

# The Owyhee Avalanche



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## Gold medalist visits Marsing



### Armstrong brings St. Luke's donation to school

Olympic gold medalist Kristin Armstrong answers questions about physical fitness from students before a check presentation last week at Marsing Elementary School. For more on why the Olympic champion cyclist was in town, see the story on Page 2B.

## Marsing school bond election set for May

Patrons can weigh in on preliminary ideas beginning Monday

At their Jan. 12 meeting, Marsing school trustees set a bond election for May 17.

District superintendent Norm Stewart said the bond amount hasn't been determined yet.

"We're still deciding what the exact amount is going to be," Stewart said. "We're in the process of planning out what is needed for the district regarding future growth."

The district's bonding capacity is \$13.5 million.

"If that is done over a 30-year bond the taxpayers would see no increase within their tax rates from what they're already currently paying," Stewart said.

Stewart said a public process will begin Monday.

"We're planning a survey of the community running Jan. 25

(Monday) through Feb. 5 to get input. It's a phone survey to find out what they (district taxpayers) would support."

One priority for the funds could be remodeling the high school and adding classrooms.

"We would have Grades 6 through 12 in one building. Ultimately they would still be separated, but they would be moving the middle school from the current round building over to the new facility," Stewart said.

He added that the main locker areas for high school students and middle school students would be in two separate locations.

Combining the high school and middle school could save on some administrative costs.

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## Wills: Otter's budget focus is too narrow

Dist. 23 rep backs measures to boost water supply

by Nishant Mohan

For The Owyhee Avalanche

The Idaho State Legislature convened last week, though many lawmakers have said they felt their work in the summer never actually gave them a break.

Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter started the 64<sup>th</sup> session optimistically in his State of the State Address on Jan. 11, the first day of the session

"This is the first time, I feel like since 2008, that I didn't come to the Legislature for the 'State of the State apology' for what we had to cut and what we couldn't do and where we couldn't do it," Otter said after the address.

Otter focused on education in his \$3.3 billion budget proposal, which also includes redirecting of funds to his Primary Care Access healthcare plan, which he unveiled on Jan. 7.

Otter said his healthcare access plan is the "Idaho solution" to healthcare reform and is meant to

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## Homedale residents receive service academy nominations

Nash to graduate Naval prep school in May

A Homedale High School graduate and a senior at the school have been nominated to U.S. service academies.

Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho) and Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) have nominated Victoria "Tori" Nash to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and Dylan Burks to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) also nominated

Burks to West Point.

"This year's nominees have met the high standards required to attend our military academies, and each of them have demonstrated a level of commitment to our nation that is commendable," Risch said in announcing his statewide nominations.

"They are each truly deserving



Dylan Burks

of this honor and I applaud them for their efforts."

A 2015 HHS graduate, Nash is the daughter of Ryan and Heidi Nash. She enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) in Rhode Island after leaving Homedale. Crapo and Risch (R-Idaho) nominated Nash to the Naval Academy during her senior year at HHS. Labrador had nominated Nash for the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., when she was still in high school.

Tori's mother, Heidi, said her

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### HHS Class of 2016 sells desserts

Steve Nash acknowledges a bidder as he sells an item during a cake auction at halftime of the Homedale High School boys' basketball game Friday. The Class of 2016 raised \$3,600 for its graduation expenses. Softball coach Larry Corta, left, and senior Tristan Corta, right, were among the seniors who helped spot bidders or display cakes.

## Two-county pursuit ends in crash

### Caldwell man, woman arrested on multiple charges

A man wanted in Canyon County for a felony probation violation warrant was arrested while walking down the highway Friday morning hours after a car in which he was riding crashed during a chase.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 46-year-old Ricardo Lopez of Caldwell was taken into custody alongside Idaho highway 19 west of Homedale at 5:40 a.m.

Bowman said Deputy Chris

Even responded after a snowplow driver reported a man walking along the highway near Gully Road about one mile from the Oregon state line.

Lopez was the passenger in a vehicle that law enforcement officials had pursued from the Wilder area into Owyhee County about 4½ hours earlier, Bowman said.

The driver of the vehicle, 44-year-old Caldwell resident Joanne Gil, was arrested at the scene of the crash at about 1:16 a.m.

Bowman said Wilder Police initiated the pursuit in Canyon County, and OCSO and Homedale Police personnel picked up the chase once Gil drove into Homedale.

According to the Idaho courts

repository, Lopez was wanted on a \$50,000 warrant issued in November. He is accused of violating his probation stemming from a 2011 conviction for felony eluding a peace officer and misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Bowman said Lopez was transported to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after emergency medical personnel checked him out for possible hypothermia.

Gil was booked into Owyhee County Jail on a charge of eluding an officer.

Bowman said charges of drug paraphernalia possession and felony eluding could be pending in Canyon County from the incident.

— JPB

## Boise Olympian promotes healthy living at MES

### St. Luke's gives check for physical fitness pursuits

Marsing Elementary School students rubbed elbows with an Olympic gold medalist one morning last week.

Olympic champion cyclist Kristin Armstrong stopped by to present a check for \$6,000 from St. Luke's regional medical center's health foundation. The cyclist won two Summer Games gold medals from the time trial event in 2008 in Beijing and 2012 in London.

Before the check presentation, Armstrong — who is St. Luke's manager of community health — talked to the elementary students about physical fitness. She fielded questions from the boys and girls after the presentation.

"I get to wake up every morning and I look at my job as getting to change one life at a time," Armstrong said. "Being in the Marsing School District is just that. I get to come out here and be part of the school district and when it comes to donating money on behalf of St. Luke's, it's always an honor."

The check from St. Luke's FitOne program is just the beginning. St. Luke's and the school district will partner in the fall to develop a walking program at the elementary school.

Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart thinks most of the \$6,000 will be used to purchase physical education equipment as needed all grade levels, but some of it will go towards the new walking program.

"It's going to ultimately provide money for incentives to inspire kids to participate in the walking program," Stewart said.

As an example, the district might purchase T-shirts to reward children who walk a certain number of miles.

Janet Miller, director of business development for St. Luke's, lives in Marsing and heard through the grapevine that the district needed some new athletic equipment.

She then approached FitOne, a St. Luke's community program, which used to be known as the Boise Women's Fitness Celebration.

"It kind of changed identities last year, and now it's kind of an overall fitness program for the valley," Miller said. "They still have their big walk, but it's not just focused on women."

Funds raised through the walk and other events are distributed to efforts aimed at improving children's health.

"That's why we're giving this grant, because there's definitely a need in these rural areas, and we just thought Marsing was a great place to start," Miller said.

— SC

## Mobster who lived in Marsing faces trial

The mobster who hid out in Marsing for 17 years before being discovered will face federal charges originating from Idaho next month.

Enrico Michael Ponzo, who went by Jeffrey John "Jay" Shaw when he raised cattle outside Marsing, was sentenced to 28

years in prison in a Boston courtroom in 2014, bringing to a close the trial that ensued after he was recaptured in Owyhee County three years earlier.

Ponzo represented himself in that trial, and in September U.S. District of Idaho Judge Edward J. Lodge granted the man's request to represent himself when his trial on weapons and identity theft charges begins in the federal courtroom in Boise.

He's set for trial at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and Ponzo has informed the court he will seek a mental defect defense.

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# Aberasturi named BOCC chair

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has a new chairman for the first time in four years.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi was elected to lead the board for 2016 at a Jan. 11 reorganization. The appointment came after District 3 Commissioner and 2015 chair Joe Merrick of Grand View said he would take motions to nominate a chairman.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said the current chairman has held the position for a long time. Merrick succeeded Hoagland in 2012.

"I hate to say this, but I would like to nominate Kelly as chairman of the board," Hoagland said. "He's really stepped up to the plate this last year, especially on the Soda Fire."

He added that he thinks Aberasturi is very capable of leading the group.

Merrick then seconded Hoagland's motion.

"I'm very honored, gentlemen. I'll

accept, I guess," Aberasturi said. "Thank you. I really am honored, thank you."

Hoagland responded by saying Aberasturi deserves to be chairman.

