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An Idaho Power crew moved power poles and lines in Marsing as part of the project to replace the Snake River bridge last week.

Marsing braces for construction

Mayor assures town end results will be worth inconveniences

Marsing's physical landscape is undergoing some drastic changes because of numerous ongoing and upcoming construction projects.

Citizens and visitors alike can expect traffic delays on Idaho highway 55 for an extended period of time, and the replacement of the Snake River Bridge is expected to be ongoing through summer of 2020.

"Twenty months is a long time," Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand said. "I do know that the great citizens of Marsing and the surrounding areas will continue to support our local businesses.

"(They) understand that we may have to put up with some inconveniences in order to have a better traffic flow,

— See *Marsing*, page 13A



Traffic on the west side of town is being regulated by a temporary stoplight near the corner of 14th Avenue and Idaho highway 55.

Bruneau-Grand View supplemental levy heads to March ballot

District seeks \$200K per year less than current supplemental levy

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

Voters in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District will be asked to decide the fate of a two-year supplemental levy in March.

The district's ad-hoc levy

committee proposed a property tax levy that would raise \$400,000 in each of the next two years to the school board in October.

Trustees voted, 4-1, to move ahead with a levy try. Trustee Raelynn Schkade was the dissenting vote.

If approved, the supplemental levy would replace the two-year supplemental levy that brought the district \$500,000 each year for two years. That

— See *Levy*, page 11A

Veteran official back as BOCC chairman

Nuisance ordinance, road issues top agenda

Jerry Hoagland has returned to the chairmanship as he starts his 13th year on the Board of County Commissioners.

The Dist. 1 commissioner was selected to succeed Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi in the position during the BOCC's annual reorganizational meeting on Jan. 14 in

Murphy.

Aberasturi had served three years as chair, beginning in 2016.

Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick served as chair between 2012 and 2015, taking over from Hoagland.

"We commissioners believe in rotating every so often," Hoagland said. "Kelly had some projects that Joe and I thought as chairman he needed that position to accomplish. So his chairmanship lasted longer."

— See *BOCC*, page 10A



Jerry Hoagland

Shutdown stalls projects, permits and communication

BOCC's Boise District coordination meeting postponed

The partial government shutdown is having varying impacts on public lands issues in Owyhee County.

Communication between county officials and the Bureau of Land Management is at a standstill, as are some conservation efforts.

The Board of County Commissioners coordination meeting with the BLM Boise District, scheduled for Tuesday, was postponed until Monday. But the shutdown may push that meeting out

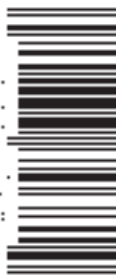
even further — not that those Boise District confabs are productive from the commissioners' point of view.

"The government shutdown hasn't affected the county except our coordination meetings," BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said. "Jarbridge (field office) is always upfront, and we do miss that meeting.

"But the other with the Boise dis-

trict, with the exception of one interim manager ... is where we have a big problem. They are very evasive about discussing any upcoming issue or letting us know of in-depth input needed from the county. Other than that, they aren't creating more problems for us. So, it is kind of a relief."

— See *Shutdown*, page 11A



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HMS pulls away in home Academic Bowl victory

Competing in front of a home crowd, Homedale's Academic Bowl squad won for the second time in three meets this season.

The middle school team roared through the speed round inside the cafeteria last Wednesday to snap a tie with Parma and claim top honors.

Jan Silva's Trojans now have won twice and finished runner-up in three 3A Snake River Valley conference meets in the 2018-19 school year.

Homedale had a share of the lead from the beginning, holding a 10-point edge after

getting six of 10 questions correct in the first round. Each team had to confer and write down their answers to questions asked by HMS teacher Starla Bender.

In the second round, teams were asked five questions each in a round-robin format with a different school starting off each round of questioning.

Parma answered three of its questions correctly, while Homedale got only two right, and the teams were tied, 80-80, for the lead in front of Ontario, Ore., with 70.

In the speed round, in which

all teams had a chance to buzz in and answer, Homedale got eight responses correct, but lost 20 points with two incorrect answers.

A third incorrect answer was deemed acceptable by the judges, and Homedale finished with a 50-point victory over Ontario.

Parma faded in the speed round, losing a net of 10 points because of four incorrect answers.

Ontario surged into second after correctly answering the only two questions it buzzed in on.



Homedale teammates discuss their answer before responding during the second round. **Clockwise from left:** Rachel Pawlak, Jayden Lyman, Sadie Rayne, Carsten Smith, Josh Aguayo, and Catherine Decker.



The Homedale team (clockwise) Anna Pawlak, Tayler Trout, Trinity Neeser (obscured), Miguel Albor, Abagale Hall, and Corilynn Huskey get ready with other schools' Academic Bowl teams for the start of the speed round last Wednesday in the Homedale Middle School cafeteria.



Left: Academic Bowl advisors check answers after the first round of competition last Wednesday in Homedale. Checking the scores are, from left, meet moderator Starla Bender, Shari Doramus of Parma, Dave Bell of Weiser, Erica Jossi from Vale, Ore., Homedale's Jan Silva, Greg Alexander from Ontario, and Michelle Stoneman from Payette. Fruitland advisor Kevin Wickersham is not pictured.

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Marsing Disaster Auction raffle tickets sales continue

Students, Marsing Disaster Auction board members and town merchants are selling tickets for this year's raffles.

The winning tickets will be chosen during the 58th annual auction, which begins at 10:13 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

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 \$10 raffle items include:

- Front-load washer and dryer donated by Parma Furniture, Haken Insurance Agency and Emerald Insurance Agency
- 55-inch flat-screen high-definition LCD television donated by the Usabel family
- Gun and security safe donated by White Automotive and Rhino Metals.



Marsing Disaster Auction chair Joseph Ineck stands among the raffle prizes up for grabs this year on a recent afternoon at Logan's Market.

- Savage Trophy Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor rifle with a Nikon scope donated by Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance agents Wayne Hungate and

Dave Cereghino

The \$1 raffle prizes include:

- \$250 Marsing shopping spree donated by American Legion Post 128 in Marsing.

- Boise getaway donated by the disaster auction committee
- \$250 in case donated by Bobo and Sheila Carter,

Russ Lindemann and Audrey
Lindemann

- InstaPot pressure cooker donated by Kelly and Betty Ackerman

More information on the auction and photos of the items up for bid can be found at www.marsingdisasterauction.org.

Auction item donations and volunteers are being sought for the event. Call board members for more information:

- Auction chair Joseph Ineck, (208) 249-4493
- Sheila Carter, (208) 337-2100
- Bobo Carter, (208) 880-8770
- James Ferdinand, (208) 794-7270
- Jess Ferdinand, (208) 401-4964
- Jason and Kelly Ineck, (208) 249-4476
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Homedale hearings scheduled for alley vacation, setbacks

No one showed up for public hearings at this month’s Homedale City Council meeting, but citizens will have another chance to exercise their right.

The City of Homedale has proposed three ordinances governing building lots and alleys, and a public hearing on those changes will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

City council meetings and public hearings are held inside the magistrate courtroom adjacent to City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Next month’s public hearings, which will be advertised in The Owyhee Avalanche beginning next week, deal with vacating an alley, building setbacks, and lot line adjustments.

The upcoming legal notice advertisement is necessary

because the changes deal with land use ordinances. No public notice was advertised for last Wednesday’s hearings on the animal ordinance and changing the city’s bartender license approval process.

The land use hearing will give the public a chance to comment on:

- A proposed vacation of an alley running north and south between Barbara Street and South 2nd Street West. The alleyway would be returned to the adjacent property owners.
- An ordinance amendment revising building setbacks adjacent to alleyways to 5 feet from the current minimum requirement of 15 feet.
- Another ordinance to establish city policy and procedures for lot line adjustments.

St. Hubert’s property will become Homedale High School parking

Shanley remains school board chairman

Plans are being worked out to add more room for parking near Homedale High School.

Schools superintendent Rob Sauer confirmed Friday morning that he has permission from the board of trustees to follow through with the purchase for Catholic church property across East Owyhee Avenue from the high school.

The grassy lot adjacent to St. Hubert’s Catholic Church has an appraised value of \$70,000, and Sauer said the school district will use plant facility funds to pay for it.

Although both parties have agreed to the sale, the purchase can’t be finalized until the lot is split from the rest of the church holdings on the block, including St. Hubert’s and the rectory.

his current term, remains chairman.

Zone 5 Trustee Shane Muir, who also will see his current term end on Dec. 31, is vice-chair and the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency liaison.

Zone 3 Trustee Dwayne Fisher will serve as the district’s Idaho School Board Association representative.

Zone 4 Trustee Shelley Shenk is the City of Homedale liaison.

The Zone 2 seat remains vacant after Tim Quintana resigned last year.

The trustees will continue to hold regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.

Teacher to leave

Rana Tahir, a seventh-grade English teacher, will end her school district employment at the end of the year.

Trustees accepted her resignation last week, and

Sauer said the district is grateful that Tahir gave advance notice because it should make filling the position easier.

Tahir is in her second year teaching at the middle school. She started with district in the 2016-17 school year teaching at the high school.

More facility work planned

The school board has approved the installation of a natural gas line to heat the greenhouse behind the HHS agricultural shop.

Contractor Tim Elsberry was paid \$5,852 to apply gravel to the bus barn area at the corner of North 2nd Street East and Riverside Avenue. Sauer said the work was necessary to mitigate standing water, and the work was separate from Elsberry’s contract for foundation work at the softball complex at the middle school.

— JPB

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Discussions have taken place during the past year, Sauer said, after the church reached out to the school about the property.

Sauer said it’s not certain how the space will be utilized, but one thought is to provide more parking for students to get vehicles off East Owyhee Avenue. Staff parking also is a possibility.

Whether the lot will be gravel or asphalt remains to be seen, Sauer said, adding the school district has to talk to the city about creating an approach, too.

Not much change in board of trustees

The school board reorganized during its Jan. 14 meeting, but there wasn’t much change in the assignments.

Zone 1 Trustee Kurt Shanley, who is in the final year of

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Avalanche erred in reporting ranchers’ claim will be heard

Talks continue on how best to resolve Constitutional Defense Fund issue

by Jon P. Brown

Managing editor

In this era of fake news and everyone rushing to get the scoop, we’re all keenly aware of how much more important it is to get a story dead, solid perfect.

Last week, in a rush to beat other news outlets on a story that is uniquely and completely ingrained in the fabric of Owyhee County, The Owyhee Avalanche lost sight of the most important principle of journalism — get the facts straight at all costs.

In short, the old journalistic adage goes: “If your mother says she loves you, check it out.”

Verify, verify, verify.

It is accurate that the state’s Constitutional Defense Council (CDC) will meet to discuss fund issues next Wednesday in the Idaho Attorney General’s Office in Boise.

But the Avalanche’s haste to get an important story out resulted in the erroneous report that the legal fees reimbursement for Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton for the LU Livestock/Joyce Ranch court victory would be part of the agenda.

In fact, it is still unknown when the question of helping Lowry and Nettleton pay for defending the state’s sovereignty will get before the joint legislative and executive branch council.

But, Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) released a statement shedding light on what’s going on:

“Unfortunately, the next Constitutional Defense Council meeting will not include House Proclamation 1, which addresses the Joyce/

LU decision. Because of the unique nature of the claim, we continue good faith negotiations with the Attorney General (Lawrence Wasden) to address the situation and the appropriate way in which it should be submitted for payment.

“Both (House Speaker Scott Bedke) and I remain committed to the cause and will continue to provide updates as they become available.

“The Joyce/LU decision was invaluable to Idaho in determining sovereignty over its water and as such should be recognized by the Constitutional Defense Council.”

The Avalanche’s error grew out of an assumption: An AG’s office representative was asked to call when the council planned to hear the Lowry-Nettleton claim. The AG’s office contacted an Avalanche reporter, but it was never mentioned that the specific claim would be heard.

No verification call was ever made to Blanksma, the champion of Proclamation 1, which urged the council to hear the ranchers’ claim.

In short, not enough due diligence was carried out.

So, for now, the ranchers are still waiting to be heard.

As Blanksma said in her statement last week, negotiations continue on a question that many thought would be resolved before the end of Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s time in office.

The Avalanche will continue to follow this story, but will pump the brakes whenever something new emerges in the future.

Courthouse report

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

- Jan. 14

Jeffery Vernon Nelson, Kuna — Misdemeanor driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance, second or subsequent offense: 4 days in jail (served), \$600 in fines, \$330 in court costs
- Jan. 10

Camerin A. Lopez, Nampa — Misdemeanor fish and game violation, unlawful possession of wildlife: \$685 in fines, \$165 in court costs

Calendar

- Today

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
- 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

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

Mennonite Youth Choir

7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.
- Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

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

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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

Catholic Mass

10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and Oreana Community Hall, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

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
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- Thursday, Jan. 31

Jordan Valley CWMA winter seminar

10 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000 or jvwma@qwestoffice.net

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- Friday, Feb. 1

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Obituary

Vera Steiner

MURTAUGH – Vera Hadley Steiner, an 82-year-old resident of Murtaugh, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family and eternal sweetheart.

Vera would want you to know, families can be together forever and she loved her whole family very much. She was born in Ogden, Utah, to Newell Hyrum and Minerva Burton Hadley, on January 2, 1937. She grew up in Ogden, meeting her eternal husband and partner, Karl, while learning to dance at church functions. Vera and Karl were married April 20, 1956, in Ogden, Utah, and sealed in the Logan Utah Temple one year later.

Karl had several nicknames for her; there was “Secretary” when they were discussing farming and business, “Love-Girl” was a common one, and, most recently, “Sweetie.”

While in Ogden, Karlette, their oldest, was born. Vera and Karl then moved to Idaho, first living in Blackfoot, then American Falls, then Mountain Home; Vern was born in Pocatello and Koleen in Mountain Home and they eventually settled in Bruneau, Idaho, where they developed a farm from sagebrush. This is



where Val was born and Kenny joined the family.

