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Meeting will address ranchers' water rights legal fees

Constitutional Defense Council will convene later this month

Two Owyhee County ranchers finally will get their day before the state's Constitutional Defense Council.

The Idaho Attorney General's Office announced Monday that the council will

convene at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 30 inside the AG's office. The office is located at the Statehouse, 700 W. Jefferson St., in Suite 210

On the agenda is an application for

financial relief under the Constitutional Defense Fund for Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry.

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HISTORIC HUSKIES HANDPRINTS



Schoolchildren's handprints cover new gym's cement flooring

Above: Students in Marsing were able to leave their mark for perpetuity on Thursday when they placed their handprints on the subflooring of the new high school gym. The new gym floor will cover the prints when it is installed.

Right: Marsing first-grader Damian Robles carefully inscribes his name below his handprint.



Local firm to build community center

A Homedale company has been awarded the contract to build the proposed Owyhee County Fairgrounds community center.

Following a recommendation from engineer Kirby Cook of Civil Dynamics, county

commissioners accepted the low bid from Succor Creek Construction during their Jan. 7 meeting in Murphy.

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Grand View recall targets councilman

Petition has only seven certified signatures at first check

A second recall campaign has been launched in Grand View. This time, City Councilman John Morrison is the target.

Nola Boone, the city's code enforcement officer and Planning and Zoning Commission chair, filed the recall petition with City Hall last week, and on Friday Owyhee

Russell said the petitioner can still collect signatures. The cutoff to get a recall vote on the March 12 ballot is Tuesday. But more than likely any recall would be organized for the May 21 election.



John Morrison

The recall effort against Morrison is the second in recent weeks for Owyhee County's smallest municipality.

Former councilperson Marie

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Senator: US Ecology fund to improve town entrance in Grand View

Idaho 167-78 project could happen next year

US Ecology tipping fees will fund a planned revamp of the intersection at the entrance to Grand View.

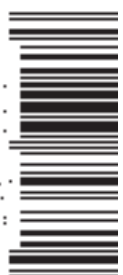
Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) told Owyhee County commissioners about the plan to improve the area where Idaho highway 167 and Idaho 78 meet at the end of Roosevelt Street.

"It'll be a good project," the Senate Transportation Committee chair said.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick agreed that the work is needed. He said the current intersection is dangerous because truckers can't see down the highway when they are attempting to turn off of Roosevelt (Idaho 167).

The project will be bid later this year, and construction will start in 2020. No price tag is available yet because

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Homedale councilmen analyze school pedestrian safety

Volunteer crossing guard corps will lose member soon

Dark mornings and traffic congestion got the Homedale City Council talking about pedestrian safety at the elementary school.

City officials discussed at length concerns at the elementary school in the 400 block of West Washington Avenue. The conversation began when Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller shared complaints he had received from citizens.

"I've had enough people complain about it," Eidemiller said. "We've all been down there when people are dropping off their kids or picking them up."

"It's a madhouse down there, and I think we could probably do some things that would be relatively low-cost to increase the visibility and make it a little safer for the kiddos walking down there."

On Monday, elementary school principal Terri Vasquez said parents are aware of the drop-off protocol, and a teacher from each grade level, and others, help regulate the process.

"Each morning we have a staff member out front and in the back to make sure the kids get off safely, get out of their cars and get in the right direction and also to answer any questions parents may have," she said.

Diagonal parking in front of the school's east playground was eliminated a few years ago to create an approach for the school loading zone and eliminate back up on the street.

Vasquez said parents are

asked to drive the length of Washington Avenue between 3rd Street West and 5th Street West. Turning on to 4th Street West in the middle of the block is discouraged.

Eidemiller's comments and the city council's discussion came after a safety discussion blossomed on the Homedale Community Awareness Facebook page where one mother is looking for volunteers to serve as adult crossing guards.

A mother who helps regulate the crosswalks at the school is having a baby soon and will have to leave her post, according to the Facebook page.

"We have parent volunteers right now that are manning the crosswalks down there, and good on them for doing it. God bless them for doing it," Eidemiller said.

Street lighting remains poor near the school. There is one light on the south side of Washington Avenue at the crosswalk nearest the elementary entrance, but no light on the north side.

Vasquez and school district superintendent Rob Sauer said another issue is at least once a day a motorist drives the wrong way on the one-way portion of West Washington, even though there are “Do Not Enter” signs and the traffic pattern has been in place for more than 12 years.

Sauer said new halogen lighting was installed on the school building a year ago.

Vasquez said the new lights



Orange cones mark the end of the drop-off area (designated by a sign) in front of Homedale Elementary School.

illuminate the area from the east playground out to the roadway as well as the west playground and staff parking lot. There is also a new light in the new parking lot in the northeast corner of the campus that shines on to 3rd Street and Oregon Avenue.

Sauer said he is open to discussions with city officials.

“We all have the same goal, and that’s for our students to be safe, to arrive safely, be safe while they’re here, and depart safely,” Sauer said.

Vasquez and Sauer both welcome any volunteerism community members would like to contribute to serve as crossing guards.

"We've always encouraged volunteers," Vasquez said. "We could always use help, but they need to realize we have a routine and they need to follow our routine."

Anyone who wants to help out in the morning or afternoon as a crossing guard or in any other capacity can contact the school at (208) 337-4033.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said that the school district should look into bringing the drop-off zone onto school

property or away from traffic on the one-way portion of West Washington Avenue.

"I have zero doubt there is an issue with the traffic down there," Eidemiller said. "It's been a source of contention since they changed it to a one-way."

"I think we're past the point of trying to figure out who owns what. We have a legitimate complaint we have to address."

Christoffersen understands that funding is an issue for the school district, just as it is with the city.

“We might need to get the school board and the city together and say, ‘Hey, this is a safety issue. What is the most logical things for us to do to bring our safety up down there?’”

There was talk of increasing the lumens on streetlights near the school. Public works supervisor Bret Smith said that would require work from Idaho Power and result in an increase in the city's power bill.

"If we've got to spend a dollar to save a dime when it comes to keeping a kid from getting run over by a car, I don't think we have a choice," Eidemiller said.

The police chief said he

has had his nighttime officers taking photos of the area to illustrate just how dark the street is. He also said that emphasis patrols are an option to monitor traffic and enhance safety.

"At the end of the day, it's the amount of traffic that's going down there two times a day," Eidemiller said. "I don't see that we're going to alleviate that because parents have every right to drop their kiddos off and pick them up."

"But it's not the ones in the cars we're necessarily worried about. It's obviously the pedestrian travel, both down 3rd Street, on Washington, and on Oregon."

Some of the mitigation ideas tossed about last week were expensive, such as putting in a lighted crosswalk.

"I've always said they needed two spots to drop-off," Christoffersen said.

“You could bring a place in off of 3rd on the east side and a place off Washington ... a couple of spots there. But it’s expensive, and (the school district’s) budget is as tight as everybody else’s is. But when it comes to safety, what trumps it?”
— JPB

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HMS hosts Academic Bowl contest today

The third 3A Snake River Valley conference Academic Bowl of the 2018-19 season will be held in Homedale today.

The meet starts at 4:15 p.m., inside the middle school cafeteria, 3437 Johnstone Road.

Homedale won the season opener in October and finished second in the November meet. No competition was held in December.

The Trojans are coached by Homedale fourth-grade teacher Jan Silva.

The team consists of:

Eighth-graders—Cameron Breshears, Catherine Decker, Kolby Fisher, Corilynn Huskey, Rylan Love, and Anna Pawlak

Seventh-graders—Abagale Hall, Trinity Neeser, Sadie Rayne, Cali Smith, and Grant Waltman

Sixth-graders — Joshua Aguayo, Miguel Albor, Alexis Bernabe, Carson Bingham, Addison Cussins, Aliyah Hibbs, Jayden Lyman, Nelson Miramontes, Neidy Ramirez, Brandon Reynolds, Kali Rogers, Carsten Smith, and Tayler Trout

Other Academic Bowl contests will be held at 4:15 p.m., on the following Wednesdays:

- Feb. 6 at Fruitland
- March 13 at Payette
- April 10 at Ontario, Ore.

Homedale FFA plans blood drive

The Homedale FFA chapter will sponsor a blood drive Tuesday.

The blood drive will begin at 8:30 a.m., inside the old gymnasium at Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

The chapter has a goal of 30 units of blood.

Everyone is invited to participate.

Donors younger than 16 must call FFA co-advisors Logan Kotar at (406) 208-5232 or Rachel Rheuby at (208) 874-3798 to obtain a permission slip.

All people giving blood must provide one piece of identification.



Engineering mentor Don VanderBoegh (far left) and Homedale Middle School science teacher Kim Portwood (kneeling) and the Future City team commemorate their third-place finish. Submitted photo

Homedale students saluted for Future City design

Middle-schoolers finish third overall at Idaho regional

Homedale Middle School’s Future City team finished third overall Saturday in the regional contest in Boise.

The team, advised by science teacher Kim Portwood, also returned from the Jordan Ballroom on the Boise State University campus with two special awards.

Sacred Heart Middle School won the 15th Idaho Regional Future City Competition and qualified for nationals on Feb. 15-20 in Washington, D.C.

The Idaho regional competition’s chief sponsor was Idaho STEM Action Center.

There were 37 entries from 17 schools from throughout Idaho, and Homedale’s entry city “Imperium” was judged the third-best behind Sacred Heart’s “Baru” and Garden Valley School’s “Lusca.”

Homedale earned HP’s Best Virtual City award, and also came away with Best Structural Design for Disaster Performance, a trophy sponsored by Tamarack Grove Engineering.

The Homedale team was accompanied to Boise by Portwood and engineering mentor Don VanderBoegh, a Homedale resident.

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✓ Recall: Petitioners continue to gather signatures for mayoral, council initiatives

Hipwell, who is Morrison’s sister, is trying to get Mayor Sandy Skinner recalled. Skinner is in office until December 2021, not December of this year as was previously reported.

Russell said Hipwell continues to gather signatures with a goal of getting the recall election on the May 21 ballot.

The recall petition against Morrison alleges that the second-term councilman’s “lack of management skills makes him resort to bullying and belittling fellow council members and city employees.”

The petition says Morrison’s “concerns for the city are misguided at best.”

The petition also asserts that Morrison’s “belief that little or no government is the best way to operate a city is harmful to the daily operation of a city.”

The petition also alleges that Morrison has the outlook that city, state and federal government is “ ‘just another outside agency telling us what to do. ’ ” The document says the alleged mindframe has “hindered the necessary repairs on the cities [sic] ailing water and sewer systems.”

The petitioners also assert that Morrison disagrees with “promoting the authority of building codes and ordinances within the city of Grand View.” According to the petition, codes

Morrison responds to petition

“I find it very interesting that the term ‘regime’ was used with respect to my service on the City Council. The word regime implies an authoritarian government; a top-down rule of the people. As their own accusations against me prove, my goal has always been to empower individuals by limiting as many government intrusions as possible.

“However, I will be the first to admit that my time on the city council has not been perfect. My relationship with our mayor has been strained, I have largely avoided her, and for that I feel it is right to publicly apologize. What I will not apologize for, however, is my belief that limited government interference is the most competent way to run any organization. Local government is accountable government.

“Keeping our problem-solving capacity within the city promotes community involvement and individual responsibility. When we look to government to solve our problems, we abdicate those responsibilities. No bureaucrat is going to care about our issues more than we do. It is very disappointing that members of our community believe that seeking to minimize government intrusion is ‘harmful’ or ‘misguided.’ Adopting and enforcing rules and regulations increases the burden of government on the average citizen and invites the temptation of an individual to dictate their ‘correct way’ onto others.

“The fact that I hold these views is not a reason to run a recall. The fact that conservatism is perceived as grounds for a recall should trouble everyone. I wholeheartedly believe that my constituents are adequately represented, and a robust debate within our city council and community assures that all angles of our problems and solutions are looked at from differing views and opinions.”

and ordinances promote public safety, health and property values.

But, the petitioners claim, Morrison’s opposition to rules and regulations “is a conflict of interest since in fact his close

relatives own the majority of rentals in the city.”

Morrison was re-elected to a two-year term in November 2017. His current term ends on Dec. 31.

— JPB

City, county offices to close for MLK Jr. Day observation

Government offices in Murphy, Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King’s birthday.

The weekly Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting, normally scheduled on Monday, will be held at 9 a.m., on Tuesday in Murphy.

Law enforcement, fire, and medical services will be available as normal during the holiday, as well as emergency dispatch and 911.

Other closures include:

- Public schools in Homedale, Marsing, Adrian, Jordan Valley, Pleasant Valley and the Bruneau-Grand View district.
- The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing
- Homedale, Bruneau Valley and Eastern Owyhee County libraries.
- All U.S. post offices
- US Bank in Homedale and Marsing

Not affected by the holiday are:

- Lizard Butte Library in Marsing
- Albertsons in Homedale, including Sav-On Pharmacy
- Homedale Drug and liquor store
- Logan’s Market in Marsing
- Westowns Disposal will keep its normal collection schedule,
- The Owyhee Avalanche office will be open. There will be no changes to newspaper deadlines, including noon Friday for legal notices, display advertising, letters to the editor, and news submissions. Classified advertising will need to be received by noon on Monday.

