - “After the Soda Fire: Sage-grouse Movements and

Habitat Use Patterns” from BLM wildlife biologist Ethan Ellsworth.

- “Outcome-based grazing” by Eric Winford from the University of Idaho
- A report from Karen Steenhof on the Feb. 20 Sage-grouse and Sagebrush workshop.

Steenhof also will give an update on the Gateway West 500-kilovolt electrical transmission powerline.

Art Talsma will talk about the change in sage-grouse hunting season.

Chel Curtis will discuss wing bee results.

The group also will start planning its 2018 field tour.

The federal government’s BOSH project aims to fight Western juniper encroachment on 726,000 acres within a 1.67 million-acre area of sagebrush steppe habitat in Owyhee County.

Previous juniper treatment projects have taken place on private land and state land.

To review the Final EIS and associated documents, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xnAKz>

For more information, contact BLM Project Manager Mike McGee at (208) 384-3464.

Silver City travel plan meeting slated tonight

The second scoping meeting for the Bureau of Land Management’s Silver City Travel Management Plan takes place today.

The public meeting will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

The first scoping meeting was held Tuesday after deadline in Nampa.

The BLM is in the midst of a six-week scoping period for the Silver City TMP.

Detailed information and maps are available at <https://go.usa.gov/xnsD2>

The comment deadline is March 30, and comments can be submitted several ways:

- In person — At tonight’s meeting in Murphy
- Email — oma_trans_wild@blm.gov

- Fax — (208) 896-5940
- Postal mail — BLM Owyhee Field Office, 20 First Ave West, Marsing ID, 83639

The Silver City TMP encompasses an area of public land that is, roughly, south and west of Idaho highway 78, east of the Oregon border and north of Mud Flat Road.

The plan will establish routes to access BLM-managed lands for multiple-use activities and address concerns about cultural resources, wildlife habitat, user conflicts, noxious weeds and invasive species.

Comments will help the agency identify appropriate areas for motorized and non-motorized recreation in the TMP area.

For more information, contact the BLM Owyhee Field Office at (208) 896-5912.

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Lincoln Day luncheon hosts GOP primary hopefuls



Dist. 23 legislators Bert Brackett of Rogerson (left) and Megan Blanksma of Hammett share a laugh during the Lincoln Day banquet in Marsing.



Homedale resident Oscar Evans, who is running for Dist. 23, Seat A in the Idaho House of Representatives, helps out with the county Republican Party auction.



Top Idaho Republicans, including Rep. Raúl Labrador, who is running for governor, Secretary of State Lawrence Denney, and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden eat lunch.

Blanksma, Brackett ready to seek another two years at Statehouse

The Owyhee County Republican Party’s biennial Lincoln Day dinner was held Feb. 19 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

It was a chance for Republicans to declare their intentions of running for office on the county, state, and national levels in the May 15 primary election.

Candidates gave short speeches of thanks and appreciation, including:

Idaho State Senate, Dist. 23:

- Bert Brackett of Rogerson, incumbent

Idaho House of Representatives, Dist. 23, seat A:

- Oscar Evans of Homedale, realtor

Idaho House of Representatives, Dist. 23, seat B:

- Megan Blanksma, incumbent

County offices:

- Incumbents for Dist. 1 and Dist. 3 commissioners and clerk as well as appointed officials in the treasurer’s and assessor’s office will seek election, and there is a challenger for the assessor’s position.

See candidate filing news below for more on the offices and candidates who have declared.

First Congressional District:

- Christy Perry, Dist. 11B state representative
- Russ Fulcher, former state senator

(Dists. 21 and 22)

- David Leroy, former attorney general and lieutenant governor
- Luke Malek, Dist. 4A state representative
- Michael Snyder, author

Governor:

- Tommy Ahlquist, real estate developer, retired doctor
- Raúl Labrador, 1st District congressman
- Brad Little, lieutenant governor

Lieutenant governor:

- Marv Hagedorn, Dist. 14 state senator
- Janice McGeachin, former Dist. 32A state representative
- Bob Nonini, Dist. 3 state senator
- Steve Yates, Boise State University professor and former Idaho Republican Party chair

Secretary of State:

- Lawrence Denney, incumbent

Attorney general:

- Lawrence Wasden, incumbent

State treasurer:

- Tom Kealey, businessman
- Vicky McIntyre, Ada County treasurer

Superintendent of Public Instruction:

- Jeff Dillon, Wilder School District superintendent



Dist. 11B state Rep. Christy Perry (left), who is running for Congress, talks with Dist. 2 county Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi.

County clerk accepting candidacy applications

Several county offices up in May 17 primary

Although most surprises are out of the bag for the upcoming political campaign season, the election year officially opened Monday.

Nine days after the biennial Lincoln Day banquet, where many Republican hopefuls spoke, the Owyhee County Clerk’s office is now accepting petitions for candidacy.

County offices on the May 15 primary ballot include:

- **District 1 commissioner** — The position, currently held by Republican Jerry Hoagland, has a two-year term

this time around.

- **District 3 commissioner** — Republican Joe Merrick is the incumbent for this seat, which will have a four-year term.
- **Clerk** — Republican Angie Barkell is the incumbent for this four-year position.
- **Assessor** — Republican Toni Gruenwald is seeking a full four-year term after being appointed to succeed Brett Endicott after her retired in November.

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand, a former assessor’s office employee, plans to seek the office, too.

- **Treasurer** — Like Gruenwald, Republican Annette Dygert is seeking

her own four-year term in office after succeeding Brenda Richards, who resigned in the final year of her term last summer.

- **Coroner** — Republican Aaron Tines is nearing the completion of his first four-year term in office after he ascended from the chief deputy position when Harvey Grimme retired.
- **Central committees** -- Precinct positions, which carry two-year terms, also are up for grabs for both the county Republican and Democratic committees.

Nomination petitions will be accepted at the county courthouse in Murphy until 5 p.m. on March 9. Forms are

available at the clerk’s office or can be downloaded at www.owyheecounty.net on the county clerk’s page under the “Elections” tab.

Anyone planning to run as a write-in candidate has until 5 p.m. on April 17 to file paperwork.

Citizens in each county precinct except Bruneau can pre-register for the May 15 primary election until April 20.

Bruneau voters are restricted from registering because of the two mail-in school levy elections set for March 13 in the Glens Ferry and Castleford school districts.

Voter registration in the Bruneau precinct will open on March 14.

Judge levies big fine, jail for no license

A Homedale man has been ordered to pay a large fine and spend nearly a month in jail for driving without privileges. Carlos Ortiz Jr., was sentenced on Feb. 20 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. Grober ordered Ortiz to pay a \$3,000 fine and \$172.50 in court costs. Ortiz also must serve 28 days in jail after receiving credit for two days he spent behind bars after being charged for his third or subsequent DWP violation, a misdemeanor, on Feb. 19. Grober dismissed a misdemeanor count of a second or subsequent offense of failing to provide proof of insurance.

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

Feb. 20
Ortiz, Carlos, Jr., Homedale — Misdemeanor driving without privileges (third or subsequent offense), 30 days jail (two days credit), \$3,172.50 in court costs and fines

Feb. 14
Hance, Roger, Marsing — Misdemeanor domestic battery, 170 days in jail (five days suspended, five days credit), two years unsupervised probation, \$300 in court costs and fines

Lisby, Mogan David, Marsing — Misdemeanor driving without privileges, \$200 in court costs and fines

Velazquez, Joel L., San Antonio, Texas — Misdemeanor failing to stop at a motor carrier check station or submit to inspection, \$280 in court costs and fines

Public meeting to address Murphy airport plan

A public meeting set for Tuesday will help county officials shape an airport layout plan for the Murphy airstrip. Members of the public are encouraged to attend to learn more about the project, ask questions and give feedback. For information on the layout plan, contact Rick Patton at GDA Engineers at 208.957.5179 or rpatton@gdaengineers.com. The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.



HMS seventh-grader Bailey Purdom finished first among the middle-schoolers with her rendition of “Fur Elise,” by Beethoven.

Town talent show a rocking success

Friday’s annual Homedale talent show, held in front of a packed house in the high school’s old gym, saw contestants from all three schools. Entries this year included singing, dancing, impressions, magic, dog tricks, standup comedy, piano, and rock and roll, among others. Of the 25 acts, 15 of them were from the middle school and just three from the elementary school. There was just one senior, Leah Patton, who competed. First-, second-, and third-place trophies were awarded for each school based on the grading system of the four judges:

Elementary — First, Betty McBride (dancing); second, Cylas Purdom (piano and singing); third, Wayne Stewart (singing)

Middle school — First, Bailey Purdom (piano); second, Summer Villines (color guard routine); third, Raquel Rich and Sadie Rayne (woodwind duo)

High school — First (tie), Leah Patton (singing and ukulele), and Gage Purdom (piano); second, Kate Jerome (singing an original song); third, Charley Jerome (standup comedy)



HES first-grader Betty McBride won the elementary school title for her dance interpretation of “I’m a Gummy Bear,” by Gummibär.



Senior Leah Patton (left) tied for first place with sophomore Gage Purdom in the high school division. Patton played the ukulele and sang “Build Me Up Buttercup,” by the Foundations; and Purdom played a piano medley from “Phantom of the Opera,” by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

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Three Creek students show off mastery ed for lawmakers

Three Creek School students visited Boise on Friday to show state legislators what they’ve been up to in the classroom.

Accompanied by their teacher, Dena Pollock, the children were among students from 32 schools across Idaho who are part of the Idaho Mastery Education Network pilot program.

Teachers, students and school administrators gathered in the Capitol Rotunda for the six-hour Idaho Mastery Education Legislative Showcase.

The Three Creek students also toured the Statehouse and met with legislators. Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett is a Republican who lives in Rogerson and many young members of his extended family current attend Three Creek.

Five of those children — Will Brackett, Katie Brackett, Belle Brackett, Sarah Brackett and Addy Brackett — were part of Friday’s presenters.

In her monthly school newsletter, Pollock outlined what each student in the presentation team would do:

- Lizbeth Arellano completed a compare and contrast essay for the event.
- “She has been to other public schools and will be sharing how our school is different,” Pollock wrote in the newsletter.
- Will Brackett worked to persuade legislators that Three Creek’s way of learning is what every school should be doing.
- Katie Brackett explained how she and her classmates proceed through their school day.
- Javier Arellano also talked about a typical day at school.
- Belle Brackett wrote an essay describing how Three Creek School is different.
- Sarah Brackett presented a personal narrative about the school’s annual Magic Mountain ski trip.
- Addy Brackett created a drawing depicting class time at Three Creek, and she explained how each student works on something different during their time.