The BOCC also changed the gasoline reimbursement rate for jurors, elected officials and county employees. The board approved resolution 2016-01 reducing the rate to 54 cents per mile, down a penny from 55 cents. County Clerk Angie Barkell mentioned that lower gas prices prompted the change.

Committee and department assignments were also set for 2016.

Aberasturi will continue as the representative to the Southwest District



Kelly Aberasturi

Health Board, Treasure Valley Partnership and Western Alliance for Economic Development.

Aberasturi will replace Merrick as the county's representative on the Third Judicial District Magistrates Commission, which — among other things — fills vacancies on the magistrate bench throughout the district.

Merrick will continue as supervisor for County Road and Bridge District 3, the Solid Waste Department and the Planning and Zoning Department.

Hoagland remains County Road and Bridge District 1 supervisor.

Aberasturi will serve as supervisor for the Probation Department and the Weed Department.

The county's indigent burial fee remains \$750.

Commissioners also re-affirmed The Owyhee Avalanche as the official county newspaper.

— SC

# State rep accused of killing wrong elk

District 23B Rep. Pete Nielsen has entered a not guilty plea to a wildlife misdemeanor.

Nielsen, who represents Owyhee County, Elmore County and part of Twin Falls County, appeared in Fourth District Magistrate Court last Wednesday.

The 77-year-old Mountain Home lawmaker is accused of possessing a spiked elk during an antlerless elk-only hunt last month, according to The Associated Press.

The Owyhee Avalanche was unsuccessful in attempts to independently confirm developments through the Elmore County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Fourth District Magistrate Court in Mountain Home. Citing an ongoing investigation, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Southwest Region Office referred inquiries to the county prosecutor.

The prosecutor's office did confirm that a conviction on the misdemeanor charge could carry a penalty of six months in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine. Hunting privileges could be suspended for one or two years.

Nielsen is due back in court in April, or after the conclusion of the 2016 Idaho Legislature session.

Nielsen is wrapping up his seventh term in Idaho House of Representatives. He faces re-election this year beginning with the May primary.

According to the Legislative Services Office, Nielsen serves on the House committees for Commerce & Human Resources; Environment, Energy and Technology; and State Affairs.



Pete Nielsen

# Man taken to hospital after ATV crash

A 44-year-old Kuna man was treated and released from a Nampa hospital after an ATV crash near Oreana.

Ricky Weighall was trying to climb a steep hill when his machine rolled over on top of him. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn

Bowman said the man sustained chest injuries.

Weighall was traveling with another rider in the Fossil Creek Recreation Area off Bates Creek Road sometime before 5 p.m. when the accident occurred.

Deputies, a Posse member and a former Posse member located Weighall after a short search.

Grand View Ambulance transported the man to a Nampa hospital because inclement weather grounded the LifeFlight helicopter, Bowman said.

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## ✓ Bond: District may combine high school, middle school

“You could ultimately, there have been no determinations in regard to this. With everyone being under one roof, you could do a principal and a vice-principal, rather than having two separate full-time principals,” Stewart said.

The plan would also include a new gymnasium. The old gym will primarily be used as a practice facility for athletes, but that’s not all.

“That would be a great opportunity to also use that as a community center, so that people could go in and rent out the facility for other community events,” Stewart said.

It hasn’t been determined what the middle school will be used for.

“There’s still lots of discussion with regard to that, anywhere from housing a preschool in that building to even the possibility of relocating the district office, but we’ll still use that building,” Stewart said.

He didn’t know if any money would be saved on maintenance.

“It’s unclear what the true savings would be, or if there would be any savings at all,” Stewart said. “That’s still in the planning stages at this point.”

District debt from a bond approved in September 2002 will be paid off in August 2017. The nearly \$2 million bond paid for the addition of five new classrooms at the high school, and a new kitchen facility and lunchroom.

“The remaining bond would be lumped into the package so that taxpayers wouldn’t see a sudden increase, and then it would just stay steady from the payoff of the 2017 bond when it drops off into the future bond,” Stewart said.

He added that district trustees haven’t decided when the new bond would go onto the tax rolls.

“Whether we’re going to wait until March of 2017 to sell the bonds, or if we would do a note and then be able to start the process sooner,” he said.

The state would pay a percentage of the interest on the bond.

A senate bill passed in the 2002 Idaho Legislature helped offset the interest costs of the last bond by nearly 76 percent.

The total principal for the last bond was \$1,985,000.

The total interest cost was \$1,238,082 of which the Marsing School District qualified to receive \$934,694 from the state. The state funding paid all but \$303,388 of the interest cost.

With the combined bond principal and interest, the state paid 29 percent of the total bond debt.

Stewart believes the assistance from the state would be slightly

less for the new bond.

“I think the state would cover 18 percent but I’m not exactly sure on that percentage,” he said.

In October, district business manager Deb Holzhey said there were no plans to tackle any new construction in the next two years.

Stewart said thinking about the fact that the last bond will be paid off next year, and that taxpayers wouldn’t see an increase, changed the trustees’ minds.

“You’re still looking at a year or two off from starting the construction,” he said. “So there is still a little bit of time before that would start, even though we are going out and trying to pass the bond in May.”

Like the 2002 bond, the measure will require a super majority of a 66 2/3 approval rate.

The nearly \$2 million bond passed by 78 percent with 344 voting for and 98 against 14 years ago.

It took two tries to pass the last bond. An election held in February 2002 only received 64 percent approval. Of the 420 votes cast in that election, 269 voted yes, but it was not enough to override the 151 who said no to the bond.

## Jail, probation ordered for DUI

A Grand View man will serve probation and three days in a work release program for misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Stetson R. Dick was sentenced on two of the four original misdemeanor charges he faced after his Sept. 20 arrest.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced Dick to 18 months’ supervised probation and took away his driving privileges for six months. Dick also must pay \$900 in fines and court fees.

Grober suspended 175 days of a six-month jail sentence and gave Dick credit for two days served in Owyhee County Jail.

Dick entered a guilty plea Nov. 23 to DUI and driving without privileges. Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped misdemeanor resisting arrest and open container charges.

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### Correction

A Jordan Valley girls’ basketball photo in last week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche was misidentified. The player in the photo is Regann Skinner.




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Homedale High School graduate Tori Nash stands on the deck of a ship docked in Battleship Cove at maritime museum in Fall River, Mass. Submitted photo

## ✓ Academy: Tori Nash gets second Naval nomination

daughter is on track to graduate from prep school in May, and that the second year of nominations makes it highly probable that she will receive an Academy appointment. Appointees report to Annapolis on June 28, she said.

During her time at NAPS, Nash has served as team manager for the wrestling team and has traveled to weekend tournaments in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

During a weeklong visit to the Academy in October, the former HHS softball standout practiced with the Academy's softball team, he mother said.

Life at the prep school includes classes five days a week, studying physics, calculus, chemistry and English. She also has a sports period each day. Prep school students drill on Fridays.

A senior at HHS, Burks is an honors student and also helped lead the Trojans football team to the 3A state semifinals in the fall. He was named a first-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference linebacker after the season.

He's the son of Michelle and

Brian Burks.

"It is a high honor to nominate these extraordinary young Idahoans to the ... service academies," Rep. Labrador said. "These fine young men and women meet the difficult requirements to earn their nominations and I offer my congratulations to every one of them."

"They deserve our support and respect as they step up to serve our country. I am confident these young men and women will make their families, communities and the state of Idaho proud."

Crapo said: "The work these young women and men put into pursuing an education through one of our nation's service academies demonstrates their exemplary commitment, strength and leadership capabilities. I congratulate each of them on their nomination and have every confidence they will continue to represent the best of Idaho for years to come."

Labrador's office said that the nominees could receive acceptance offers in the spring. They still must be appointed to the academies.

— JPB

## Meet the Avalanche's legislative reporters

**Nishant Mohan** will be reporting from the State Capitol for The Owyhee Avalanche as well as four other papers around the state — The Power County Press, The Aberdeen Times, Bonner County Daily Bee, and The Idaho County Free Press. His reporting is sponsored through an internship with the University of Idaho McClure Center for Public Policy Research.