Vera truly enjoyed traveling to visit family and loved most being a grandma. She and Karl would tie quilts for the newest babies, can fruit, and excitedly plan their next family reunion or trip.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents, Newell and Minerva; her step-father, Floyd Stanger; parents-in-law, Delbert and Fern Steiner; brothers, Franklin Stanger, Kenton Stanger, Keith Hadley, and Lynn Stanger; son-in-law, Dean Merrick; and great-granddaughter, Brylee Merrick.

She is survived by her five children, Karlette Merrick, Vern (Yolanda) Steiner, Kenneth (Wendy) Collins, Koleen Steiner, and Val (Denise)

Steiner; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Murtaugh Ward, 23709 Hwy. 30, in Murtaugh, where friends and family may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Officiating will be Bishop Randy Brown.

A graveside service will be held later that afternoon at 3:30 p.m., at the Bruneau Cemetery in Bruneau. Following the interment, there will be a reception for family and friends at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Grand View Ward, located at 37873 Highway 78, in Grand View.

Funeral services have been placed in the care of Rasmussen-Wilson Funeral Home of Burley.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice available
Jan 23: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn
Jan 24: **Breakfast:** Large breakfast round, mixed fruit, string cheese **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans, goldfish crackers
Jan 28: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fries, potato smiles
Jan 29: **Breakfast:** Cinn. pull apart, pears **Lunch:** Grilled ham & cheese, tater tots
Jan 30: **Breakfast:** Rolled taco, applesauce **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice available each day
Jan 23: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinn. bagel or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Orange chicken or Pizza hot pocket, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie
Jan 24: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Pizza or PB&J sandwich, brownie
Jan 28: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fries or fish sticks, mixed veggies, string cheese
Jan 29: **Breakfast:** Toast & sausage patty or cereal, pears **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hot dog, potato wedges
Jan 30: **Breakfast:** Grain & fruit bar or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Pork chop or Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hot roll

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice available
Jan 23: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or mini waffles or cereal **Lunch:** Pork chop or Malibu chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dinner roll
Jan 24: **Breakfast:** Pancake bites or grain & fruit bar or cereal **Lunch:** Crisпитos & refried beans or grab’n’go deli sandwich
Jan 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel or cereal **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich
Jan 29: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese or cereal **Lunch:** Spicy chick. sandwich or cheesy chicken sub, French fries, cookie
Jan 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast plate or mini pancakes or cereal **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

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 23: **Breakfast:** Maple pancakes, banana **Lunch:** Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potato or PB&J
Jan 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple, carrot sticks or PB&J
Jan 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar, apple **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, green beans or PB&J
Jan 29: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnis, orange smiles **Lunch:** Taco Tuesday, Spanish rice, refried beans or PB&J
Jan 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, banana **Lunch:** Tater tot casserole, whole grain roll, buttered corn 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 23: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Chicken Patty, Mashed potatoes w/gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza
Jan 24: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Corn dog, black beans, baby carrots **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza
Jan 28: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed Romaine salad, corn **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza
Jan 29: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden spinach salad, broccoli, breadstick **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza
Jan 30: **Breakfast:** Pancakes & egg patty **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa **Additionally at Rimrock:** Pizza

Death notice

MIRIAM GOMEZ BERROSPE, 90, of Marsing, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 442-8171

Homedale Story Time to get things backward

Thursday, Jan. 31 is Opposites Day, and Homedale Public Library’s Story Time children will get a jump on celebrating at 10:15 a.m. on Friday with a pair of themed stories.

Carol McMichael will read “Big and Small,” by Elizabeth Bennett and “The Foot Book,” by Dr. Seuss.

“Just to make things a little crazier, we will also be doing everything backwards at Story Time, too,” McMichael said. “It will be a lot of fun.”

During Teens & Tweens at 4 p.m. on Friday, the youths will enjoy a Teen Chef activity. They will be making pancakes and waffles.



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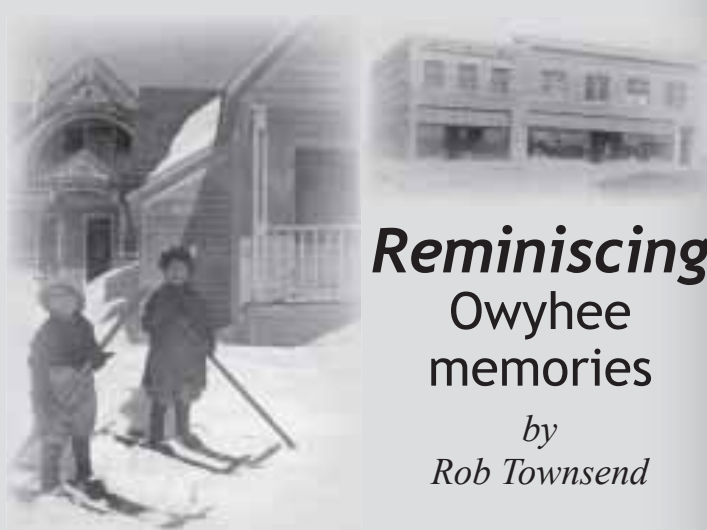
Dynamite day along Jump Crik

My best buddy lived out on East Market Road back in the early '60s ('63, '64, '65). Before I got my driver's license, I would ride my bike out to his place on some Saturdays. It was only five miles or so one way. We would grab our .22 rifles or shotguns and head over to Jump Crik and shoot carp in the crik. There used to be quite a few jack rabbits too cause most of that area was still in sagebrush. We could shoot and mess around all the way to the Snake River.

Then in the fall, when pheasant season opened, we would take his dog "Ring" and go shoot some pheasants. Back then there were lots of birds. After duck season opened up, we would get up early and grab our shotguns and duck calls and hunt the drain ditches and Jump Crik down to the river. We didn't have decoys and really didn't care if we saw ducks or not. We had lots of fun tormenting the serious hunters with our duck calls. ... We could make squealing noises or make the calls sound like a muscle car shifting thru the gears. ... Bwaahh, Buhwa wa, Bwahh. We could hear hunters on the other side of the river cussing at us! And we expended lots of ammunition just shooting ant hills or sagebrush or into the river or trees.

Then in 1964 I got my driver's license, and Dad let me take the old '52 Dodge pickup out to my friend's house. We had lots of fun with that ol' pickup. It had a flathead six[-cylinder] engine, so not much horsepower was available. We could get it to lay rubber if we got the right rear tire in the bar pit and got it spinning in the gravel or on the grass and then swing out onto the pavement with the gas pedal to the floor. It would squeal off about a 20-foot patch of rubber much to our amusement.

One summer day in 1964, I threw my .22 rifle into the pickup and headed out to my buddy's place. His older brother was gonna go shoot with us this time, and he had



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Rob Townsend

a little surprise for us. He worked for an excavation company and had gotten his hands on two or three sticks of "ditching powder." They used ditching powder to make ditches, of course. The thing with that stuff is it blows down instead of up if you slap a couple inches of mud on top of the dynamite.

Well, the first thing we did is go over to Jump Crik and found a nice deep little spot in the crik and did some "fishing." In went a stick of dynamite and "KaBoom!" It's true — dynamite fishing will stun the fish and they float to the top. Any activity like that nowadays would label us terrorists, I suppose. So, on to the river we went mostly shooting carp with our .22s. There were a lot of carp in Jump Crik.

We were messin' around walkin' up the river finding stuff to shoot. People had been dumping trash along the river over the years and there were bottles and cans and appliances and furniture. We found an old TV and shot the picture tube, and it went "boom." Further on up the river, we came across a dead cow. It had been there a week or two I'm guessin' 'cause it was about three sizes too big and was stinkin' pretty bad.

Well we thought maybe it would be fun to see what a stick of dynamite might do to that ol' cow. So we rounded up all the garbage layin' around that we could find — bottles, cans, sticks, wire, fence posts, pots and pans and piled all of it on the cow. Then we stuck a fairly long

fuse in the dynamite and laid it on top of the pile but didn't put anything on top of the dynamite cause we wanted it to blow up, not down.

Well ... he lit the fuse, and we started running like crazy. I guess we made it 70 or 80 yards and turned around just in time to hear it go KaBoom! The cow blew up alright. The air was suddenly filled with pans, cans and busted glass, wire and wood and sagebrush and dead cow parts flying high in all directions. We were out of the blast zone except for one big mistake we made — we ran downwind instead of upwind! There was a bit of a breeze we hadn't noticed until the stench of that dead cow caught up to us. Everything was seriously funny 'til the smell hit us then we started running again for a quarter-mile or more before we caught some fresh air again.

We were low on ammo by that time, so we just gave it up for the day. We saved one stick of ditchin' powder for another day.

I got to wondering later what the rancher who owned the dead cow might have thought when he came up on the scene of the explosion. "What on Earth happened here? That cow must have been struck by lightning!"

— Rob Townsend is a Homedale resident. 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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Livestock Symposium helped producers in quest to add value

The 2019 Idaho Range Livestock Symposium was a great success. The traveling symposium was held in Marsing, Twin Falls, Pocatello, and Rexburg the week of Jan. 7. The program focused on adding value to ranching operations.

• Dr. John Ritten from the University of Wyoming spoke about the value of range improvements. He presented information quantifying rancher benefits for various practices implemented to improve forage productivity over time. Results showed that it can require 35 years or more (depending on cattle prices and other factors) for many range improvements to pay for themselves just with the increase in forage production.

Wildlife often benefit from range improvements such as increased water sources that may improve livestock distribution across the landscape but don't really increase forage production.

Dr. Ritten suggested that grants and cost-sharing by groups focused on wildlife habitat and conservation can help make range improvements more attractive and feasible from a cost perspective to ranchers.

• Does it pay to precondition cattle prior to weaning? That question was the focus of Bear Lake County Extension Educator Les Nunn's talk at the symposium.

Many studies and articles suggest and tout the many benefits to preconditioning calves. These may include, lower costs of gain from improved feed efficiency, lower treatment rates and death loss, and market premiums to the producers.

While preconditioning may have several benefits and premiums that should be carefully considered; do they outweigh the costs to justify a preconditioning program? The net returns from a preconditioning program must be at least as high, if not higher, as the net returns of selling the calves at

weaning. There is no blanket answer. Each producer must calculate his/her individual cost and returns to make an informed decision.

• Dr. Phil Bass, UI meat scientist based on campus in Moscow spoke about capturing value through beef carcass quality. The primary reason consumers purchase beef is because of taste. Taste, in the discipline of meat science, is measured in the terms of palatability, which is the assessment of the characteristics of flavor, tenderness, and juiciness. Great improvements have been made in the percentage of high-quality beef carcasses observed in the United States over the years. Challenges that arise within the beef industry, however, as a result of the higher quality carcasses that are being targeted are advanced maturity and over-sized, non-conforming beef carcasses.

Advancements in the meat science community has allowed for alternative merchandising strategies to be rolled out that are meant to alleviate some of the sizing concerns; however, more remains to be done to gain consumer acceptance. It is important to balance quality and carcass size in order to fit what the end-user is targeting.

• Ritten returned to conclude the program with a discussion of raising replacement heifers versus buying them. Costs and benefits of both options were discussed, and those in attendance learned that there is no clear answer.

Much of it depends on your development costs and the current price of heifers. He did, however, state that "heifers kept, and properly developed, in the coming few years have a very good chance of being more profitable over their life than heifers kept (or purchased) in the last few years."

— Scott Jensen is the University Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact at scottj@uidaho.edu.

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Jordan Valley CWMA seminar to analyze weeds and treatments

Winter seminar set next week

Pest and weed management on pasture lands will be addressed during next week’s Jordan Valley Winter Weed Seminar.

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management’s annual seminar is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31 inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Basset St., in Jordan Valley.

Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison said four Idaho pesticide application credits have been approved for the seminar. The agency has applied for Oregon pesticide credits, too.

The seminar will begin at 10 a.m., and include the following topics:

- Managing Ventenata in Grass Hay, Pasture and Range and Approaches to Managing Other Annual Grasses with University of Idaho Extension weed specialist Dr. Timothy Prather
- Noxious Weeds to Watch For in the Jordan Valley CWMA with Bonnie Rasmussen from the Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Morrison will discuss how noxious weeds spread in the Jordan Valley CWMA.
- Integrated Pest Management for Rangeland Weeds with Christy Tanner, Malheur County Field Crops Extension.

Tanner will return later with a hands-on demonstration on how to calibrate herbicide application equipment.

- Daniel Sandoval, a pesticide training specialist with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, will discuss pesticide safety and Idaho state laws.
- The final half-hour of the seminar, which is expected to wrap up by 3:30 p.m., will feature 5- to 10-minute updates from partners who team with Jordan Valley CWMA and industry officials.

The presentations will cover 2018 accomplishments and a look-ahead to 2019 projects, such as treatments, treatment areas and field tours that are planned.

For more information on the seminar or JVCWMA, contact Morrison at (541) 586-3000 or JVCWMA@qwestoffice.net, or stop by the office at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley. Morrison said that he is sometimes out in the field, so it is best to call ahead if you



Marsing High School’s Business Professionals of America chapter members show off their regional awards. Submitted photo

Local BPA students head to State

Owyhee students combine for five regional titles

Marsing High School came away with four collaborative victories at the Region 4 Business Professionals of America competition in Nampa.

Marsing and Homedale both had entries qualify for the state competition, which takes place March 7-9 at Boise State University.

Marsing enjoyed great success, particularly with its team presentations during the Jan. 12 regional at Ridgevue High School.

The chapter’s Presentation Management, Video Production, Economic Research, and Web Design teams all won championships.

Homedale junior Julia Gomez won the regional championship in Intermediate

Word Processing, while HHS freshman Allison Whitehead was third in Basic Office Systems & Procedures.

Both will compete at State.

Marsing’s winning teams consist of:

- **Presentation Management** — Alexis Loucks, Ashley Loucks, Regan Stansell, and Emily Thoene
- **Video Production** — Caden Freeman, Aj Ayuban, Isaac Lee, and Manny Ramos
- **Economic Research** — Estefany Alvarez, Rafael Jacobo, and Rosa Arriaga
- **Web Design** — Susy Ramirez, Hailey Christiansen, and Gaby Cuevas

Marsing also had several individuals who qualified for state in their respective categories:

- **Fundamental Desktop Publishing** — Emily Thoene (finished third at regional)
- **Digital Publishing** — Freeman (second)

- **Interview Skills** — Emma Heitz (first), and Jamie Gert-hung (second)
- **Digital Media Productions** — Ethan Freeman (second)
- **Economic Research Individual** — Christiansen (second)

Homedale advanced two participants to the state competition:

- **Intermediate Word Processing** — Julia Gomez (first)
- **Basic Office Systems & Procedures** — Allison Whitehead (third)

Other schools in the district competition included Columbia, Skyview, Nampa, Ridgevue, Caldwell, COSSA Academy, and Parma.