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✓ Ranchers: Panel meeting follows Proclamation 1

The two ranchers are seeking reimbursement of \$300,000 each for legal fees incurred while protecting stock water rights in court against the federal government.

The Idaho Legislature passed Proclamation 1 last year to urge the Constitutional Defense Council to consider reimbursing the ranchers, who mortgaged their cattle operations to pay their legal fees after they were denied Equal Access to Justice Act payment following their victory in Idaho Supreme Court nearly 12 years ago.

Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanskma (R-Hagerman) introduced Proclamation 1 during the 2018 Legislature, and the House of Representatives and the state Senate passed the measure, asking then-Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter to convene the executive branch panel to consider repayment.

Gov. Brad Little has taken Otter’s spot on the board, which also includes Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Speaker of the House Scott Bedke, and Senate Pro Tempore Brent Hill.

The Constitutional Defense Fund is in place to pay legal fees incurred in cases that protect Idaho’s sovereignty.

✓ Local: Reynolds rancher confirmed for county P&Z

Barney Harper’s company bid \$864,594, which was the lowest among four applicants.

The community center will be built on West Nevada Avenue at the site of the old Armory, which was razed a year ago.

Harper’s bid alternates included a canopy at the entrance to the building (\$11,550), non-slick flooring for the kitchen and bathrooms (\$5,541), and bleachers (\$36,685).

All three options were approved.

When Cook asked the commissioners if they had any questions, Jerry Hoagland said, “When can you start?”

The date for substantial completion of the project is July 1.

“That will give us a month before fair to tidy things up,” Cook said.

Others contractors submitting bids were West Valley Construction (\$912,399), Desert View Construction (\$978,639), and Pacific Source Construction (\$1.04 million).

Dean Young appointed to P&Z commission

Owyhee County rancher Dean Young, who was recommended for the county Plan-

ning and Zoning commission, was officially confirmed for that role at last week’s BOCC meeting.

Young will replace chair Connie Brandau, who decided to not seek reappointment to the commission in December. His first meeting will be next Wednesday.

Also during its meeting next week, the commission will elect a new chairman and vice-chairman. According to Community Development administrator Mary Huff, those appointments don’t have to be confirmed by the county commissioners.

Scott Jensen is the current vice-chair and is filling in as the chairman for the time being.

Two new jailers hired

County commissioners approved hiring requests from the sheriff’s office for two new detention deputies.

The new deputies are Travis Mogle and Kyler Dygert, with an effective hire date of Jan. 7, at a pay rate of \$14.76 per hour.

Mogle and Dygert will fill vacancies at the county jail in Murphy. Dygert is the son of county Treasurer Annette Dygert.

— TK

Calendar

Today

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series
Noon, free, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Christian Life Club
4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024, (208) 337-3464

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

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

Thursday

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

Pinochle games
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

STEMCraft at the library
4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Friday

3D printer class
10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Grades 5-12. (208) 834-2785

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

3D printer class
Noon to 2 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Adult class. (208) 834-2785

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

OCHS meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

Life in the SON Christian support group
7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 504-7884 or songtobe@gmail.com

Saturday

Free lunch
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian

Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Pinochle and dominoes games
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Sunday

Welcoming service
11 a.m., Homedale Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Welcoming service for Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori. (208) 473-9331

Monday

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

Tuesday

Blood drive
8:30 a.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 208-5232 or (208) 874-3798

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ITD open house
4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Snake River bridge and Idaho highway 55 improvements, Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 334-8874



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Obituary

Molly Emiko Kondo Arima

Molly Emiko Kondo Arima passed away peacefully with family by her side on Dec. 26, 2018 at Tapestry Memory Care House in Roswell, Georgia where she lived for the last three years.

Molly was born in Rosalia, Washington on January 9, 1927 to Harry and Tamayo Kondo. She was the fifth of a family of six, with three older brothers (Mark, Fred, Cheney), one older sister (Rosalia) and one younger sister (Mabel).

The Kondo family moved from Rosalia to Priest River, Idaho in 1933. Molly continued school at Priest River and graduated from high school in 1945. Molly was never afraid of working hard, which she learned growing up when she and her siblings helped their parents run a successful family laundry business in northern Idaho.

Molly was a star guard on her high school basketball team and enjoyed watching the sport later in life. Molly attended Gonzaga University Nursing School in Spokane and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1948. She then worked as a RN at the pre-natal department of Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane for a number of years. Molly always had a natural instinct in caring for babies and children. Nothing showed this talent more than through her love and devotion for her eight grandchildren.

Molly married Tom Arima in 1956 and moved to southern



Idaho. Molly and Tom had four children — Robin, Rosalia, Mara'D and Harry. She jumped right in with a hard-working, never-give-up attitude and quickly adapted to a lifestyle in the country as the wife of a farmer. Molly grew her own fruits and vegetables and used them to perfect her homemade recipes. Family and friends best remember her for delicious Asian dishes, desserts (especially her pies!) and for never leaving her table hungry. She was a natural hostess and her kitchen table was open to all.

Molly needed little sleep, never enjoyed sitting around idly and had more energy than most half her age, which allowed her to make the most of every minute of life. Her numerous hobbies included playing the piano, gardening, sewing, crocheting, embroidery and reading; she was also at one time an excellent trap shooter. She and Tom were also always taking their kids (and the cousins and eventually grandkids)

to the theatre, concerts and other activities such as skiing and trips to National Parks. Everyone appreciated her spunk, independence and will always remember her stubbornness, her love to tease and her great sense of humor.

Molly was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years (Tom), her parents (Harry and Tamayo Kondo) and her siblings (Mark, Fred, Cheney and Rosalia). She is survived by her four children and their spouses (Robin & Paul Freeman, Rosalia, Mara'D & Eric Jahde and Harry & Mary Arima), eight grandchildren (Molly, Alyssa, Julie, & Stacey Freeman, Shizuo & Fumio Arima and Thomas & Bret Jahde), her sister (Mabel Ogata), her sister-in-law (Bette Uda) and 22 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale, Idaho. A private family burial will precede the service at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Immediately after the memorial service at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, a reception will be held at the Homedale Basque Center, Txoko Ona. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Homedale School District Special Education program. Please mark your donation in memory of Molly Arima and send it to: Homedale School District, 116 E Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho, 83628.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice each day
Jan 16: **Breakfast:** Choc. chip muffin, applesauce **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast
Jan 17: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, mixed fruit, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, fruit roll up
Jan 21: **No School**
Jan 22: **Breakfast:** Toast, sausage patty, pears **Lunch:** Nachos, baby carrots
Jan 23: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice available each day
Jan 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Ham & cheese sandwich or hot dog, potato chips
Jan 17: **Breakfast:** Donut or cereal, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Nachos or PB&J sandwich, fruit roll up
Jan 21: **No School**
Jan 22: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or cereal, pears **Lunch:** Cheeseburger or sloppy Joe, French fries
Jan 23: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinn. bagel or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Orange chicken or Pizza hot pocket, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice each day
Jan 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast plate or maple breakfast sandwich or cereal **Lunch:** Orange chicken or egg roll, steamed rice, pizza hot pocket, fortune cookie
Jan 17: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or BeneFIT bar or cereal **Lunch:** Nachos or grab'n'go taco salad
Jan 21: **No School**
Jan 22: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or cinnamon roll or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken patty or burrito, coleslaw, rice krispie treat
Jan 23: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or mini waffles or cereal **Lunch:** Pork chop or Malibu chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dinner roll

Marsing

Elementary
Veggie bar, fruit bar, fruit juice and choice of milk available
Middle/High School
Grab-n-go line: Monday & Wednesday: Cheeseburger, pizza, croissant sandwich, salad w/breadstick. **Tuesday & Thursday:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, wrap, salad w/breadstick
All main entrees served with fries, milk & fruit/veggie bar
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, banana **Lunch:** Tater tot casserole or PB&J, whole grain roll, buttered corn
Jan 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap, yogurt, grapes **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, seasoned fries or PB&J
Jan 14: **Breakfast:** Strawberry mini bagel, apple **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, steamed carrots or PB&J, chocolate chunk cookie
Jan 15: **Breakfast:** Apple cinn Tx toast, strawberries **Lunch:** Super nachos, mixed veggies or PB&J
Jan 16: **Breakfast:** Egg & cheese taco, orange smiles **Lunch:** Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans or PB&J

Bruneau/Grand View

Breakfast: Milk and fruit offered daily
Elementary: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Milk, fruit & salad bar offered daily
Jan 16: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry veggies **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza
Jan 17: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon **Lunch:** Corn Dog, black beans, baby carrots **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza
Jan 21: **No School**
Jan 22: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw applesauce, cinnamon roll **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza
Jan 23: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Chicken Patty, Mashed potatoes w/gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza

Death notices

PAULINE EUGENE BALTZOR, 96, of Jordan Valley, Ore., died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019 at a Caldwell care facility of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

VIRGINIA KOHRING, 88, a Little Valley native and Bruneau resident, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2019. Funeral services were held at American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau, and burial took place at the Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home. (208) 587-0612

WAYNE VANCE RASMUSSEN, 80, of Payette, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2019. Arrangements All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa (208) 899-9361

WILLIAM E. "BILL" WASHBURN, 79, of Nampa, died on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 in a local hospital. Arrangements: Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise.



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The Shenk hunting party poses proudly with the six-point elk Margie Shenk brought down in December. **From left:** Chuck Shenk, RP, Margie Shenk, and Jessie Shenk. Submitted photo

Margie Shenk hunts an elk to honor her late husband

This one is for you, Dick.

This past December, there was a special elk hunt in Unit 45 where only 25 tags were issued. Dick Shenk wanted to put in for that specific hunt, and Margie was going to put in only for the deer tag. But with a little coaxing from him, she put in for the elk as well.

Dick thought she would be luckier than him to draw the elk tag.

He was unsuccessful on both draws, and Margie felt bad about him not getting to hunt especially so when, surprisingly, she hit on both!

November came, and Margie decided to go deer hunting.

She ended up getting a nice, fat doe, which really fired her up to go elk hunting.

She received a call from Dick's cousin Chuck Shenk and his wife Jess, who said that she had better come up because the elk were starting to come in to the area. Margie decided she had better go try it out.

She went up on the 1st of December to No Tell 'em Ridge and saw several elk. There were two pretty big bulls in one herd that she had her eye on. But she could never get a shot, so she decided to head on home.

Later in the month, she went back up and ran in to the herd that had those two bulls in it.

As the hunting party watched the animals, they started moving, and Chuck told her that they had better get ahead of them.

They jumped in the pickup and drove

Reminiscing Owyhee memories

quite a ways until they saw the herd coming over the ridge.

Margie jumped out of the pickup, and keeping an eye on the one bull she wanted, who was about 200 yards away, she brought up her .30-.338, lined up on him, pulled the trigger, and he fell.

She was so excited, she said she almost fell over, too!

It was a really nice 6x6 elk, and she had cousins Chuck and Jess, grandson Dixon and friend RP help her to get him loaded.

Unfortunately Dick passed away this past July, and she wouldn't have her best friend with her on this hunt.

Earlier on, she had kind of decided not to hunt because she didn't want to go without him, but ultimately she decided she wanted to do this for him.

What was even more special was that she used the ammunition that Dick reloaded. What a wonderful experience for an 80-years-young person to take part in.

Her two daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, extended family and friends are very proud of her accomplishment.

— Story submitted by Jamie Sample, Dick and Margie Shenk's son-in-law. Adrian residents Dick and Margie were married 59 years. Dick passed away in July. Submit your Owyhee country memories to *The Owyhee Avalanche*. Email jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call (208) 337-4681 for more information.

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

The first "H" stands for Head; "Head to clearer thinking."

One of the key concepts in 4-H is education, allowing youth the opportunity to learn new



Janelle Thompson

things through projects and programs. One of the main goals in 4-H is to have youth develop life skills that help them succeed. Some of these life skills include leadership, responsibility, dedication, communication and self-confidence.

The second "H" stands for Heart; "Heart to greater loyalty."

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The next "H" stands for Hands; "Hands for larger service."

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munity. 4-H teaches youth the importance of serving the community, country and world.

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By putting all the "H's" together, we get the 4-H pledge:

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My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service

My Health to better living

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

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— 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 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Area residents make Oregon St. honor roll

Three students with local ties have earned honors at Oregon State University.

Making the Corvallis school's honor roll for the fall 2018 term are:

• **Shelby R. Tyler, Homedale** — The sophomore has achieved a grade-point average of 3.5

or better while majoring in Nutrition.

• **Toby D. Blele, Wilder** — The junior had a 3.5 GPA or better with a major of Agricultural Sciences.

• **Tyler G. Johnson, Melba** — The senior Fisheries and Wildlife Science major carried a straight-A average.