"I look forward to covering the Legislature for a diverse group of audiences," he said. "I can't wait to get to know different Idahoans I am not currently familiar with."

Mohan is a sophomore studying journalism at the University of Idaho's School of Journalism and Mass Media. He wrote for the student newspaper, The Argonaut, where he first developed his passion for journalism. His work also appears at Idaho Public Radio, the journalism school's news outlet.

He grew up in Boise where he planned to go into a STEM field before accidentally finding his interest in journalism.

Nishant Mohan can be reached on Twitter @ NishantRMohan.

**Taylor Nadauld** is studying journalism and political science at the University of Idaho and will be graduating in the fall. She is currently working as a news reporter intern sponsored by the McClure Center and the UI School of Journalism and Mass Media to cover the 2016 Idaho Legislature.



Nishant Mohan, left, and Taylor Nadauld stand in the Statehouse rotunda. Submitted photo

Nadauld was born and raised in Idaho Falls. She moved to Coeur d'Alene to study journalism at North Idaho College in 2014, where she worked as lead reporter for the Sentinel and earned her associate degree in journalism in 2015. She transferred to the University of Idaho in Moscow where she was a reporter for the Argonaut.

Nadauld will be reporting for Bonner County Daily Bee, The Owyhee Avalanche, Idaho County Free Press, and The Power County Press, The Aberdeen Times, and Idaho Public Radio. You can find her on Twitter @tnadauldarg.

## ✓ Budget: 2016 Legislature gets under way

address the "gap population" of people who cannot afford insurance but make too much money to be eligible for Medicaid.

On education, Otter proposed a 7.9 percent increase in K-12 spending. He also proposed increases to "K-through-Career" spending including a tuition lock to keep higher education tuition constant for all four years a student attends. The lock-in would require a student maintain a certain grade-point average and finish in four years.

"Frankly, I'm convinced that we would see this as our highest priority even if it wasn't in our constitution"

Dist. 23A Rep. Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) said he thinks the governor's number is too high.

"We have far more needs than just education," the representative for Owyhee County, Elmore County and the rural portion of western Twin Falls County said.

Otter's budget proposal also includes recommendations for \$2 million and a one-time transfer of \$10 million of funding for water sustainability projects including aquifer recharge and monitoring.

Wills said water is an important resource to farmers and ranchers in his district and that he supports measures that manage scarcity issues.

"We're not about to sell our water rights to another state," Wills said.

Though Otter introduced a healthcare plan and increases to education, Democrats responded negatively.

Minority leadership criticized the plan, dubbing the program "Ottercare." In their official response, Senate Minority Leader Michelle Stennett of Ketchum and House Asst. Minority Leader Mat Erpelding of Boise criticized the cost of the plan, saying it would be triple the price of simply expand-

ing Medicaid.

On education, they criticized the goal to return to 2009 levels of funding, saying it is not enough and that schools are still struggling.

"More school districts than ever are forced to pass supplemental levies to survive — unfair taxes that residents pass to protect their children," Stennett said.

— Nishant Mohan and Taylor Nadauld, both University of Idaho students, are covering the 2016 Idaho Legislature session for The Owyhee Avalanche as interns supported by the U of I's McClure Center for Public Policy Research. This is the second year that the Avalanche and the McClure Center have collaborated on the project, which assists a handful of weekly newspapers around the state. Nadauld also is reporting for Idaho Public Radio.



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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Jan. 20: Homemade pork burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar  
 Jan. 21: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup, veggie & fruit bar  
 Jan. 25: Hot dog, tater tots, veggie & fruit bar  
 Jan. 26: Spaghetti, green beans, veggie & fruit bar  
 Jan. 27: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar

## Homedale Middle

Jan. 20: Pork chop or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit & salad bar  
 Jan. 21: Cheesy lasagna or mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, cookie, fruit & salad bar  
 Jan. 25: Nachos or toasted cheese sandwich, fruit & salad bar  
 Jan. 26: Wiener wrap or calzone, string cheese, fruit & salad bar  
 Jan. 27: Hamburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar

## Homedale High

Jan. 20: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice  
 Jan. 21: Chicken parmesan w/pasta or corn dog, green beans, salad bar, fruit choice  
 Jan. 25: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice  
 Jan. 26: Hot dog w/baked beans or pork chop w/potatoes/gravy & buttered bread, salad bar, fruit choice  
 Jan. 27: Cheesy lasagna or BBQ pulled chicken sandwich, corn, salad bar, fruit choice

## Marsing

Jan. 20: Chicken squealer or fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding variety, salad bar & soup  
 Jan. 21: PB&J w/chips or pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, salad bar & soup  
 Jan. 25: Hot dog w/baked beans or egg roll & fried rice, mixed vegetables, jello w/topping, salad bar & soup  
 Jan. 26: Orange chicken & rice or ham/cheese sandwich w/sun chips, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup  
 Jan. 27: Spaghetti w/Italian breadstick or beef finger steaks, green beans, salad bar & soup  
 Jan. 28: Chicken fried steak or oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, roll, salad bar & soup

## Bruneau-Grand View

Jan. 20: Orange chicken, steamed rice, stir-fry veggie, fruit  
 Jan. 21: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato, corn, fruit  
 Jan. 22: Ham/cheese on bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fresh fruit  
 Jan. 26: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fruit  
 Jan. 27: Chicken patty/bun, romaine salad, baby carrots, fruit  
 Jan. 28: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit

# Obituaries

## Gary Moran

Gary Moran, 75, of Caldwell, Idaho was born March 7, 1940 and passed January 15, 2016.

Mr. Moran is survived by his daughter Katrina and husband, Cary Abernathy; son, Blaine

Moran; step-son, Josh Terry; grandchildren, Audrey and Kynlee Abernathy, Alanah and Natalie Hernandez; two sisters, Phyliss Wallace, and Susan Morris; numerous nieces and

nephews.

No services are planned at this time.

An online guestbook may be signed at [www.reeder-davis.com](http://www.reeder-davis.com)

## Eloise Ruth Ward

1924-2016



Eloise Ward, 91, died peacefully in her sleep in her home near Kuna on January 11, 2016, from congestive heart failure.

Services will be held at Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell at 2:00 on January 23. A reception and dinner will be held at 5250 Hoodoo Lane, Kuna, about 4:00. Everyone is welcome.

Eloise was born in the high plains of Wyoming. It was a hard, tough ranching life, yet she remembered the joys of it. Joy and toughness were really the threads of her life.

She married Conley Ward, Sr., after World War II. They lived in Salem, Oregon, while Conley finished college. Then they homesteaded near Notus. Eloise got tired of milking cows and returned to teaching. Eloise and Conley moved to a farm in the Opaline area by Marsing. Later they moved into the newly formed Vallivue School District.

Eloise was the first director of the Caldwell Migrant Labor Camp childcare program. She enlisted her five children to paint the main hall and fix bicycles.

Eloise painted the falcon that adorned the Vallivue gym for many years and was honored as the Vallivue High School Distinguished Parent of the Year

in 1987. When she saw a need, she plunged in.

Eloise attended her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in all their endeavors. This year, her children doubted she would survive until Christmas, but she did, and in a wheelchair traveled to Adrian to watch her great-grandchildren play basketball.

She loved gardens and flowers. Perhaps that was a remnant of the sparse Wyoming desert she grew up in. On her upended five-gallon bucket, she was cutting weeds in her ninety-first year. She told her concerned children, "I'll only work until I'm tired." She tired but didn't tell. She didn't know how to complain.

One oft-repeated mantra was "Hard work solves many problems." Another was "Life only gives you what you can handle." One more: "Never give up."

She was the glue of a wide-ranging family, a strong woman of common sense and utter lack of selfishness.

Eloise was a staunch Democrat, not overtly partisan, but believed that a person of every station deserved a fair shake.

Eloise loved horse-racing. She owned some horses and was truly the matriarch of the Les Bois racetrack. Her greatest pleasure, it seemed, was to have family members share her bet.