Pollock said the school is implementing Mastery Connect software that includes teacher-created resources and helps track each student’s mastery of content standards.

“Although getting our information into the program is time consuming, this program will set up several useful reports for parents and board members and organize all the subjects to be used by future students and teachers,” Pollock wrote in her newsletter.

Three Creek is part of a network of 18 school districts and charter schools that are pioneering mastery-based education.

“This is an opportunity for us to personalize learning for each student so they’re successful in their own way, at a flexible pace,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said in a press release about Friday’s event.

“Mastery-based education is the wave of the future, and this network puts Idaho at the forefront.”

Three Creek is one of the smallest schools in the pilot program. Wilder schools also participate.

Moving Idaho to a mastery-based K-12 education system was the No. 1 recommendation of the Task Force for Improving Education. Lawmakers approved the plan that created the Idaho Mastery Network in 2015.

Three Creek and other schools spent a year in planning and design and are implementing those mastery models this year.

The mastery-based system is tailored by each participating district and school to meet local needs, she said, and network members work collaboratively, sharing ideas and experiences.



Dr. Randall Raymond, a Simplot Co., veterinarian, performs a demonstration in Grand View Elementary’s fifth-grade classroom. Submitted photo

Simplot vet opens GV students’ eyes to career possibilities

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Apprehension and excitement filled Grand View Elementary’s fifth-grade classroom Feb. 12 as Simplot Co. veterinarian Dr. Randall Raymond prepared the class for a calf dissection.

Raymond began his visit with a classroom discussion on how education and college is beneficial to Grand View’s agricultural community. He explained how he uses math every day in his profession and encouraged students in the fields of math and science.

“What students are learning now can have a big impact on their futures,” Raymond said.

Raymond encouraged students to “Develop good study habits now to help later in life regardless of the profession you choose.”

After the discussion, Raymond escorted students outside to a horse trailer that contained a deceased calf. Each of the students put on a pair of blue rubber gloves as Raymond dissected the calf.

Students were allowed to handle each organ as Raymond explained its function. The veterinarian also explained how an inspection of the lungs can help determine if the animal ever lived outside the womb.

“If the animal has taken a breath, then its lungs will be aerated and will float (in water) if not, then they will sink,” he said.

The reaction among students was mixed.

“It was really interesting to see the different reactions ... Some wanted to jump right in and touch and feel everything, others stood in the corner,” Raymond said.

Regardless of student reactions, Raymond feels the school visit is worthwhile and could have an impact.

“Any exposure students have to different types of professions can expand their interest to what is out there and prepare them for their future,” he said. “They need to be exposed to a lot of different things to see what interests them.”

The fifth-grade class has been studying plant and animal cells in science. School secretary and event organizer Dixie Amy felt a visit from Raymond would be a positive, hands-on addition to student learning.

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Fun and food mark Homedale's FFA Week

Teachers treated to burgers, dogs

by Jenna Rupp
Chapter reporter

Thursday's teacher appreciation luncheon was just one of many activities for the Homedale chapter's observance of National FFA Week.

National FFA Week is held each February during the Presidents' Day holiday week, and the Homedale FFA chapter makes sure that the week is full of fun and team building activities for its members.

During this time, the chapter makes a point in fulfilling our chapter recruitment responsibilities by inviting others to join in on the activities and reaching out to the middle school.

Some of the games we played were FFA trivia, dodge ball, Minute to Win It, and special dress-up days.

Amidst all of the fun, first-year members were able to attend a Greenhand breakfast and place their hand on the shop wall. A teacher appreciation luncheon was held Thursday to thank them for their continued support of the chapter.



From left: Seniors Kayden Turner, Ian Beckman and Jordan Packer, the Homedale FFA grillmasters, work on hamburgers and hot dogs before the snow starts falling behind the Ag shop.



Among the first teachers into the Ag classroom to receive hamburgers or hot dogs from Homedale FFA leadership on Thursday were (from left) Casey Grove, Janae Brumfield and Karla Haylett.



A Cub Scout from Pack 409 got into the spirit of the Blue and Gold Dinner on Feb. 20 by wearing his cowboy hat.

Homedale LDS hold youth programs benefit

The Homedale LDS church will host a Cowboys & Vaqueros Youth Fundraiser on Saturday.

Proceeds from the dinner and auction will benefit youth camps and the local Boy Scouts of America troops.

The event takes place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Homedale LDS church, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

Dinner costs \$7 per person or \$25 per family.

Auction lots include quilts, a Traegar grill, baked goods, Vortex binoculars, Scentsy items and more.

The menu will include slow-smoked pulled pork for either a barbecue dish or taco, potato salad, baked beans, and cinnamon honey-butter scones.

Marsing FFA'ers serve community lunch



Homedale resident Oscar Evans, whose wife Clara-Leigh is FFA's executive director in Idaho, has a chat with some community members during Thursday's FFA Week luncheon inside the Marsing High School Ag shop.

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Under the Shadow of the Owyhees returns

Church musicians form duo for benefit

Rob Townsend and Judie Jemmett are no strangers to playing music at the First Presbyterian Church in their hometown.

“We’ve been playing together during church every Sunday morning,” Townsend said.

Sunday, the Homedale High School graduates will take on not-so-unfamiliar roles in a new format to benefit community causes.

Townsend will play piano to accompany Jemmett during their keyboards-and-vocal duo performance as part of the third annual “Under the Shadow of the Owyhees” musical concert.

“Judie kind of committed us,” Townsend said. “I went to church two Sundays ago, and (concert co-organizer with Ben Cardenas) Janet McCornack got up and said, ‘We have bagpipes, and we got Judy and Rob playing.’”

The benefit for the Homedale city swimming pool and the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County food pantry starts at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian church.

Each Sunday, Townsend plays piano on the main floor of the sanctuary while Jemmett plays the organ in the balcony.

As of Thursday, the pair hadn’t been able to practice for Sunday’s show because Jemmett, who lives in Nampa, has been under the weather. She said last week that she had hopes that her soprano voice would be in good enough

shape to go on the with show Sunday.

“God willing, He’ll have me well by then,” she said.

Townsend hopes Jemmett can make the gig — for his own nerves.

“I think with Judie singing, it’ll take pressure off of me,” he said.

One of the songs the pair may present is a favorite of Jemmett’s — “Summertime” from George and Ira Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess opera. The rest of the song list hadn’t been finalized by press time.

Jemmett, who has been singing for 60 years, said she usually sings more classical selections when she’s performing with The College of Idaho Alumni Choir, the Emmett Women’s Choir, or the Nampa Senior Center Choir.

Still, she’s happy to be stepping up to sing inside a church of which she and her family were founding members.

“It’s a good feeling, especially being in that church since I’ve been there from the beginning and the start of it,” Jemmett said.

She and her mother, Bonnie, sang in the church choir.

And Jemmett has sung many solos in the church building that her father, Boyd, helped build.

“So it’s like being home,” she said.

“The acoustics in that church are wonderful, too,” she added.

Jemmett began singing when she attended junior high school



Homedale native Rob Townsend accompanies worshippers during Sunday’s service at the First Presbyterian Church. He’ll be back at the piano Sunday for a benefit concert. Submitted photo

in Homedale. She eventually honed her skills enough to earn a music scholarship to The College of Idaho.

Hollis Selders, the legendary Homedale schools music teacher and a founding member of the Presbyterian church, gave young Jemmett the nudge she needed.

“I had liked to sing before that, but she heard me sing in the choir and she wanted to give me lessons,” Jemmett said. “And she did, and I just went from there.”

When he was 11, Townsend took one year of piano lessons from another Presbyterian church pioneer — Judy Phelps.

“I was into rock ‘n’ roll, and Judy was into classical, but she got me started with the

techniques,” he said.

He has succeeded Phelps as the church’s pianist.

“I’m playing the same piano that I played then,” Townsend said.

Phelps donated the piano on which she used to teach aspiring musicians to the church some years ago.

Townsend previously played the “Under the Shadow of the Owyhees” show, and he has performed in a variety of venues over the years.

He played on an organ known as a Teenie Genie upstairs at the old Tango Club on the corner of Main Street and Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

He played his parents’ private parties at the old Stateline Grange Hall on U.S. Highway 95.

He played at the Masonic Hall in Silver City (his dad, Don, was a Mason).

And he played a benefit similar to the Presbyterian show at thee Wilder Methodist church a couple years ago.

Townsend, who also plays guitar, said his mother, Elizabeth, was really his first music teacher.

“One of the first tunes I learned (on piano) was the Tennessee Waltz,” he said. “My mother put numbers on the keys and put numbers in the book. I could play by numbers.”

Townsend’s paternal grandfather also was musical.

“I can’t say I’m a natural, but I did inherit some ability from Grandpa and Mom,” Townsend said. — JPB

Concert proceeds headed to Homedale pool, food bank

Raising money for a oft-used public resource and providing supplies for a food bank are the goals for the third annual “Under the Shadow of the Owyhees” musical concert.

The Homedale First Presbyterian Church will stage the multicultural entertainment as a community fundraiser at 2 p.m., on Sunday. The church is located at 320 N. 6th St.

Admission is \$5 and a canned good. The cash proceeds will

benefit the Homedale city pool, while canned food will be given to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County food pantry, which is located at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Some of the entertainment includes:

- Bagpipes — Judy Pittman
- Traditional Mexican dance — Ballet Folklorico
- Barbershop quartet — Exit 121
- The Irish band Beyond the Burren (formerly known as the Giant Leprechauns)
- Japanese drumming — Shadow Taiko
- Popular music classics — Rob Townsend (piano) and Judie Jemmett (vocals)

A selection of other Sunday performers

Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo

Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo Idaho! is a community-based dance group from the Treasure Valley. Established in 2003, the group features more than 40 members, and it’s dedicated to teaching and sharing the heritage-rich tradition of Mexican folk dance. Reflecting a colorful, vibrant culture, the dances portray the life events, emotions and history of the beautiful regions in Mexico. Classes are taught from beginners all the way to adults.