Nearly 1,500 students earned 4.0 GPAs as a straight-A student, while another 4,750 had B-plus averages of 3.5 or better. Students who carried at least 12 graded hours of course work were eligible.

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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day
Jan 16: Beef & noodles w/Calif. blend veggies, roll
Jan 17: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll
Jan 22: Taco salad w/lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, chips, rice, sour cream & salsa
Jan 23: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, mashed potatoes, beets
Jan 24: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Jan 17: Pizza, pepperoni, combo & Hawaiian, green salad, beets, applesauce, oatmeal cookie bar
Jan 22: Rainbow trout or Beef ravioli, tater tots, coleslaw, fruit cocktail, bread sticks, Danish
Jan 24: Chicken enchiladas, w/green enchilada sauce, sour cream & salsa, green salad, peaches & cottage cheese, tortilla chips

From page 1


✓ Grand View: Project aims to alleviate difficult passage onto Idaho 78

preliminary design is still underway.
Brackett said the project is being made possible after the Idaho Legislature doubled the fee US Ecology pays to haul hazardous waste from its Mayfield rail depot on Simco Road in Elmore County to the US Ecology Idaho storage facility outside Grand View.
The tipping fee fund already has been used to make improvements on Simco Road.
In 2018 testimony to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, US Ecology Idaho vice president and general manager Jason Evens said the company pays between \$1.3 million and \$2 million in tipping fees annually.
Brackett said the fund keeps accumulating as US Ecology makes more contributions. He added that improving the Grand View intersection was a suggestion made soon after the tipping fee was increased.
The goal of the planned Grand View project is to make it easier for large trucks to turn onto Idaho 78 from Idaho 167 (Roosevelt Street).
With the current configuration, semis must come to a complete stop at the top of an incline before easing onto Idaho 78 to either travel east toward US Ecology or west toward Murphy.
The current setup requires a sharp turn with little visibility of oncoming traffic on Idaho 78.
An Idaho Transportation Department official told Brackett prior to the start of the 2019 Legislature that a detailed design is just starting on the work, which is considered a project for fiscal year 2021.
Final design plans and other specifications such as traffic control and work restrictions will be submitted for advertisement no later than September, at which time bids will be sought.
The preliminary design calls for something akin to mini ramps to allow the semis to navigate the intersection through a widened turning radius. The work would create a dedicated right-hand turn lane from southbound Idaho 167 onto westbound Idaho 78.
Signing, striping and new pavement changes also are planned.

— JPB

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
01/08	3.4	16	4.5	41	24	33
01/09	3.6	15	4.7	45	28	36
01/10	3.5	14	4.7	40	19	31
01/11	3.5	15	4.5	40	15	26
01/12	3.4	15	4.6	42	20	29
01/13	3.3	14	4.5	40	19	28
01/14	3.4	15	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
01/08	3.8	18	4.9	34	24	29
01/09	3.8	17	5.0	42	27	35
01/10	3.9	17	5.0	42	30	35
01/11	4.0	16	5.1	37	24	31
01/12	4.0	16	5.0	37	22	28
01/13	4.0	16	5.0	32	19	24
01/14	3.9	16	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
01/08	6.6	26	9.4	43	30	38
01/09	6.6	24	9.5	42	37	39
01/10	6.6	24	9.6	42	29	34
01/11	6.6	24	9.4	44	29	36
01/12	6.6	23	9.4	47	29	39
01/13	6.6	23	9.6	45	33	38
01/14	6.6	23	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 36 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 179 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 25 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 260,446 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Oreana Catholic Mass schedule changed

A new April date has been announced for the Catholic Mass scheduled at Our Lady Queen of Heaven chapel in Oreana.
The 2019 schedule at the church on Oreana Loop Road begins on Saturday, Jan. 26.
The church, which is in the St. Paul's Parish, is the site of a 10 a.m. Mass once a month throughout the year.
The 2019 dates are:
• Jan. 26
• Feb. 23
• March 23
• April 27
• May 25
• June 22
• July 27
• Aug. 24
• Sept. 28
• Oct. 26
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• Dec. 28
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BOCC: President's wildfire order effective only if coordination is genuine

Commissioners skeptical of results with lack of forceful directive

County commissioners have responded in depth to President Trump's executive order regarding wildfire prevention, and the reaction is tinged with skepticism borne of experience.

"While we applaud the efforts and intent of the EO (executive order), we must point out areas where our past experience with the federal agencies have shown that the EO does not solve the problems facing counties like ours in which the preponderance of land ownership is federal land managed by agency bureaucrats far removed from the direct supervision of the Administration," the commissioners wrote.

In a comprehensive response provided to The Owyhee Avalanche and signed by all three elected officials, the Board of County Commissioners dissected the executive order and, in some cases, rebutted the president's assertions.

The president wrote that it is U.S. government policy to protect people and communities and to promote healthy rangelands through active management through partnerships with state and local governments.

The commissioners countered that their past experience with state- and field office-level Bureau of Land Management officials has proven that the "impacts to individu-

als, communities, and county economies have largely been dismissed or ignored."

The commissioners cited several socio-economic studies showing the importance of the livestock industry to Owyhee County.

"That industry remains the main component of our county economy, yet BLM land managers have, also over the 20-plus years, continued to implement decisions which degrade and damage individual operators, the industry as a whole, and our communities and county economy," the BOCC wrote.

Commissioners said the EO will not achieve the president's objectives without more specific direction to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture and without more direct management of the lower levels of the BLM bureaucracy.

Some of the more specific direction, the commissioners wrote, could include telling local BLM officials to stop reducing grazing allotments so ranchers can help keep fuel loads down.

Some of the language regarding future implementation could have been more forceful, the commissioners said.

"We agree that the objectives and specific goals need to be carried forward to future years. We also note that "... shall consider ..." is not the same as "... shall establish ...," the

commissioners wrote in reference to specific EO language.

"We also ... remain skeptical that such directives at the Secretary level will be forcefully implemented by local managers without very concerted action by the Secretaries to make that happen."

The board seized on the portion of the EO that urged support of road activities as a way to tell the administration that the federal government should support rather than oppose Owyhee County's assertions on RS 2477 rights-of-way.

Commissioners also urged the administration to capitalize on the success of the BLM-rangeland fire protection association policy by ensuring that local federal officials continue to support a program that has helped stop range fires before they've grown into catastrophic blazes.

They also pointed out that rewriting resource management plans and post-fire management plans to achieve the EO's objectives were not addressed in the president's proclamation.

The commissioners said the EO fell short in another area when local governments were excluded from the shared priorities section of the document that called upon several levels of government to work together on fire management policy. The shortcoming overlooks the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which requires coordination with counties that have taken cer-

tain land management steps.

"Owyhee County has adopted and provided the BLM managers various plans that are pertinent to this effort," commissioners wrote. "Yet BLM management's actions in coordination and plan consistency has been, at best, sporadic in regard to both pre- and post-wildfire actions."

More than once, the commissioners cited areas of the EO where coordination was urged, but reiterated how little impact coordination has had on the actions of local BLM officials in the past. In some passages, the EO completely overlooked county governments as agencies that should be included in coordination, leading the commissioners to speculate that BLM officials might work directly with state agencies and not look to the county level.

In another area, the EO calls for a reduction in comment time for certain programs, and the commissioners point out that truncated comment time could actually hurt the county's ability to "affect developing plans." At the same time, the BOCC said streamlining comment protocol could work if local BLM officials show "good faith" coordination when developing plans.

The commissioners also pointed out that BLM grazing decision over the past two decades directly contradict the EO's goal to remove hazardous fuels, but there is a simple solution — allowing ranchers to graze more.

"We have seen the impact that grazing can have on reduced fuels through the 'targeted grazing' projects that have been employed since the Soda Fire," the commissioners wrote.

"... Increasing allocation of forage on grazing permits and granting grazing flexibility for BLM managers and livestock operators to target vegetation across the landscape will have the same beneficial effects."

The commissioners believe that increasing grazing allocations already existing permits is another way to help in the reduction of fuel loads.

They also said that the EO's specific targeting for hundreds of thousands of acres for treatment was a good sign, but BLM managers need more latitude in season of use and time of use to ensure control of invasive species is carried

out during specific times of the plant life cycle to capitalize on the effectiveness of the treatment.

The commissioners also pointed out that various projects are underway in the county to improve emergency responder access, although the BOCC warns that improved access also could mean increased access for recreationists who could further damage the resource.

The commissioners also voiced concern that the president's plan to use drones to reduce wildfire risks could actually result in less effective analysis without range conservationists and other on-the-ground observers actually analyzing the landscape to back up the data gathered from the air.

"In the past, we have seen BLM staff reluctant to leave the office and computer to make the site visits necessary for their various plans and decisions," the commissioners wrote, adding that providing another tool that could be used as a shortcut could lead to "additional problematic decision-making."

The EO also asks the Secretaries to identify public lands with the highest probability of catastrophic wildfires, including where there is a high likelihood that people and structures are threatened.

In their response, the commissioners expressed fear that western counties will be overlooked because the EO didn't specifically include rangeland among "high-value assets."

"... Our county can have a wildfire that does not kill or injure persons, does not destroy homes, yet has a devastating impact on the livelihoods of our citizens, cohesiveness of our communities, and on the county economy," the commissioners wrote.

"If the subsequent documents developed to implement this EO are not written in consideration of the realities of western grazing lands, we will get little relief from this section of the EO."

The commissioners also urged caution over the part of the president's order that welcomed collaboration with non-profit organizations, pointing out that many non-profits — without mentioning groups such as radical environmental activists — don't want to retain viable grazing lands. — JPB

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HPD chief urges folks to clean dirty lots

City council OKs airport site for another auction

The mild winter that has shown up in recent days has Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller thinking about spring.

Specifically, Eidemiller hopes residents will think about getting a jump on spring cleaning on their properties.

“In keeping yards in order and trash picked up, I think we’re starting to go backwards, so that’s going to be a push before spring hits,” Eidemiller said during last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

Eidemiller said city code enforcement activity is planned to get more of the city’s dirty lots spruced up.

Spring auction site near airport OK’d

The city council has cleared the way for another public auction on city-owned property near the airport.

And the JBS Auction online event may not be the only one scheduled for the area south of Airport Way.

Homedale native JB Salutregui will rent the property for an internet auction that will close March 4.

The council agreed to let Salutregui use the ground from Feb. 15 to March 15.

But, as with last year’s spring auction, there won’t be a live auction on-site. The only traffic will come from prospective buyers coming to check out equipment parked on the airport-adjacent property.

Salutregui will devise a plan to funnel traffic into one ingress to prevent congestion on U.S. Highway 95.

The council unanimously approved the plan for the spring auction, which has attracted Owyhee County government surplus vehicles in the past.

Salutregui also asked about the possibility of having auctions more frequently thus utilizing the property more often.

There was no formal vote on the multiple auction idea, but council members seemed receptive.

“I’d be in favor of that, if we can have something out there to improve that property and not make the entrance to town such an eyesore,” Councilman Aaron Tines said.

— JPB

Caldwell man rolls off road and into jail on warrant

A Caldwell man is in custody after a violent single-car crash Sunday evening near the Oregon border on Idaho highway 19, west of Homedale.

Joey Smith, 30, lost control of his 2016 Kia Sorrento and rolled it near State Line Road.

A witness said she could see the car on fire.

When emergency crews arrived, they found Smith relatively unhurt and discovered that he had an Ada County probation violation warrant.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that he was unsure of the details of the warrant.

The crash is under investigation by the Oregon State Police.

Smith is still in custody at the county jail in Murphy.

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Couple proposes RV resort on Marsing’s western edge

Proposal would require rezoning on Main Street

A couple wants to tap into the Sunny Slope wine region and build an “upscale” RV resort on the west end of downtown Marsing.

Martin and Hannah Maisel came forward during the public input portion of last Wednesday’s city council meeting to float their business proposal.

“We are looking to come to Marsing with an RV resort,” Hannah Maisel said.

The couple is looking to purchase property located at 1206 W. Main St., which is on the north side of Idaho highway 55 between Edwards Street and Van Road. The parcel, which is slightly larger than five acres, is located to the northwest and rear of the old River Rock Pawn building.

The Maisels plan to seek a rezoning of the property. The site is made up of two parcels. The south parcel, which runs along Idaho 55, is already zoned commercial, but the north parcel is in a residential zone.

“We want to create an upscale tourist stop,” Martin Maisel said. “Instead of a park, it’s a resort, with landscaping.

“We want to build off the theme of the wine region.”

He said that their vision is to create temporary and residential services but specialize in catering to wine region visitors and attract them into Marsing to shop at local businesses.

If everything works out for the Maisels, they plan on taking part in local events and connecting with local businesses to promote the city.

Hannah said that they have been working with Horrocks Engineers and plan to have 60 to 75 lots at the resort, depending on the design chosen.

The Maisels presented council members with business plans for their perusal.

Plat hearing continued

The hearing on the proposed amended preliminary plat for Meadow Brook subdivision has been continued until the city council’s Feb. 13 meeting.

City clerk and treasurer Janice Bicandi said a needed traffic study has not been completed yet.