Eloise is survived by too many to list. Her survivors strive to be like her.

Perhaps foremost in this rancher daughter's mind was the power of education. She taught for 47 years, 33 at Washington Elementary in Caldwell. She was teacher of the year in 1985.

She was proud that all of her five children and thirteen grandchildren graduated from college. Sometimes people asked her, "How did you get them to do it?"

Eloise said, "We expected them to."

# Death notices

**ROBERT GLENN BRIGGS**, 82, of Marsing, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**NINA JEAN DREES**, 91, of Spokane, formerly of Homedale and Nampa, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 in Spokane, Wash., of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

**SHAROL A. FINK**, 75, of Parma, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016 at a Homedale care center. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at Golden Gate Baptist Church, 201 B Ave., Wilder. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

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# You don't have to eat alone

As you deal with the hustle and bustle of a new year and its new responsibilities, it might surprise you to find out that the majority of individuals are consuming their meals alone.

A 2015 report issued by the Food Marketing Institute (FMI), an industry trade association, revealed that Americans consume approximately half of all meals and snacks by themselves. The frequency varies by meal. At breakfast, 53 percent are eaten alone (at home, in the car, or at one's desk) and at lunch the number is 45 percent. Dinner is the meal that is the least likely to be eaten alone; approximately 75 percent of all suppers are eaten with other individuals.

There are several reasons why eating alone has increased. The first reason is an increase in the



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number of single family American households. From 1970 to 2012, the percentage of households that had one person grew from 17 percent to 27 percent. The second reason is that people are pressed for time. For example, many adults eat breakfast on the go, stopping at fast food restaurants. Similarly, many Americans either eat lunch at their desks or skip lunch altogether.

What about dinner? Many individuals still do not enjoy dining alone at dinner. Instead, they are eating at home and relying more on delivery from restaurants or picking up prepared meals at grocery stores.

There are positive and negative aspects to eating alone. On the positive side, some studies show that eating alone is associated with consuming smaller food portions. On the negative side, the food that is eaten is less nutritious.

It may be that eating alone never directly applies to you and that

all of your meals are spent with others. However, if you do find yourself considering the times that you are eating alone versus with others, start considering ways to enjoy meals as a group. For example, I know that I eat breakfast way too frequently on the go. One way that I can rectify this is by getting up as little as 15 minutes sooner, and provide the opportunity to sit down and enjoy my oatmeal at home with my spouse. Live alone? Try looking at dining options at some of the local restaurants that can be morning hot-spots.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. The source for this week's column is <http://www.fmi.org/news-room/latest-news/view/2015/06/10/u.s.-grocery-shopper-trends-cites-new-approaches-to-mealtime>.

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# SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 23, Saturday, January 20, 1866

WANTED — A Bank in Owyhee. Any one of the well-known and responsible banking houses of California could open a branch bank in Owyhee to their profit and the great benefit of our community. There is now an immense business done by mining and milling companies depositing their funds in the coast cities and New York, and selling drafts at from 1 1/2 to 8 per cent. premium. Even this accommodates the public more than it benefits the companies. Coin is sold at 10 percent premium for *clean* Bannock dust — and hardly obtainable at any price. While this species of buying, selling and exchanging dust, bars, coin, currency, &c, goes on, we may expect high rates of exchange, a miserable circulating medium of unknown value in most people, and a general demoralization in financial affairs. A well conducted, sound bank is the only thing that will suppress the circulation of gold dust at rates far above its real value. By this means alone can we expect the much needed monetary reform. A bank would establish the buying rates upon dust, bars and legal tender notes, and business transactions would be adapted to them. The establishment of a bank would be the precursor of an early and general use of coin. Dust would become an article of merchandise as it should; it would be bought at its full value, less the cost of transportation. The laborer would receive his pay in coin as he deserves, and goods would be sold 20 percent cheaper than at present. To attempt to change or regulate the current rates of receiving and paying out dust by a public meeting, would scarcely be as successful as an attempt to find virtue and honesty in politicians. Evils that can't be cured must be endured; and until a sound, well managed bank is established, the recent currency evil must be endured willingly or unwillingly.

WE HAVE GOOD reason to believe that our place will soon be connected with Virginia, Nevada, by a daily mail — and a liberal contract given to carry it. Senator Stewart, of Nevada, has taken the matter in hand and his efforts are uniformly successes. He can hardly do his own State or Idaho a greater favor than by securing this service. A continual stream of passengers, bullion, and express freight would go out over the line daily. It would tend more quickly to develop northern Nevada than any on public act. The rich valleys would soon teem with hardy pioneers, stock and all the farm products that are much needed, and at present so costly in our mines. Nevada journals and representatives can do their State and Territory a service by pressing this matter.

## Homedale Boosters crab feed tickets still available

Homedale Boosters Crab and Steak Feed tickets are on sale, but high school co-athletic director Casey Grove says tables are going fast.

The fourth annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Tickets are \$45 apiece or \$400 for a table that seats eight. Tickets can be purchased from high school athletes or by contact Grove at 340-4611 or [cgrove@homedaleschools.org](mailto:cgrove@homedaleschools.org).

The event begins with a 6 p.m. social hour, and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

# Calendar

## Today

### Coffee club

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

### Preschool Story Time

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

### After-school program

3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

### Kid's Club

4 p.m. to 5 p.m., open to all school-aged children, Crossroads Church, Idaho highway 19 and U.S. Highway 95, Wilder. (208) 789-3432

### Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., kindergarten through sixth grade, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

## Thursday

### Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

### Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting

7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at [www.sd365.us](http://www.sd365.us)). (208) 834-2260

### AA meetings

7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

## Friday

### Blood pressure clinic

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

### Story Time

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

### Homedale mobile food pantry

10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

### Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee

Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

## Saturday

### Family movie night

6 p.m., movie, games, refreshments, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

## Sunday

### Young Life meeting

6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 794-1048

## Monday

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

## Tuesday

### Blood pressure clinic

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

### Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

### Senior center pinocle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359

### After-school Story Time

4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Kindergarteners through third-graders. (208) 896-4690

### STEM Family Night

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

### AA meetings

7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

## Wednesday

### Coffee club

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

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# New Marsing city officials sworn into office

## Revised planning and zoning map approved

New leadership is at the helm for the City of Marsing. During last Wednesday's city council meeting, new Mayor James Ferdinand, new city council member Marie Herman, and returning councilman Chris Even took their oaths of office.

After the swearing-in process, a public hearing began on a revision of the city's planning and zoning map. About six or seven citizens were in attendance, but no one voiced comments or concerns about the proposed map.

City engineer Amy Woodruff said the revisions show small changes in what is zoned commercial and what is not. The Reich Street area where Owyhee County's government satellite office is located was one of the spots rezoned.

Department of Motor Vehicles is one of the spots that were rezoned.

"The planning and zoning commission wanted it zoned commercial, which is the actual use and reflects what it's being used for," Woodruff said.

The old map showed the county office, which houses the Division of Motor Vehicles, a sheriff's substation and other offices, as public. The revisions also show the schools as public, not commercial.

Councilman Aron Streibel asked why the fire station is now zoned as commercial, not public. City attorney Stephanie Bonney responded by saying the building doesn't have to be public and it doesn't matter either way.

Woodruff pointed out that the area of the LDS church was formerly zoned as public but is now residential.

She had previously stated that

the idea behind the new map was to guide where specific types of future growth in the city should take place.

The council approved the revised map.

During the city council meeting, Woodruff gave an update on the renovation of Island Park. The only phase of the project that remains is paving both sides of the parking lot.

The paving work was scheduled for this year, but Woodruff now wants to see how the new gravel performs over the next 12 months.

Woodruff also wants to see how the planned reconstruction of the Snake River bridge is finalized, and she doesn't think there's any urgency in doing the paving.

"The gravel is beautiful. It functions really well," Woodruff said. "We certainly don't want to place pavement just to place pavement. It may be that the area doesn't even warrant being paved. It might function better as gravel."

She suggested that any Island Park work done this fiscal year might be better directed at repairing or replacing the boat ramp.

Even agreed.