Monique Michel-Duarte is the dance instructor. She is a dedicated, accomplished dancer originally from Los Angeles who has danced folklorico almost all of her life. She has danced with and performed in Ballet Folklorico de Victoria Maria Rodriguez, Ballet Folklorico Del Sur de California, and Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo (originally from Bellflower, Calif.). After 25 years of experience in California, Monique now resides in Idaho with her husband and two daughters and passes the rich tradition of Ballet Folklorico to a new generation.

Judy Pittman

Judy is a graduate of Boise State University where she received a degree in theater. She has participated in many productions for BSU, Stagecoach Theater and Boise Little Theater.

Her current love is the bagpipes, which she has been playing for more than 40 years. Judy has studied with some of the greatest pipers in the world and has competed solo in three countries.

Beyond the Burren

A collaboration of three multi-instrumentalists Tim Sommer, Allegra Metcalf, and Rachel Sulik, Beyond the Burren features energetic and beautiful Irish and Scottish tunes and songs blended with Scandinavian, Appalachian, and other world folk styles to make a kickin’ Celtic-fusion cocktail that’s sure to carry you to the burren and beyond.

This band, comprised of a nurse, a farmer and a music teacher, was billed as The Giant Leprechauns in an earlier report about the Under the Shadow of the Owyhees concert.

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✓ Opioids: No court cases in the works yet

during a Feb. 20 meeting in Murphy, designated two law firms — Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC — to prosecute civil or criminal liability claims.

There are no immediate plans to file any claims, but the county could go after opioid manufacturers they deem responsible for the proliferation of the “Opioid Epidemic,” as it states in the resolution.

The county has recognized the high societal cost of dealing with this epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those costs are more than \$75 billion annually.

The commissioners contend that the cost of addressing and combatting the issue takes resources away from other

critical programs and services and, therefore, needs special consideration. They are concerned the county won’t be able to generate the revenue necessary to face the opioid epidemic.

Several of the opioid manufacturers have faced liability for their part in the epidemic “by virtue of their aggressive and, according to some, unlawful and unethical marketing practices,” according to the resolution.

“Once a person is prescribed these medications, there’s a high rate of becoming addicted to them,” county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said.

He added, “The other thing that happens is there’s not necessarily a follow-up to

make sure that (the) individual is not just doctor-shopping, going from doctor to doctor to doctor.”

Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick asks if the liability rested with the drug manufacturer or the doctor.

“It’s a combination of things,” Emery said. “Typically, a patient is introduced to those drugs with a legitimate prescription. But once they’re addicted to it, there’s all kinds of manipulation that occurs in order to maintain that habit.”

The identified law firms will prosecute claims on a contingent fee basis, meaning there will be no compensation unless the county receives a financial benefit from court cases.

— TK

✓ Producers: Judy Boyle takes another step in quest to protect stock water rights

Erpelding of Boise cast the only dissenting vote.

The Ag Committee was packed with farmers and ranchers with trespass horror stories, including Idaho Farm Bureau President Bryan Searle who testified that the trespassing fine is so low, that it’s not worth the sheriff’s time in his county.

“We’ve experienced all kinds of damage,” Searle said. “At my farm in Shelley, we’ve had pivot tires shot up, fertilizer tanks shot full of bullet holes. We’ve had people drive through plowed fields. We even had a demolition derby with a couple of our tractors, not to mention garbage dumped in our fields.”

Searle says deputies responded to their calls, but all he can do is file a report. With just a \$50 fine for trespass, there’s no investigation, and in all his years farming, he has seen just a single arrest for littering.

“Farmers want people to enjoy the land, but the challenge comes with vandalism when they damage machinery or shoot things up. We have to have something in place so when we are violated there’s a penalty rather than a \$50 fine or what I call ‘a fee to have fun.’ Fines need to be updated, and we need to put some bite into the statute,” Searle said.

Cody Chandler from Washington County testified that on his ranch they’re seeing more and more incidences of trespass each year.

“I’m not an advocate of locking gates; hey just keep honest people out, but we continue to have more and more cut fences and vandalism,” Chandler said. “We had a guy make off with some of our cattle and drove across our property to do it. If we had a stronger statute we could have got him for trespass and subsequently theft, but the laws are so weak we were violated twice.”

Some on the committee thought the bill was too rushed and needed vetting. Others questioned its legality, but attorney Gary Allen, representing the Idaho Property Rights Coalition, said he disagreed with those interpretations.

“The Girl Scouts are not going to become trespassers

or felons,” he said, referring to committee concerns that anyone who sets foot on private property without permission could become a felon.

Allen stressed that the bill targets repeat offenders, not people who get lost or accidentally trespass. To that point, Boyle added, that she wants a three-strikes clause: if within a 10-year period someone is convicted of two trespassing charges, the third offense is a felony.

When it comes to trespassing on rural property, the county sheriff’s office enforces the law and the county prosecutor prosecutes offenders. Still, some committee members thought the bill to be too harsh and that some convicted felons could lose the right to carry a firearm and to vote.

Boyle, an avid hunter and rancher, said that Idaho Fish and Game already has a third-trespass-is-a-felony rule. She said her bill adds the exact same language to the criminal trespass section of the law.

“This is all geared to the habitual offender,” she said. “The felony provision has been in Idaho Fish and Game since 1986. No one has demanded it be taken out of the code.”

Boyle says her bill has widespread support.

“We’re not talking about public land,” she said. “We’re talking about private property and people who pay taxes on their land.”

She reminded the committee that 62 percent of Idaho is public land.

“There’re plenty of opportunities to fish and hunt without trespassing on private land,” Boyle said.

Boyle sponsored a bill last year that finally codified Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry’s stock water rights victory against the federal government.

This year, she has introduced House Bill 603, which would authorize the Idaho Department of Water Resources to force the federal government to demonstrate why agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management should be able to retain water rights when ranchers file for them.

The BLM would forfeit the water right if it cannot show cause.

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WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT



Marsing High School's three seniors who placed in the 2A state tournament (from left): Joseph Ineck (fourth place, 152), Jaden Kinney (sixth place, 182), and Mason Hall (champion, 220). Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Hall, Huskies make history

Coach ecstatic about state
champ, best team finish

Saturday was about potential fulfilled for Marsing High School wrestling.

Mason Hall did something his coach had dreamed possible for three years.

And the Huskies' program reached a point in its evolution that Jon Nelson had always envisioned.

A 220-pound senior, Hall ended his prep wrestling career with a 2A state championship

Saturday in Pocatello.

Two other Huskies seniors — Joseph Ineck at 152 and Jaden Kinney at 182 — also brought medals home from their final prep tournaments.

"The three boys that placed have known each other since kindergarten. They've been together all their lives," Nelson said.

"It was a very emotional, fun time. They wanted to win."

The team was tied for 12th with Salmon, which Nelson said is the best finish in the

— See *Huskies*, back page

HHS freshman snags fourth at 113 pounds

Freshman Joseph Egusquiza finished fourth as half the Homedale High School qualifiers won matches at the 3A state tournament.

A 113-pounder, Egusquiza reeled off three consecutive victories after losing in the quarterfinals at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Egusquiza was the only Trojan to come away with a medal after losing to Teton's Hunter Hill for the second time in as many days on the Idaho State University campus.

Hill grabbed the bronze medal with a 1-minute pin. He beat Egusquiza in 52

— See *HHS*, back page

At left: Homedale 113-pound freshman Joseph Egusquiza (left) shares a moment with his father Joe before Saturday's medal round. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography



Jordan Valley girls ready for rare state tourney trip

Mustangs roll
into first final
eight since 2000

Reaping the benefits of a tough non-league schedule, Jordan Valley High School has reached the 1A Oregon girls' basketball state tournament for the first time in nearly two decades.

The Mustangs (17-11) routed

District 5 champion Triad, 56-42, on Friday in Klamath Falls to advance out of the state playoffs bracket.

Jordan Valley hasn't appeared in a state tournament since back-to-back trips in 1999 and 2000.

"The girls played extremely

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Jordan Valley boys heading back to state tournament.

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Homedale High School girls' basketball coach Joe Betancourt (left) sits on the bench with assistants Casey Grove and Kortney Ford during the Today's Dentistry tournament in Nampa in December.

Betancourt closes a chapter on HHS girls' basketball

Coach recalls
lessons taught and
his own growth as
he steps away

Joe Betancourt hit the ground running when he arrived in Homedale seven years ago.

Now the basketball coach is ready to slow down a bit.

Betancourt's departure from the Trojans' girls' program was

made official Feb. 20 when school trustees accepted his resignation.

"Homedale, the people in it, and the kids I got to coach are the best in Idaho," the six-year varsity coach said.

Betancourt came to Homedale to coach the junior varsity team for the 2011-12 season at the behest of his friend Matt Holtry, who was then HHS athletic director and

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Sports

Huskies' final shots won't fall at district

A scrappy second half couldn't extend Marsing High School's boys' basketball season.

The Huskies fell, 52-50, to McCall-Donnelly on the road in a 2A District III Tournament elimination game Feb. 20.

Marsing (9-14) had two chances to tie the game in the final 26 seconds, but couldn't convert. On the Huskies' last foray into the halfcourt, Merrick Hall couldn't extend his earlier magic and missed a baseline jumper. Senior Tyler Wood tipped the rebound out, but junior Enrique Quebrado's look from 12 feet was off the mark.

"It was a tough loss to end the season," Huskies coach Tim Little said.

Hall, who logged seven points and seven rebounds, helped Marsing close a second-half comeback when he hit the team's final field goals.

The sophomore converted a three-point goal and a long two-point jumper to tie the game, 50-50, with 1 minute, 45 seconds remaining.

"At that point, it was going to be the team who made the least amount of mistakes," Little said.

Junior guard Dillon Wilkinson hit McCall's go-ahead basket to close out his game-high 16-point night. He also had a three-pointer to give the Vandals a five-point lead before Hall made his final baskets.

Marsing had clawed back into the game after trailing by nine points at halftime.

"We ... came out in the second half with more intensity and toughness on the defensive end," Little said.

Senior Landry Villa had the best shooting night of his final prep season, but there was "unfortunately not a lot of consistent shooting from the collective group," Little said.

Villa went 5-for-7 from the field for 10 points.

Marsing was 21-for-66 overall (31.8 percent) with Quebrado missing 10 shots (4-for-14 and managing just eight points, which Little said is about 10 below his nightly scoring average).

Wood was 5-for-14 and led the Huskies with 12 points, and Dwight Sevy had 11 points.