Construction updates

Kirby Cook from Civil Dynamics addressed the council about the proposed Transportation Alternative Programs (TAP) project, which will create a sidewalk down Main

Street from 8th Avenue West (Idaho 78) to 14th Street.

Cook said the next step in the project is to hire a consultant to do the design work.

“(Civil Dynamics) did the design work for the TAP project in front of the schools, but we’re no longer on the TAP project list in order to do those designs,” he said.

Cook recommended that the council hire Precision Engineering to do the design work. Council members concurred but will still have to authorize the agreement when it is presented.

He also informed the council that everything is done with the sidewalk in front of the schools on 8th Avenue West, except for a final invoice from the contractor to send to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC).

The Reich Street pavement rehabilitation is finished, except for road striping, which will be done in the summer.

Construction work was set to begin on Idaho 55 near 14th Street on Monday to kick off the Snake River bridge/highway pavement replacement project.

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Brandau ends her time on the county P&Z board

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission lost an important and dependable cog when chair Connie Brandau decided to not put her name in for reappointment in December.



Connie Brandau

Brandau has been a vital part of the commission since 2004, but she has been an integral part of the community much longer.

She grew up in Middleton, where she graduated high school in the mid-1960s. Her parents had a ranch there, raising cattle and growing hay.

She met her husband Richard in rodeo when she was in school. They married in 1967 and moved to their ranch on Reynolds Creek where they've lived ever since.

Brandau was involved in multiple groups and committees in the 1990s, including the Owyhee County Natural Resource Committee, formed by Fred Grant, Chad Gibson, and Jim Desmond.

"We were involved in the

original Owyhee County sage-grouse working group back then," she said.

Brandau's time of public service was just beginning.

"You know how things happen in increments?" she asked. "How it just kind of grows from one thing to another?"

In 2003, Brandau was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Of course, oncologists say, 'Avoid stress but do the things you would normally do,' which ranching and making a living on the place was the most important thing," Brandau said.

Soon after, she found herself on the verge of her long stint on the P&Z commission.

Grant was the county legal advisor at that time and was acting as the hearing officer for the P&Z commission.

"One day, the entire commission walked off the job," Brandau said.

Grant asked Brandau and four others for help. The new commission was comprised of Brandau, Dan Landa, John Urquidi, Gene Jayo, and Clay Atkins.

And all were only supposed to serve for just a short time.

"Just to get us through," she said. "It was supposed to be a temporary thing."

There was a steep learning curve at the beginning for the new commissioners. They sat in on Grant's constitutional law class and received some intense training on their new job requirements and expectations.

"We had about a four- or five-day crash course on Idaho Code zoning laws and county ordinances," Brandau said.

Providing a little background, Brandau explained that Title 67 of Idaho Code states that each county will have a planning and zoning commission that will be made up of the county commissioners if they don't appoint a board to take on those duties for them.

She said that work on the commission can be a bit of a thankless job on occasion and it's hard to excite people into doing it.

"Very few people apply for it," she said. "We're usually begging people to do it."

During her time as P&Z chair, Brandau has arrived at a conclusion after sitting through so many public meetings — people don't want change in Owyhee County.

"They want it to stay ag. They don't want people moving in ... they just would like it to stay status quo," she said.

Brandau has had some interesting moments in her time on the commission. There have been, on occasion, some overly aggressive people who have turned in applications.

"I've only been threatened with guns twice over it," she said.

Brandau said someone had turned in a very impractical application. It was incomplete, and the applicant was seeking a subdivision in an inappropriate location.

"He said, 'Well, if you don't grant this application, I'll just come out to your place and shoot you,'" she said.

She said that she heard the applicant was committed to the state psychiatric hospital in Blackfoot just two weeks later.

Brandau said she decided to not continue with the committee for many reasons, one of which is simply her age. She's almost 70, and with her responsibilities outside the commission she simply doesn't have time for it all.

She has a 91-year-old moth-

er who still lives on her own and is in good health but relies on Brandau to drive her to doctor's appointments and the like.

"I feel like I can't give (the commission) the full attention anymore that it needs," she said. "I just can't do it anymore. I'm spread too thin."

Brandau believes her replacement on the commission, Dean Young, will do very well in his new capacity.

"I think he'll be great. He's very community-minded," she said. "He's got a very diverse ag operation."

"I think he'll be a really good addition to the Planning and Zoning Commission."

The meeting next Wednesday will be Young's first as commissioner.

Last year, the Brandaus went on their very first vacation with just the two of them. They decided they enjoyed that and would like to do it more often, something that hasn't been an option during her time on the commission.

She plans on enjoying her time with family now, especially her grandchildren.

"To me, family is No. 1."

— TK

Men charged with sexual assault in separate cases

A Mountain Home man has been accused of molesting a 9-year-old Grand View boy.

Cody Wayne Hardwick, 25, will be arraigned in Third District Court on Jan. 25. He has been charged with one felony count of lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16.



Cody W. Hardwick

Hardwick was arrested by an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy on Dec. 27 after the boy's mother and a family friend gave statements about Hardwick's alleged conduct

Hardwick remains behind bars in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

• Charles Samuel Carver Jr., 60, of Homedale entered a not guilty plea during his arraignment Friday in Murphy. He's accused of sexually assaulting his daughter-in-law.

Carver remains in Owyhee

County Jail on \$20,000 bail. Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney refused to lower his bond during his arraignment.

Carver was bound over to district court on Dec. 31 on a felony count of penetration by foreign object.

According to court docu-



Charles S. Carver

ments, Carver was arrested by Homedale Police on Sept. 6, two days after the victim reported the assault.

Carver was also taken into custody on a Canyon County warrant alleging misdemeanor marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession.

He was transferred to Owyhee County to face the felony charge after his Dec. 20 sentencing in the Canyon County case.

• Nathaniel M. Williams, 23, remains behind bars after pleading not guilty to felony charges

of rape and lewd conduct with a child under the age of 16.

Williams was arraigned Friday, and his bond remains \$250,000.

Both Carver and Williams have pretrial conferences scheduled for March 22 and trial dates of April 24-25. — JPB



Nathaniel Williams

Judge retains jurisdiction on two felony convictions

A Marsing man has a chance to avoid a state prison stay if he completes a rider program after a felony conviction.

Cody Douglas Kent, 20, was sentenced last month on three counts of criminal possession of a financial transaction card. Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney retained jurisdiction while also imposing \$1,086.50 in court costs.

By completing the Idaho

Department of Correction rider program, Kent could avoid three to five years in the state penitentiary.

A fourth count of criminal possession of a financial card and two counts of felony burglary were dismissed on Jan. 7 at the behest of Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery.

According to court documents, Kent acquired the

cards in August or September when he allegedly broke into his father's pickup truck in Marsing. He used the cards to make several internet purchases, according to an Owyhee County Sheriff's incident report.

The Owyhee County sentence is to be served concurrently with an Ada County conviction for felony burglary.

In the Ada County case, Kent

was sentenced to seven years in state prison, but the court retained jurisdiction just as in the Owyhee County matter.

• Jamie Darlene Baxter of Caldwell can have her conviction for felony burglary and misdemeanor petty theft expunged if she successfully completes the terms of her sentencing.

Whitney ordered an 11-day county jail term and four

years felony probation. Baxter also must pay \$1,029 in court costs.

Emery dismissed one count each of burglary and petty theft.

Baxter, 31, was charged after an April incident in which she stole cash out of the register at a Homedale restaurant where she worked.

Homedale Police investigated the case.

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Melba boys can't hold on to first place

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Homedale crab feed provides for sports

Trojans pound Payette boys to start conference play

Homedale High School blew open its boys' basketball conference opener Saturday with a 23-point third quarter.

The Trojans trounced Payette, 61-36, in their first 3A Snake River Valley conference game.

The 25-point victory margin was Homedale's largest of the season.

Homedale's fourth consecutive victory set up Tuesday's showdown with Fruitland for the early edge in conference play. That game was contested after deadline.

The Trojans (5-9 overall, 1-0 in conference at week's end) appeared to have little trouble with Payette (1-13, 0-2).

Homedale took control with a 17-7 run through the second quarter and forced Payette into 24 turnovers.

The Trojans also compounded the Pirates' poor shooting by grabbing

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HHS girls collect wrestling titles in Rexburg

Three Homedale High School athletes wrestled for championships Saturday in the Madison Invitational girls' division in Rexburg.

In fact, two faced off for the same division title during the final day of the two-day event.

Savannah Turner pinned teammate Janae Volk for the 106-120 weight class title.

Turner stopped Volk in 1 minute, 11 seconds. The sophomore pinned her way to

— See *Wrestling*, page 17

Marsing's Arriaga takes third in Wendell

A third-place finish for sophomore Isai Arriaga highlighted Marsing High School's two-day stay at the Magic Valley Classic.

The 170-pounder beat Melba's Kyle Svetich, 7-1, in the bronze medal match Saturday in Wendell.

The Huskies placed 15th place in the 25-team field. They scored 60 team points, significantly back of winner Ririe, which totaled 218.5 during the two-day tournament.

Arriaga found himself in the consolation final after wins in the first three rounds of the

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Comeback lifts Homedale girls into second in conference

Team has won six of its past seven games

It may not have been the best-looking win, but Homedale High School is sitting pretty in the girls' basketball conference standings.

The Trojans erased a slim deficit in the fourth quarter Jan. 8 to beat Weiser, 33-29, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference road game.

Homedale (7-9 overall, 4-1 in 3A SRV after Friday's home win against Payette) holds a one-game lead over the field for the second seed into the 3A District III Tournament.

The Trojans played host to conference-leading Parma in their second-to-last 3A SRV game Tuesday after deadline.

The district tournament begins Jan. 31, and the top two seeds begin play in the semifinal and one win from the 3A Real Dairy state tournament.

Homedale had to rally against Weiser (5-12, 1-4) over the final eight minutes.

The Trojans scored 11 points in the fourth quarter after the Wolverines had forged a 23-22 lead after three periods.

Josey Hall converted five of 12 shots and led the team with 11 points before fouling out.

Amaya Carter also got into foul trouble, but did most of her damage from the free-throw line. She was 4-for-8 from the stripe and only 1-for-8 from the field while scoring six points. She also led the team with seven rebounds, including five on Weiser's end of the floor.

Alex Grant hit Homedale's only three-point goal and scored five points.

Sophie Nash and Gracie Dines added four points apiece.

Marissa Moyle and Sara

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Homedale senior Josey Hall puts a shot against Payette on Friday.

Melba girls' win streak reaches 14 games

Three players recorded double-figure scoring Friday as Melba High School's girls' basketball team continued to roll.

Kate Clark scored 21 points to lead the Mustangs to their 14th consecutive victory, 66-22, over New Plymouth.

The 2A Western Idaho Conference game was played in Melba.

The Mustangs (16-1 overall, 6-0 in conference) entered the week as the No. 3 team in Class 2A according to the statewide coaches' poll. Melba was ranked second in the IdahoSports.com media vote.

Mary Ellen Cossel helped Melba's effort against New Plymouth (10-6, 1-5) with 11 points and eight rebounds, while Jordan Dayley chipped in 10 points.

Emma Clark filled the stat sheet with nine points, five

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Cheer campers perform Friday

The Homedale High School youth cheer camp will culminate at halftime of Friday's varsity basketball game.

The youngsters enrolled in Friday's cheer camp will perform during intermission of the boys' basketball game between Homedale and Parma.

Kindergarteners through eighth-graders will execute a routine they learned during the camp.

Tipoff for the varsity game is 7:30 p.m.

Sports

Marsing boys' final shots don't fall vs. McCall



Marsing's Dwight Sevy muscles to the basket against a McCall-Donnelly defender. Photo by Dan Pease

Despite a stalwart defensive effort, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team couldn't get the better of visiting McCall-Donnelly on Thursday when shots in the final seconds were unsuccessful.

In a tight, defensive 2A Western Idaho Conference battle, the Vandals prevailed, 34-33.

Marsing coach Tim Little was proud of his team's tough play at home.

"Defensively, we played extremely well and caused McCall to turn the ball over 19 times," he said.

The game went down to the wire.

The Huskies (9-4 overall, 0-2 in 2A WIC before Tuesday's home game against New Plymouth after deadline) were down one point with 13 seconds left when a Vandals player missed the front end of a one-and-one.

"We ran a play to get Enrique (Quebrado) the ball, who passed off to Dwight (Sevy) for a great look from 12 feet that rimmed out," Little said.

"We missed the offensive rebound tip-in off the shot as

well, which would have won the game."

Little acknowledged the stellar defensive performance of McCall-Donnelly (10-4, 2-1) and the Huskies' continued shooting woes.

"Their zone gave us some issues, and our poor shooting was a factor again the outcome of the game," he said.

Marsing shot 27 percent from the field.

Quebrado led the Huskies in scoring again, finishing with 12 points, including two three-pointers. He was also 2-for-2 at the free-throw line, pulled down two rebounds and dished out two assists. He also led the team with six steals.