Middleton is also part of District 4 but did not field a team this year.

High finishers at State will proceed to the national competition in Anaheim, Calif., May 1-5.

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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 23: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, mashed potatoes, beets
Jan 24: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, roll
Jan 29: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas & carrots, roll
Jan 30: Beef stew, rolls
Jan 31: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, roll

Rimrock Senior Center
All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Jan 24: Chicken enchiladas, w/green enchilada sauce, sour cream & salsa, green salad, peaches & cottage cheese, tortilla chips
Jan 29: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, apricots, pudding
Jan 31: Roast beef, baked potato & sour cream & butter, spinach, mandarin orange jello, cottage cheese, sour dough roll

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Owyhee Conservation District honors rancher

Andrea McRae named new OCD board chair

The Owyhee Conservation District recognized a Jordan Valley rancher for his efforts at being a proper steward of the land he works.

Josh Bruce, who lives on about 300 acres and raises about 450 head of cattle, was named the OCD Conservationist of the Year at a dinner on Thursday night at The Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause in Marsing.

Tate Walters, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service, introduced Bruce, and OCD vice-chair Chuck Kiester a commemorative plaque.

In talking about reasons for the nomination, Walters said that Bruce and his family installed 11,000 feet of gravity-fed, buried main line to flood irrigate his property. Bruce hopes this will reduce water usage by 30 to 40 percent.

"Josh continues to look forward into the future at other opportunities to increase production in working agriculture while conserving resources," Walters said.

The OCD board presented a plaque recognizing the retirement of district administrator Gina Millard, who is leaving after 13 years.

Homedale-area resident Debbie Abel will take over Millard's duties.

Thursday's keynote speaker was longtime Owyhee County resident and artist/craftsman Delwyn Trefz. He has helped OCD on numerous soil and conservation projects in the county.

He also provides support for conservation districts statewide as a member of the

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

While addressing the more than 30 gathered OCD members and their families, Trefz said, "I can learn more from you guys than I could ever hope to teach you."

Trefz reflected on the first job he was given by OCD, nearly 10 years ago, which was also his first in the realm of conservation.

"That was at a time, when, as far as I knew, I thought a conservationist meant you were an environmentalist," he said. "That's how much I knew about it."

"But I needed a job pretty bad, so I jumped in with it."

Trefz acknowledged the source of much of his knowledge about conservation.

"I learned most of what little I know driving down the road with Ray (Mansidor) and the VanWassenhove boys on the way to sheriff's posse meetings in Murphy," he said.

He concluded his speech with thoughts about the Idaho Legislature.

"The paltry amount of dollars the Legislature is willing to direct into voluntary conservation, which directly affects the sustainability of our ag industry across the state is just a travesty," he said. "Some day the goose that lays the golden egg is going to run out of groceries ... and hopefully it won't be too late for you guys and all the rest of us."

"And on that happy note ..."

Chuck Kiester gave a report about the OCD's 2018 accomplishments, including:

- Sponsored the annual pesticide license renewal classes and farmers appreciation luncheon in a partnership with the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

- Continued support and



Delwyn Trefz of the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission was the keynote speaker for the Owyhee Conservation District year-end banquet. He is the district support services specialist and provides support for 50 conservation districts across the state.

participation in the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area (NOCWMA).

- Staffed an information booth at the Owyhee County Fair in August.

- Awarded a Natural Resources Camp \$450 scholarship to a high school student.

- Awarded a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who will be studying agriculture.

Kiester also noted future projects for the district:

- Continue relationship with NOCWMA

- Continue to promote soil health by educating producers on no-till practices.

- Continue to provide information throughout the district with emphasis on educating youth.

Additionally, there were some OCD board changes noted.

Andrea McRae is the new chair; Chuck Kiester is vice-chair; and Tim Volk is the secretary/treasurer.

— TK



The Owyhee Conservation District named Jordan Valley rancher Josh Bruce its Conservationist of the Year during a dinner on Thursday at Marsing's Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause.



Above: Vice-chair Chuck Kiester recaps the Owyhee Conservation District's accomplishments from 2018. Left: OCD administrator Gina Millard was presented a plaque from new chair Andrea McRae, in recognition of her 13 years of service to the district. Millard will retire on Feb. 1.

Marsing animal expert back on the Today show

Marsing-area animal expert Corbin Maxey will be back on the Today Show on Thursday.

Maxey will make his 29th appearance on the NBC morning show in the 10 a.m. hour with Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb.

The Today Show airs on KTVB NewsChannel 7 in the Treasure Valley.

Maxey has been making appearances on the New York City-based morning show for eight years. He was featured in “The Best of The Today Show 2018” along with fellow animal experts Robert, Bindi and Teri Irwin.

Since Maxey’s last appearance on the Today Show, he has collaborated with fellow morning-show guests such as former First Lady Laura Bush and former Major League Baseball player Alex Rodriguez.

Maxey also is the second season of his “Animals to the MAX” podcast, which is ranked as one of the six best animal podcasts on iTunes. The podcast is available through his



Marsing-area animal expert Corbin Maxey has collaborated with former First Lady Laura Bush (pictured above with show hosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Jenna Bush Hager) and former Major League Baseball player Alex Rodriguez (at left) after his latest appearance on the Today Show. Photos courtesy of Nathan Congleton, Today Show photographer

website www.corbinmaxey.com or on iTunes and other podcasting platforms.

Maxey has made regular appearances on Inside Edition, and Late Night with Seth Meyers.

In his younger years, he appeared on The Tonight Show

with Jay Leno and The Martha Stewart, setting in motion more than a decade of television appearances.

He also has been active in conservation projects in Kenya and the Seychelles Islands.

Maxey graduated from Boise University with a Biology

degree.

His podcast features animals and the people who dedicate their lives to them. Guests have included animal care professionals such as zookeepers, curators and biologists; explorers; famous authors; TV personalities and veterinarians.



Notable podcasts have included:

- Highly regarded elephant researcher Dr. Cynthia Moss
- Mark O’Shea, a herpetologist, author, and TV personality most recognized from his show “O’Shea’s Big Adventure” on Animal Planet and Discovery
- The most listened-to podcast of last year featured a discussion on wolves. Maxey interviewed a pro-wolf advocate and a person who supports wolf hunting.
- Maxey and fellow scientists also spent one podcast in scientific analysis to determine if trophy hunting really helps to conserve African animals.

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✓ BOCC: County seeks input on another nuisance ordinance proposal

This is Hoagland’s second stint as chairman. He served from 2008 to 2011, taking the reins in just his second year on the board and guiding the commissioners through a time that saw the Owyhee Initiative become law with the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act in 2009.

In addition serving as chairman this year, Hoagland also has been appointed as Owyhee’s representative on the District Magistrate commission. He will also continue as the Road and Bridge No. 1 supervisor.

There are other projects on the docket now as Hoagland takes the gavel again, but he doesn’t see his role being any more significant than his BOCC colleagues.

“The chairman, in my opinion, is no higher position amongst the commissioners, only some one to run and keep order in the meetings,” he said.

“Sometimes the position does require the notoriety to meet certain demands.”

Hoagland inherits an agenda with a large ongoing project.

“As commissioners, we all are on board to get some unfinished projects done such as the RS2477 validations,” he said.

There’s a new push to create a county nuisance ordinance, and Hoagland said commissioners urge county residents to get involved in its development.

“Last time when we tried it, we were told (it was) absolutely not needed,” Hoagland said.

Since, we have been getting a lot of complaints about matters we have no rules on how to enforce.”

Hoagland said that language regarding animal nuisances that was included in the first go-round won’t be in the new proposal.

BOCC supervisory assignments doled out

In addition to Jerry Hoagland’s return to the chair of the board, the county commissioners established other posts and procedures in the Jan. 14 reorganizational meeting:

- Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi will continue as the county’s representative on the Southwest District Board of Health and Treasure Valley Partnership.
- Aberasturi also will continue as the county’s weed department supervisor and will serve as supervisor for the probation department.
- Hoagland (District 1) and Joe Merrick (District 3) were appointed road and bridge supervisors.
- Merrick also will be the solid waste supervisor and Planning and Zoning department supervisor.
- The county’s indigent burial fee was set at \$750.
- The Owyhee Avalanche will continue as the county’s official newspaper in which all legal notices will be advertised.
- The commissioners agreed to set the mileage reimbursement rate for county employees’ personal vehicle use for work as well as jury travel at the IRS standard rate of 58 cents per mile. That’s a 3.5-cents-per-mile increase over 2018.

up on backcountry road maintenance.

“It should be the BLM’s responsibility for the ‘back-country byway,’ ” Hoagland said. “They have proposed road maintenance agreements in the past, but we are cautious of the strings attached.”

Hoagland said it’s possible the county will consider a road maintenance agreement with the federal agency if requirements change and the bureaucrats don’t interfere with the RS2477 process.

In another recreation-related issue, Hoagland said the BOCC will work to get “road closed” signs posted as part of enforcing the prohibition of ATV, UTV and unlicensed recreational vehicles on paved roads.

“The abusers are riding down these roads at dangerous speeds. Something bad is inevitable,” he said. “We have procrastinated long enough.”

Hoagland also will continue the departmental confabs that kick off the weekly BOCC meetings.

“We are unique in the state that our elected officials and county employees work so well together, and we attribute that to our weekly departmental issues on our agenda,” he said.

— JPB

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Public involvement is important, Hoagland said, to ensure that the commissioners know what proposals will work and which won’t for county residents.

The new chairman’s biggest goal, though, is adapting the county’s road maintenance strategies to keep up with

the wear and tear from ever-increasing recreational traffic.

“Our local citizens are really upset with conditions,” the Wilson resident said.

Hoagland, who ranches in the Reynolds Creek area, said commissioners are contemplating using Payment in Lieu of Taxes funds to get caught

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✓ Shutdown: Commissioner fears ranchers will feel adverse effects soon

But shuttering the BLM will affect on-the-ground operations — and ranchers — more than the administrative side.

“The permittees are really going to feel the brunt without getting their permits in a timely manner. Those within the permit renewal process are going to be in a tough spot for when the feds do get back to work and will be under a quick deadline to finish,” Hoagland said.

The Dist. 1 commissioner, who is also a rancher, said hasty work “will cause a lot of errors and misinterpretation through lack of communication.”

Hoagland does point out that errors and communication problems already exist in work done before the shutdown.

“The most recent decisions are being appealed,” he said. “What happens ’til those go through the process will cause problems unless a stay is ordered.”

On the conservation side, federal money for ongoing projects may run out as the shutdown affects U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service activities.

The BLM’s Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat (BOSH) and Tri-State fuels reduction projects are stalled because of the shutdown.

The BOSH project targets juniper removal on hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands in Owyhee County in an effort improve the sagebrush steppe.

“The additional delay on BOSH will be a serious setback for sage-grouse habitat restoration,” Owyhee sage-grouse Local Working Group member Karen Steenhof said.

The BOSH project record of decision has been under revision. During the latest LWG meeting on Nov. 28, BLM fuels specialist Sylvia Copeland said the ROD had been remanded to national BLM officials after a court appeal.

Publication of the Tri-State Fuel Break draft environmental impact statement was near completion two months ago, but now is bogged down by the shutdown.

Copeland said in November that the document still needs a state director’s briefing before Washington approves release for the 45-day comment period.

Scoping for the project was finished two years ago.

The program proposes a network of fuel breaks from the scenic byway south to the Nevada state line, and the project area will include BLM ground in Oregon. Fuel breaks will extend as far east as Bruneau Canyon.

Copeland said at least three alternatives could be published in the draft EIS.

— JPB

✓ Levy: Ad hoc committee says levy needed to maintain current programs

levy was passed in 2017.

The ad-hoc committee is comprised of volunteer community members who spent the past few months in school board and levy committee meetings evaluating the district’s operations and finances.

In October, committee spokeswoman Melissa Raymond said she felt the committee was being responsible by reducing the levy by \$200,000 from the previous 2017 levy amount.

“This is the amount needed to continue operating three schools with our current programs, without eroding the contingency fund,” Raymond said.

“The levy committee recommended a reduction from the previous levy proposals because the management of previous levy funds has resulted in a modest yet acceptable contingency balance.”

According to financials presented last June, the district began the 2018-19 school year with an estimated fund balance of \$1.06 million.

In an email, district superintendent Ryan Cantrell said the fund balance represents approximately 3½ to four months of operating costs, which are approximately \$300,000 monthly.

School auditors recommend a minimum of three to 3½ months of reserve funding.

The district has struggled during the past 10 years with low state funding because of low enrollment.

District secretary and assistant business manager JayDene Aquiso said in past years, the district had struggled to just make payroll.

After failed levy attempts in 2012 and 2014, the district faced the possibility of consolidating schools and eliminating student transportation.

The district was successful in August 2014 with a one-year levy of \$600,000. Voters approved supplemental levies again in 2015 and 2017.

In 2015 after a successful levy, the district met its minimum recommended fund balance, which has fluctuated over the past four years as needs have arose.

In the past few years, Cantrell and the board of trustees have thoroughly reviewed district finances and operations.

Areas have been identified where the district could operate more efficiently, maintain buildings and enhance student learning.

With levy funds, the district’s two elementary schools of Bruneau and Grand View have received needed repairs and facelifts, and the roof and gym at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School was repaired.

Additionally, the district has added new curriculum, technology, staff and support for athletics with levy funds.

Recently the district also purchased a small tractor to help improve grounds and a mini-bus to reduce extra-curricular transportation costs.

District-produced paperwork states that, “The bulk of our used to keep our three schools operational,” but it went on to say that the district “... has also used levy dollars to enhance student learning and achievement ... in the last two years.”