Freshman Jacob Ankeny was one of three Marsing players to collect seven rebounds. He also blocked three shots.

The Huskies ended the season on a three-game losing streak, and dropped seven of their last 10 games.

Marsing lost four games by two points or less, including one-point 2A Western Idaho Conference games to Cole Valley Christian (62-61) and New Plymouth (42-41) a week apart in late January.

Marsing was 3-6 in games decided by four points or fewer.

Two MHS girls named All-2A WIC



Marsing senior Mackenzie Farrens puts a shot over Melba's Kate Clark in a January conference game. Photo by Dan Pease

Two Marsing High School girls' basketball teammates ended their prep careers as all-conference players.

Post Mackenzie Farrens was placed on the All-2A Western Idaho Conference second team in coaches' voting.

Guard Elsa Margarito was an honorable mention selection.

The pair helped the Huskies to a 2-8 record in the 2A WIC. Third-year coach Jake Dugger's team was 9-12 overall.

Kori Pentzer, Melba's senior guard, was named 2A WIC Player of the Year, and her coach, David Lenz was coach of the year.

Melba's Emma Clark and Kate Clark were among first-team all-conference players.

The Mustangs won their first 22 games in the 2017-18 season before losing, 44-32, in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament semifinals to eventual state champion Soda Springs.

Melba (23-1) beat Cole Valley Christian, 55-29, for the third-place trophy.

Other all-conference players from Melba include Mary-Ellen Cossel and Tinsley Christensen.

Pentzer will play on the Metro team for the Idaho State High School All-Star Game, which will be played on March 24 at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

MARSING HUSKIES



Boys' basketball
Landry Villa, sr., G
Shot 5-for-7 for 10 points
vs. McCall-Donnelly



Wrestling
State placer
Mason Hall, sr. –
Champion, 220 pounds



Wrestling
State placer
Joseph Ineck, sr. –
4th place, 152 pounds



Wrestling
State placer
Jaden Kinney, sr. –
6th place, 182 pounds

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Season complete (9-14 record)

Wrestling
State placers
Mason Hall, sr. — Champion, 220 pounds
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Sports

HHS cheerleaders off to State after district title

Homedale High School’s cheerleading squad won the district championship Saturday. The team will compete in the state cheer competition on Friday, March 16 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. Jessi Kerbs is cheer coach, and Dixie Leedom is her assistant. The Trojans squad finished second in the pom-pom routine Saturday at Capital High School in Boise. The team will compete in that division at the state tournament, too. According to athletic director Casey Grove, the HHS squad has practice nearly every morning before school, and the cheerleaders dedicate four hours each Friday to their routine. The cheer team consists of: **Seniors** — Alex Muir, Payton Kerbs, Julia Correa, Ember Christensen, Brenda Cortez, Isabel Hernandez, Mindy Padilla, and Josh Conkwright **Juniors** — Ricky Soto, and Joseph Zamudio **Sophomores** — Austyn Kerbs, Christina Guzman, Taiz Cardenas, Ashlyn Miller, and Maggie Johnson

Five juniors among Homedale girls’ All-3A SRV players

Two Homedale High School frontcourt players were placed at the top of the girls’ basketball all-conference team roster. First-teamers Josey Hall and Amaya Carter, both juniors, led the Trojans’ All-3A Snake River Valley conference picks. Senior guard Faith Jacobson and junior post player Jayci Swallow were named to the all-conference second team. The rest of Homedale’s All-3A SRV contingent were on the honorable mention list, including senior guards Lainey Johnson and Kendall Nash, senior swing player Ashley Burks, and junior guard Alex Grant. District champion Parma claimed both the player of the year in Madison Jackson and the coach of the year (Mike Calkins).

Trojans baseball plays host to jamboree

Spring will spring Saturday for some Homedale High School sports teams. The varsity baseball team is playing host to a preseason jamboree at John Jackson Field. The action starts at noon. Fans must pay to watch the teams’ first competitive steps on a diamond (\$5 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors) Nampa and Nampa Christian will play at noon, and Homedale plays in the final two scrimmages — against Nampa at 1:30 p.m., and Nampa Christian at 3 p.m. The varsity softball squad is in Caldwell for a jamboree at Vallivue High School. The jamboree starts at 11 a.m., but the Trojans won’t see their first game until 12:30 p.m. when they take on Middleton for two innings. Another two-inning scrimmage will start at 1:50 p.m. against Caldwell. Both games will be staged at the school’s junior varsity field. Homedale’s final scrimmage of the day is a three-inning affair on the varsity field against the host squad. At noon, the Trojans’ junior varsity baseball team starts a jamboree at Rodeo Park in Nampa. Spring sports openers include:

- **Baseball** — Home doubleheader against Filer, noon, Saturday, March 10
- **Softball** — Home doubleheader against Filer, 11 a.m., Saturday, March 10 at Sundance Park
- **Track and field** — Weiser Invitational, Thursday, March 15
- **Tennis** — At Ontario, Ore., 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 13
- **Girls’ golf** — Weiser Invitational (nine holes), 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 14 at Rolling Hills Golf Course
- **Boys’ golf** — Homedale Ice Breaker (18 holes), 10 a.m., Thursday, March 8 at River Bend Golf Course

One more day to sign up for HHS volleyball clinic

Thursday is the deadline to sign up for the Lady Trojans 2018 Youth Volleyball Clinic. The clinic, conducted by Homedale High School coach Jessica Willson and her staff, is open to current sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade volleyball players. There will be four clinic sessions in March and April. The cost is \$10 per session or \$35 for all four sessions. Each session has a maximum number of 24 players. Sessions will be held at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 24, Friday, April 6, Saturday, April 21 and Friday, April 27. Attendees will get the opportunity to improve volleyball skills and get to know the coaching staff in preparation for competing at the high school level. Contact Willson at (208) 861-0202 or jwillson04@gmail.com for more information. Checks made payable to Homedale Volleyball and registration forms can be turned in at the high school, middle school or mailed to Willson at 17450 Garnet Rd., Wilder, ID 83676.

✓ Betancourt: Trojans reached state tournament five times in six seasons

From Page 1B finishing up his time as girls’ basketball varsity coach. “In the past six seasons, he has helped lead the Homedale girls’ basketball program in a very successful manner,” Holtry wrote in a text announcing Betancourt’s resignation days before the school board meeting. Betancourt and Holtry are best friends, and the departing coach credits the HHS principal with helping him grow as a coach. “Matt is like a brother to me. He’s also my leadership mentor,” Betancourt said. “He’s taught me so much about what it takes to be a good leader and what it takes to run a successful program.” Holtry also convinced Betancourt to take a leap of faith and come to Homedale. “He told me how great the kids were out in Homedale years ago and that I needed to take a look at trying to come out there,” Betancourt said. “When I decided to come out there, I didn’t know what to expect. Seven years later, it’s

the best decision I’ve ever made.” An employee of the Nampa School District IT department, Betancourt helped the JV Trojans win a 3A Snake River Valley conference championship in his first season. The next year, he accepted his first varsity coaching job and proceeded to guide Homedale to five of the next six 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournaments. Two years after taking over the varsity job, Betancourt led the Trojans to a third-place finish in the state tournament to cap a season that included trophies as champion of the 3A Snake River Valley conference and 3A District III Tournament as well as a district coach of the year award for Betancourt. “What he provided for the program goes far beyond the wins and the accolades,” Holtry said. “Joe provided consistency. “He brought a love, support, encouragement and a loyalty to our girls’ program that will be missed as he steps away from being our head girls’ coach.”

Homedale’s Joe Betancourt era

Season	W-L	Pct.
2017-18	11-14	.440
2016-17	7-10	.412
2015-16	18-7	.720
2014-15	15-7	.682
2013-14-x	19-6	.760
2012-13	11-14	.440
Six years	81-58	.583

x — Won 3A Snake River Valley conference and District III championships ... third place at state tournament ... District III coach of the year

Note — Reached the state tournament every season except 2016-17 ... 2-9 state tournament record ... won 3A Snake River Valley conference junior varsity championship (2011-12)

Betancourt said the 2013-14 season is a highlight of his time in Homedale, but it’s the preparation that he’ll

remember most. “Really most of the memorable times and highlights I’ll remember would have occurred during practice,” he said. “There have been a lot of laughs over the past seven years in that gym.” Just because laughter echoed off the walls during workouts doesn’t mean there wasn’t business getting done. “I’m proud of the dedication the girls showed over the years. One of the things that amazed me the first week I was there and even down to the final game of this past year, was how the girls were able to flip that competitive switch,” Betancourt said. “Early on in the first couple of years, before games I would think they didn’t looked focused enough. They didn’t look like they were ready to play a competitive game. Then that ball would get thrown in the air, and it was a completely different mentality. They were focused and ready to win every game. I quit worrying about their focus before games after year two.”

And Betancourt’s teams showed resiliency. His last team bounced back from three losses to Fruitland to beat the Grizzlies and earn a state berth. “I guess that’s one of those great memories as well, especially watching the girls celebrate and seeing how much it meant to them to beat Fruitland to get to State,” Betancourt said. Betancourt said he made the decision to step away after the final regular-season home game. “My reasons are personal. It was something I had to do,” Betancourt said. “This has nothing to do with the community, the schools or the girls. All of them have been great throughout my time there.” Betancourt said being a part of the Homedale community has helped him grow, too. “Being a part of that town has not only made me a better coach, but it’s also made me a better person,” he said. “A piece of my heart will always belong to them.” — JPB

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 3, 1993

Another suit to be filed to stop snail designation

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was served with a notice of intent to sue for violations of its duties under the Endangered Species Act last Friday afternoon concerning the Bruneau Hot Springs Snail.

The papers were filed by The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, on behalf of the state organization, and the Owyhee County Farm Bureau.

This will be the second such suit to set aside the decision to list the snail as an endangered species since the USFWS announced its decision on January 15 to make the listing. Bruneau resident Tony Jolly filed his suit Feb. 16.

Also, at a meeting January 22, the Owyhee County Commissioners voted to file a similar petition to that of the Farm Bureau, but, after learning of the IFB’s notice, they are considering joining in the Farm Bureau’s suit — along with the Idaho Cattle Association and the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association — as intervenor or friend of the court, Commission Chairman Dick Bass said Monday.

It’s back to school for Marsing on Outreach Day

Grownups in Marsing went back to school for a day last week, back to elementary, mid- and senior high classrooms they haven’t set a foot in for decades.