For the second consecutive game, the senior guard was the only Huskies player to knock down a trey. In those two games, he has hit four out of 18 shots from beyond the three-point line.

Sophomore post Jacob Ankeny accounted for 11 points, on 5-for-7 shooting. He also tied with Merrick Hall and Sevy for the team lead with six rebounds.

— TK

Melba boys fall from perch atop 2A WIC

Melba High School couldn't overcome Ricky Golenor's scoring as Cole Valley Christian assumed sole possession of first place in the conference.

Golenor scored 32 points as the Chargers cruised to a 67-30 victory in a boys' basketball showdown of 2A Western Idaho Conference co-leaders in Meridian.

Caleb Fong led Melba (8-5 overall, 2-1 in conference) with 10 points.

Cole Valley (9-4, 3-0) also received 19 points from Nathan Wetzell.

The Mustangs are tied for second in the conference with McCall-Donnelly.

Jan. 9: Parma 62, Melba 45 — Jace Logan scored 13 points for the Mustangs, but the Panthers won their 12th consecutive game to start the season with a non-conference rout.

Jared Nielsen led Parma with 22 points, and Braydon Jensen added 14.

Abe Riley put in nine points for Melba, while teammate Caleb Fong came through with eight. Easton Bunnell snagged six rebounds.

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Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Jacob Ankeny, so., P
11 points, 6 rebounds vs. McCall-Donnelly on Thursday

Girls' basketball
Emily Loucks, jr., G
12 points at Melba on Jan. 8

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Isai Arriaga, so., 170 pounds
Won 3rd-place medal at Magic Valley Classic

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 17 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

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Varsity
Friday, Jan. 18 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
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Junior varsity A
Friday, Jan. 18 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 22, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Jan. 18 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 22, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Thursday, Jan. 17 at Western Idaho Conf. Duals, Garden Valley, 5 p.m.
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Sports

Epic match highlights Trojans' loss on mat

Nix, Vega get wins in 3A SRV meet vs. Weiser

Down a couple of front-line wrestlers, Homedale High School drew one of the area's toughest teams for its dual meet opener.

Weiser visited the Trojans' gym on Jan. 8 and came away with a 65-9 victory in Homedale's first meet of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.

The Trojans wrestled without two of their best athletes — senior Jaegar Rose at 145 pounds and sophomore Joseph Egusquiza at 120 — just days after the Rollie Lane Invitational.

"Both Joseph and Jaegar had lingering injuries from Rollie Lane," HHS coach Jake Levinski said. "The coaching staff believed that it would be best to let them heal up versus take the chance to make the injury worse."

The Wolverines scored 24 points on forfeits, and racked up another 18 points with first-round pinfalls.

"Weiser is always tough. They came down to wrestle in classic Weiser style, all the way to the end, not giving up an inch along the way," Levinski said.



With Jaegar Rose nursing an injury, Homedale's Jace Love (right) was pressed into action at 145 pounds against Weiser's Matthew Morris

"We also did not wrestle to our potential. We had key wrestlers out of the lineup after a tough weekend at Rollie Lane."

The match of the contest came at 285 pounds, and the bout lived up to the classic heavyweight definition.

Weiser senior Darrian Hoobery, who finished fourth at the 3A state meet last season, needed two overtimes and an anti-climactic escape to defeat Gage Northrup, 2-1.

Neither wrestler notched a takedown, and no one had

a lead until Hoobery got an escape with two seconds left in the second period.

Both wrestlers were noticeably exhausted but neither would go down.

Northrup tied the match with an escape 20 seconds into the third period, but the wrestlers continued their monumental stalemate until Hoobery walked out of a hold with 24 seconds left in the third extra period.

The Trojans grabbed an early 6-4 advantage when Robert Nix dominated Paul Crawford

at 182 pounds. Nix jumped out to a 4-0 lead with a takedown and near-fall in the first period before pinning Crawford with 1 minute, 24 seconds left in the second period.

Jorge Vega wrestled at 120 for Homedale and beat Conor Marsh, 12-7.

Vega led, 7-5, heading into the third period but pulled away.

Marsh was penalized for stalling and Vega got two takedowns over the final two minutes.

— JPB

✓ Trojans: Balanced scoring effort vs. Pirates

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16 defensive rebounds. Spencer Fisher had a team-high eight boards — four on each end of the floor.

Payette made just 31.2 percent of its shots (15-for-48).

Meanwhile, Carson Brown had three of his four rebounds on the HHS glass, and fellow senior Mason Kincheloe had three of his four on Payette's backboard.

Kincheloe led all scorers with 15 points, and Brown chimed in with 12 points. Half of Brown's scoring came from 6-for-12 foul shooting.

Daniel Uranga was 5-for-10 from the free-throw line on the way to 11 points, while senior guard Jose Ojeda fired in three three-pointers for his nine points.

Homedale went 12-for-24 from the foul line, while Payette made just 10 trips to the line, converting on half of them.

Kodee Bennett paced Payette with 11 points.

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Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball

Jose Ojeda, sr., G

9 points on 3-for-5 3-point shooting vs. Payette

Girls' basketball

Makayla Kelly, sr., G

8 points, 7 rebounds vs. Payette

Wrestling

Savannah Turner, so., 106-120 lbs

Pinned teammate Janae Volk to win Madison Invitational title

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Saturday, Jan. 19 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Saturday, Jan. 19 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 18, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Jan. 18, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph

Friday, Jan. 18, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Coed

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 18-19 at Padilla Invitational, Parma

Note: HHS Science Club fundraising clothing drive at all home events.

Sports

Troy Miller gets two pinfalls during Huskies' tri-meet loss

Marsing High School lost both ends of a Jan. 7 wrestling tri-meet despite good effort.

The Huskies challenged Vale and Payette in Oregon.

Vale, Ore., 46, Marsing 24 — Marsing's 120-pounder Troy Miller had a good showing against his Vikings opponent. He recorded one of three pins for the Huskies.

Miller pinned Alex Juarez at the 4-minute mark to record six team points for the Huskies.

Trayton Jacobi (170) pinned Luke Anderson in two minutes.

Jed Crandall (220) continued his solid wrestling, pinning Vale's Yahir Paz at the 3:27 mark.

Marsing's Bastion Ackerman (160) came away with a forfeit victory.

Payette 42, Marsing 27 — Miller scored another pinfall as the Huskies had a better time of it against the Pirates.

Miller pinned Arimiah Egner at 2:57.

Justin Ineck (138) also came out on top with a pin of Ethan Skelly at the 4-minute mark.

Junior Adonis Stelzried beat Blake Garcia, 5-3, at 145 pounds for three points.

Solin Lafleur (106) showed up strong in his match, topping William Zufelt with a fall at 2:51.

Jacobi accounted for six points with a forfeit.



Winter sports athletes portraits affixed to the Homedale High School gymnasium wall were purchased with proceeds from the Homedale Boosters annual dinner.

Crab and steak feed helps equip Homedale sports programs

Ticket sales for the seventh annual Homedale Boosters Crab and Steak Feed are continuing.

Tickets will be sold until Thursday, Jan. 31. Organizers need some time to order and ship the crab before the dinner.

Tickets cost \$45 per person, and tables of eight are available for \$400. Homedale student-athletes are selling the tickets. The price of the tickets are tax deductible.

The event is set for Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St. The doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

A live auction officiated by JB Salutregui of Homedale-based JBS Auctions will begin at 8 p.m. There also is a raffle and a silent auction.

"We are currently working on securing donations for both the live and silent auctions," Boosters president Keri Brown said. "Big items for the live auction that have been secured thus far include: a shotgun and a set of 4-wheeler tires."

"We hope to have a solidified list very soon. We will be raffling off a gun safe again this year."

Brown says tickets always sell out for the dinner, which has brought between \$24,500 and \$38,400 into the Homedale athletic programs over the years.

Event proceeds have helped fund:

- A windscreen for the football field
- New boys' basketball jerseys
- Turf for the baseball complex at John Jackson Field
- Hitting nets for the new indoor facility adjacent to John Jackson Field
- Gym scoreboard advertisement renewal
- Photos of athletes that hang in Homedale's main gymnasium
- State tournament T-shirts and meals for the volleyball team in the fall.
- Football coaches clinic



Marsing's Hailee Bennett looks for a shot against a Cole Valley Christian defender. Photo by Dan Pease

Marsing girls struggle against top 2A WIC teams

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team's offensive struggles continued during the team's 2A Western Idaho Conference home game against Cole Valley Christian on Friday.

The Huskies posted their lowest offensive output in at least a decade in a 55-11 loss to the Chargers.

The previous low this season for Marsing (7-9 overall, 0-6 in conference) also came against Cole Valley (15-2, 5-1) in a 55-18 setback in Meridian on Dec. 15.

Friday's loss extended the Huskies' losing streak to nine games.

The Marsing coaching staff provided no information for either of the team's games last week.

Jan. 8: Melba 61, Marsing 33 — Junior Emily Loucks scored 12 points as the Huskies took the floor against the conference's top team and the second-ranked Class 2A squad in the state according to the media.

The Mustangs (16-1, 6-0) got a stellar performance from Emma Clark, who lit up the stat sheet with 21 points, nine rebounds, 7 steals, and five assists.

Kate Clark added 16 points and three assists.

✓ Melba: Team can take control of 2A WIC Thursday

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steals and five assists.

Nicole Binggeli led the Pilgrims with 12 points.

Melba can gain a two-game lead for the 2A WIC's top seed in the District III tournament with a victory over second-place Cole Valley Christian on Thursday.

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Sports

Raiders storm back to defeat Notus girls, stay near top

A big fourth-quarter comeback helped Rimrock High School hang on to its hopes for a high seed in the girls' basketball district tournament.

Sintia Varela scored six of her game-high 20 points to spark the Raiders' fourth-quarter comeback in a 40-32 win over Notus on Jan. 8.

The Pirates owned a 27-20 lead after three quarters in Bruneau before Rimrock went on a 20-5 tear over the final eight minutes.

Sami Jewett hit a three-pointer in the first quarter and then helped with a clutch 3-for-4 performance from the foul line in the final period.

Madie Macmillan scored all seven of her points in the second half.

Kortne Randall led Notus with 13 points, and Destiny Quebrado added 11 points.

The Raiders dropped a 68-55 non-conference decision to

Owyhee, Nev., in Bruneau on Friday.

Rimrock (13-2 overall, 5-1 in conference at week's end) has three games left in 1A WIC play. Coach Kyla Jewett's squad played North Star Charter in Eagle on Tuesday after deadline.

The Raiders end the conference season on Jan. 25 at home against Liberty Charter, which began the week one game behind Rimrock in the standings.

✓Homedale: 15 consecutive wins vs. Pirates

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Lundberg scored 10 points each for Weiser, while Moyle and Abbey Shirts collected seven rebounds apiece.

Friday: Homedale 60, Payette 20 — Twelve consecutive points in the first half helped the Trojans collect the program's 15th straight victory over the visiting Pirates.

Homedale has won 17 of 18 games against Payette since the start of the 2011-12 season. The only Trojans loss in that span is a 38-37 defeat that ended the 2011-12 season in the district tournament.

Grant scored eight of her 11 points in two Homedale spurts

in the first half. She had a three-pointer to end the Trojans' 12-2 run with 43 seconds left in the first quarter. The senior came back with two three-pointers wrapped around Dines' steal and layup to highlight Homedale's 12-0 run to a 29-7 advantage 3 minutes, 13 seconds into the second quarter.

Homedale outscored Payette, 20-4, in the second quarter to seize control. Homedale held the Pirates to just nine points after the intermission.

Dines scored six points and grabbed four steals.

Senior Josey Hall led all scorers with 12 points. She also had four

rebounds.

Savana Buckley grabbed six of Homedale's 23 offensive rebounds, and scored four points.

Makayla Kelly played strong in the first half and scored eight points. She connected on both of her three-point attempts, and also led the team with seven rebounds.

Each of coach Cam Long's players who got on the floor scored at least a field goal.

Anika Burke and Journey Lewis, a pair of juniors, scored five points each for Payette (2-15, 0-5 before Tuesday's non-conference game against Ontario, Ore.).

✓Marsing: Three collect sixth-place showings

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championship bracket. However, a technical-fall loss at the 5-minute, 22-second mark of his championship semifinal against Cooper Erickson of Challis pushed Arriaga into the consolation bracket.

Arriaga reached the third-place match with a 4-1 decision over Jared Roundy of West Jefferson in the consolation semifinals.

Arriaga's 20 team points scored was good for one-third of Marsing's total score.

The Huskies got sixth-place finishes from freshman Solin Lafleur (98), sophomore Troy Miller (113), and junior Justin Ineck (138).

Lafleur received a bye in his

first round, followed by a 6-1 loss to Jared Rindlisbaker of North Gem. After moving to the consolation bracket, he benefitted from two early byes.

Lafleur then pinned Connor McKenna of McCall-Donnelly at 1:42, followed by a 17-7 major decision win over Wyatt Flick from host Wendell.