Cantrell confirmed the district plans to continue to use any future levy funds as it has in the past — with the majority being used for operating expenses.

“We’re grateful for the support of BGV schools in recent years, and we hope we’ve earned the continued trust and community support required to operate our community’s three schools successfully,” Cantrell said.

“Our students and programs have made great strides recently, and we are confident that this progress will continue with your support.”

The levy vote will be held March 12.

Oreana residents can vote at the community hall. Grand View residents can vote at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, and Bruneau residents can vote at the Post 83 American Legion Hall. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Wilson Butte 4-H club gets ready for another year

Wilson Butte 4-H club held officer elections and welcomed new members during its first meeting of 2019. **From left:** Colton Brown, president; Hayden Higgins, vice-president; Maialen Jaca, secretary; Josue Jaca, treasurer; and Matea Jaca, sergeant-at-arms. Club members also discussed projects, projects goals and community services projects during their first meeting. The Wilson Butte 4-H organizational leaders are Susan Jaca and Jody Moos. Project leaders include Ashley Bowers (sheep), Mary Blackstock (beef), Brenna Montgomery (goat and small animal), and Kelly Ineck (swine, dog and aerospace). Submitted photo

US Ecology boosts Grand View library shelving project

US Ecology Idaho is still helping out community causes in Owyhee County.

The Grand View-based hazardous waste disposal facility recently sent a \$300 Helping Hands grant check to Eastern Owyhee County Library.

The Grand View public library’s director, Tammy Gray, said the money will be combined with other grants to purchase new, movable bookshelves for the children’s department.

Gray said the US Ecology Idaho grant and other contributions will help provide bookshelves that upgrade the look and functionality of the library.

Other contributions received include a \$2,500 Idaho Community Foundation grant, \$1,500 from the Grand View Lions Club, and \$500 from the Grand View Chamber of Commerce.

The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library group has contributed \$1,000 through fundraisers, including its annual community calendar sale.

Gray said the plan is to have shelving installed by spring. An open house is planned to unveil the new shelves and the new look of the library to the community once the work is completed.

The community can still help fund the bookshelves, which cost about \$2,000 each.

Donations can be mailed to the library at P.O. Box 100, Grand View, ID 83624, or dropped off at the library at 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Be sure to denote that the money is for the “shelving fund” when donating.

The library’s regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

Friends of E. Owyhee library eye STEM Maker’s Space

The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library finalized a donation for book shelves at its Jan. 15 meeting.

The Friends also will launch quilt raffles to fund other programs at the Grand View-based public library.

Tickets cost \$1 each of \$5 for six.

The first quilt will be given away on April 16. The 6-foot-by-5-foot bed covering will be on display at the library.

The winning ticket for a queen-sized quilt will be drawn during Grand View Days in the summer.

Raffle proceeds will be dedicated to the library’s new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Maker’s Space project room.

Among the things that will be purchased are plexiglass, shelving and stock for the new table areas.

The group’s 2019 community calendars are still on sale at the library. Proceeds funding scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

“The Friends of the Library extend our gratitude to all those who have supported our projects and causes both financially and personally, and also to those who have donated time and effort to making the auctions and the sale of the calendars successful,” Friends of the Library publicist Patricia Carothers wrote in an email.

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✓ Marsing: Several projects completed, others coming up within city limits

sidewalks, and a brand-new bridge to bring so many more people through our great city when it is done.”

The bridge replacement is one of many projects planned.

The replacement of a culvert under Idaho 55 near 14th Avenue has slowed traffic on the west side of town. Wadsworth Brothers Construction out of Draper, Utah, is leading the Idaho Transportation Department project.

A temporary stoplight controls traffic at the site.

There are two sidewalk projects that will run along Main Street (Idaho 55), too.

“The city was awarded a Child Pedestrian Safety Grant last year to install sidewalk from state highway 78 to 3rd Avenue, along the south side of state highway 55,” city engineer Kirby Cook of Civil Dynamics said.

“ITD’s contractor will install the sidewalk, (and) the city’s grant will pay for it.”

The city also received an ITD Transportation Alternatives Program last fall.

“This project will install sidewalk from state highway 78 to 14th Avenue, along the north side state highway 55,” Cook said.

“(The concrete walkway) is not anticipated to be installed until 2021 when the grant funds are available.”

Cook said that while ITD is tearing out the existing roadway, the city is taking advantage of removing and replacing old water mains located in ITD’s right of way.

“These pipes are old and in need of replacement,” he said.

Wadsworth Brothers has begun staging for the bridge-work on the Canyon County side of the Snake River.

“The bridge project is underway now with Idaho Power moving poles and lines, and then the north access will begin on the northwest side of the bridge and progress from there,” Ferdinand said.

“The city of Marsing is going to benefit greatly from the improvements coming.”

Citizens have expressed concerns about the impact construction will have on travel and local businesses.

The mayor sees that but stays optimistic.

“As with any major project going through a city, there will be impacts to local businesses,” he said.

“I am certain through local



Above: A welder from Wadsworth Brothers Construction works on a pipe at the staging area on the Canyon County side of the Snake River bridge. **Below:** Construction workers began getting ready for the culvert replacement on Idaho highway 55 two weeks ago, prior to actual construction beginning on Jan. 14.

Open house set

The Idaho Transportation Dept. will hold an open house about the Marsing corridor construction project Thursday.

Folks can drop in any time between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

support from The Avalanche, Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, and local residents making sure people know that all businesses are open and happy to provide a service to their customers, the impact will be less painful.”

Still, some Marsing residents expressed concern.

“I’m nervous about the side streets being blocked. You can’t just make a quick trip to Logan’s (Market),” Catriona Hardy said.

Ferdinand said that he has been assured that ITD will provide flaggers and extra traffic control when the city deems it necessary to provide safety for the citizens for events like the Third of July

celebration and parades.

Chamber of Commerce president Julie Scheu-Franklin offers some possible solutions for local businesses.

“I would presume it will affect (business) at times,” she said. “However, if you could capitalize on it, say by offering meal specials for workers, etc., that would help.”

She said she doesn’t believe the construction will affect her business, Franklin Auto and Truck Repair, aside from possibly not receiving parts in a timely manner.

Scheu-Franklin said she plans on asking for suggestions from other business leaders about solutions at the next Chamber meeting.

A couple of projects were completed recently.

The sidewalk that runs from Bosma Lane to the Marsing Housing Authority, along 8th Avenue West is finished. The path runs in front of the school district’s three schools.

Work on Reich Street, north of Main Street, is nearly complete. The city is just waiting to apply pavement striping.

“We are just waiting for better weather,” Cook said.

— TK



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Felony charges arise from HPD’s first arrests of ’19

The first few weeks of 2019 have been a busy time for the Homedale Police Department.

• Conner Stroud, 18, of Emmett faces theft and drug charges after a stolen rifle was found during a search of his vehicle shortly before 1 a.m., on Jan. 13.

Sgt. Mike McFetridge said that Officer Sal Vega contacted Stroud after observing suspicious behavior.

Stroud gave Vega permission to search the 1996 Honda Civic he was driving, McFetridge said. Upon the search, the officer found the stolen firearm and scales used to weigh drugs.

Stroud was arrested on a felony charge of grand theft for receiving or possessing stolen property, and a misdemeanor count of drug paraphernalia possession.

He appeared for arraignment before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington, and was released from custody. He has a preliminary hearing

scheduled for 1:30 p.m., on Feb. 4 in Murphy.

• Two Homedale residents were arrested on felonies and other charges after a traffic stop in the 300 block of West Montana Avenue just before 2 p.m., on Jan. 13.

Jose Luis Cortez, 25, was arrested on felony and misdemeanor drug charges, and 31-year-old Javier Ponce on a felony probation violation after an officer stopped and searched a 2003 Chevrolet Yukon.

McFetridge said the responding officer found marijuana and a methamphetamine pipe, resulting in felony and misdemeanor controlled substance possession charges against Cortez.

Approximately 7.9 grams of marijuana was recovered.

The vehicle search also turned up a firearm, and both men were charged with a felony count of felon in possession of a firearm.

Ponce also faces felony

and misdemeanor drug possession charges, and two counts of misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession. He’s scheduled for a preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m., on Monday before Darrington in Murphy.

No court dates have been listed on the state’s online repository for Cortez.

Both men remained in Owyhee County Jail at press time Monday.

• Joe Adam Norris, 34, of Garden City is in county jail on several charges after he led Homedale officers on a foot chase around 8 a.m., on the morning of Jan. 9.



Joe Adam Norris

McFetridge said officers encountered Norris after responding to the report of a man slumped over the steering wheel of a 2001 Ford

F-350 pickup near the senior apartments on South 1st Street East.

Before Norris took off on foot, officers had discovered that the pickup was reported stolen. McFetridge said the officers checked out the vehicle identification number of the truck after Norris became evasive during initial contact.

Norris was apprehended at a residence in the first block of Kansas Avenue.

He faces charges of felony receiving stolen property, two counts of misdemeanor drug possession and misdemeanors for drug paraphernalia possession and resisting arrest.

Norris’ preliminary hearing, set for Monday, has been continued, but court records indicate he will appear before Darrington in Murphy on that day for a bond reduction hearing.

• Jose Alfonso Arregui, 23, of Caldwell is out of custody awaiting his next court appearance after officers

found him in possession of a firearm reported stolen out of Meridian, McFetridge said.

After a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 just before midnight on Jan. 6, Arregui was arrested on a felony charge of grand theft by unauthorized control.

The responding officers found a 9mm Glock after Arregui consented to a search of his vehicle. The man was pulled over for allegedly making an improper turn.

Arregui’s preliminary hearing is scheduled Monday in Murphy.

• Juan Angel Trevino, 27, of Homedale was arrested on a warrant around 11 a.m., on Jan. 6 in the 200 block of West Montana Avenue.

Trevino had been at-large since he skipped out on a hearing on Sept. 5 where he was scheduled to be sentenced on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. He had entered a guilty plea in December 2017.

— JPB

Bikes for Books now in Marsing

Local Masons are expanding their program to reward children who read voraciously with new bicycles.

The Bikes for Books program has been a staple at Homedale Elementary School for five years, with a handful of children winning bicycles and helmets at the end of the year.

Now, the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 in Homedale wants to give Marsing Elementary students

the same shot.

Mason Blake Titus said the service group will give away four bikes at each school in May.

In recent years, the Masons have given away eight bikes each year at Homedale.

Titus said the desire to expand the program and the rising cost of bikes and helmets has required the lodge to divide the overall number among the two schools.

Children earn tickets in the

bike drawing by reading books and taking tests on each title during springtime reading.

The more books they complete or Accelerated Reader points they earn, the more entries into the drawing they get.

Titus said the Masonic Lodge welcomes donations to help expand the number of bikes that can be awarded.

Call (208) 850-6207 and leave a message if you’re interested in helping out.

P&Z commissioner among permit seekers

Meeting is Dean Young’s first

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission is set to hear testimony on four different applications during a public hearing today in the annex building of the county courthouse at 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

The meeting marks the debut of P&Z commissioner Dean Young, who has been appointed to replace retiring board chair Connie Brandau. Brandau had served on the commission since 2004.

Vice-chair Scott Jensen is the current acting chair, but Community Development administrator Mary Huff said a new chair and vice-chair will be elected at today’s meeting.

One application concerns commissioner Bob Thomas of Oreana, who will need to recuse himself from voting on the matter.

A rancher, Thomas is seeking a conditional use permit to establish a fifth dwelling for employee housing on a 360-acre parcel of land in an agricultural zone.

Thomas’ hearing is set for 2 p.m.

• At 11 a.m., the commission will consider the appli-

cation of Greg and Debbie King regarding a previously approved four-lot residential subdivision on Hogg Road, approximately two miles southeast of Homedale.

The 19.6-acre parcel is located in a multi-use zone.

• At 1 p.m., Mary Ann Richards will seek a conditional use permit for a second single-family residence on an 87-acre parcel of land on Stateline Road, approximately six miles northwest of Homedale.

• At 3 p.m., the commission will review and make a recommendation on an application submitted by James Ross, concerning a previously approved one-lot residential subdivision at the corner of River Road and Fox Run Road, approximately four miles northwest of Homedale.

The Planning and Zoning Commission are involved with any land-use related planning within the county. Under their purview are items such as zoning and subdivision ordinances, establishing land-use zones, and the comprehensive plan.

Joining Young and Thomas on the board are holdover P&Z commissioners Rich Curtis, Scott Jensen, and Chad Nettleton.

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01/20	7.7	27	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/21	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 37 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 214 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 25 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 265,059 acre-feet of water on Monday.

School funding ideas include local control

Lawmakers continue work after outreach with public, districts

by Cheyenna McCurry
McClure Center intern

On Thursday, legislators at a rare joint House and Senate Education Committee meeting discussed the new funding formula that would change the way local school districts and public charters are funded.

Members of the Interim Public School Funding Formula Committee proposed the new mathematical formula that would change the funding system from a resource-allocation to a student-centered, local-control formula.

The current education funding formula is based on student attendance and allows the state to control where money is spent in each school district and charter. The proposed formula, however, is based on student enrollment and will give school districts and charters the power to decide where that money is spent.

“[School districts and charters] will be able to dedicate resources to where they know their greatest local and unique needs are,” Rep. Wendy Horman (R-Idaho Falls) said in an email after the meeting.

The Interim Public School Funding Formula Committee has been working on a new formula since 2016. The interim committee collaborated with the Education Commission of the States (ECS) a year ago to find a better way to distribute funding and create a new education formula.

“We are doing so many things differently in education, and I think that’s such a positive thing,” Sen. Lori Den Hartog (R-Meridian) said during the joint hearing.

“But we don’t want something like how we distribute the state funds to be a hinderance to the innovation that’s happening in our schools.”

The ECS is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization that helps states create a better education policy. Emily Parker and Michael Griffith of ECS worked with the committee to aid members particularly in school funding.

In the past year, the interim committee and ECS held public meetings, conducted online surveys and met with individuals and groups to determine problems within different school districts and

charters across the state.

House Speaker Scott Bedke (R-Oakley) walked the legislators through the formula with an example that demonstrated the formula’s funding distribution and adjustments.