Community members shared their occupations, school experiences, read to classes and participated in projects and discussions Wednesday as part of Community Outreach Day, a first-ever event to increase community involvement in Marsing schools.

Jay Russell explained the craft of horse shoeing to Mr. Hutler’s fourth-grade class. Marsing Mayor Mike Fromm was there, as was Marsing’s city planner, a butcher, superintendent Joe Whitten, Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton and others.

30 years between grandsons

Captured in a photo together were the oldest and youngest grandchildren of Edwin and Dorothy Stansell of Homedale: Steven Edwin Stansell, born Nov. 29, 1961, and Dylan Fergusson Jenkins, born Aug. 14, 1992.

Steven, son of Keith Stansell of Homedale, is a 1980 graduate of Homedale High School. He resides with his wife Ann in Mukilteo, Washington and works for Boeing.

Young Dylan lives with his parents, Maxine Stansell and Tim Jenkins, in Seattle, Washington. Maxine, a 1972 graduate of Homedale High School and 1976 graduate of The College of Idaho, is an attorney with the Seattle regional office of the Federal Trade Commission, while Tim teaches in the Renton, Washington school district.

Sullivan looks for big things on track team

Homedale Track Coach Troy Sullivan won’t know what sort of depth his team has until they get into the season. He does know it’s a squad with lots of freshmen, both boys and girls he believes will develop as the season progresses. “We’ve got decent numbers, but I don’t think we have the numbers that we might have had in the past, and that helps win track meets when you have 2nds, 3rds and 4ths.” And the Trojans have won meets — District 3 champions last year, and fourth among A-3 boys at state.

“We’ve got the kind of kids that will be real successful individually but I don’t know right now how are team depth will be,” Sullivan said.

50 years ago

February 29, 1968

Miklancic wins step-down prizes for shooters

Jim Miklancic won the step-down prizes among the Senior shooters Monday night with a score of 299. Luther Hosselbring shot a 341 among qualification scores. Louis Breshears won first and Dick Fry second among the pistol shooters.

Masons hold annual dinner, fete Washington

Members of the Silver City Lodge No. 13 AF 7 AM gave their annual Washington birthday dinner Sunday evening at their hall in Homedale.

Marvin Haney, worshipful master, introduced Curt Munson, who was master of ceremonies for the program.

DeMolays of Gem chapter, Dennis Tanikuni and David Hiral, spoke on the life of George Washington, and Barry Wood reviewed the history of the Washington Monument.

Frank Ilett, Boise, gave the main address, speaking on Washington the Master Mason and the history of Masonry.

Gifford Shaffer, most worshipful master of Idaho, who had returned Saturday from a five-day trip to New York and Washington, D.C., spoke briefly on his visit to the Washington Monument.

Masons and their friends, numbering more than 100, were present from all the surrounding towns, including Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skinner, Idaho Falls.

Mrs. Chadez, daughter feted at shower

Mrs. Ted Chadez and infant daughter, Deborah Diane, who was born on Jan. 25 at the Caldwell hospital, were honored with a baby shower on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, at the home of Mrs. Mary Louise Mansisor.

Soil district meet at Payette draws Owyhee men

The spring divisional meeting for Soil Conservation District supervisors for the lower Snake River area was held at Payette.

Owyhee Soil Conservation District Supervisors attending this meeting were Henry Sweep, Alvin Benson and Jack Walker. John K. Noyes represented the Soil Conservation Service.

Purpose of the meeting was to evaluate district programs and plan for needs of the future.

Alvin Benson presented a timely talk on the District Outlook in the Agriculture program. Benson also informed the group that districts are the logical organization to represent agriculture, he said.

Henry Sweep gave a brief talk on how the Owyhee SCD finances its program. Sweep said the only means of financing the district program is through rentals on the district’s office building and from newsletters, etc.

Sweep informed supervisors that the Owyhee district will assist Owyhee County commissioners with information on soils and crops for county zoning. Resource planning is badly needed in Owyhee County, he said.

Cub Scouts visit Chronicle

Den No. 3, Cub Scouts, with their den mothers, Mrs. Colleen Bahem and Mrs. Carmen Demshar, visited the Owyhee Chronicle Wednesday.

Included were John Demshar, Lonnie Rudd, Perry Chadez, Jim Paxton, Ken Bahem, Mark Vanderhoff and Kevin Henson.

The boys watched how type was set on the Linotype machine and how various other newspaper operations are conducted.

140 years ago

March 2, 1878

RESOURCES OF OWYHEE COUNTY

This section of country within a radius of 200 mile offers more inducements to the square acre for settlers than any other portion of the occupied lands in the United States. Why it has not, with all its great advantages, been settled up long since is a problem only to be solved by the supposed Utopia that is the most prominent feature in the mind of the emigrant, whose only motto is “Westward, Ho.” The first streak of good farming lands investigated by your commissioner is on Goose Creek, a good-sized tributary to Snake River. For many miles the land bordering on this stream contains as rich and fertile soil as can be found on the Pacific Slope. There is abundance of water at all seasons of the year for irrigation and other purposes, but not sufficient to allow the water to be carried to any distance to allow of cultivation for the miles of rich soil adjoining, that without irrigation must remain barren. This is a thing that will perhaps be remedied in the near future, for a company is now being organized for the purpose of obtaining the necessary fluid by means of artesian machinery. The country is by no means as well settled as I had been led to expect, yet it contains a goodly population of the right kind of people and as generous and hospitable as can be found anywhere. I find that although money is conspicuous by its utter absence and there is a growl about hard times, owing to the grasshopper scourge of last season, yet all hearts are brimful with anticipations for prosperity in future. As in all new countries, there are no luxuries. People get along with as little as possible as a matter of course, yet there is any amount of rough comfort, and everybody has a comfortable appearance that is a sure indication of contentment.

Marsh Basin and surroundings lay from fourteen to twenty-five miles from Goose Creek on the Kelton road, and, as its name indicates, is a perfect basin, formed from the slopes of the surrounding mountains. Numerous springs and creeks rise from the base of the hills around and are thickly settled upon, so thickly indeed that it is a question if there is room for another settler in the Basin. The soil is rich black loam, not so sandy as the lower valleys and therefore requiring a little less irrigation. Some idea of the fertility of the soil may be had when it is known that one farmer here, Kelly, has raised fifty-three bushels of wheat to the acre. Although this basin is settled, there is room for hundreds more of settlers on location on the outside just as good as any now taken.

The Silver Bill Vetoed but is a Law Notwithstanding

The President vetoed the Silver Bill and both the Senate and the House by decisive majorities of more than two-thirds in each branch passed the bill over the veto and it is now the law of the land. This act of the President reveals in a very significant manner his real weakness, showing that he is not only the tool of the Wall Street monopolists, but lacks the power, when emergencies arise, of controlling a single vote in either branch of Congress. If he has any ambition to be a great leader he must feel humiliated at such a result as this. The Silver Bill was framed in a spirit of compromise. The extremists on both sides were compelled to yield to moderate counsels and the result is the passage of a law that places a judicious restriction upon the coinage of silver and which if it operates favorably in its present shape will undoubtedly lead to the abolition of such restriction and the adoption of a measure in more perfect accord with the demands of the country.

Sports

Parma routs Homedale boys to reach 3A State



Homedale junior Carson Brown leans in for a fast-break layup against Weiser in a Feb. 20 3A District III tournament game at Treasure Valley Community College.

Trojans lose district runner-up game by 20 two nights after blasting Weiser

The boys' basketball season ended Thursday night for Homedale High School.

The Trojans fell one game short of the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament after Parma rolled to a 60-40 victory in the District III runner-up game at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Parma joins district champion Fruitland in the state tournament, which begins Thursday at Meridian High School.

The Panthers beat Homedale for the second consecutive outing.

The Trojans (10-15) won the teams' first meeting of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season, 55-49, in Parma on Jan. 25.

The Panthers took a 53-41 victory on Feb. 9 in Homedale to claim the tiebreaker and get the No. 3 seed into the district tournament and send the Trojans into the play-in game against No. 5 seed Payette.

Under second-year coach Chad Mann, Homedale came within one game of the state tournament for the first time since finishing second in the state title game in 2014. The

Trojans improved their win total by eight games over the 2016-17 season, snapping a 12-game losing streak against conference opponents, including nine straight losses in 3A SRV play.

Feb. 20: Homedale 57, Weiser 35 — The Trojans caught fire in the second quarter to take control of an elimination game against the No. 2 seed Wolverines.

Sparked by two quick baskets at the end of the first quarter, Homedale drained 11 of its final 15 seconds of the opening half to build a nine-point lead at the break.

Sophomore Nelson Lomeli scored seven points in Homedale's 20-point second quarter and led all scorers with 15 points.

Weiser jumped out to a 10-3 lead in a slow-moving first quarter when Ande Jensen logged his only basket of the night with 1 minute, 52 seconds left. The Wolverines struggled from the field in the first 16 minutes, shooting 30 percent (6-for-20). Weiser missed on 12 of its first 16 shots.

Homedale began to emerge from its early-game shooting funk in the final five seconds

of the first quarter.

Senior Tony Baltierrez muscled in an offensive putback, and Carson Brown stole Weiser's inbound and fed fellow junior Mason Kincheloe for a layup at the buzzer to get Homedale within a point, 10-9.

The Trojans continued their 12-1 run in the second quarter, capping the spurt in which they hit five of eight shots when Lomeli rushed to the basket with a steal. His layup 4½ minutes before halftime gave Homedale a 15-11 lead.

Lomeli and Brown hit three-point goals, and Kincheloe grabbed a defensive rebound and went coast-to-coast before hitting a floating jump shot in the lane as Homedale kept up the pressure.

Tim Reed and Braden Bumgarner scored nine points apiece to lead Weiser. A junior Bumgarner was saddled with four fouls and didn't score in the second half.

Homedale spread around its offense.

Scott Matlock scored five of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, and Kincheloe added 10 points. Brown finished with eight points.

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Homedale Trojans



**Boys' basketball
Nelson Lomeli, so., G
Led all players with 15 points vs. Weiser**



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Advice column



Dear Baxter,

As a fellow veterinarian, I am hoping you can help me. My wife Nancy has two cow dogs that will readily obey commands to sit and stay until they get near a cow. Then they chase the critter and can't hear a word we say. It's very obvious to me that they go deaf near livestock.