A 6-5 loss in a rematch with Rindlisbaker put Lafleur into the fifth-place match against Oswaldo Rodriguez of McCall-Donnelly. The match was halted at the 4:35 mark when Lafleur suffered an injury.

Miller lost in the championship bracket, 9-0, to Raft River's Tegan Whitaker.

He remained afloat in the con-

solation bracket with two decisions — 10-3 over Dylan Curry of Filer and 6-2 over Caden Bailey of Soda Springs.

Miller then pinned Hunter Anderson of Raft River at 3:28 before losing to Whitaker for the second time (a 17-7 major decision).

Miller lost to Grant Etherington of New Plymouth, 10-2, in the fifth-place match.

Because of byes, Ineck didn't wrestle until the third round of the championship bracket where New Plymouth's Hsee Hsee pulled off a pin in 33 seconds.

After beating Tanner Brederhoft of Soda Springs, 11-7, Ineck lost the fifth-place final by fall to Tucker Baker of McCall-Donnelly at 1:36.

✓Wrestling: Allen wins championship; Kaydince Turner, Volk take 2nd

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the class final with a 19-second win over Trinity Callaway of Thunder Ridge and a 3:39 stoppage of Leilani Samoy of Idaho Falls in the semifinals.

Volk needed just 15 seconds to pin Erika Scott of Thunder Ridge in the quarterfinals, and she dispatched Blackfoot's

Marcelina Trejo in 1:45 of their semifinal match.

There was no championship match at 98 pounds, but Homedale's Amber Allen won the title with a perfect round robin outing. She went 2-0 against Snake River's Hali Statham to win the title. The senior notched a pair of second-

round pins (2:41 and 3:38).

Kaydince Turner, who saw varsity action earlier in the week in the 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet against Weiser, finished second in Madison's 126-145 division.

Idaho Falls wrestler Brigid Shannon collected the championship with a pin of

Turner in 1:41.

Turner's path to the title bout included a semifinal victory by pinfall against Jackson Hole, Wyo.'s Elizabeth Jensen (3:10) and a 43-second pin of Hillcrest's Tanya Gonzalez in the quarterfinals.

Another 126-145 Homedale entrant, Dulce Jaramillo,

finished fifth. Gonzalez pinned Jaramillo in the consolation semifinals, but the Homedale wrestler received a bye in the fifth-place match.

Jaramillo's tournament began in the championship semifinals after a bye in the quarterfinals. Shannon prevailed with a pin in 1:47.

Other scores

Girls' basketball

Jordan Valley
(11-2 overall, 4-0 1A HDL)

1A High Desert League
Friday — def. Adrian, 59-17
Saturday — def. Four Rivers Prep, 59-4

This week
1A High Desert League
Friday — at Long Creek/Ukiah, 6 p.m. MST
Saturday — at Burnt River

Adrian
(4-9 overall, 2-1 1A HDL)

Non-league
Thursday — lost to Notus, 47-27

1A High Desert League
Friday — lost to Jordan Valley, 59-17

This week
1A High Desert League
Friday — at Harper Charter, 6 p.m.
Saturday — at Crane, 3 p.m. MST

Boys' basketball

Rimrock
(2-13 overall, 0-4 1A WIC)

1A Western Idaho Conference
Last Wednesday — lost to Notus, 53-21

Non-conference
Friday — lost to Owyhee, Nev., 58-24

This week
1A Western Idaho Conference
Friday — home vs. Idaho City, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday — at Wilder, 7:30 p.m.

Non-conference
Saturday — at Hansen, 2:30 p.m.

Adrian
(3-8 overall, 2-1 1A HDL)

1A High Desert League
Friday — lost to Jordan Valley, 61-34

This week
1A High Desert League
Friday — at Harper Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday — at Crane, 4:30 p.m. MST

Jordan Valley
(8-5 overall, 4-0 1A HDL)

1A High Desert League
Friday — def. Adrian, 61-34
Saturday — def. Four Rivers Prep, 63-27

This week
1A High Desert League
Friday — at Long Creek/Ukiah, 7:30 p.m. MST
Saturday — at Burnt River, 3:30 p.m. MST

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Longtime library supporter tabbed for Homedale board

Director: Expansion project on schedule to start next month

The Homedale Public Library board has nominated a new member, but the move won't be official until the city council has a chance to vote on it next month.

The library board met on Jan. 7 and selected Nancy Belknap to replace Jerry Anderson, who resigned as a director to join the city council for a second appointment.

Belknap would serve through the completion dat of Anderson's incomplete term, which runs through 2022.

Belknap is currently a member of Friends of the Homedale Library.

A key topic of last week's meeting at the library the start of the long-awaited 3,600-square-foot library expansion construction.

According to library director Sharla Jensen, the date is unchanged.

"To the best of my knowledge, it's still Feb. 28," she said.

Jensen provided the architect's plans for the board's perusal. She has been asked to attend next month's city council meeting to discuss the project.

Bills submitted to the library board for December include \$55 for Architecture Northwest and \$1,679.75 to Great West Engineering, which is acting as grant writer for the library's Community Development Block Grant.

Also brought up during the meeting was a quote from A-Gem Supply, Inc., for a new security camera system for the library.

The quote, which the board supports, calls for four, 4-megapixel fixed-focus cameras and a 16-channel network video recorder.

The cameras carry a price of \$756 and the 4-terabyte recorder \$599. With the wiring and labor, the system will run the city \$1,792. Councilman Mike Aebischer, who is the city's library board liaison, presented the bid in his report during last Wednesday's city council meeting. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller stressed that the cameras should be hardwired — not WiFi — and they should be compatible with the rest of the city's security surveillance system.

Jensen informed the board that the library received a \$500 grant from WalMart.

She said that the grant didn't specify what the money would need to be spent on, but she said she would like to use it to purchase a Smart TV to hang behind the front desk in the new library.

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Gov. Little pushes rural broadband improvements

by Cheyenna McCurry McClure Center intern

Idaho's 33rd governor, Brad Little, pushed his goals to increase economic growth throughout the state by implementing high-speed broadband connection in rural and tribal communities in his State of the State address on Jan. 7.

"In my travels, I constantly hearhowtheabsenceofadequate broadband infrastructure is a deterrent to growth and economic development," Little said. "The Idaho Department of Commerce spent the past year analyzing the statewide challenge of inadequate broadband."

Little wants to find a way to reach communities that fall short with little or no broadband availability.

Broadband is high-speed internet received from either optical copper fibers or coaxial cables buried into the ground and connected to a server. Anyone who has access to broadband can basically do anything online including checking email, streaming Netflix and scrolling through Facebook, and usually all at the same time.

Idaho's rural and urban communities are digitally divided because of the lack of broadband infrastructure in isolated areas. The problem is that these areas aren't populated enough or are too far away from the nearest broadband option for telecommunication companies to serve. Financial and location restrictions in isolated area have impeded the installment of fiber or cable wires.

If there was better connectivity, there would be numerous benefits. Ranchers would be able to purchase cattle online. Tribal communities would be able to communicate data in real time. Essentially, all Idahoans would have equal access to everything that requires broadband capabilities.

According to the 2018 Broadband Progress Report by the Federal Communications Commission, Idaho has one of the worst broadband coverages in the nation. By the end of 2016, coverage of rural areas in Idaho was reported at 68 percent (based on the 2010 Census). In addition, the FCC also reported that 83 percent of tribal lands don't have any access to broadband at all.

While Idaho Legislature has made rural broadband access a priority over the years and has implemented grant-funded programs such as LinkIdaho. Rural and tribal communities have also worked to get the broadband access they need.

The Nez Perce Tribe's Department of Technology Services enacted the Nez Perce Tribe Wireless program in 2009 to provide the broadband access essential for "rural and remote areas" on the reservation. According to the program's website, the program is only functioning on grants, but will continue to expand the service until the entire Nez Perce Reservation is covered.

In addition, the FCC's ConnectAmericaFundawarded Idaho telecom companies annual funding. Over a six-year period, CenturyLink received \$6.3 million and Frontier Communications \$5.2 million each year in order to install broadband fibers in rural areas in Idaho. However, this doesn't mean every community in Idaho will be connected if projects aren't completed by the program's close next year.

"To ensure Idaho can adapt to the rapidly evolving digital world, we must actively work to improve Idaho's broadband access, pursuing all options to increase broadband connectivity," Little said in the State of the State address.

"I will work with the Legislature to ensure both rural and urban Idaho are connected and well-positioned to attract and create maximum success."

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Honor roll Marsing High School

First semester Seniors Highest honors (4.0 grade-point average and higher) — Dolan, Mikaela Rae; Enrico, Halli Rose; Garcia, Esmeralda; Green, Peyton Mallory; Hahlbeck, Kassandra Erin; Heitz, Emma Kay; Moreno Vargas, Anahi; Sandoval, Julian M.; and Villa, Landon Levi	Jacobi, Taj Assante; Lagunas, Eliseo Nicolas; Milburn, Heath Dalton; and Quebrado, Enrique	High honors (3.99 to 3.75) — Beagley, Alli Ree; and Salazar, Lillian Adamaris	Gabriela; Heitz, Chloe Ann; Pool, Austin James; Roper, Mazzi Lyn; Simpson, Adrianna McKenzie; and Villarreal Mendoza, Rebecca Amaya	Kimberly; Sevy, Calvin Lewis; Sevy, Lazarus Robert William; Stansell, Regan Anita; and Thoene, Emily Jean
High honors (3.99 to 3.75) — Fray, Madison Carmela; Jimenez, Mary Carmen; Loucks, Ashley Eleanor; and Rodriguez, Gabriela	Juniors Highest honors (4.0 GPA and higher) — Berends, Hayden Curtis; Brackett, John Cade; Faenger, Isabel Karin Stephanie; Freeman, Caden George; Hall, Merrick Wesley; Jensen, Lauren Sedna; Jerome, Amy Joan; Lagunas, Constantino; Lee, Isaac Curtis; Loucks, Emily Grace; Schernikau, Friederike Imme Charlotte; Shippy, True Rayne; and Van Hout, Natalie M.L.	Honors — (3.74 to 3.5) — Ayuban, Joshua Andrei; Embry, Caitlin Marie; Jerome, Patience Leigh; Maylin, Kyla J.; Moore, Wylliam Dean; Morton, Halle Mae; Villa, Aubrey; and White, Robert Lee	Honors — (3.74 to 3.5) — Ankeny, Jacob Dylan; Greer, Uriel Seraph; Larrusea, Alana Egustina; McCloud, Cheyenne Annette; Meade, Ross Thomas; Percifield, Delaney May; Salazar, Karla Nicole; Valladarez, Erica; and Wheeler, Ty Matthew	High honors (3.99 to 3.75) — Clover, Sadie Dawn; Fenn, Joshua Barnell; Jensen, Shea Emily; and Withers, Samuel Martin
Honors — (3.74 to 3.5) — Fewkes, Katelyn Meadow; Gonzalez, Manuel Santos Jr;		Sophomores Highest honors (4.0 GPA and higher) — Christiansen, Hailey Nicole; Lopez Vera, Daisy Estefania; and Miller, Annie Shundeen	Freshmen Highest honors (4.0 GPA and higher) — Eells, Vicki Jane; Josephson, Lacyn Harding; Loucks, Alexis	Honors — (3.74 to 3.5) — Berends, Daisy Rose; Brackett, Zane; Franklin, Madison Rae; Ineck, Jonathan Jason; Jacobi, Trayton Angelo; Jerome, McKenzie Rose; Kester, Joseph Wayne; Milburn, Anita Marie; Moore, Shyanne Lynn; Porter, Carter Wayne; Ramirez Monter, Christal; and Sevy, Evelyn Maureen

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 19, 1994

Alternatives to BLM plan is developing

A diverse mix of user groups want a say in how the BLM manages the Owyhee Resource Area for the next two decades.

About 30 people representing cattle, trail riding and wild horses, among others, met with the Owyhee County Land Use Planning Committee is Marsing Thursday to discuss alternatives to the BLM’s objectives for the area.

The BLM is currently drafting a 20-year management plan for the resource area. The preliminary plan outlines BLM objectives for air, water, soil, cultural, wildlife and other resources.

“That’s quite a chunk of everybody’s life on the range,” Fred Grant, a member of the County Land Use Planning Committee, said.

Grant underscored the lengthy impact the BLM’s plan will have on the Owyhee Resource Area and the importance of local input.

The committee’s proposed alternatives, heavily weighted towards multiple use of the Owyhee Resource Area, will be reviewed by County Commissioners next week and then submitted to the state BLM director.

Local man hiking from Georgia to Maine

Winded at the thought of embarking on a two-mile hike? Consider one night under the stars at a KOA roughing it?

For Jeff Edmiston and three buddies, the trail began Jan. 1 at Springer Mountain, Georgia, and doesn’t end until June, in Millinocket, Maine.

The 1991 graduate of Homedale High is currently hoofing his way up the Appalachian Trail, all 2,000-plus miles of it.

Actually, in the detailed itinerary the marathon hikers drew up, they estimated, with slight detours for supply stops and mail pickups, 2,361 miles spread over 142 days.