“I hope members of the committee are starting to get a feel for just how powerful a tool this is and how many decisions are left to be made,” he said.

Bedke told the joint committee that there are important adjustments made in the calculations. For instance, the small school, small district adjustment allows for schools that have below 870 students in secondary and 330 in elementary education to receive more funding.

“Each time you gain a kid, you actually gain funding. Under your current system, it is possible to gain students but not any more money,” Griffith said.

It was made clear, though, the hard work is not done. The formula developed by the interim committee is a tool for the education committee members to utilize for potential changes in funding as they work during this legislative session.

Horman said in an email that there are legislators, superintendents and business managers from around the state working on drafting a bill based on the interim committee’s recommendation. Once the bill is completed, it will go through the House and Senate Education Committee meetings where more adjustments and changes are expected to happen.

“We expect great budget stability moving ahead, as districts know their student demographics better than anyone else and will be able to estimate future revenue in a way they are unable to do now,” Horman said.

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Homedale girls lock up district's No. 2 seed



Cam Long

Homedale High School has locked up at least the No. 2 seed in the girls' basketball district tournament.

The Trojans solidified their hold on second place in the 3A Snake River Valley conference with Friday's 56-50 victory over Fruitland.

Homedale (8-9 overall, 5-1 in 3A SRV at week's end) played

first-place Parma (18-1, 6-0) on Tuesday after deadline with an outside chance of overtaking the Panthers for the top seed in the 3A District III Tournament.

The district tournament starts Jan. 31 with a play-in game between the fourth- and fifth-place teams in the conference standings (Fruitland and Payette coming into this week).

Homedale will play on Saturday, Feb. 2 at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., in a semifinal.

If the standings remain as they are, coach Cam Long's team most likely will play Weiser for the right to play for the district championship.

The Trojans end the regular season Friday at home for Senior

Night against Weiser.

The winning strategy against Fruitland was a team effort.

Three players scored in double figures for Homedale against Fruitland with Jayci Swallow hitting four three-pointers to lead the way with 14 points.

Josey Hall scored 12 points, and Amaya Carter chimed in with 10 points.

Melba wraps up top seed in district

No. 3 Mustangs edge No. 4 CVC to build lead

Melba High School has secured the top seed in the 2A District III girls' basketball tournament by winning Thursday's matchup of state-ranked programs.

Emma Clark scored 19 points, and third-ranked Melba edged second-place Cole Valley Christian, 53-51, to forge a two-game lead in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

The Chargers came into the game No. 4 in the Class 2A coaches' poll.

Melba (18-1 overall, 8-0 in conference) won its 15th consecutive game and secured the top seed into the 2A District III Tournament with a 44-36 win over Nampa Christian on Saturday.

Kate Clark scored 15 points and registered seven steals against Cole Valley Christian (16-3, 6-2).

Emma Clark added six rebounds and four steals to her stat line.

Cole Valley Christian's Maddie Cooke led all scorers with 16 points, while 6-foot freshman Ellie Fraas added 13 points.

Melba was No. 2 and Cole Valley No. 4 in the statewide media poll last week.

Saturday: Melba 44, Nampa Christian 36 — It was Emma Clark's turn to fill up the stat sheet as Melba squeezed

— See *Melba*, page 5B

Sizzling senior scorer shines



Marsing senior Enrique Quebrado (left) nails a buzzer-beating three-point shot over the defense of Melba's Jace Logan near the end of the first quarter. Photo by Dan Pease

Quebrado carries Marsing past Melba

A monumental game from senior playmaker Enrique Quebrado lifted Marsing High School to a 2A Western Idaho Conference road victory Friday.

Converting 12 of 20 field-goal attempts, including four three-pointers, Quebrado scored a career-high 38 points in a 58-49 win over Melba.

The guard also hit 10 of his 14 free throws.

Quebrado's previous career high was 31 points scored last season.

The senior's output was the highest in a single game in coach Tim Little's five seasons leading the Huskies.

But Quebrado wasn't the only factor. The defense showed up strong again for Marsing (11-4 overall, 2-2 in 2A WIC at week's end).

"We are giving up 44 points per game in league, which is our goal," Little said.

Little said that typically, the Huskies have had difficulty with guard-oriented offenses that have a lot of penetration into the key. But he praised his team's effort to contain Melba after the first quarter.

Marsing gave up just six points in the second quarter and took a 10-point lead into the break. Quebrado hit a deep trey at the half-time buzzer.

He lit up the scoreboard again in the third, knocking down another three-pointer at the third-period buzzer.

— See *Senior*, page 5B

Rimrock girls eye favorable seeding

A competitor's late-season stumble has set up the possibility for an interesting finish to Rimrock High School's girls' basketball conference season.

With a 1A Western Idaho Conference game against Idaho City played on Friday unreported, the Raiders are a half-game behind Notus for the top seed in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament.

The district tournament begins Tuesday.

Rimrock, which edged Hansen, 51-47, in non-conference play Saturday, has benefitted from Riverstone International's recent stumble, including a 42-37 loss to Notus on Friday.

The Raiders (15-2 overall, 6-1 in conference without the unreported Idaho City result) entered last week as the No. 5 team in both statewide polls (coaches and media). The Otters (12-3, 7-2) more than likely will slip from their No. 4 ranking, while Notus may move up.

Riverstone, which beat Rimrock earlier this season, plays its conference finale Friday against Ambrose.

The Raiders played at Wilder after deadline Tuesday and finish the 1A WIC schedule on Friday in Bruneau against Liberty Charter (8-11, 6-2 at week's end).

Notus played host to Compass Charter on Tuesday and closes at Greenleaf Friends Academy on Friday.

No statistics from the Raiders' road victory against Hansen were provided.

Sports

Trojans tough to handle against Parma

Turnovers, treys keep HHS boys' upset bid viable

Homedale High School showed it could be a potential wild card in the 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball season Friday.

Three days removed from their biggest loss of the season, the Trojans played state-ranked Parma tough at home.

The once-beaten Panthers managed to hold on for a 58-55 victory on the strength of more free-throw opportunities.

Parma, which entered the game as the second-ranked team in the statewide media poll and No. 3 in the coaches' poll, survived its closest game of the season.

Homedale (5-11 overall, 1-2 in conference) kept the game close with a barrage of shots from the outside.

The Trojans held a 19-16 lead at the end of eight minutes, and the teams were tied, 26-26,



Homedale senior Carson Brown (left) looks for a basket inside against the defense of Fruitland's Hunter Stampfli.

at the break.

Nelson Lomeli converted half of his eight three-pointers for half of the team's successes from behind the line. He led the team with 16 points.

The Trojans went 8-for-

21 from deep with Carson Brown and Mason Kincheloe knocking down two apiece.

Lomeli and Kincheloe (12 points) were able to combine for 16 points off turnovers.

Brown, a senior guard who

appears healed up from football season, scored 14 points.

Senior Jared Nielsen converted nine of 10 free throws and led all scorers with 20 points as Parma (15-1, 2-1) visited the foul line 23 more times than Homedale.

The Trojans made five of their eight chances, but the Panthers were 22-for-31.

Jan. 15: Fruitland 70, Homedale 40 — The Trojans had a tough time coming up with second chances in an early-season battle for the conference lead.

The loss to the top-ranked team in the statewide media poll ended Homedale's four-game winning streak.

The Grizzlies hit eight three-point goals and missed only five of 19 free-throw attempts.

Fruitland (11-4, 3-0 at week's end) jumped out to a 25-9 first-quarter lead and maintained control by denying Homedale offensive rebounds.

The Grizzlies snagged 24 boards on the Trojans' end of the floor, while Homedale managed just six offensive rebounds.

The Grizzlies shot 46.2 percent from the field (24-for-52), while the Trojans made just 26.5 percent of their shots (13-for-49).

Carlos Ibarra knocked down two of three three-point goals for all six of his points for Homedale, which received a team-high 10 points from Brown.

Brown was Homedale's best free-throw shooter, converting six of 10 chances.

Kincheloe scored eight points.

Daniel Uranga endured foul trouble and was limited to three points before fouling out.

DaPri Weatherall nailed half of Fruitland's four three-point goals and led all scorers with 17 points.

Jayden Stice went 8-for-8 at the foul line and finished with 12 points for the Grizzlies. Josh Henggeler and Brandon Preciado scored eight points each.

Homedale Boosters crab feed ticket sales deadline nears

Thursday is the last day to reserve a spot to enjoy the seventh annual Homedale Boosters Crab and Steak Feed.

The cut-off date gives organizers 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.

Homedale High School athletic director Casey Grove reports that 26 tables and many individual tickets had been sold by Monday afternoon.

Homedale Trojans

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Boys' basketball
Carson Brown, sr., G
Averaged 12 points with 2 3-pointers and 8-for-12 FT in two games

Girls' basketball
Gracie Dines, jr., G
10 points, 14 rebounds, 13 steals in 3A SRV play before Saturday

Wrestling
Jaegar Rose, sr., 145 pounds
Went 4-1, finished second at Padilla Invitational

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Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 25, home vs. Weiser (senior night), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 25, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 24 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 24 at Weiser, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Thursday, Jan. 24 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Thursday, Jan. 24, home vs. Payette, 5:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 25-26 at Sugar-Salem Tournament
Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Parma, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 30 at New Plymouth tri-meet, 5:30 p.m.

Girls
Saturday, Jan. 26 at Jaybird Memorial, Columbia H.S., Nampa

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

Sports

Rose grabs another medal: silver at Padilla Invite

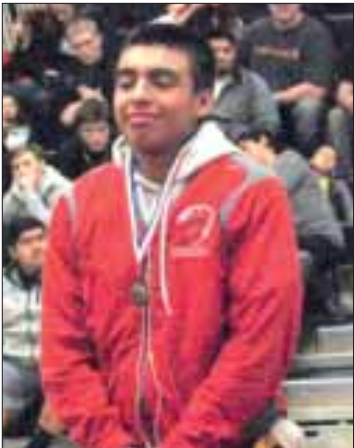
HHS teammate
Vega finishes
third in Parma

Jaegar Rose and Jorge Vega won medals Saturday, and two other Homedale High School wrestlers came within a victory of competing for hardware.

Rose racked up four pinfalls before losing the 145-pound championship match at the Padilla Invitational in Parma on Saturday.

The senior's tournament ended when once-beaten Tee-gan Dunn of Wendell pulled off a 3-minute, 7-second pin in their weight class final that also allowed Wendell to finish ahead of Homedale in the team standings.

Vega grabbed third with a strong comeback trail in the consolation bracket. He pinned



Jaegar Rose (left) and Jorge Vega stand with their medals. Photos by Sherman Takatori

Ridgevue's Garrett Self in 2:35 for the bronze medal.

Brady Trout picked up 10 points for the Trojans in the 170 bracket, helping Homedale finish 12th with 66 points—just one point behind Wendell.

Rose seemed to get more dominant as he worked his way through the championship bracket. He qualified for

the division final with an 18-second pin of Gooding's Tegan Baumann in the semifinals. In the quarterfinals, he dispatched Nampa's Antonio Valle-De-Hority in 37 seconds.

The senior's first two victories came against Emmett's Darien Smith (1:58) and Beau Beck of American Falls (2:39).

After losing his only championship bracket match via pinfall (3:35 to Emmett's Sam Hyde), Vega battled through the consolation bracket.

First up was a 10-7 decision over 3A Snake River Valley conference rival Kaden Smith of Fruitland.

Vega then pinned Jarrid Beverlin of Middleton midway through the second round.

After a 13-4 major decision against Nampa's Ryland Silvis, Vega qualified for the medal round with a hard-fought 6-4 decision over Marsing's Troy Miller in the consolation semis.

Trout did all his damage in the consolation bracket, but missed a medal match when Marsing's Isai Arriaga got a pin at 2:43 of their consolation semifinal.

Trout went on a tear after losing his first match. He pinned Parma's Anthony O'Leary (1:31), Weiser's Stetson Beesley (2:39) and Nampa's Joben Storrs (2:38).

Robert Nix missed a shot at a medal at 182 when Nyssa, Ore.'s Adam Simpson pulled off a 10-4 decision in the consolation semifinals. Simpson had knocked Nix into the consolation bracket with a 12-0 major decision earlier in the tourney.

Nix rallied with a 6-2 win over Weiser's Paul Crawford and a 9-6 decision against Nampa's Sovan San.

Kaeden Clemens picked up nine points for Homedale with a dramatic pin of Hayden Kinney from Caldwell and another pinfall against Fruitland's Ray Florez.

Clemens put Kinney on his back nine seconds before the end of their second-round championship bracket match.

He stopped Florez at 4:52 of their consolation match.

Three Antelopes tally Padilla pins

A relatively large contingent of Adrian High School wrestlers competed at the Padilla Invitational last weekend, and three athletes combined for seven victories.

Team veterans Wade Bond and Logan Griffin went the furthest at the tournament at Parma High School, wrestling into the fourth round of the consolation bracket in their respective weight classes.

The Antelopes scored 18 points and finished 17th in the 18-team tournament held Friday and Saturday.

Bond picked up two of his three wins in the consolation bracket at 138 pounds.

He captured his first match of the day Friday, pinning Middleton's Tanner Sibert in 1 minute, 46 seconds.

After dropping into the consolation bracket, Bond reeled off two more victories, including a 7-4 decision against Homedale's Willie White.

Bond's final win came with a 28-second pin of Isaac Rodriguez from Skyview.

Wrestling at 145, Griffin pinned hometown wrestler Dylan Hart in the first round at 4:59.

He then picked up a couple of consolation decisions—7-4 over Gooding's Cody Shaw and 4-2 over Fruitland's Carter Stowe—before bowing out.

Valentin Bauer pinned Emmett's Dennis Serdyukov in 2:03 of their 220-pound consolation bracket match.

HMS boys begin basketball season

The Homedale Middle School boys' basketball season is underway.

Athletic director Karen Liebschwager told school trustees during their Jan. 14 meeting that 20 athletes came out for the seventh- and eighth-grade programs.

The rosters were solidified after two days of tryouts, and the season started Tuesday after deadline against McCain of Payette. The eighth-graders played two games at home, and the seventh-graders were on the road.