So, what's your diagnosis? I've considered cow dander allergies, pour on irritation and ear infections to name a few. If possible, send a note or RX.

Signed Anxious in Tie Siding, Dr. L.W.

Dear L.W.

I am pleased to inform you that your wife's two cow dogs are suffering from a malady that is common in Blue Heelers. It also occurs in species further down the food chain such as backyard horses, bird dogs and teenagers.

Your suggested diagnosis associates their problems to the nearness of cattle. However, research at the NASA Cow Dog Behavioral Institute in Homer City, Pa., indicated a relationship more closely related to the proximity of the dominant figure (i.e., the greater the distance between master and dog, the less your influence.)

The technical name for the syndrome is called Progressive Dumb Dog Detachment Amnesia or PDA. There are some social scientists who believe PDA is a result of a broken home, a puppyhood trauma or sucking hind teat. Others, with only a master's degree prefer to think it is a biological defect like damaged chromosomes, lack of a brain or too much Co-op dog food.

Extensive studies have been done to discover a method to change the PDA dog's behavior such as necking him to a mule, using remote-control pontoons, or letting him drag a hundred foot of log chain. Although these techniques can alter his direction, they often interfere with his mobility in the corral.

Probably the most state-of-the-art information has come from a paper presented at the prestigious PDA Symposium and BBQ in Alcova, Wyo., by one, R. Guerricabeitia, shepherd. It is his contention that there is nothing wrong with the dog's hearing, his breeding or his training. The PDA is evolving into a thinking being and has simply chosen to ignore you.

My advice: Live with it or leave him home.

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Protecting liberties on Legislature's second-half agenda

We are halfway through the legislative session. There has been wide variety of topics heard in committees. For example, students from a senior class wrote legislation that would recognize the importance and need for organ donors. The legislation would change the statute allowing donors at a younger age. The students prepared the documents and then testified in the State Affairs Committee.

A bill that would restore constitutional protections that have been usurped by provisions in the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act was heard. If enacted, this bill will hold that indefinite detention, without due process, or transfer to jurisdictions

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Tax cut measures highlight work in session's first half

The Idaho Legislature is now seven weeks in and more than halfway through the proposed schedule. If we continue on pace and keep to the schedule, things should wrap up by the end of March. At that point, I hope to get around District 23 for a few town halls to answer questions and provide additional information about the 2018 Legislative Session.

I'm happy to report that the tax cut legislation, House Bill 463, has made it out of Senate Local Government & Taxation and has been sent to the Senate Floor with a do pass recommendation. It is anticipated that HB 463 will pass the Senate and

— See *First half*, Page 7B

Idaho's rural teachers need our help

Jordan Chesler is a rural middle school counselor in New Plymouth. She commutes 90 miles roundtrip every school day from Nampa, straining an already limited budget with an additional \$160 of gas expenses every month.

"I chose to be out here because I see the need," Chesler said. "Without a school counselor, there would be a lot of kids without access to mental health counseling."

Three years ago, she earned her master's degree and started working in New Plymouth. Simultaneously, she started making payments on her \$71,000 in student loans. Initially, her monthly payments were \$800. Because her teacher's salary was so low, she qualified for a payment reduction bringing her monthly bill down to \$400. But that didn't cover the principal payment and now interest on her student loans have mounted and Jordan owes \$80,000.

When we look at Idaho's struggling education system, it is people like Jordan I worry about. The data we see makes it very clear: Our rural districts are not meeting acceptable standards. I worry we are not attracting or retaining teachers in rural Idaho.

I worry about the negative impact this is having on our children and communities. Many of the schools in rural Idaho have empty classrooms because they are without a teacher. I worry about young teachers and counselors like Jordan who are forced by financial necessity to seek better-paying positions in urban school districts or in other states.

Creating opportunity in Idaho begins and ends with investment in our educational system — from kindergarten to high school and beyond. Without an adequate educational framework, we are not offering our students or teachers opportunities to grow or prosper. Investment in education relates directly to

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the quality of life for all Idahoans. If one element of our school system is not meeting the needs of students and expectations of parents or is not successfully preparing students for the next step, the entire system is out of balance.

Per capita, Idaho is the fastest-growing state in the country. We are seeing and will continue to see an increase in student enrollment. At the same time, teachers are disappearing. The vacancies created by their departures remain unfilled. I worry about that.

A recent article from a legislative journal said teachers in the U.S. are working longer hours than their international counterparts, and for less pay. Among other states in the Northwest and Intermountain West, Idaho teacher pay is at the bottom.

If our rural schools are shedding certified teachers at an alarming rate, how do we demonstrate to educators how satisfying the teaching experience can

— See *Teachers*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Credit fix firm hurts your rating as bad as filing bankruptcy

Dear Dave,
I received a call the other day from a company saying it could negotiate the balance on my credit cards to a lesser amount. The caller also said they could get me a zero-percent interest rate until the debts were paid off, and then the accounts would be closed. I'm kind of starting over again financially, because I sold a company I had run for almost 15 years, then got into real estate and lost almost everything. I'm making just enough to squeeze by, and my credit card debt totals \$40,000. Would this be a good idea?

— Bill

Dear Bill,
No, this is not a good idea. You're looking at two major problems with a company such as this one. One, they will absolutely destroy whatever

credit you may have. Their plan is to take your cash, and spend some time beating down the credit card companies until they agree to accept a lesser amount. Then, they use your cash to settle loans you will have — by that time — defaulted on. This will put you in a situation very similar to if you had filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy. Stay away from these people.

You have an income crisis, in addition to a debt crisis, at this point. For starters, I want you to start living on a tight, written, monthly budget. I'm talking rice and beans, no vacations, and no eating out until you pay off this debt. Where your income is concerned, maybe you should consider getting back into the kind of business you ran previously for a while. Look for a managerial or supervisory position in that area, at least



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until you're able to get back on your feet and save some cash. Finally, cut up the credit cards, close the accounts, and put as much money as you can spare toward paying off that debt using the debt snowball system. Never go back into debt again!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are in our 40s. We have no children, and we bring home \$95,000 a year combined. We're also debt-free except for our home. We owe just \$10,000 on the house, and can take care of that in a few months. Would it be OK to rearrange the Baby Steps a bit, and pay off our home before getting serious about saving for retirement?

— Nan

Dear Nan,
I don't usually give folks any wiggle room when it comes to sticking with the proper order of the Baby Steps. But if you're that close to being completely debt-free, I don't see anything wrong with paying off the house first.

Most people I talk to still have anywhere from \$100,000 to \$300,000 left

on their mortgages. This is a little bit different story, however, and you two are obviously managing your money well.

Knock out that mortgage, and start pouring at least 15 percent of your income into retirement. You're going to love the feeling — and the freedom — that comes with being completely debt-free!

— 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.

✓ First half: Tax reform measures will spur growth, streamline process

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go Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter for his signature. I’m excited about the progress of the tax cut and look forward to its implementation.
Other important tax legislation has also been signed in to law. The State Unemployment Tax Rate cut in HB 335 and HB 355 regarding IRS Conformity are two of the most notable. HB 335 will decrease unemployment insurance rates and encourage continued growth for Idaho businesses. IRS Conformity ensures that Idahoans don’t have

to go through the process of filing two different tax returns, one for the state and one for the federal government. By streamlining the process through conformity, some of the burden of income tax filing is eased.
In the next few weeks, we will have a multitude of issues discussed in the Legislature, and I will do my best to keep you up to date. Also please remember that the Idaho Legislative website (legislature.idaho.gov) is always free and available if you want to search particular topics or specific bill numbers. The

site contains actual bill language, fiscal impacts and statements of purpose. Vote counts and committee results are also available there as we go through the process.
I can be reached at mblanksma@house.idaho.gov anytime you have a question, suggestion or additional information regarding pending legislation. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. It’s a pleasure to serve and I appreciate the trust you have placed in me to represent you in the Idaho House of Representatives.

✓ Second half: Castle Doctrine bill list of cosponsors nears 20 legislators

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outside the United States of people who are citizens of the state of Idaho will be unlawful and violate the Constitution of the State of Idaho and the Constitution of the United States of America.
I am working on legislation that would make it possible to have an arrest record expunged if there are no charges filed. As the current statute reads, a record may only be expunged if one is acquitted. An arrest record even if no charges were formally filed, now stays on record and will show up on a background check. This may interfere with licensing or finding a job. This issue was

brought to my attention by a citizen in our district. I am grateful for the opportunity to effect good change.
We are still working to have a hearing on Idaho’s own Stand your Ground/Castle Doctrine bill, H444. The response from citizens who believe in strong Second Amendment rights has been overwhelming. And we have close to 20 cosponsors for this bill.
A grocery tax repeal bill is being drafted. There have been several tax bills shopped around. The one proposed by the governor is a very small adjustment and does not include grocery tax repeal. The people want the repeal.

You can read the bills and find a citizen analysis at www.growingfreedomidaho.com. This website has been put together by liberty-loving citizens and legislators to provide more clarity and access to Idahoans to be able to participate and have input in the governance of our state.
Proceedings of the legislative day are at www.legislature.idaho.gov.
Your questions and comments are always welcome. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to be your voice. This is a responsibility I do not take lightly.
Thank you for your support and prayers.

✓ Teachers: Debt forgiveness could help attract teachers to rural areas

From Page 6B
be and the opportunities that exist for them in rural communities? If we cannot offer competitive wages, then perhaps we can offer other incentives that would help them plug the holes in their monthly budgets and enable them to actually live where they work.
This is precisely why I am drafting a bill to offer rural teachers forgiveness on their federal student loans. I’m proposing the State of Idaho take management of this federal program and offer forgiveness of \$3,000 for each year a new teacher remains in a rural school district. Teachers could

benefit from this incentive for up to four years, or \$12,000 in total debt relief.
For young working families willing to make a life in one of our rural Idaho communities and willing to take on the important work of educating our children and grandchildren, this loan forgiveness would be as good as a pay raise.
Everyone benefits in this scenario: Rural schools would receive a commitment from teachers wishing to take advantage of this opportunity, and Idaho’s financial assistance would help educators use their knowledge and adventurous spirit where it is needed most.

Ultimately, this loan forgiveness could mean fewer empty classrooms and more eager students learning from talented, skilled and dedicated teachers like Jordan Chesler. With quality teachers making a home in rural Idaho and seeing to the educational needs of our children and grandchildren, I’d worry a lot less.
— Rep. Sally Toone (D-Gooding) is a first-term member of the House of Representatives. She’s scheduled to introduce legislation on this topic this week. Toone introduced similar legislation last session, but no action was taken.