"If we went forward with anything, I think the boat ramp is first, and then pave after that," the councilman said.

The council decided to make the boat ramp work a priority over paving.

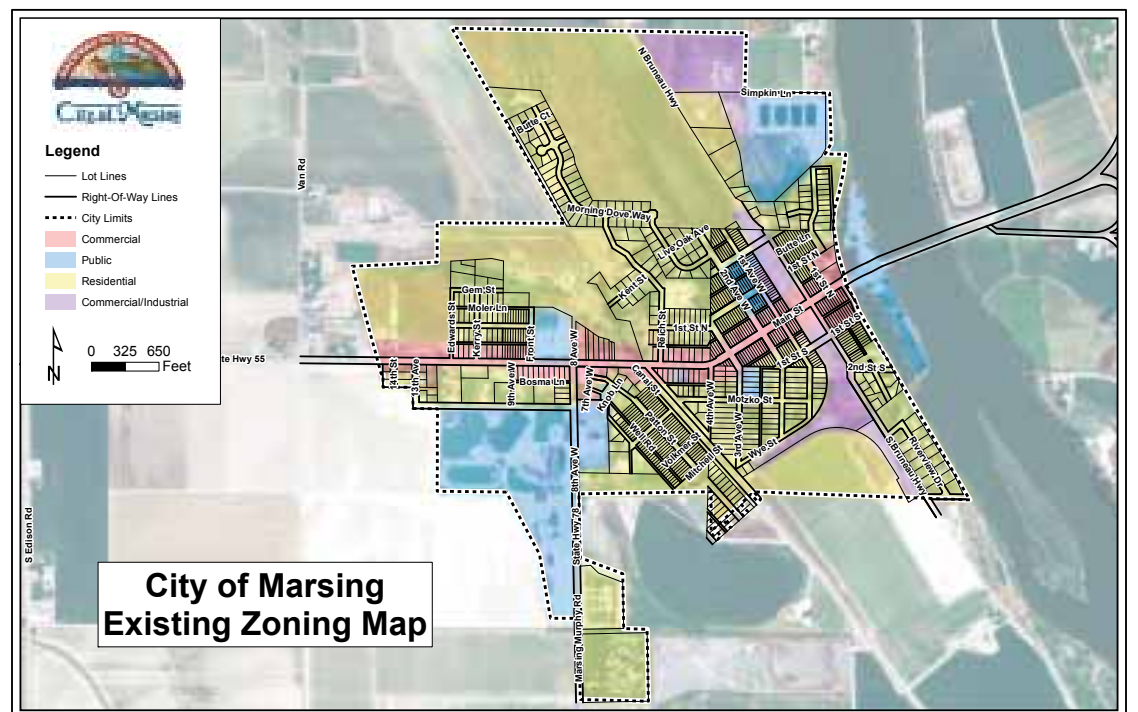
The council also approved a lease amendment for the Bureau of Land Management Owyhee Field Office building at 20 1st Ave. W.

Bonney called the revised agreement a win-win for the city, because the federal agency wants to make improvements to the building.

"They are going to do the improvements, they are going to pay for the improvements, but



Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi, far left, administers the oath of office to, from left, incoming Mayor James Ferdinand, new city council member Marie Herman, and returning council member Chris Even.



The Marsing City Council adopted this zoning map after a public hearing last Wednesday.

any improvements that are actually part of the building, such as new carpet, the countertops, the city will get to keep that," Bonney said. "Essentially we're getting renovations to the building at no cost to the city."

She added that if the BLM office does leave Marsing — as has been discussed in the recent past

— the new security system, identification card readers, and other removable items would be taken by the agency.

Last summer acting BLM Boise District manager Jenifer Arnold said the Owyhee office won't leave Marsing.

Bonney also said municipal code amendments for the city are

almost ready for consideration.

The council will discuss about half of the amendments during a special meeting at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The rest of the amendments will require a public hearing before they can be adopted. Bonney said she is in the process of scheduling that meeting.

— SC

## Homedale Elementary sets STEM family night

A Homedale Elementary School family night will focus on what some see as the most important elements of an education.

STEM Family Night will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Activities will focus on science, technology, engineering and math, the four areas that make up the acronym STEM.

"There are so many jobs becoming available that are in the STEM field," organizer Kayla Blackstock, a first-grade teacher, said. "STEM is something that is so important to me, and I believe that to get our kids excited about STEM, we need to promote it."

Event organizers bill STEM as the future of the workforce, saying that it incorporates project-based learning and encourages students to use their own ideas to solve the same problem in their own way.

Dinner will be served and there will be door prizes and family STEM activities.

"This event is not only to promote STEM, but it is also putting a heavy emphasis on family togetherness," Blackstock said.

Some of the activities include:

- **Towering Towers** — Families build a tower as high as they can using toilet paper rolls and computer paper

- **Keeping a boat afloat** — The boat is made from tin foil, and

the families have to try to keep it afloat as they put 50 pennies onto the boat one by one.

- **Creating the biggest crater** — Families will throw marbles into a container filled with flour and cocoa powder. The trick is to make the marble hit in such a way that creates the largest crater.

- **Making a lava lamp** — "At each station, the family can earn tickets by working as a family," Blackstock said. "They will then be able to put those tickets into the drawing for STEM door prizes."

At 6:30 p.m., participants will take up the challenge of creating the human hand. Door prize drawings will follow.

Blackstock said families will build a hand using a plastic spoon, fork, paper clips and rubber bands.

"After the family has made a hand they think can pick up different items, they test it," she said.

Middle school principal Amy Winters, in a report to the school board last week, said the HMS National Junior Honor Society chapter will help out during the STEM night.

The chapter members are Lizzy Schamber, Daniel Uranga, Julia Gomez, Katelyn Butler, Maggie Johnson, Gage Purdom, Abbie Gray, Juliette Larzelier, Nyelah Johnson and Christina Guzman.

Sally Gonser and Amy Hopkins are the chapter's new advisors.

## Street sweeper stolen from local field

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is still looking for leads regarding the disappearance of an agricultural firm's street sweeper earlier this month.

A Broyce self-propelled sweeper owned by DeRuyter Dairy was taken out of a field near the corner of Thompson and Market roads.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the theft took place sometime between noon on Jan. 6 and noon Jan. 7.

The sweeper, which Bowman said is valued at \$1,000, is a cab-over model, rusty brown in color, with the passenger-side window broken out.

Anyone with information can call OCSO at (208) 495-1154.

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# Atkins named Homedale City Council president

## City will replace public works UTVs

Steve Atkins starts his second Homedale City Council term with a new title.

Atkins and Aaron Tines took the oath of office during last Wednesday's first meeting of the year.

Soon afterward, Jerry Anderson, the newest council member, nominated Atkins to succeed Tines as council president.

Tines, who started his third term on the board, had served as council president for the past couple years.

Atkins and Tines will serve four-year terms.

## Council approves UTV purchase with 3-1 vote

The City of Homedale will spend nearly \$22,000 to update its public works UTV fleet.

Some elected officials voiced skepticism about public works supervisor Bret Smith's plan to buy two UTVs to replace those in service, but at the end of a discussion every councilperson but Atkins approved the purchase.

The council will decide what to do with the existing UTVs at a meeting in the near future.

Tines said he wanted to see the 2002 Kawasaki 3020 and the 2007 Kawasaki Mule 600 declared surplus and sold at auction, but Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller asked if a plan to keep the 600cc for law enforcement use was still an option.

"My take is we need to take care of our equipment," Tines said. "If we could auction off both, I would be in favor of buying both at this time."

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said he opposed replacing both vehicles at this time.

Tines eventually voted to buy both machines, even though the council never settled the issue of whether the used vehicles would be auctioned or retained.

Smith will purchase a diesel-powered 2016 Kawasaki Mule Pro-DX and a smaller, gasoline-powered 2016 Kawasaki Mule 600. The larger vehicle, which is a 4-wheel-drive model, lists for \$13,800, while the smaller 2WD machine costs \$6,750.

The council also opted to pay \$1,200 for an extended warranty on the larger vehicle.