The eighth-grade A team is coached by Riley Qualls, while Wayne Joyner mentors the B squad.

Seventh-graders are coached by Benji Sorensen (A team) and Mike Frank (B team).

There is an A team/B team doubleheader with each outing. The first game starts with a B game at 4:15 p.m.

The eighth-graders are home against Thursday against Parma, while the seventh-graders make the short road trip to challenge the Panthers.

The rest of the schedule includes:

- **Tuesday vs. Fruitland** — Seventh-graders at home, eighth-graders on the road
- **Thursday, Jan. 31 vs. Weiser** — Eighth-graders at home, seventh-graders on the road
- **Tuesday, Feb. 5 vs. Ontario, Ore.** — Eighth-graders at home, seventh-graders on the road
- **Thursday, Feb. 7 vs. McCain** — Seventh-graders at home, eighth-graders on the road in Payette
- **Tuesday, Feb. 12 vs. Parma** — Seventh-graders at home, eighth-graders on the road
- **Wednesday, Feb. 13 vs. Fruitland** — Eighth-graders at home, seventh-graders on the road
- **Tuesday, Feb. 19 vs. Weiser** — Seventh-graders at home, eighth-graders on the road in Payette
- **Thursday, Feb. 21 vs. Ontario** — Seventh-graders at home, eighth-graders on the road

The eighth-grade postseason tournament will be played Feb. 25-27 in Ontario.

The seventh-grade tournament will take place Feb. 25-26 in Parma before shifting to Ontario on Feb. 27 for the championship game.

Other scores

Girls' basketball

Jordan Valley (13-2 overall, 6-0 1A HDL)

1A High Desert League

Friday — def. Long Creek/Ukiah, 80-8

Saturday — def. Burnt River, 71-2

This week: 1A High Desert League

Friday — home vs. Crane, 6 p.m.

Saturday — at Dayville/Monument, 4 p.m. MST

Adrian (5-10 overall, 3-2 1A HDL)

1A High Desert League

Friday — def. Harper Charter, 63-18

Saturday — lost to Crane, 70-29

This week: 1A High Desert League

Thursday — at Burnt River, 6 p.m. MST

Friday — home vs. Dayville/Monument, 6 p.m.

Saturday — at Prairie City, 3 p.m. MST

Boys' basketball

Rimrock (2-16 overall, 0-6 1A WIC)

1A Western Idaho Conference

Jan. 15 — lost to North Star Charter, 97-34

Friday — lost to Idaho City, 49-30

Non-conference

Saturday — lost to Hansen, 59-30

This week: 1A Western Idaho Conference

Friday — home vs. Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.

Adrian (4-10 overall, 3-2 1A HDL)

Non-conference

Thursday — lost to Notus, 52-32

1A High Desert League

Friday — def. Harper Charter, 48-44

Saturday — lost to Crane, 60-45

This week: 1A High Desert League

Thursday — at Burnt River, 7:30 p.m. MST

Saturday — home vs. Dayville/Monument, 7:30 p.m.

Jordan Valley (10-5 overall, 6-0 1A HDL)

1A High Desert League

Friday — def. Long Creek/Ukiah, 90-65

Saturday — def. Burnt River, 76-21

This week: 1A High Desert League

Friday — home vs. Crane, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday — at Dayville/Monument, 5:30 p.m. MST

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

January 26, 1994

HPD to use video cameras

Suspected drunk drivers and other wayward motorists stopped by Homedale Police can now expect to play a starring role on video.

HPD’s newest police cruiser has been equipped with a video camera to record what transpires between officers and the public. The camera and wireless microphone can be activated from inside or outside the car.

The \$1,300 worth of equipment was acquired with grant funds.

Officers likely will use the video camera for DUI stops, reckless driving, juvenile drinking, and surveillance. The camera can also be taken out of the car and used at crime scenes.

“It’s my recommendation to the men that they use it on every stop,” HPD chief Ron Roberson said.

“It confirms what the officer has done, his actions and any evidence that’s on the screen,” he said. “We can keep it, use it in court and play the tape back for a jury or judge to see.”

Officers agree the camera will be an asset on the job. Evidence gathered on videotape can either make or break a case, HPD officer Jack Wade said. In the events of altercations, allegations against officers, or civil liability, what’s captured on tape can be used to set the record straight.

In court, the jury becomes eyewitnesses to the event, Wade said.

Trojans win in Melba, fall to NP

Homedale took a 3-point deficit into the locker room at halftime Saturday night in Melba, but came out with its guns blazing in the third quarter. The Trojans scored 6 of the first 8 points of the half and 13 in the quarter as they glided past the Mustangs for a 45-40 WIC A-3 win.

“We are a little more patient offensively,” Homedale coach Dennis Ankeny said. “Even though I’d like it to be a little more up-tempo, we took good shots, which we needed, because the kids’ confidence is maybe a little down right now. The win should help, though.”

“We kept our composure down the stretch, and held on to the ball the last minute and a half,” Ankeny said.

Luke Ankeny led the Trojans with 21 points against the Mustangs, while Josh Hellwege punctuated a game-high 9 rebounds with 10 points.

Defense cuts could consolidate armories

Defense Department restructuring could place Homedale and Caldwell National Guard units under one roof at the U.S. Air Force’s Wilder Radar site.

The Idaho National Guard is currently negotiating for the 7.6-acre Federal facility, still on schedule to close this September. Officials said the National Guard would rank high on the list of potential tenants when the Army Corps of Engineers eventually disposes of the facility.

“We have submitted an official request to acquire the Wilder Air Force facility,” said Major Jim Ball with the Idaho National Guard’s public affairs office at Gowen Field.

Both Ball and Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said discussions about merging the Caldwell and Homedale armories at the Wilder site have occurred, but no decision has been made.

50 years ago

January 23, 1969

Basketball season heats up

Trailing by 14 points at the midway intermission, the New Plymouth Pilgrims rallied Friday night to record a thrilling 67-63 upset over previously unbeaten Homedale, in a battle for the lead in the SRV A-2 league.

The victory gave New Plymouth undisputed possession of first place with four wins in as many games. Overall the victory put New Plymouth at 10 out of 11.

Greg Hunsaker of New Plymouth led everyone on the court with 24 points.

Gary Garrett was high point man for Homedale with 17.

Marsing kept the pressure on Homedale all the way Saturday night, with the score standing at 28-27 at the half, but they couldn’t keep it up and the Trojans forged ahead to a 68-56 SRV A-2 win over the Huskies.

This put the Trojans at 5-1 in the A-2 and 12-1 overall, after their upset loss to New Plymouth Friday night. Marsing is 2-3 in the loop and 8-4 overall.

Ruben Garcia had 21 points and Paul Pearson 18 to lead the Trojan attack. Bob Bledsoe had 22 and Tim Percifield in Marsing’s losing cause.

Kiwanis club presents awards, installs officers

Installation of officers was held Wednesday night by the Homedale Kiwanis club at the Owyhee Lanes banquet room. Leon Fairbanks, Boise, Lt. Governor of Division 6 (Idaho-Utah) was the installing officer at the ladies night affair.

Herbert Fritzley was installed as president; Gail Tuttle, vice president; and Ed Alora and Vic Uria will continue as treasurer and secretary, respectively, for the coming year.

Board of directors besides the past president George Murray will be Rev. John Morgan, Boyd Jemmett, Doyle McPherson, Ed Manning, Jim Duncan, Roy Schamber and Ray Tolsma.

Outgoing president George Murray gave the annual president’s report for the year, and presented the perfect attendance pins.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“Gov. Samuelson asks us to look forward to the ‘superlative seventies’ but it’s too hard for most of us to see past the ‘strugglin’ sixties’.”

Cattlemen to talk to businessmen

Two speakers from the Owyhee County Cattlemen’s Association will speak at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon, Jan. 28, at the Owyhee Lanes cafe, according to Andy Warfield, president.

The speakers will be John Tyson, president, and Dick Bass, treasurer, both of Reynolds Creek.

Registration of aliens spurs naturalization

District Director R. G. Hoffeller of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that the annual alien address report program usually causes a sharp rise in the number of applications for naturalization.

Throughout the United States, almost 30 percent more applications for naturalization are received during the months of January, February and March than are received during other months.

Mr. Hoffeller attributes this sudden rise to the alien address report program.

145 years ago

January 24, 1874

THE DIFFERENCE

We are indebted to Frank Kibler, of Fairview, for a copy of the *Press*, published at Newton, Illinois, in which we read the following:

“We are under obligation to Frank Kibler, formerly of this place but now a resident of Silver City, Owyhee County, Idaho Territory, for a copy of the Owyhee “Avalanche,” a neat six column weekly paper. By the advertised rates we observe that the subscription price of the “Avalanche” is \$10 a year. How is that compared with the subscription price of the “Press,” at \$1.50 a year.”

The *Press* is about the size of the AVALANCHE, and has a “patcot-out-side.” Eight of the twelve columns are filled with advertisements, the greater portion of which are of a dead-head character, such as would not be inserted in the AVALANCHE. The entire original matter in the local and editorial column of the number before us, would not fill one column of the AVALANCHE. We may hear remark that the local papers of the Pacific Coast are superior in every respect to those of the Atlantic States. Here, as a general thing, they are spicy, bright and lively, fully up to the spirit of age; there, they are of the Rip Van Winkle stamp, sadly behind the times. The *Press* expresses astonishment at the price of the AVALANCHE - \$10 per year – while its own price is only \$1.50 per year. It will be seen that the AVALANCHE is better worth \$10 than the *Press* \$1.50. Besides the cost of living, wages, etc., here is more than quadruple what is there. Board and lodging here is \$15 per week in gold; that sum in greenbacks would buy enough provisions to last the editor of the *Press* a couple of months. Here, wood sells at \$10 per cord; there, \$10 would suffice for fuel all winter. Here, whisky costs 25 cents a glass; there, 25 cents would supply the best of an editor with shine for a whole week. And so on to the end of the chapter.

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Silver City, Jan 1st, 1874

The Mexican Congress refused to confirm the contract made by the Administration with the Plumb Company, for the construction of an extensive railway system, because it was an American organization, and gave the contract to a Mexican Company, because of motives of patriotism. The latter Company is, according to rumor, now unable to raise funds, and will not be able to comply with the condition. Patriotism is a good thing, but it cannot build railroads by itself.

Sports

✓ Senior: Merrick Hall’s rebounding helps Marsing vs. NP

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Sophomore post Jacob Ankeny continued to dominate down low. He pulled down 12 rebounds, including four on the offensive end. He added four points and a pair of blocked shots.

Ankeny is averaging 10.6 rebounds nightly in 2A WIC play.

Reserve player Cash Sevy added six points.

“(Sevy) played well off the bench,” the coach said. “We only have seven full-time varsity starters, so it is vital that we received the contribution from Cash.”

The Huskies got five points and four boards from senior Dwight Sevy, and three points and three rebounds from junior wing Merrick Hall.

Caleb Fong led the Mustangs (8-6, 2-2 at week’s end) with 11 points.

Dillon Bodily and Jace Logan added nine points each for the home team.

Friday’s win created a three-way tie for second place between Marsing, Melba and McCall-Donnelly. All three teams ended the week two games behind conference leader Cole Valley Christian.

Jan. 15: Marsing 44, New Plymouth 35 — The Huskies had another stellar defensive effort on their homecourt, winning for the first time in

conference play this year.

Hall sparked the Huskies with a team-high 10 rebounds, six points and four steals.

As a team, Marsing gobbled up 33 rebounds, 13 of which were on the offensive side, which allowed for second-effort shots.

“We executed the defensive game plan well,” Little said. “(The team) contained penetration with tons of ball pressure and took away (the Pilgrims’) dual 6-foot, 5-inch book ends down low.”

The tone of the game changed in the third quarter.

The Huskies were down four points with about six minutes left in that quarter and then went on a 9-0 run to finish the period up by six.

Quebrado put up 14 points, on 3-of-8 shooting. Two of those three field goals were from three-point range. He also went 6-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Ankeny notched six points and nine rebounds.

Dwight Sevy and Roger Valadez scored eight points each. Sevy also corralled five boards, while Valadez led the team with three assists.

“We took care of the ball against their pressure and held on for the first league win of the season,” Little said.

— TK



Marsing’s Merrick Hall takes a shot over a defender during his breakout game against New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

Marsing fundraiser helps coach

Proceeds from the concession sales at Friday’s Marsing High School boys’ basketball game will benefit Huskies girls’ basketball assistant coach Ginger Loucks, who is battling breast cancer.

Loucks is Marsing head coach Gloria Nagel’s sister.

“She has four babies and a huge hand in the Marsing community,” Nagel said. “We all feel pretty helpless.”

Nagel said that Loucks will receive her third round of chemotherapy on Friday.

“Like a trooper, she will be off to the game to watch her little one in the cheer camp,” she said.

— TK

✓ Melba: Still No. 2

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past Nampa Christian.

Emma Clark scored 16 points with seven rebounds, six steals and four assists, but the Mustangs won by only eight points.

Kate Clark added 15 points and seven boards.

Emme Taylor led Nampa Christian with 10 points.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Boys’ basketball
Enrique Quebrado, sr., G
Career-high 38 points vs. Melba; 26.0 ppg for week



Wrestling
Troy Miller, so.,
120 pounds
Wrestled into Padilla Invitational semifinals

Girls’ basketball

2A Western Idaho Conference finale

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 24, home vs. Melba (senior night), 7:30 p.m.

2A District III Tournament

Tuesday, Jan. 29, home vs. Vision Charter, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Jan. 24, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26 at 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament, site and time TBA (if nec.)

Monday, Jan. 28 at 2A WIC tournament, site and time TBA (if nec.)

Boys’ basketball

Varsity

Friday, Jan. 25, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Friday, Jan. 25, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Saturday, Jan. 26 at RD Brown Invitational, New Plymouth H.S., 10 a.m.

Go Huskies!



Owyhee Fish and Game officer gains K-9 partner

Black Lab trained to track humans, detect game meat

by Craig Mickelson

IDFG sr. conservation officer

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) acquired a new officer in the Southwest Region. The new officer is a furry variety, likes dog biscuits and even carries his own badge. The new officer is a black Labrador retriever dog named "Blue."