Sports

Jordan Valley boys punch State ticket with sweet victory

Mustangs clinch first back-to-back tourney spots in 15 years

Two lower seeds that knocked off district champions will clash in the first round of the 1A Oregon boys' basketball state tournament.

No. 11 Jordan Valley (22-4) opens its second consecutive March appearance at Baker High School with a 7:30 p.m. MST game on Thursday against No. 14 Joseph (17-8).

The Mustangs exacted state playoffs revenge to reach the state tournament, beating Crosshill Christian, 54-42, in Turner, Ore., on Saturday night.

Crosshill Christian bounced Jordan Valley from the state playoffs in 2014 and 2015.

Jordan Valley's playoffs run began last Wednesday at home with a 65-44 shellacking of Trinity Lutheran out of Bend, Ore.

"The boys played good this week," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said. "Trinity and Crosshill are both good teams.

"We played good defense and took care of the ball on offense."

Joseph won three consecutive roads games, including two in the state playoffs, including a 55-43 route of No. 3 seed Damascus Christian, the District 1 champion.

Jordan Valley is making back-to-back appearances in the state's final eight for the first time since six consecutive trips between 1998 and 2003 under the guidance of Skeeter Duby and Dan Johnson.

Duby's 2000-01 team won the state championship, and Jordan Valley was state runner-up in Johnson's first season in 2001-02.

Last year's fifth-place finish marked the Mustangs' first state tournament trip since a fourth-place showing in 2003.

Jordan Valley has reached the state playoffs in seven consecutive seasons and 10 of the past 11.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 54, Crosshill Christian 42 — The Mustangs seized control over the final four minutes to end the sixth-seeded Eagles' season in Turner, Ore.

The District 2 champion, Crosshill Christian (21-6) had won four straight and eight of nine coming into the state playoffs.

"Crosshill was a good win," Fillmore said. "We jumped out to a good lead then Crosshill made a run and climbed back in the game to tie it up with four minutes left in the game.

"But the boys picked up their game and fought hard to take the lead and win the game."

Chase Fillmore led Jordan Valley's four double-digit scorers, dropping nine of 10 free throws and finishing with 17 points. He also came away with five steals.

Kirk Eiguren hit a pair of free throws in the fourth quarter to cap his 14-point, six-rebound performance.

Zeke Quintero scored four of his 11 points in the fourth quarter and led the team with eight rebounds.

Wade Stanford had eight points in the first half as Jordan Valley built a 32-20 lead. The Mustangs opened the game on a 22-7 run through the first quarter. Stanford also had six boards.

Jordan Valley was 12-for-19 from the foul line, but limited the Eagles to nine trips (they made seven shots).

Crosshill Christian's Andrew DeJager was 5-for-7 from the foul line and led all scorers with 19 points.

Last Wednesday: Jordan Valley 65, Trinity Lutheran 44 — Chase Fillmore hit a three-point goal in each of the first three quarters as part of his game-high 24 points against the Saints visiting from Bend, Ore.

Fillmore and Quintero collected six rebounds each.

Quintero (nine points) and Kort Skinner (five) each hit three-pointers. All of Skinner's points came in the third quarter as Jordan Valley built a 49-29 advantage.

Eiguren just missed a double-double with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Wade Stanford added 11 points.



From left: Taylor Warn, Emilee Burch, and Regann Skinner celebrate after Jordan Valley wrapped up a trip to the state tournament by beating Triad. Submitted photo



Regann Skinner leans in for a one-handed jump shot in Jordan Valley's opening-round victory over Chiloquin. Photo by Gayle Batt

✓Tourney: Mustangs move to fifth in state

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hard this past week, and the desire to win our two playoff games was shown," Mustangs coach Kelsi Skinner said. "(Assistant coach Mike Skinner) and I are extremely proud of these girls, and we look forward to State."

Ranked fifth in this week's 1A Oregon coaches' poll, the Mustangs have drawn District 4 champ Days Creek (24-3) for a 4:15 p.m. MST game today at Baker High School.

The sixth-ranked Wolves are on a six-game winning streak and have won 19 of their past 20 contests.

Jordan Valley has won two straight since falling in the District 8 title game.

"They are such a hard working dedicated team, and it is so much fun coaching these girls," Kelsi Skinner said. "We are truly blessed."

The Mustangs have reached the state playoffs each of the past four seasons after qualifying twice (back-to-

back in 2006 and 2007) since 2000.

Jordan Valley last reached the state's final eight in 2000, finishing fourth after a 59-42 victory over Umpqua Christian in the consolation final.

A year earlier, the Mustangs — coached by the late Gene Mills — compiled a 22-4 record and finished fifth after losing, 51-48, to Alsea in the third-place game.

Friday: Jordan Valley 56, Triad 42 — The 12th-seeded Mustangs had control from the outset against the No. 5 seed Timberwolves.

Junior Regann Skinner led all players with 20 points, including a three-pointer as part of her eight-point second quarter.

Junior Taylor Warn connected on seven of 10 foul shots and knocked down one of Jordan Valley's three treys for 16 points.

Nicole Terry, a junior, scored six of her eight points in the first quarter. Emilee Burch

added seven points, and ninth-grader Kiana Quintero five.

Sophomore Mae Drost led Triad (20-7) with 15 points, while freshman Kate Drost chipped in 11.

Feb. 20: Jordan Valley 54, Chiloquin 30 — The Mustangs sank their free throws and ended the visiting Panthers' season in the opening round of the state playoffs.

Jordan Valley converted 14 of 22 foul shots, including six of 11 during a 16-point second quarter.

The Mustangs held a 28-18 lead at the break.

Skinner made six of eight free throws en route to a game-high 18 points. Warn was 4-for-5 from the line, and she scored nine of her 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Terry scored six of her 13 points over the final eight minutes.

Presley Frost scored 10 points to lead the Panthers. Senior Hallie Harkins added seven.

Adrian boys fall in first round of playoffs

The Adrian High School boys' basketball season ended last Wednesday.

Host Powder Valley downed the Antelopes, 77-37, in the opening round of the 1A Oregon

state playoffs.

Adrian (13-14) earned the right to play in North Powder, Ore., with a third-place finish in the District 8 tournament.

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Public notices

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that declarations of candidacy for the offices of Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Treasurer, Owyhee County Assessor, Owyhee County Coroner, Owyhee County Commissioner, District 1, for two (2) years; Owyhee County Commissioner, District 3, for four (4) years; and Owyhee County Precinct Committeemen, for 2 (two) years must be filed with the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office, whose address is 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650, between 8:00 a.m. February 26, 2018 and 5:00 p.m. March 9, 2018. (I.C. 34-704; 34-708)
Such declarations are available at the Owyhee County Clerk’s office or at www.owyheecounty.net under the Clerk’s / Elections tab.
Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. April 17, 2018.
(I.C. 34-702A)
02/28/2018

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION CASTLEFORD JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 417 TWIN FALLS AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, as amended, the Board of Trustees of Castleford Joint School District No. 417, Twin Falls and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, has determined there is a need for a Supplemental Levy in the amount of \$350,000 three hundred fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2020. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Owyhee County polling locations for the March 13, 2018 Castleford Joint School District No. 417 Supplemental Levy:
Precinct 010 - Bruneau – Mail Ballot Precinct – As approved by the Secretary of State on 1-22-18
Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650

Precinct 013 - Absentee Voting
Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650

For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting information, contact the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office at 208-495-2421.
2/28/2018

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION GLENNS FERRY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 192 ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees, of the Glenns Ferry Joint School District #192, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, adopted on January 10, 2018, a supplemental levy election will be held on Tuesday March 13, 2018, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., for the purpose

of voting upon the question and proposition of authorizing a levy in the amount of up to \$350,000 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) per year for a period of (2) years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of operating the schools of the district.

Said election will be held at the following polling places: as directed by the Owyhee County Clerk:
Precinct 010 - Bruneau – Mail Ballot Precinct – As approved by the Secretary of State on 1-22-18
Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650

Precinct 013 - Absentee Voting
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For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting, contact the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office at 208-495-2421.
2/28/2018

MURPHY AIRPORT MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE
The Murphy Airport is completing the Airport Layout Plan process. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Owyhee County Historical Society Museum and Library, 17085 Basey Street in Murphy, ID. The public is invited to come learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback. More information about the Airport Layout Plan is available by contacting Rick Patton at GDA Engineers at 208.957.5179 or rpattson@gdaengineers.com.
2/21,28/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On March 14, 2018 beginning at 6:30 pm, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear public comments in the courtroom of the **Homedale City Hall located at 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale, Idaho** on the following matter at the time listed below.
Beginning at 6:30 pm, the Commission will hold an open house style public comment meeting to get input and ideas from citizens concerning current land use zones, allowed uses, and possible rezoning of unincorporated lands around Homedale. The public meeting will run from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Citizens are welcome to attend any time between those hours. This meeting is for unincorporated Owyhee County only and does not pertain to any land inside city limits.
Copies of current and proposed maps are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office and can also be viewed at www.owyheecounty.net under the Community Development tab. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO
On behalf of the Grand View City Council, we want to express our appreciation to Mayor Edwin Collett for his years of service. Mayor Collett tendered his resignation, effective February

16, 2018.
At the February 14, 2018 regular city council meeting, the Grand View City Council elected to leave the mayor’s position open until the March 14, 2018 city council meeting. Council members want to provide Grand View residents’ additional time to be made aware of the mayor’s vacancy. Plus, the additional time to provide individuals who are interested in filling the vacancy adequate time to submit a letter of interest for the mayor’s position.
Individuals interested in filling the remainder of the mayor’s term of office must live in the city limits, be a registered voter and should not be related to an existing city council member. The balance of the term runs through December 31st, 2021. Letters of interest should be submitted to Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho before the city council convenes at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.
Jodi A Jewett, City Clerk
Posted at Grand View U.S. Post Office, Eastern Owyhee County Library, City Hall, City Hall Kiosk, Grand View Store, GV Gas
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION
The *City of Grand View* intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. The project includes *improvements to wastewater collection and treatment plant*. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted to the *City of Grand View*.
2/28/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Tuesday the 5th day of June, 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:

Lot 7 and 8 in Block 71 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for 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 18 E. Montana Ave., Homedale, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ISMAHEL CARDENAS, a Single Person, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded July 7, 2015, as Instrument No. 287139, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on October 26, 2017, as Instrument No. 294159, 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 Note dated June 29, 2015, in the amount of \$250.62 each, for the months of September, 2017 through January, 2018, 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 4.00% per annum from August 1, 2017. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$33,877.54, plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from August 1, 2017.
DATED This 2nd day of February, 2018.
RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
2/14,21,28; 3/7/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee’s Sale No. ID-LTE-18002921
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 5, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

In Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho
Section 28: Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying North of the County Road as now constructed

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 18080 SHORT CUT ROAD , MURPHY, ID 83650, 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 JULIE MAGEE, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of DAVID PUTNAM, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND THOMAS T. NICHOLSON AND DIANE RAE NICHOLSON, as Beneficiary, dated 3/13/2014, recorded 3/24/2014, under Instrument No. 283533, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by DAVID PUTNAM, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND THOMAS T. NICHOLSON AND DIANE RAE NICHOLSON.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 3/13/2014, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/11/2017 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.
All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$308,436.77, together with interest thereon at 6.500% per annum from 9/11/2017, until paid.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.
DATED: 1/24/2018.
/s/: Deborah Duncan, Assistant Secretary, for Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704
Phone: 888-342-2510
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on June 19, 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”): PARCEL I

A portion of Government Lot 5 of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 5; thence North 0°17’20” East along the West boundary of said Government Lot 5, a distance of 1,282.57 feet to a point on the Southerly high water line of the Snake River; thence along said Southerly high water line the following courses and distances;

South 51°42’46” East, a distance of 338.19 feet;

South 64°31’34” East, a distance of 35.05 feet; thence

South 0°17’20” West parallel with the said West boundary of Government Lot 5 a distance of 1,063.33 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Government Lot 5; thence North 88°58’00” West along said South boundary a distance of 298.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II

A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress

over and across the South forty (40) feet of Government Lot 5 in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Commonly known as: 4113 Blue Heron Lane, Marsing , ID 83639 Selina A. Evans and Brad A. Evans, as Trustors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated August 20, 2003, in favor of New Century Mortgage Corporation as Beneficiary, in which Alliance Title and Escrow Corp was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on August 28, 2003, as Instrument No. 244838, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-5 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Assignment Dated: November 18, 2014 Assignment Recorded: November 26, 2014 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 285319 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 September 6, 2017 at Instrument No. 293674, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to

Trustor’s failure to make monthly payments beginning July 1, 2014, 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 \$300,127.84, interest in the sum of \$76,902.91, escrow balance of \$14,394.92, and other fees in the amount of \$5,669.75, for a total amount owing of \$397,095.42, 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 Trustors. 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 Trustors, successor in interest to the Trustors, 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 Trustors 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 7th day of February, 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. 14687 2/14,21,28,3/7/2018

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

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Sports

✓ Huskies: Six seasons under Nelson brings six trips to state tournament

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history of the program.
“As far as I can tell, this was the best overall performance from a Marsing High School wrestling team,” Nelson said Monday morning, the stress of a monumental weekend still evident in his strained voice.
“I’ve gone back as far as I can (in record books). Marsing has never (finished) above 15th, and (this year’s tournament) is the best that we’ve done.”

The Huskies were a half-point out of 11th place and one point away from a top-10 finish.

Marsing has put wrestlers in the state tournament each of the six years Nelson has been at the helm.

The coach had been adamant since Hall’s first state tournament appearance in 2016 that a gold medal was a possibility.

The gold medal moment came at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Hall nearly had Grangeville’s Brandon Stump pinned in the first 30 seconds of the 220-pound title bout, Nelson said. But when Stump appeared to be injured on the takedown, the referee stopped the match momentarily.

Hall would resume the offensive in his only match that would go the distance on the Idaho State University campus.

A 16-8 major decision gave Hall his third state meet medal in as many years.

“Mason just had a great state tournament,” Nelson said.

Fighting through illness, Ineck got a little revenge on the way to the second state medal of his career.

“Joseph was extremely sick on Friday and still made it into

the blood rounds on Saturday,” Nelson said. “He ended up beating the kid that beat him at districts (Josiah Campbell of New Plymouth to reach the bronze medal match).
“It was all heart. He was down, and he was exhausted, and he just wanted it.”

He finished fourth after a tight 4-2 loss against Hayden Hunt from Bear Lake. Hunt knocked Ineck out of the championship bracket with a 12-5 decision in the quarterfinals.

Kinney received a sixth-place medal after Jace Perrin of Prairie pinned him in 1 minute, 47 seconds of their fifth-place bout.

“In all three of his (losses), he was winning all three when he got pinned,” Nelson said of Kinney’s fortunes.

Hall steamed into the 220-pound title bout with a string of first-round pinfalls.

He needed just three seconds when he opened the tournament against Valley’s Eric Cisneros.

Hall pinned Firth’s Cole Barrett in 42 seconds during their quarterfinal.

He reached the first state championship final of his career after pinning Jacob Housley of Soda Springs with eight seconds left in the opening period of their semifinal.

Hall won a bronze medal as a junior last year, and he finished fourth as a sophomore in 2016.

Ineck racked up three victories in the consolation rounds, including a 3:36 pin of Malad’s Junior Sua in the semifinals.

The senior, who finished sixth at 145 pounds last year, opened his tournament with another second-round pin. He dispatched Orofino’s Kai



Marsing’s Mason Hall (top) takes control in the 220-pound Class 2A championship match against Grangeville’s Brandon Stump. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Naranjo in 3:26.

After falling into the consolation bracket, Ineck pinned Gage Norton of St. Maries (3:53) and edged fellow District III wrestler Josiah Campbell of New Plymouth, 5-4, to eke into the consolation semifinals.

Kinney also entered the consolation bracket after a loss in the 182-pound quarterfinals.

The road to the senior’s first state medal began when he pinned Teegan Grush in 1:28.

Once he was in the consolation bracket, Ineck pinned Rylan Adams of Firth in 68 seconds and bounced Grace’s Gable Holyoak in 2:10.

He slipped into the fifth-place match after McCall-

Donnelly’s Parker Pyle got a pin in 42 second during their consolation semifinal.

Sophomore Adonis Stelzried (138) was the only other Marsing wrestler to win two matches during the weekend.

After Aberdeen’s Carson Beck pinned him in 2:58 of their opening-round match, Stelzried got hot.

He ended Salmon wrestler Steven VanZuyen’s tournament two seconds before the horn to end the first period.

He also pinned Orofino’s Dawson Harris at the 4:48 mark of their consolation match before losing in the bracket’s third round, 4-2 over Teegan Dunn of Wendell.

Troy Miller (98) pinned Isaac Powers of Raft River in 1:20 during a consolation match.

He battled and lost in his fight to stay in the tournament when another Raft River wrestler, Hunter Anderson, held on for a 13-11 decision.

Kadin Goins (160) posted a pin in 1:10 during his tournament-opening match against Declo’s Elijah Koyle.

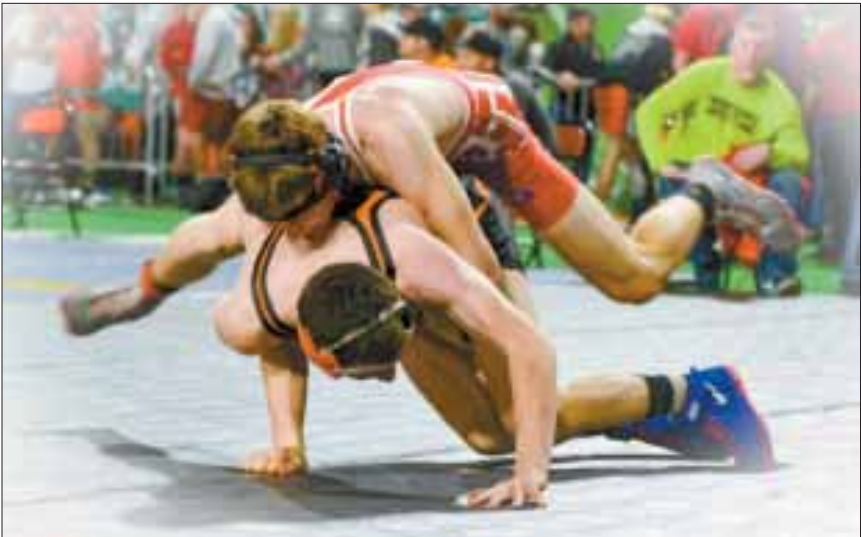
Dawson Walker (170) also pinned his first opponent in the first period, stopping Lane Schilling from Clearwater Valley in 1:15.

Seth Black (182) grabbed a 3-1 sudden victory against North Fremont’s Sergio Cano in a consolation match.

The Huskies’ other three state qualifiers — Evan Miller (113), Justin Ineck (126) and Jedidiah Crandall (195) — went 0-2.

— JPB

✓ HHS: Senior Jesse Packer rallies after opening-round defeat at 152



Homedale junior 145-pounder Jaegar Rose (top) battles Larry Naccarto of Priest River in a consolation bout. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

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seconds in the quarterfinals.
Egusquiza pinned Marsh Valley’s Sergi Christiansen in 1 minute, 18 seconds in their opening-round match Friday.

The Homedale wrestler won three straight consolation matches, including a narrow 5-4 victory over Weiser’s Kooper vonBrethorst that put Egusquiza in the bronze medal match.

He pinned Jackson Beck of American Falls (1:41) and Sugar-Salem’s Skyler Lerwill (2:16) before knocking off Brethorst.

Junior Jaegar Rose also won his opening match.

Homedale’s 145-pounder posted a 17-9 major decision against Buhl’s Trieg Christensen before bowing out of the

tournament.
Jesse Packer (152), the only senior on coach Jake Levinski’s roster, won two consolation bracket matches after falling in the first round of the championship bracket.
He pinned Kellogg’s Blaine Goodner in 1:53, and pulled off a thrilling 1-0 win over Kimberly’s Trace Mayo before fellow District III wrestler Dre Salinas ended Packer’s tournament.
Robert Nix (195) pinned Andrew Kalbfleish of Filer five seconds into the second round of their consolation match.
Gracie Rotter (98), Savannah Turner (113), Jorge Vega (120), and Brady Trout (170) lost both their matches in the state tournament.