Smith's report to the council included resale estimates from Pickett Auction Co., of \$3,000 for each existing machine. The city paid about \$7,300 for the larger

Kawasaki 3020 in 2002, and a little more than \$5,500 for the Mule in 2007.

Smith said the 2002 Kawasaki has about 2,000 hours on it, and the city spent more than \$1,700 for repairs in 2014 and 2015. The 2006 Kawasaki has 2,100 hours, and the city spent \$215 on repairs in the past two years.

Smith pointed out that, though five years newer, the larger machine is the workhorse of the fleet and takes more of a beating.

Eidemiller wants the city to keep the 600cc vehicle so code enforcement officer Harvey Gist can use it for his rounds as well as for use during crowd events, such as parades or the Angel Walk fun run, or to pull the HPD radar trailer into place.

Christoffersen and Smith also like the idea of holding on to the smaller machine as a backup for the new purchases.

In other public works developments, Smith told the council that every streetlight in the city now has been repaired and is operational. A rash of vehicle mishaps damaged several lampposts and light globes and had Smith scrambling to find parts over the past year. About six were damaged, and individuals responsible paid either out of pocket or through their insurance, city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram said.

## Succor Creek water line bid process begins

Riedesel Engineering Inc., has contacted five contractors to initiate the informal bid process for moving the water main that runs under Succor Creek.

The project, which is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$85,000 must be completed before the Idaho Transportation Department begins realigning and replacing the Idaho highway 19 bridge over the creek west of Homedale in mid-March.

Pegram said under the informal bid process, the city — through Riedesel — is required to seek bids from three contractors. The engineers decided to invite five firms to apply.

Bids must be received by Friday.

## No decision on painting city's old water tower

The city council isn't keen on the idea of spending thousands of dollars in taxpayer money to repaint the historic water tower



**Above:** City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram swears in city councilmen Aaron Tines, left, and Steve Atkins at the beginning of last Wednesday's meeting. **Below:** The owner of one of the city's mobile home parks wants the council to move forward on painting the graffiti-splattered water tank near the corner of South 1<sup>st</sup> Street West and West Colorado Avenue.

that stands as one of the highest points in Homedale.

Christoffersen revealed that Bill Cushing, the out-of-the-area owner of the Sunset Mobile Home Park, is the man who asked the city to consider painting the defunct tower that looms above the city shop near the corner of West Colorado Avenue and South 1<sup>st</sup> Street West.

But council members balked at the idea of dipping into city coffers to pay for the refurbishment, which some guessed would cost as much as \$20,000.

"I think it would be nice, but it would have to be a fundraising effort," Tines said. "That's the only way I see it being done."

Christoffersen said Cushing suggested fundraising in his letter, too.

Atkins said the job is too risky for city employees to undertake, and the insurance risk most likely is too high to allow untrained volunteers to take a shot at the project.

Bids will be solicited, and the council may discuss the matter again during its Feb. 10 meeting.

One thing was put the rest — the idea of scrapping the historic tank.

"It is a landmark," Atkins said. "I wouldn't be in favor of that at all."

— JPB



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# HMS young scientists off to BSU, aiming for D.C.

## Future City regional contest set for Saturday

The soldering guns have been unplugged, and the cap is back on the wood glue. The Homedale Middle School Future City team is ready for regional finals Saturday at Boise State University.

The 19 students, led by middle school science teacher and second-year advisor Kim Portwood, began working on their city at the start of the school year.

A first-place finish Saturday will send the team to the Future City national finals in Washington, D.C. next month, like the HMS team did in 2011.

Portwood describes the project as: "A competition where students build a city of the future when given a specific theme, and it has to be like a working city, and it has to function efficiently."

The 2016 team includes DeLaynie Dorsey, Weston Dorsey, Garrett Elordi, Christina Guzman, Abigail Henry, Wyatt James, Maggie Johnson, Nyelah Johnson, Belisia Larzelier, Juliette Larzelier, John Lejardi, Madison Miller, Ashley Moore, Gage Purdom, Roberto Salazar, Elizabeth Schamber, Brady Trout, Daniel Uranga and Téa Uranga.

There are four parts to the competition: a physical model of the city, an essay about the city, a computer simulation of the city, and a presentation.

"(Competition judges) take the numbers, what the score is on each one of those, and they add them up, and whoever gets the best score wins the competition," Portwood said.

Future City isn't just a project for HMS. It is a one-semester elective class that is actually called Advance Science 1. The



Sixth-grader John Lejardi, son of Margaret and Steve Lejardi, puts finishing touches on a piece of the physical model for the Future City project. This is Lejardi's first year participating in the competition.

class ended last month.

This was eighth-grader Daniel Uranga's third Future City class. The 14-year-old son of Jen and Tony Uranga said he wanted to join the class again so he could show the younger students what he learned the previous two years. He and Juliette are the only eighth-graders on the team.

The theme of this year's competition — "Waste Not, Want Not" — challenged students to create solid waste management systems of the future.

The city Daniel helped build includes several buildings aimed at that goal.

"One is a plasma gasification center that uses plasma torches to melt and burn stuff without

pollution, so that was one of the main things," Daniel said.

The plasma gasification center was also his favorite technological advancement in the project. Such waste-to-energy facilities are currently being used in several places around the world.

Daniel will be one of the team's three main presenters Saturday. Portwood knows the presenters get very nervous before the regional finals.

"They know that they're going to be facing four or five adult judges talking to them, and listening to their presentation," Portwood said. "Then afterwards they know that the judges can ask them any question they want, and the kids have to, right on the

## HMS Future City teams

- **Physical model:** Abigail Henry, Belisia Larzelier, Juliette Larzelier, Madison Miller, Roberto Salazar, Elizabeth Schamber and Daniel Uranga

- **Presentation:** Nyelah Johnson, Ashley Moore, Daniel Uranga. Juliette Larzelier is the alternate presenter.

- **Essay team:** Maggie Johnson, Nyelah Johnson, Ashley Moore and Téa Uranga

- **Computer simulation:** Weston Dorsey, Garrett Elordi, Christina Guzman, Wyatt James, John Lejardi, Gage Purdom and Brady Trout.

Advisor Kim Portwood said DeLaynie Dorsey served as a "floater" helping all of the teams as needed.

gineer Don Vander Boegh, volunteers an hour of his time each week, and more in the final weeks leading up to regionals.

"He likes working with the kids, and he's super-patient," Portwood said. "He deserves an award. He's a huge help because the kids look up to him. He's what they're aspiring to be. When we're planning, he always turns the tables and we look at it from a different angle."

Daniel wants to thank Vander Boegh for his help with the classes.

"We've gotten out of a few tough situations with problems with the projects by his brain," he said.

HMS has been participating in Future City for seven years. Portwood thinks the class gives students a good idea of engineering work in the real world.

"Sometimes they'll start things, they'll try it and it won't work, and they try 10 different ways and finally figure out a way that works," Portwood said. "Then you see them have their little 'ah-ha' moment."

She added that her involvement as an advisor means something to her personally.

"It gives me a sense of pride. Hopefully some of them are going to aspire to go on and become an engineer," Portwood said.

Daniel said this year's theme for Future City sent an important lesson, because he thinks improper management of solid waste is a big problem for the world.

"Because there's islands of plastic floating in the oceans, and also landfills build up," he said. "Some of the stuff in the landfills won't go away. It'll just sit there for a long time. So if we could find a good way to get rid of it then our Earth wouldn't have some of the problems it does."

— SC

spot, come up with an answer."

The judges at Saturday's finals are professional engineers from different engineering firms in the area.

Seeing the other cities built by his competition is Daniel's favorite thing about the finals, and he thinks the HMS team is better prepared than in years past.

He added that the class has enhanced his STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning in one way in particular.

"A lot of it is knowing the terminology of engineering, because they say a lot of stuff that's kind of confusing at the competition," Daniel said.

The team's mentor engineer, Homedale resident and civil en-



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# Bruneau PTO seeks carnival volunteers

Organizers are looking for help for the upcoming Bruneau Elementary PTO Winter Wonderland fundraiser.