Blue was acquired in December 2017, and training commenced.

The first part of the training process for K-9 Blue was to bond with me as his handler and also get used to his new home. Blue was an outdoor kennel dog before IDFG acquired him, so he was pretty happy to be able to sleep inside the house and on a warm dog bed at night.

Blue was 2 years old and had the bonus of already been through the digging and chewing stages of a young puppy.

Over the next several months, I trained with Blue at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources K9 Academy in French Lick (hometown of Larry Bird). This academy was selected because it trains very specifically for what we do with the Fish and Game K-9s in Idaho.

Over the course of the training, Blue learned to track humans following human scent and disturbed vegetation left by a human walking/running in the woods. We eventually worked up to mile-long tracks in the hardwood forests of Indiana.

Blue was able to put the training to use earlier this year while helping the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office in searches.



Above: Blue wrangles a kong as a reward during a meat detection exercise. Photo by Jon Fennig / Indiana Department of Natural Resources. **Below:** Idaho Fish and Game Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson and Blue were on hand at the Indiana state capitol in Indianapolis to graduate from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources K-9 academy. Photo by Lt. Angela Goldman / Indiana Department of Natural Resources photo



On Oct. 7, Blue and I assisted deputies in the search of a missing female near Grasmere. The woman had walked away from a truck along Idaho highway 51, and we were

asked to track her. The search was called off when the female was located in Owyhee, Nev.

Blue and I also helped out in the search for a grand theft suspect near storage units south

of Homedale on U.S. Highway 95. The suspect, who had stolen a vehicle and was siphoning gas from rental trucks, ran away from Homedale Police officers. The officers later located the suspect inside a self-storage complex.

Blue remains available to assist in OCSO calls. He is not trained for drug searches.

Blue also received training to detect wildlife starting with chunks of meat hidden in small boxes called BSD boxes. When the dog indicated, the instructor launched a dog toy (red Kong) from inside the BSD box into the air as a reward. As we progressed with this training, we eventually certified by locating wildlife meat hidden in buildings and on vehicles.

The third part of the training involved evidence recovery. I really enjoyed this part of the training as I had to really pay attention to Blue and read what he was telling me during the search.

Blue and I graduated in May at a ceremony at the Indiana

state capitol in Indianapolis. This graduation followed a touching peace officer's memorial. Blue was especially surprised when the Indiana honor guard shot off blank rounds from shotguns. I believe that for a second Blue had visions that he was back in a duck blind hunting mallards!

K-9s provide a valuable asset to Idaho Department of Fish and Game and other agencies. Blue saves officers time locating evidence quickly and efficiently.

For example, in September Blue was requested by an IDFG officer in Owyhee County to assist in locating an illegal pronghorn antelope, and once released he located the pronghorn in a matter of minutes. Blue has also been requested on cases involving elk, moose and mule deer during the fall. Additionally, IDFG K-9s in other parts of Idaho have assisted sister law enforcement agencies in search and rescue and for evidence recovery on cases including murder cases.

Blue is also a valuable public relations tool for IDFG, and I have been asked to give K-9 demonstrations at several venues this year.

Blue and I were on hand for the Rimrock High School career fair in early November.

If you would like to have K-9 Blue and myself conduct a demonstration at a public event or school event, give me a call. Also you can follow the IDFG K-9 team by searching "Idaho Fish and Game K-9 Team" on Facebook.

— Craig Mickelson is a Senior Conservation Officer/K-9 handler for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and covers the western part of Owyhee County. He can be reached at (208) 989-9328 or craig.mickelson@idfg.idaho.gov.

Fish and Game plans big game season open houses

Public open houses are planned to gather comments on Idaho's big game hunting changes for 2019.

The open houses come after stakeholder meetings were held to help shape the Idaho Department of Fish and Game rules proposals.

One of the stakeholder outreach events included an Owyhee County landowners' meeting in Murphy earlier this month.

Now, hunters and other wildlife enthusiasts will have an opportunity to review

and discuss big game season proposals with Fish and Game staff.

Four public meetings are planned next month, including:

• **4 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 5** — Fish and Game regional office, 3101 S. Powerline Road, Nampa

• **6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 7** — Garden Valley High School, 1053 Banks-Lowman Road, Garden Valley

• **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 12** — American

Legion Hall, 2046 Hwy. 95, Council

• **7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 13** — Vendome Event Center, 309 State St., Weiser

Fish and Game staff also will attend the 2019 Sportsman Show in Boise from Feb. 28 to March 3, and review and comment of the 2019 proposals will be available.

Southwest region big game season proposals include:

• Potential hunting opportunity in some controlled bear hunt units to address

chronic depredation or nuisance issues.

• A potential change in the number of A and B tags for the Sawtooth elk zone.

• Possible changes to Brownlee and Weiser elk hunts. Any changes will be considered following the completion of an ongoing aerial survey of these zones.

• Potential changes to wolf, bear and lion seasons including methods of take for these species.

A complete list of statewide deer, elk, pronghorn, black

bear, mountain lion and wolf hunt proposals will be available on the Fish and Game website (<https://idfg.idaho.gov>) in late January and at both the McCall and Nampa regional offices.

Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting Jan Julian at the Fish and Game McCall office (208-634-8137), Teri Mattulat at the Fish and Game Nampa office (208-465-8465) or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-3529 (TDD).

OCHS members hear century-old cowboy songs

Old West seminar coming to Murphy next month

The director of the Idaho Songs Project entertained members of the Owyhee County Historical Society and others during a general membership meeting on Friday at the museum in Murphy.

During the bimonthly meeting, Gary Eller performed selections from a library of pre-radio cowboy songs that he has collected.

The Canyon County resident is a member of the local band “The Storytellers.” He is also part of the Idaho Humanities Council Speaker’s Bureau.

Eller’s focus with his music, and that of the Idaho Songs Project, is pre-1923 (the advent of radio) cowboy music, specifically about people, places, and events in Idaho.

One of the songs he performs is “Dig Me a Grave in the Owyhees,” about mustangs in Owyhee County.

Eller and longtime Owyhee County chronicler and former OCHS president John Larsen were guest speakers at the meeting.

In the historical society’s bulletin, new museum director Eriks Garsvo briefed members on projects happening with the museum, and those on the horizon.

• A storage room in the museum’s new Annex building has been completed, and the plan is to paint and seal the floor from the storage to the restroom area of the Annex by the end of the year.

Garsvo notes that the whole floor could be done if the materials are acquired, but that all depends on the cost of materials.

Garsvo also looks to have work begin on bathrooms in the Annex in the near future.

• The Marsing Train Depot, which was moved to Murphy after it was donated years ago, will reach its centennial in 2022, and the director would like to have it cleaned out so it can be open to the public during Outpost Days.

The depot is in need of myriad repairs, including a new roof and electrical work, Garsvo wrote.

• Work needs to be done in the spring and summer on the museum grounds, including

landscaping and a sprinkler overhaul for the back lawn.

Garsvo said that there is a plan for a garden behind the museum that will feature plants native to Owyhee County.

• The restoration of the 1941 John Deere Model B tractor is “well on its way.” Stephen Miller donated the tractor to the museum for use at Outpost Days and other events.

Garsvo has worked with Tom Benson and Bob Schaffer on the restoration. He said that they were able to start it and move it into the museum’s shop to be worked on.

He said the tractor is in good shape but needs routine service.

Idaho Wild West seminar

The museum will play host to a free seminar, sponsored by Idaho Wild West and the OCHS, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9 in Murphy.

Idaho Wild West is a group that presents programs about the Old West.

Topics that will be covered include Butch Cassidy, and David Vandyke, the rogue sheriff of Ada County.

There will also be a display and discussion of weapons used in the Old West.

The agenda for the seminar, includes:

9 a.m. — Joe Hickey will discuss his collection of Old West weapons.

10:15 a.m. — Bob Sobba will present the story of Vandyke.

11 a.m. — Mychel Matthews will discuss making sense of the past and avoiding pitfalls when studying historical subjects.

1 p.m. — After lunch, Bill Betenson, a great-nephew of Butch Cassidy, will discuss his famous uncle.

2 p.m. — Mike Hanley will discuss the “Art of Interviewing.”

3 p.m. — Show and tell, to discuss Old West weapons and artifacts

— TK

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Owyhee County Church Directory		
<p>Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Saturday 7:00pm (208) 880-4033</p>	<p>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 11 • July 16 • August 20 • Sept. 17 <i>All invited to potluck after each mass at the home of Dave Wilper</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>	<p>Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetter 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>
<p>Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday Bible study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday and Kidz services, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com</p>	<p>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Chris Varuska Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p>St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones 208-319-4650 Don Vanderbough 208-867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherron Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori 208-473-9331</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2018 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Oct 27 - Nov 24 - Dec 22 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Ol’ Roanie



“How ya doin’ Skip?” I asked.
“Okay, I guess,” he said. “Remember my good rope horse?”
I remembered. Skip, like me is left-handed and therefore requires a left-handed heelin’ horse. Whenever I’m in southern New Mexico, he lets me borrow ol’ Roanie.
Last time I had been to his place to rope, I got there early so I saddled up and was warmin’ up the horse. I didn’t remember him bein’ quite so belligerent and feisty. He made a couple stops where I had to grab the horn!
When Skip arrived, he explained why Roanie was actin’ up. It wasn’t Roanie. It was the other horse.
The other horse, which had a big scar on his shoulder, was also a roan. He was the flotsam of a relationship gone bad. Skip had wanted to sell him, but the now-departed love interest had insisted he keep him so they could go on romantic rides together. Skip roped on him now and then, but it was always a risky venture. He kept thinkin’ if he roped on him enough, he might make a good horse.
“Yeah,” I said, “I remember ol’ Roanie.”
“Well, I just crippled him. And to top it off, the week before I’d gone down to Sullivan’s and ordered a brand-new slant WW two-horse trailer with all the trimmings. It has the ladder, optional large hayrack on top, extra long tongue, red and white pinstriping. Did I tell you it was a slant? Has walk-in tack storage in the front.
“I figgered it was a Christmas present for myself since I didn’t have to buy anyone a diamond this year. And then Roanie got crippled. Dang!”
“It looks to me,” I said, “that you might as well buy yourself two Christmas presents. Get a new horse. Sell the old one.”
“I’m ... I’m not sure,” he stuttered.
I went into my lecture about how horses aren’t people and there is not much point hangin’ onto a horse you can’t use. I’ve seen too many people hang onto a horse that limps, jigs, bites or bucks or is just too much horse for them. I explain to these people they are not obligated to maintain a horse the rest of its life just because it cost \$1,500. It was a bill of sale, not adoption papers.
I warmed to the subject using my nursing home analogy, the price of killer horses and the plethora of good horseflesh available. “Life’s too short,” I concluded, “to spend good money on a horse out of a misguided sense of obligation.”
Skip said, “You know, yer right. I am gonna sell him! He’s never gonna git much better. It’s not fair to them to keep ’em around if yer never gonna ride ’m. I’m really not sentimental about him anyway.”
He put his arm around my shoulder. “Thanks, my friend.”
“Yer welcome,” I said, happy that I was able to counsel my friend. “Then maybe you could do some serious horse trainin’ on the other horse.”
“Whatya talkin’ about?” he said. “He’ll still be crippled.”
“Oh, I thought we were talkin’ about ol’ Roanie.”
“Oh, no,” he said, “I could never sell ol’ Roanie.”

— 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*.

Letter to the editor

Brandau’s strength emboldened county at crucial time

If ever an Owyhee County resident deserved the title “Citizen” in the same sense the Roman Empire honored that term, it is most assuredly Connie Brandau. She is a tough, down-to-earth, super-intelligent, learned, inquisitive, interested, loyal, a perfect co-worker, don’t-let-your-friends-down, common-sense lady. I personally take great pride in having helped persuade her to serve the County in her role on Planning and Zoning. I do that unashamedly and boastfully because she is one of the best things that ever happened to county government, an example all elected officials should look to as a model.
She came to help at a crisis time and stayed to help secure order to what I believe is the best Planning and Zoning administration I have worked with. And that includes programs in big and small counties in California, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Maryland, South Dakota, Utah and Arizona.
In Connie and in Mary Huff, planning director, the County had a pair of professionals who know their jobs, know the law, but care for people — a rarity in county government.
I remember Connie’s contribution to the early days of coordination with the Bureau of Land Management. On a long night of work, I would be more than ready to head for home, confident that we had plugged all the holes, and suddenly

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.
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• Fax: (208) 337-4867
• Mail: P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

that quiet voice would say “Uh, Fred what do you think about ...” and she would have found a vulnerable spot that I had completely missed. She is a gem, and she deserves the celebratory thanks of an entire county. Thanks, Connie, for the job you have done for my dad’s home county.
Congrats on your retirement, Ms. B., and how about helping me for just a little while on the development of Americans Coordination Institute? It will only be for a little while.
Fred Kelly Grant
Nampa

From Washington

Congress, president continue fight against human trafficking

The Trump administration reports that there are nearly 25 million victims of human trafficking worldwide, and more than 8,500 human trafficking cases were reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline here in the U.S. last year alone. Congress passed and President Trump signed four pieces of legislation recently to help end this horrible crime.
As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I co-sponsored two bills under the jurisdiction of the committee to help combat human trafficking. In December, Congress passed and the president signed both bills that renew portions of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA):
• Fellow Judiciary Committee member John Cornyn (R-Texas) introduced S. 1311, the Abolish Human Trafficking Act, that I co-sponsored along with a bipartisan group of 31 fellow senators. This law reauthorizes programs established by the TVPA to address the prevention and punishment of human trafficking and assist trafficking victims.
• Former Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) introduced S. 1312, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, that I co-sponsored with a bipartisan group of 26 fellow senators. This law would reauthorize TVPA programs that support victims of trafficking and assist with the identification and punishment of perpetrators, and also assist with the better collection of related crime data.
These laws compliment the two other related laws that were recently enacted: S. 1862, the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, which amends the TVPA to strengthen the criteria for whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
Republican (term expires 2022)

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trafficking and actions for failure to meet these standards; and H.R. 2200, the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act that would take a number of additional steps, including authorizing local programs to educate about human trafficking and provide for training and other measures to respond to human trafficking.
All four of these bills were passed by overwhelmingly bipartisan votes in both the Senate and the House of Representatives and represent a significant step in the right direction for reinforcing progress being made to end

— See *Fight*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Husband needs to grow up, change financial behavior

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have about \$20,000 in credit card debt, plus payments on a new truck. We also have a camper he bought before we got married that we're still making payments on. I recently received a \$50,000 inheritance, and I'd like to use that money to help get us out of debt and open a savings account. My husband says he is onboard, but he keeps buying things we don't have the money for. I don't want the inheritance to go to waste, so what can I do?