That’s roughly 16.6 miles a day.

Edmiston, 20, the son of Alice and Earl Edmiston of Homedale, has not taken much R & R since he left the Army in November after a two-year hitch. The Appalachian trek was planned out over a year, his mother said.

The latest word she’s received is that the group has traveled over 100 miles and is a week behind schedule due to inclement weather.

His dispatch from the front: “scenery is beautiful... cold...blisters.”

Issue of city growth tops council meeting

Homedale is poised on the verge of big-time growth, but lacks an up-to-date comprehensive plan to deal with it, Mayor Paul Fink told City Council members last Wednesday.

The inevitable boom headed this direction is reflected in the number of inquiries City Hall receives about home building, developing trailer parks, subdivision and low income housing, Fink said.

To assure the city has a say in how it’s managed, the mayor proposed extending the city’s impact area and drafting a zoning ordinance on multiple dwellings.

Both proposals would require developers to obtain city approval before proceeding with projects in the eventual path of city annexation.

Without approval, the city runs the risk of someday annexing substandard development it may have to fix. Past problems encountered include incorrectly installed sewer and water facilities, he said.

50 years ago

January 16, 1969

Field named to chairmanship of commissioners

Oscar Field, Grand View, was elected chairman of the Owyhee County board of commissioners at their organizational meeting Monday at Murphy.

Mr. Field and Dave Phelps, Homedale, replaced Kenneth Downing and Don Davis, Bruneau, on the board. Holdover member is Jack Dunning, Nick Ihli is clerk, auditor and recorder.

Newly elected county officers are Sadie Eisenhart, treasurer; and Tom Brunzell, assessor; John Sellman, attorney; Chuck Jurries, probate judge, and Andy Warfield, coroner.

Holdover officers are Al Barberis, sheriff, and Ihli.

Cast named for April staging of 3-act comedy

Play cast for “Meet Me In St. Louis,” a three-act play to be presented sometime in April, has been announced by thespian adviser James Barayasarra.

This comedy centers around a family faced with moving away just as the St. Louis World’s Fair is about to begin. The time is 1904.

The cast is as follows:

Brent Fry as Mr. Smith; Sally Tibbs, Mrs. Smith; Marilyn Curtis, Rose; Marilinn Cegnar, Ester; Lynda Turner, Agnes; Leona Zanks, Tootie; Dennis Tanikuni, Lon; Roy Eiguren, Grandpa; Louise Chadez, Katie; Paulette Zatica, Mrs. Waughop; Bonnie Takasugi, Ida Boothby; Virgil Henson, John Shepard; Vernon Henson, Fred Gregory; Marcia Richards, Lucille Pentard; Palmer Wharton, Mr. Dodge; Terry Blessing, Mr. Duffy; Mike Cross, conductor.

Student director will be Betty Eidemiller. Other committees will be announced later.

Trojan quintet trains sights on SRV A-2 leadership

Homedale’s Trojans leaped another hurdle on their way toward taking the SRV A-2 crown here Saturday night when they dumped Fruitland 52-41.

Homedale is now 11-0 for the year, the longest winning streak in the season so far, and the Trojans have won four straight in the A-2. Fruitland dropped its sixth game in 10 outings and its second game in three conference tilts to date.

Paul Pearson and Gary Garrett paced the Trojans with 11 points each, and the Grizzlies’ Dave Hockman topped both teams with 18 counters.

Homedale had squirmed to a slim two-point margin after two lackluster opening quarters. But coach Daryl Kellum’s charges took command in the third quarter by moving the ball better on offense.

Garrett, Homedale’s 6-3 senior center, helped out by cramming in seven midway through the third period, and his last bucket of the spree lifted the Trojans to a nine-point lead.

School board gives OK for band trip

Permission for the Homedale High School band to perform at the Calgary Stampede the week end of July 4-5 at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was given by the Homedale Board of Trustees at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Band leader Duane Root and his group have been invited to play at the Stampede, and now are exploring ways of financing the 1,700-mile trip.

The board also authorized the absence of Barry Wood from school while he serves as a page in the state Senate during the current legislative session. Barry, a senior, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood.

145 years ago

January 17, 1874

PUTTING ON A SHIRT

There are things which a man can do with some show of dignity and even elegance, but the putting on of a clean shirt is not one of them. Even those fastidious chaps who put on one every week never become an expert and familiar with the process that they can go through with it with any degree of comfort or dexterity, and the less extravagant individuals who change only once a month are really to be revered. The feat is accomplished in this way: You lay the garment down on the bed or across the table or wash-stand, bosom downwards, each rustle of the stiffly-starched garment striking terror to you soul. Pulling it open, you make a strong draft on your courage and resolution, and plunge into it, throwing your arms here and there in a frantic and desperate search for the sleeves, finding which, you struggle mentally in an endeavor to draw the garment down so that you can catch a glimpse of the outer world once more. By the exercise of a proper amount of judgment, you are finally successful in this and you find yourself gazing out upon surrounding objects, encircled by stiff, rustling linen, which props your chin up in the air and gives rise to a feeling as though you were braced around about by crowbars, with no prospect of ever being able to sit down again. Putting on a collar and a tie, you don your outer garments and go forth, feeling as uncomfortable and uneasy as though you had just sat down on a coat-tail pocket full of eggs.

LOCAL MINING RECORD

RED JACKET—In company with C.S. Miller, Esq., Superintendent of this mine, we made a thorough examination of the works, yesterday afternoon—descending the main shaft, passing through the various levels, down the winze, and finally through the lengthy adit level which is now within a few feet of the north shaft. Taking into consideration the comparatively short period of time that the Red Jacket has been in active operation, the amount of work accomplished is surprisingly large. At the main working shaft, within the last few months, a fine large shaft house has been erected, a most excellent ore house, blacksmith shop, coal house, store rooms and offices, all of which are large, commodious buildings, arranged and constructed with a view of extensive mining operations in the future. The large ore house is situated about 80 feet from the main building, on a foundation of solid bedrock, and is connected with the shaft house by a substantial car-way of heavy timbers well covering the entire distance. The main working shaft has two compartments, each of which is 3ft. 3 in. x 3 ft. 3 in. in the clear, well timbered from top to bottom, and is now down 220 feet. The Red Jacket is situated on the eastern side and 500 feet to the westward of the Ida, Ellmore and Golden Chariot, and has a surface elevation of about 300 feet higher than either of those mines. It does not run exactly parallel with the Chariot and Ellmore vein, but cuts across the formation of the country rock which, in that locality, lies in a northerly and southerly direction. The explorations made by the adit level have opened up several cross-veins, all of which gave good promise of making mines in themselves. In some of these cross-veins, a remarkably rich quality of ore has been found to extend as far as 50 feet from the main vein, but hitherto it has only been discovered in small bodies.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Prejudice



Prejudice is a funny thing. When a city slicker or a dude comes meanderin’ into the Montana bar in Glasgow, he’s liable to get a lot of hard stares. But, I’m here to tell ya, when the shoe’s on the other foot, it can be mighty uncomfortable.

Years ago in Kansas City, I set out one night to find one of them down-home guitar blues pickers that I had read about in the Sunday paper. I was drivin’ around Saturday night lookin’ for Walter’s Crescendo Lounge. I had some ribs at Money’s on Prospect and asked directions. The feller told me not to go over there after dark. Then, after thinkin’ about it, he scribbled his name and phone number on a piece of paper and said, “When you git in trouble, have’m call me.” Nice of him, I thought.

Somehow I never found Walter’s, but at the corner of 39th and Jackson I spied Willie’s Total Experience Lounge. I recognized the name from the paper, so I went in.

I was dressed normal — hat, Levi’s and boots. The bartender was a lady named Bert. She served me a scotch and creme soda. I sat at a table in front of the band. As the clientele came in, they all sat around by the walls. Kind of like they were circlin’ me. Nobody said much, and they weren’t real friendly. Finally the band leader, Freddy, came over to my table and asked me, “Hey man, what are you doin’ here?”

I told him I heard this was the best music in Kansas City, and I came to find out!

Well he must have thought the same thing ’cause it sure tickled him! He couldn’t do enough to make me feel at home. His sister was the waitress, and he told her to make sure my grape Nehi never went dry.

By then I wuz smarter’n a tree full o’ owls, 10 foot tall and bulletproof, as Tink would say! But I couldn’t get nobody to dance with me! Eventually this lady named Elizabeth consented. She must have figured I wasn’t so bad after all ’cause she sat at my table and invited Louise and Wilma to join us. The four of us danced until closin’ time. It was a fine evening, and although they didn’t take to me at first they must have decided that cowboys aren’t from outer space, just different.

I remember that little lesson when I see a kid wearin’ a headband and sandals in a cowboy bar. I always try to give’m the benefit of the doubt. After all, he might be friskin’ customers at the door next time I make it Willie’s Total Experience Lounge!

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book is “A Commotion in Rhyme.” When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Playing catchup



The Homedale City Council engaged in essential discussions last Wednesday.

The town’s elected officials are to be commended for trying to look out for the safety of young pedestrians at Homedale Elementary School.

And a tip of the cap to Mayor Gheen Christoffersen for saying what no one else would — if the city is going to be involved in the building of a public library building, the department’s director should start showing up for city council meetings.

But, in both instances, the timing was a little off.

In the case of improving schoolchildren’s safety at the elementary school, the discussion came after a Facebook message board illuminated the hard work of volunteer crossing guards and called attention to the fact that one of the most dedicated of the group soon wouldn’t be able to provide the service.

Safety at the school has been on and off the radar for years. Christoffersen, Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker, and other officials toured both West Washington Avenue and the area proposed for a walking path to the middle school when the thought of a Safe Routes to School grant was first incubated.

The school zone lighting was on everyone’s minds at that time, but the focus shifted to the middle school project (and is still there). The elementary school issue faded into the shadows, much like those that the town’s youngest students walk in every morning

when getting to school.

Even at the time of the planning tour, there was a fairly simple step that could have been taken to — in the least — improve visibility: Call Idaho Power and appeal to the company’s sense of community in an effort to install more powerful streetlights. It would have cost the city more on its power bill, but to paraphrase what Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said last Wednesday, spend a little more to possibly save a life.

Christoffersen suggested some collaboration with the school district to come up with a solution.

That’s a good idea.

But one has to wonder if the city could have helped out a little more if the decision hadn’t been made to pave the City Hall parking areas, which mushroomed into a two-part project when drainage problems were discovered in the police department bullpen.

Being proactive and forward-thinking may have helped avoid the potholes in the parking lot plan and the perceived problem on along West Washington Avenue.

The same philosophy would probably save some embarrassment in regards to the public library, too.

In about six weeks, the first dirt should be turned in the 3,600-square-foot expansion of the Homedale Public Library.

The design is complete, apparently. City Hall didn’t — See *Catchup*, Page 21

From Washington Recounting Banking Committee success and looking ahead

Committees are essential to the legislative process. I am privileged to serve on committees that encourage pro-growth economic policies and prioritize constitutional principles. Beginning in 2017, I had the honor to begin serving as chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, a post that I will continue to hold in the 116th Congress. In the 115th Congress, we ushered dozens of bills through the committee and into law, exercised important oversight of the financial sector, and confirmed qualified nominees for financial regulatory agencies.

Encouraging Economic Growth: Community banks and credit unions are part of the foundation of towns across America, particularly in rural states like Idaho. They help families buy homes, pay for college and start businesses. Beyond this, many sponsor children’s sports teams, food drives and other community service efforts. Unfortunately, these institutions have struggled to keep up with the ever-increasing regulatory compliance and examiner demands from Washington.

A pinnacle achievement in the 115th Congress was enactment of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act. This law better enables these institutions to support local communities by directing resources toward what they do best — approving mortgages, lending to small businesses and providing credit to families in their communities. The law also includes important consumer protections, like the ability to freeze and

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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Committee assignments — Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs (chair); Finance; and Budget Committee
Chief deputy whip

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Holding Foreign Countries Accountable and Protecting National Security Interests: The Banking Committee has jurisdiction over sanctions legislation. I helped usher the bipartisan Countering Russian Aggression and Cyber Attacks Act through the Senate, which passed by an overwhelmingly, bipartisan vote of 97-2, and was signed into law. This law substantially expands sanctions against the government of Russia, signaling to the world

— See *Success*, Page 21

Commentary

Financial management

There’s no winning when playing the timeshare game

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about timeshares, and the free trips and dinners they offer as part of their sales pitches? Is it possible to win with these things?

— Dan

Dear Dan,
In my opinion, timeshares are a complete waste of time and money. Lots of folks go into this kind of thing believing they’ll play the game and win. They think they’ll get a vacation weekend and other free stuff, then just say “no” when the time comes. The problem is, most people aren’t as tough a sell as they think. Besides, do you really want to waste a weekend of your life

letting some pushy salesperson twist your arm? That’s not my idea of fun.
As a whole, timeshares have an incredibly high dissatisfaction rate. It’s almost impossible to find anyone who’s happy they bought into one, and there are good reasons for this. Why would you pay thousands of your hard-earned dollars for a tiny place you may or may not get a chance to visit once a year? Add to this the fact that you have no equity in the place, *and* you’re stuck paying ongoing maintenance fees.
My advice? Don’t take a chance playing the game, Dan. There are much better uses for your time and money!