The carnival and nacho bar will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the elementary school.

Sponsors, volunteers and bakers are needed. Call (208) 845-2252 to get involved.

The nacho bar dinner will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12, while children 4 and younger eat for free. The menu includes the nacho bar, a drink and dessert.

Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m., and the carnival will start at 6 p.m.

Carnival tickets will cost 50 cents each, and games include a bean bag toss, fishing, dice race, bingo, pop toss, a duck pond, cake walk and deck of cards. There also will be a photo booth, jail and face painting.

# Anniversary



Joyce and Raymond Heidt, 1956



Raymond and Joyce Heidt, 2006

# Marsing couple marks 60 years of marriage

A family celebration was held Saturday to mark the 60th wedding anniversary of Raymond and Joyce Heidt of Marsing. Their anniversary date was Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016.

Ray met Joyce upon his return from the Korean conflict.

After a short engagement, they

were wed on Jan. 17, 1956 in the LDS temple in Idaho Falls prior to Ray's mobilization to Germany with the U.S. Army.

The Heidts' family would include five children: Ruth, Elizabeth, Stephen, Joseph and John-Thomas.

The couple has 12 grandsons.



# Husky PRIDE award

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# SBOC manager: 2016 could be better water year

## New irrigation district directors sworn in

South Board of Control (SBOC) manager Clancy Flynn is trying to be optimistic about snowpack levels that will supply the Homedale-Marsing area with irrigation water this summer.

He gave directors a brief water report during the monthly meeting of the irrigation districts Jan. 12.

Flynn said that on Jan. 12, 2015 the Owyhee Reservoir was 12 percent full. The reservoir was 11 percent full at the time of last week's meeting.

"Now we're behind where we were at last year by a little bit," Flynn said. "This December, versus last year's (2014) December, we were a little bit warmer by about a degree on average. We were almost an inch and a half less (on precipitation) for here in Homedale. (But) up in our watershed, we're better."

He added that if the area continues to get storms, it could be a slightly better water year than 2015.

"It's still a little too early to really make any kinds of predictions but at least it looks good so far," Flynn said.

By press time Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 12 percent full with 82,783 acre-feet of water.

The reservoir provides water for 118,000 irrigated acres around Homedale and Marsing and in Malheur County, Oregon.

To guarantee a good water supply year, the reservoir needs about 450,000 acre-feet of storage water.

A new report from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service says snowpacks across Idaho's southern border are 160

to 190 percent of normal.

The drought-ridden Bruneau basin is off to its best start since 1997 and the third-highest since 1984.

"January 15<sup>th</sup> marks winter's halfway point, which is when Mother Nature usually deposits half of the winter's snowfall in our mountains," water supply specialist Ron Abramovich said in a press release.

During last week's meetings at the SBOC office in Homedale, the irrigation districts were reorganized for the new year.

Reorganization of the Ridgeview board began with new director John Lax taking the oath of office.

Bret Nielson nominated Mark Aman to be chairman, and the motion was seconded by Lax. Nielson then nominated Lax to be vice-chair, which was seconded by Aman.

The reorganization of the Gem district board began with Ryan Criffield, Chris Landa and new director Steve Clapier taking the oath of office. Incumbents Criffield and Landa ran unopposed in the November election, and Clapier succeeds Dave Shenk. Gem board chair Rick Smith was not present at the meeting.

Gem board director Dennis Turner asked Criffield if he would like to be chairman.

"I would really not like to," Criffield said.

Turner then nominated Landa to be chair, which was seconded by Criffield. Turner nominated Criffield for another term as vice-chair, which was seconded by Clapier.

The directors reappointed Connie Chadez as secretary/treasurer for the Gem and Ridgeview districts.

When the South Board was reorganized, the consensus was to have the same chairman, vice-



*Above: Board secretary Connie Chadez administers the oath of office to Gem Irrigation District directors, from left, Ryan Criffield, Chris Landa and Steve Clapier. Below: Chadez swears in John Lax, who rejoins the Ridgeview Irrigation District board.*

## Irrigation directors

### Gem district

**Chris Landa (Div. 5), chair** — Began serving Jan. 1, 2013. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2018

**Ryan Criffield (Div. 4), vice-chair** — Began serving Jan. 1, 2013. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2018

**Rick Smith (Div. 1)** — Began serving Jan. 1, 2012. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2017

**Steve Clapier (Div. 2)** — Began serving Jan. 1. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2018

**Dennis Turner (Div. 3)** — Began serving Jan. 1, 2008. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2016

### Ridgeview district

**Mark Aman, chair** — Began serving Sept. 1, 2012. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2017

**John Lax, vice-chair** — Began serving Jan. 1. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2018

**Bret Nielson, director** — Began serving Jan. 1, 2007. Current term ends Dec. 31, 2016

### South Board of Control

All Gem directors serve on the South Board with Landa as chair and Criffield as vice-chair. Aman serves on the SBOC board from Ridgeview.

chair and secretary/treasurer as the Gem district.

The South Board's joint board

representation, which works with the Owyhee Irrigation District to manage the Owyhee Project, was

set as Nielsen and Landa, with Criffield to serve as the alternate member. — SC

# BOCC approves new hire for road and bridge district

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has signed off on a new employee for Road and Bridge District 1.

Jacob Greiner replaces John Robinson as an equipment operator. District 1 Road and Bridge supervisor Phil Rittenhouse said Robinson, who worked for the county for two or three years, left the department to work in the private sector.

Commissioners approved hiring Greiner during their Jan. 11

meeting. His full-time employment became effective the same day with a pay rate of \$15 per hour.

During the meeting, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said Greiner is a military veteran.

"He's just out of the service, he's trained in electronics and he'll bring that knowledge," Hoagland said. "He's young, and he was a helicopter mechanic. He's really excited."

Greiner was in the Army for four years.

A few other people applied for the job, but Rittenhouse said Greiner's military experience gave him an edge.

"And he just was real eager to work," Rittenhouse said. "He'd come bug us quite a bit. He was willing to jump right in there."

He added that Greiner is likely to be with the district for a long time.

"He wants something that he can retire from," Rittenhouse said.

Greiner lives in Oreana and will be operating heavy equipment including graders, backhoes, and road scrapers.

## New Silver City Road closure sign erected

During the BOCC's meeting, Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman suggested putting up a new sign on Silver City Road.

"If you've got something you

can flip down like these way stations do every season (that reads) 'Closed Ahead,'" Bowman said. "We never really know what milepost we're going to be closing it at so you can't set that. And I'd suggest you put the county ordinance on there."

He later explained that the existing signage is too small.

"We need something bigger that people can see right away," Bowman said. "It's just a preventative measure from our side. We don't want to have to go and look for people (who get stranded)."

After Bowman left the meeting, Rittenhouse arrived and told commissioners he already put up a new sign on Idaho highway 78 reading: "Silver City Road closed 10 miles ahead. No winter maintenance."

Rittenhouse said he will take the sign down when commissioners reopen the road, which usually happens before Memo-

rial Day weekend each year.

"Maybe within the next year before we put the next one up we will have one that states 'road closed,' and then have the ordinance on there and you travel at your own risk if you travel past that," Rittenhouse said. "That way we're covered if they get up there and they get stuck and somebody has to go get them. It's not on the county dime."

After being informed of that, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi ended the conversation.

"We're already covered then, we didn't know that, so it's good to know," Aberasturi said.

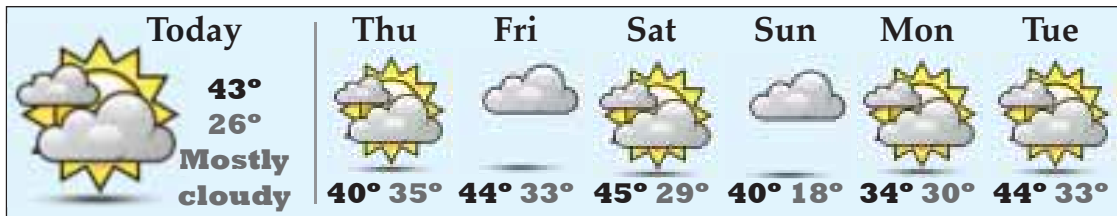
Rittenhouse also told commissioners that another sign near milepost 11 on Silver City Road is up year-round and has the ordinance posted.