— Tessa

Dear Tessa,

I want you guys to get control of your finances and have a better life, too. But until your husband is willing to get rid of the camper and the truck, I'd hang on to the inheritance money. Right now, you need more than his words — you need his actions. At this point, the real issue isn't the debt or the idea of using the gift you received to pay off the debt. The issue is you can't see a future where your husband isn't going to repeat the same financial stupidity. You need to have that future cleared up, and it isn't going to be cleared up



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until he *proves* he has changed his heart and his ways. In his case, that means *showing* he

has become a grown-up and isn't buying toys he can't afford anymore. I know where you are, and I know where he is right now. I've been there. Years ago, I was a "grown man," but I was still really a little boy buying things I couldn't afford to impress people I didn't even know. This guy likes stuff. He likes shiny trucks, shiny things to pull behind shiny trucks, and that sort of thing. But it's time for him to sell all the crap, grow up, and start putting you and your family first. Keep talking to him. Explain how important it is to you that you're both

on the same page financially and in every other aspect of your marriage. Until he *proves* he's ready to do that, though, I'd say just hold on to the inheritance money.

— 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).

Idaho Freedom Foundation

Let's try new education ideas, not more money

by Wayne Hoffman

The governor was direct: Idaho must make sure children are proficient readers for their age by third grade. He pledged millions of tax dollars toward the effort, in the hopes Idaho would improve reading scores for public school students. Sounds like something you heard recently? Actually, that was Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, in his first State of the State address, opening the 1999 legislative session. Kempthorne told lawmakers, "Reading is the most basic and most important skill for the education of our children and is my highest priority for our public schools. Therefore, I have identified the funds for a comprehensive reading program aimed at grades one, two, and three in the total amount of \$5.5 million." The state then created the Idaho Reading Initiative. Two years later, Kempthorne added benchmarks, telling lawmakers, "Only 50 percent of Idaho children are reading at grade level by the third grade. ... We should all agree that one year from now, 60 percent will be reading at grade level. And the following year, 70 percent. And by the end of 2004, 90 percent."



Since that time, a generation and a half of schoolkids, including my two children, have graduated from the state government education system. But Idaho's reading test scores haven't changed a whole lot. One in three third-graders still fails to read at a level appropriate for his or her age. And so, here we are in 2019 with a new governor, new Legislature and the same old problem: students not reading at grade level. Said Gov. Brad Little in his State of the State: "Our goal must be to ensure all kids begin at the same starting line in life. By the third grade, our students must learn to read so they can read to learn." Little wants to double spending for public school literacy and allow school districts to make new resources available — such as full-day kindergarten, summer reading programs, and reading coaches — to close the proficiency gap. What a difference two decades make. Information is accessible as it has ever been. Yet, in the government school system, the problems are the same, skills are on the decline and the only thing increasing is the price tag. This is true in Idaho as in states with full-day kindergarten and preschool. Test scores being flat are only part of the problem. Worse is the continuous dumbing down of curricula. It would be easy to double the money devoted to Idaho's reading programs. We could continue to prove, as the 1990 New York City Teacher of the Year

and author John Taylor Gatto concluded, "School is a 12-year jail sentence, where bad habits are the only curriculum truly learned." Why not make 2019 the year Idaho tries innovative approaches to student achievement, such as education savings accounts, which have been enacted in other states, freeing parents to spend money on the education that works best for their children? Why not encourage students to absorb the knowledge all around them — from YouTube and digital books and phone apps — and include that knowledge and proficiency as part of official high school transcripts? If a student learns Spanish using the popular free app Duolingo or how to build a computer from a video streaming site, shouldn't that count for something and be recognized as much as, say, learning geometry in a government classroom? We've tried more money. We've tried new programs. Let's at least try something new, novel, and reflective of the times — which don't necessarily cost taxpayers more money — to see if we can generate better results for the next two decades than we've had the past two.

— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

✓ Fight: January designated human trafficking, slavery awareness month

From Page 8B human trafficking. The administration reported that in Fiscal Year 2018, federal agencies made 1,588 Human Trafficking arrests and 4,000 criminal arrests for human smuggling violations. The agencies also identified and assisted 308 victims. President Trump has identified strengthening border security as an important part of preventing human trafficking in all forms. The United States must commit the resources necessary to have the strongest border enforcement realistically possible. Preservation of the integrity of our borders is essential to immigration policy as well as our national security. I am committed to working with my colleagues in Congress, the Trump

administration, and appropriate stakeholders to ensure that any action taken to secure our borders is done with the best interest of the American people in mind. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed each Jan. 11, and President Trump proclaimed January 2019 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, pledging to continue the battle to abolish modern slavery and restore the lives of those affected by human trafficking. As the president recognized, "These crimes often remain hidden because victims are reluctant to seek help for a variety of reasons, including language barriers, fear of traffickers and law enforcement, and lack of trust. Human trafficking

destroys precious lives and threatens our nation's security, public health, and the rule of law. It is a scourge on the global community." We must reaffirm our efforts to bring traffickers to justice and end this suffering. These laws are a welcome advancement in our effort to stop this exploitation and ensure victims have access to the help they need.

— 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.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT <i>Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018</i>	
BEGINNING BALANCE October 1, 2017.....	\$1,052,311
RECEIPTS Property tax.....\$198,904 Other local receipts.....234,593 Highway user revenue1,382,643 Other State & Federal funds.....36,000 Total Receipts.....\$1,852,140	
DISBURSEMENTS New Construction.....\$0.00 Reconstruction, replacement & rehabilitation.....71,986 Chip seal & patching.....275,301 Grading/Blading.....315,620 Winter Maintenance.....109,300 Other44,756 Equipment.....286,867 Other expenses (with adjustment)65,898 Total Disbursements\$1,169,819 CLOSING BALANCE \$1,734,632 Amount obligated for Specific future projects\$1,346,555 Amount retained for General Funds & Operations256,486	
UNOBLIGATED BALANCE September 30, 2018	\$131,591 01/23/2019

**OWYHEE COUNTY
2019 MURPHY FLAT ROAD
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Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County-2019 Murphy Flat Road Paving Project will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 7, 2019, and then publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of constructing approximately 1.0 mile of a 3-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical width of 24feet

over existing base, including:

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It is the intent of the Project Documents and Drawings to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements. The Work under this contract shall commence between March 1,2019 and April 23, 2019. A Notice To Proceed date will be agreed upon between the Contractor and Owyhee County within 7 Calendar days of the issuance of the Notice of Award. The Contractor shall achieve substantial completion within 7 calendar days of the Notice To Proceed. Once the work has started,

the Contractor shall work continuously to substantially complete the work. All items will be ready for final payment within 14 calendar days of the Notice To Proceed and no later than May 7, 2019. A pre-bid conference will be held at the

Owyhee County Road & Bridge Shop located at 17129 County Shop Rd, Murphy, 10 83650 on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. local time. There are no Federal funds utilized in this project. The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

I) Owyhee County - 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650

2) PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. - 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications. All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders. Owyhee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

Date 01/14/2019
s:/Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman
01/23,30/2019

**NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the following three (3) proposed ordinances:

A proposed ordinance to vacate an alley running north and south between lots 1-6 and lots 7-12, block 3, of the Kershner subdivision, generally located between Barbara St. and S 2nd St. West, south from W. Utah Ave.; all in the original townsite of the City of Homedale. Abandoning said alleyway to the extent one still exists, and reverting such alleyway to the adjoining landowners along the already established fence line.

A proposed ordinance to amend alley building setbacks from the current 15’ requirement to a new 5’ requirement.

A proposed ordinance to establish policy and procedures for lot line adjustments.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
01/23,30/2019

**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

The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Idaho Power Jacks Creek Office in Bruneau on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola, Secretary
208-587-2789
01/23/2019

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Company will be held at the Idaho Power Jacks Creek Office in Bruneau on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

Chris Alzola, Secretary
208-587-2789
01/23/2019

**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; 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 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
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510
01/09,16,23,30/2019


**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-18-00402
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUTY OF
OWYHEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN DAVID RICHARDS, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARY ANN RICHARDS has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2019.

s:/Shawn C. Maybon, Attorney for the Personal Representative
P.O. Box 1084
Caldwell, Idaho 8.606
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01/23,30,02/06,13/2019



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Sports

Coaching changes coming at Homedale High School

Volleyball coach resigns, track coach hired, Holtry re-ups

Homedale school trustees approved personnel moves affecting high school athletics at last week’s meeting. Jessica Willson, who has led the Trojans to consecutive 3A state tournament appearances, has resigned as volleyball coach.

Willson coached Homedale for three seasons, and superintendent Rob Sauer said the wife of high school teacher and assistant football coach Alex Willson wants to concentrate on family time. Bobby Christensen was hired to coach track and field for the upcoming season. He succeeds



Matt Holtry

Heidi Ankeny, who has stepped down as both track and cross country coach. Christensen coached the middle school’s seventh-grade football team in the fall with Travis Kerbs. Sauer said the search for a cross country coach continues. Stability in the HHS football program continues, though. Matt Holtry was approved for an 11th year as varsity coach. He’s coming off a 3A Milk Bowl state championship appearance, and Holtry led two other Trojans teams

into the 3A semifinals. The school district also has completed installation of new scoreboards in the middle school gymnasium. Sauer said the new scoreboards replace the originals in place since the school opened nearly 22 years ago. A projector screen also was installed in a project that cost more than \$10,700. More than \$5,300 came from middle school funds, and the district provided more than \$4,430. The Homedale Boosters also pitched in \$1,000.

Marsing girls home for district play-in next week

Improved offense can’t prevent 11th consecutive loss

The Marsing High School girls’ basketball team had its best offensive output in seven weeks Saturday. But the uptick in scoring wasn’t enough to top New Plymouth on the road in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game. The Pilgrims sent the Huskies to their 11th consecutive loss with a 61-39 decision. The 39 points represented Marsing’s best offensive out-

ing since a 40-27 victory over Riverstone International on Dec. 1. That was the Huskies’ most recent win. Marsing’s girls’ basketball team had its best offensive output since beating Riverstone International on Dec. 1. Saturday’s loss solidified a spot in the 2A District III Tournament play-in game for Marsing (7-11 overall, 0-8 in conference before Tuesday’s



Autumn Bennett

road game against Nampa Christian). The Huskies will play host to provisional 2A WIC member Vision Charter at 7 p.m., on Tuesday. Vision Charter is the No. 7 seed in the district tournament but didn’t play in the conference season because the school sanctioned athletics too late to join the 2A WIC for the 2018-19 season. Marsing will be seeded sixth in the district tournament and must win next week to get into the double-elimination bracket. In the loss to New Plymouth, Huskies junior guard Autumn Bennett scored 12

points, while pulling down five rebounds and tying for the team lead with four steals. Senior guard Ashley Loucks added 10 points, five boards, and four steals. Junior Emily Loucks chipped in five points and six rebounds. Marsing will next play on Thursday at home against conference-leading Melba (18-1, 8-0). It’s senior night for the Huskies and the final game of the regular season. **Thursday: McCall-Donnelly 52, Marsing 23** — The Huskies struggled to make shots fall in a lopsided conference loss on the Vikings’

home court. Marsing fell behind quickly, trailing by 18 points at half-time. The second half didn’t work out any better for the Huskies, who scored just eight points after intermission. Autumn Bennett again led the team in scoring with nine. She added six rebounds and three assists. Sophomore post Johanna Margarito added three points, six rebounds and a steal. Ashley Loucks also put up three points, while pulling down a pair of boards and adding three steals. — TK



Melba’s Fong fires from distance

Melba’s Caleb Fong puts up a shot against Marsing in Friday’s 58-49 2A Western Idaho Conference loss at home. The junior guard led the Mustangs with 11 points. Melba (8-6 overall, 2-2 in conference at week’s end) travels to Valley County to challenge McCall-Donnelly tonight, and other 2A WIC games in the next seven days are scheduled Friday and next Wednesday at home against New Plymouth and Nampa Christian, respectively. Photo by Dan Pease

Arriaga captures Marsing’s only medal at Padilla Invitational

Isai Arriaga had another good run as Marsing High School wrestled at the Padilla Invitational on Friday and Saturday in Parma. The Huskies finished the tournament 15th of 18 teams, with a total of 37 team points. Winner Fruitland scored 218 points. A sophomore, Arriaga pushed his way through to a fourth-place finish at 170 pounds after a narrow 4-3 loss to Layne Murdock from host Parma. Arriaga had edged Murdock, 5-4, in the quarterfinals. Arriaga’s performance was good for 15 team points for the Huskies. At 120 pounds, Troy Miller advanced to the semifinals, where he was pinned by Emmett’s Sam Hyde at the 3-minute, 25-second mark. The loss moved Miller to the consolation semifinals, where he lost a 6-4 decision to Homedale’s Jorge Vega. Miller totaled nine points for Marsing. Trayton Jacobi (160) lost a second-round match on a pin to Dearden Woodruff of Nyssa at 1:03. In the consolation bracket, Jacobi recorded two quick falls against Haiden Carroll of Fruitland (33 seconds) and Aslan Trapp of Boise (38

seconds). Dale Shaw of Gooding pinned Jacobi in his fourth consolation round bout after 41 seconds. Jacobi scored seven team points for his work. Justin Ineck (138) made it to the quarterfinals before suffering a technical fall to Gooding’s Tayten Gillette, 18-1 at 2:55. Ineck kept his tournament going with a 4-3 decision over Keith Needham of Gooding in the consolation bracket. A pin in 1:39 by Dalton Arnzen of Fruitland ended Ineck’s tournament. Ineck scored six team points for the Huskies.

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