— Dave



DAVE Says
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Dear Dave,
I’ve been late on a credit card bill several times, and it was turned over to a collection agency. They have offered a couple of different payment

options. If I agree to one of these, does that mean the original creditor gets paid, too?

— Carter

Dear Carter,
A collection agency either owns the debt outright, or they’re directly representing the credit card company in these kinds of situations. It’s not unusual for things to be handled this way when someone has defaulted on a loan.
Unless you have the cash to make good on the debt outright, I’d go ahead and accept whichever deal makes the most sense for you and your current financial situation.
You’ve already got a mark

against you on your credit report for having this turned over to collections, so an indication of settlement on a credit card you defaulted on is really no big deal.
But here’s my best piece of advice — stop using credit cards!

— Dave

— *Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).*

✓ Catchup: Mayor stresses communication about library construction

From Page 20
receive documents from director Sharla Jensen until after last Wednesday’s council meeting and library board liaison Councilman Mike Aebischer’s brief report.
The library board met Monday morning.
During Aebischer’s council briefing, his colleagues learned about changes that Jensen would like to make to the plans, including adding more brick façade to

the new building and possibly using one-way glass or tinting to provide her office with some privacy.
Both options would add cost to the construction.
The library board also received a bid on security cameras, but the council didn’t see the quote until Aebischer handed it to Christoffersen in the middle of his report last Wednesday.
The need for better communication from the library

was not lost on the mayor.
“She has to come to the council to talk about these changes,” Christoffersen said of Jensen.
City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram reports that Jensen will attend the February city council meeting — about two weeks before construction could start.
It’s an initial step in the right direction that’s a couple years too late.

✓ Success: Senator looks to continue committee’s good work in 2019

From Page 20
the United States’ unflagging commitment to the sanctity of territorial integrity, human rights and good governance.
We also passed legislation to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). CFIUS reviews certain types of foreign transactions to determine if there is a threat to U.S. national security. The review process had not been updated in more than a decade, during which time threats to our national security have significantly evolved. Our legislation will more effectively guard against national security risks posed by certain types of foreign investment.
Oversight: The Banking Committee serves an important oversight function of the financial sector and the federal banking regulators. In the 115th

Congress, the committee carried out its oversight on issues concerning Second Amendment rights, data privacy and security and bad actors in the financial markets, among others.
Nominees: One of the committee’s responsibilities is to advance nominees for positions to govern our nation’s fiscal systems. The Banking Committee approved 41 nominees including the chairman of the Federal Reserve, responsible for providing the nation with a safe and stable financial system; the chairman and commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission, ensuring fair markets to protect investors, and; the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which protects bank deposits. The nominees play a crucial role in ensuring Idahoans can bank with confidence, protect their investments for retirement and other purposes,

and ensure that financial services and products are available.
Each success was built on years of hard work in and beyond the halls of Congress. Equally important, each had strong bipartisan support, which will contribute to their long-term success. As proud as I am of these victories, there is always more to be done. I look forward to working with members of the committee on both sides of the aisle in the 116th Congress to deliver further results for our country and all of Idaho’s communities.
— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

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Public notices

CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO INVITATION TO BID

Sealed lump sum bids for the construction of the City of Homedale Public Library will be received until 2:00 p.m. on January 22, 2018 by Architecture Northwest located at 224 – 16th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho 83651. Bids will then be taken to the City of Homedale to be publicly opened and read by the Homedale City Clerk at 2:00 p.m. on January 23, 2019 at the Homedale City Hall.

The project consists of the construction of a new 3600 sq. ft. single story Library building to be located at 125 West Owyhee Avenue on the east side of the existing Homedale Public Library. The scope of work also includes site improvements (asphalt parking, concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks and underground public utilities). Note: The pre-engineered steel building (structure, siding & roofing) will be owner provided but the erection will be by the selected general contractor.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available by contacting Randy Haverfield (Architect) at Architecture Northwest at 224 16th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651, phone (208) 467-3377 in accordance with Article 3.1.1 of Instructions to Bidders.

The City will host a pre-bid conference w Prebid Meeting: A Prebid meeting for all bidders will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, on January 15, 2019 at the Homedale Library Site. Prospective prime bidders are requested to attend. The Architect will provide responses at Prebid conference to bidders’ questions received up to two business days prior to conference.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities. A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.

Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time of 240 calendar days after notice to proceed is given. The Contractor and any of the Contractor’s Subcontractors must comply with the requirements of Idaho’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Refer to the CDBG Supplemental General Conditions and Steps to Comply with Section 3 as well as the Federal Labor Standards Provisions and Davis Bacon Wage Rate Requirements in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement for Bids document is issued by:

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01/09,16,2019

ORDINANCE NO. A-208
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS INTO THE CITY OF MARSING;

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO RESIDENTIAL; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED By the Mayor and City Council of the City of Marsing, Idaho:

Section 1. That the following described real property located in the County of Owyhee, Idaho, as set forth in Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated, is hereby annexed into the City of Marsing and zoned to Residential.

Section 2. The zoning map is hereby amended to reflect the above-described real property as Residential.

Section 3. If any portion of this Ordinance is found to be unenforceable or unconstitutional for any reason, the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Any portions of any existing ordinances, which are in direct conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the conflict exists.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force li’om and after its passage, approval and publication.

Adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Marsing, Idaho, this 9th day of January, 2019.

City of Marsing
Owyhee County, Idaho
s:/ James Ferdinand, Mayor
s:/ Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
01/16/2019

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT USDA-NRCS Malheur County Local Work Group

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

The meeting takes place 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at the Malheur County Extension Office, 710 SW 5th Ave., Ontario, OR.

Contact: Lynn Larsen, District Conservationist – Malheur County, USDA-NRCS, 2925 SW 6th Avenue, Ste. 2, Ontario, OR 97914, 541-823-5132, lynn.larsen@or.usda.gov
01/16/2018

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

BY VIRTUE of an Execution in my hands, issued out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the county of Owyhee in the lawsuit of *Good v. Harry’s Dairy, LLC* duly attested the 7th day of December, 2018. I have levied upon the following described personal property of the debtor Harry’s Dairy, LLC, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, to-wit: All right, title and interest in that certain cause of action known a *Good v. Harry’s Dairy, LLC*, in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, Case No. CV2016-967 on appeal before the Idaho Supreme Court/Court of Appeals, Docket No. 46350-2018.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 28th day of January, 2019, at 10:30 o’clock a.m. of said day at 20381 State Hwy 78, (Owyhee County Courthouse Main Lobby), Murphy, Idaho 83650, in Owyhee County, Idaho, I will sell all the right, title and

interest of the debtor Harry’s Dairy, LLC, in and to the said described personal property, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States, to satisfy said execution and all costs.

Given under my hand this 31st day of December, 2018.
s:/Perry Grant, Sheriff
01/09,16,23/2019

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee’s Sale No. ID-LTE- 18002963

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 12, 2019, 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: A parcel of land situate in the Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet; thence South 89°48’00” East, parallel with the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel with the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48’00” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described parcel: A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet; thence South 89°48’00” East parallel to the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel to the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48’00” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 3886

ANNUAL STREET & ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF GRAND VIEW

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018	
Beginning Balance as of October 1st, 2017:	\$0.00
Receipts:	
Local Funding Sources:	
Interest Income	\$0
All Other Local Receipts - Idaho Power Franchise	\$6408
State Funding Sources:	
Highway User Revenue	\$20508
Federal Funding Sources	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$26916
Disbursements:	
New Construction	\$0.00
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$0.00
Routine Maintenance	\$1093
Equipment	\$1212
Administration	\$20591
All Other Expenditures	\$4020
Total Disbursements	\$2696
Receipts Over Disbursements	\$0
Closing Balance	\$0
Funds retained for specific future projects	\$0
Ending Balance	\$0
Jodi Jewett, Clerk	
City of Grand View	
12/28/2018	
01/16/2019	

JUMPCREEK, 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 GARY MCCOSHUM, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND CASSANDRA HAMMAR, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of ECHO L. HALL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Beneficiary, dated 12/31/2013, recorded 1/9/2014, under Instrument No. 283027, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by ECHO L. HALL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN.

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 12/31/2013, FAILURE TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME DUE ON 6/3/2018; PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ADVANCES

FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND HAZARD INSURANCE AS SET FORTH; AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, PLUS LATE CHARGES, DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, DELINQUENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ALL FORECLOSURE COSTS AND FEES.

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 \$184,852.38, together with interest thereon at 6.625% per annum from 5/17/2018, 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: 11/8/2018.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services

Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary

c/o Pioneer Lender Trustee Services

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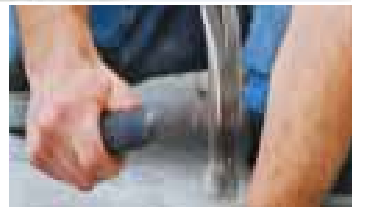
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Homedale Highway District considers switch to metal signposts

It could become increasingly more difficult for vandals to destroy stop signs in the Homedale Highway District. The board of directors discussed purchasing a Telespar pole driver during last Wednesday's meeting. Though no action was taken, directors seemed to like the option of swapping out wooden signposts for the square, metal Telespar signposts. "I'd like to see all of them Telespar," board chair Larry Prow said during director of highways Dan Herman's discussion of a machine that he has found at a local home improvement retailer. The electric driver is priced at \$999, and Herman said a bit that would allow the crew to dig a pilot hole for the signpost could be manufactured in-house. Since November, wooden signposts holding a stop sign at the intersection of Johnstone Road and Graveyard Point Road have been destroyed at least four times. Officials say metal signposts, though more difficult to install, could curb such incidents. Some of the district's street signs already are held up by Telespar signage, so officials figure a machine could save taxpayer money by cutting down on the number of trips that are needed to respond to broken signs and replace them. Herman said the machine could also be used for other maintenance applications, such as cutting asphalt. An asphalt cutter would be needed to open roadways when doing crossing projects such as replacement of underground pipe. During last week's meeting, the commissioners approved \$1,920 to purchase 80 feet of 24-inch plastic pipe for an under-roadway project on River Road. Herman said the unanimous vote was necessary to save the district about \$600 because the price of the pipe was going up soon. Commissioners also hired two new road crew employees. The workers weren't identified because the action was a personnel matter, but the vote was done in the public portion of the meeting. Both employees were to start the morning after the meeting. The hires bring the crew back to full strength. The openings were created when a road crew member quit at almost the same time Herman was promoted to replace retiring director of highways Stewart Constantine. In another discussion, highway district secretary Terri Uria reminded Prow and fellow commissioner Scott Salutregui that the candidate filing deadline for the May 21 election is March 22. Both men are up for re-election this year.

— JPB

Disaster auction raffle tickets on sale

Folks can still donate items or volunteer to help. Raffles accompanying the 58th annual Marsing Disaster Auction are underway. Marsing Middle School students and the town's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders are selling the \$1 tickets. Local merchants and disaster auction committee members are selling \$10 tickets. The winning tickets will be drawn during the auction, which begins at 10:13 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. More information on the auction and photos of the items up for bid can be found at www.marsingdisasterauction.org.

Man appears in court on burglary charge

A 45-year-old man was scheduled in court Monday on two felony charges related to the theft of a generator in Grand View. Mathew Brady Sullivan was charged earlier this month after he allegedly stole generator from a shed in town. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery charged Sullivan with burglary and grand theft after the man was arrested by a sheriff's deputy. Sullivan remained behind bars in Murphy on a \$5,000 bond at press time on Monday. According to court records, Sullivan allegedly stole a generator worth \$1,000 on Jan. 2. A probable cause statement said Sullivan returned to the residence from which he stole the item and confessed to the owner. Sullivan apparently told the arresting deputy that he stole the generator to trade for drugs.



Mathew Sullivan

Community service for Rexburg woman convicted of DUI

A Rexburg woman has been sentenced after a guilty plea to misdemeanor drunk driving. Shalene M. Marney, 26, was ordered to serve eight days in jail when Magistrate Judge Dartanyon Burrows imposed sentencing on Jan. 2 in Homedale. She can serve eight hours of community service instead of the jail time, though. She must complete her community service by April 2. Marney also must enroll in programs for alcohol education and substance abuse education. She received an unsupervised probation term of two years. She must also pay \$2,000 in fees. Burrows gave her credit for two days already served in Owyhee County Jail and suspended the balance of a six-month jail sentence. Her driver's license was suspended for 180 days from the date of her guilty plea on Nov. 20. If Marney completes her sentencing successfully, she can petition the court to expunge her record. Homedale city prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer dropped an additional misdemeanor charge for Marney possessing an open container of alcohol while driving. Homedale Police arrested Marney on Oct. 21. She entered a guilty plea to the DUI on Nov. 20 as part of a plea agreement.

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