A third large sign is located on the paved section of Silver City Road a short distance from the Idaho 78 turn-off. — SC

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	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
<b>Mud Flat</b>						
01/12	3.7	15	7.4	34	15	23
01/13	3.8	15	7.5	36	25	31
01/14	4.2	n/a	7.7	32	17	26
01/15	4.4	19	7.9	33	21	28
01/16	4.3	19	7.9	39	23	31
01/17	4.6	19	8.1	39	22	32
01/18	4.7	18	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
01/12	6.1	n/a	9.7	39	22	28
01/13	6.2	n/a	9.8	38	25	32
01/14	6.4	n/a	9.9	29	21	25
01/15	7.0	n/a	10.0	30	25	27
01/16	7.0	n/a	10.0	37	26	31
01/17	7.5	n/a	10.2	42	30	36
01/18	7.6	n/a	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>South Mountain</b>						
01/12	9.4	32	17.0	41	29	36
01/13	9.4	31	16.9	41	26	35
01/14	9.6	34	17.4	28	21	25
01/15	9.9	34	17.7	28	23	26
01/16	9.9	34	17.7	36	27	31
01/17	10.2	35	18.1	40	29	35
01/18	10.2	34	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

**Water report**

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 12 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 259 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 14 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 82,783 acre-feet of water on Monday.

**Note** — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 3 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.) Snow depth sensors at Reynolds Creek are inoperable.

— Compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Last week's weather from Helena Chemical in Homedale not available.

**Senior menus**

**Homedale Senior Center**

*Salad bar and milk served with meal*

- Jan. 20: Chicken & noodles, broccoli, roll
- Jan. 21: Pulled pork sandwich, baked potato, carrots
- Jan. 26: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend vegetables, roll
- Jan. 27: Ham & beans, carrots, cornbread
- Jan. 28: Liver & onions, baked potato, broccoli, roll

**Marsing Senior Center**

*Milk served with meal*

- Jan. 20: Beef stew, peaches, cornbread
- Jan. 21: Chicken, cous cous, carrots, coleslaw, cornbread
- Jan. 25: Breakfast buffet
- Jan. 26: Chicken, potatoes, winter blend vegetables, apple
- Jan. 27: Lasagna, fruit, garlic bread
- Jan. 28: Hamburger steak, potatoes, green beans, apricots

**Rimrock Senior Center**

*Milk or juice served with meal*

- Jan. 21: Hawaiian roni-chicken, cabbage salad, roll, jello w/fruit
- Jan. 26: Breakfast casserole, baking powder biscuits, honey & jam, rhubarb cobbler
- Jan. 28: Macaroni & cheese w/bacon, stewed tomatoes, mixed fruit, cookie

**Marsing man charged with domestic battery**

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 39-year-old Marsing man on a felony warrant accusing him of domestic battery.

John Schnabele was taken into custody after 10 a.m. Friday at his residence on Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a \$25,000 warrant was issued for Schnabele after his girlfriend made a complaint

to Canyon County authorities on Jan. 8.

Bowman said the incident allegedly occurred on Jan. 6 in Owyhee County, but the girlfriend went to a relative's house in Canyon County afterward.

He added that Canyon County may seek a charge accusing Schnabele of violating a court order that he stay away from the woman.

— JPB

**Owyhee drill team seeks riders**

**Winter rides ongoing; tryouts slated next month**

An Owyhee County-based equestrian drill team is looking for new members and some local arenas for practice.

The Faith Riders, who performed at last year's Owyhee County Rodeo, is a youth/adult drill team open to ages 14 and older.

Tryouts will be held in February, and the team currently practices at an indoor arena in Canyon County. Folks are welcome to come see if the sport is right for them and their horses.

All members must provide their own horse and transportation.

"Commitment is a must with this equestrian sport," team vice-

president Mary Waite said.

For more information about the Faith Riders, call Waite at (208) 249-1595 or president Kristen Montenegro at (208) 816-0714.

The team will begin practicing outdoors at an arena closer to the Homedale-Marsing area when the weather warms up. Summer practices are on weekday evenings.

"We ride at different arenas to get the horses used to going to other arenas," Waite said. "We ride in Marsing and are looking at an arena in the Givens Hot Springs area."

Nearly all the drill team members have Owyhee County ties, including Waite and treasurer Donna Barnard, who were appointed during officer elections in November.

The drill team holds winter rides from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every

other Sunday at the Rafter S Indoor Arena on Allendale Road in Wilder. The next ride is scheduled for Sunday.

Waite said horses involved can be of any age with good rider control.

Call Waite or Montenegro for more information on the rides.

The drill team has set its 2016 schedule as well:

- **May 21** — Drill competition and play day
- **June 17-18** — Nyssa rodeo and parade
- **July 16** — Snake River Stampede drill competition, Nampa
- **Aug. 10-13** — Owyhee County Rodeo, Homedale
- **Aug. 25** — Western Idaho Fair drill competition, Garden City
- **Sept. 16** — Pendleton Round-up Westward Ho! Parade, Pendleton, Ore.

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# Owyheean take a role in helping Melba auction

A benefit event that raises funds to help people facing tough times — including some in Owyhee County — returns this weekend.

The Melba Community Auction started in 1949. This year it will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the high school gym at 6870 Stokes Lane, Melba.

Sales outside the building will begin at 10 a.m., and sales inside will start at 11 a.m. The fundraiser typically runs until about 4 p.m.

Heather Packer lives in Owyhee County and is an auction board member. She said

admission to the auction is free and food vendors will be set up inside the gym.

Packer and her husband Scott got involved with the auction after they moved to Owyhee County from Caldwell last year.

“They (auction organizers) asked for some help, some people kind of backed away from it, and we were like, that’s a great way to help our community,” Packer said. “Then they put us on the board.”

Items for sale outside include calves donated by local ranchers and hay. Packer said someone told her they have even had auto-

mobiles donated for the auction several times over the years.

Folks will find more than just material things up for grabs inside the gym.

“We had a guy here off of Highway 78 (in Owyhee County) donate an offer for four people to duck hunt on his property,” Packer said. “We have people donate airplane excursions to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. We have all sorts of stuff.”

The money raised is used to help local families that have emergencies such as fires or catastrophic health issues. Packer

said the auction committee also lends a hand in less-serious situations.

“Or even just as simple as if somebody needs to get some propane for heat for their house,” Packer said.

The auction also supports the Melba volunteer Quick Response Unit, the Melba volunteer fire department, youth sports, Life-Flight, and St. Luke’s Mountain States Tumor Institute.

Canyon County resident Megan Volkens is the chairwoman of the auction. Her predecessor was Owyheean Jody Moos. Volkens said Moos held the position on

the board for at least five years.

“We don’t ever publish who receives funds from our group to protect privacy, but I can tell you the auction has helped countless Owyhee County residents over the 67 years,” Volkens wrote in an email.

She added that the Wilson Sagehens donate quilts and other items to the auction every year.

For more information about the auction, contact Volkens at (208) 870-7127, or search for Melba Community Auction on Facebook.

— SC

## Raffle ticket sales signal approach of another Marsing auction

55<sup>th</sup> annual event set for Feb. 13

Another Marsing Disaster Auction and Sale is on the horizon, and that means that the annual raffle is up and running again.

There are actually two raffle contests with winning tickets for both being drawn during the 55<sup>th</sup> annual auction, which starts at 10:13 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

Cindy Floyd becomes the latest person to serve a second term as auction chair. She headed up the 2007 event.

Auction items vary, and donations are always welcome. To donate to the auction or volunteer time to the effort, contact any committee member, email marsingdisasterauction@gmail.com or call Floyd at 830-5560.

More information on the auction, including committee member contacts and the event’s history is available at [www.marsingdisasterauction.org](http://www.marsingdisasterauction.org).

Committee members include Sheila and Bobo Carter, James and Jess Ferdinand, Jason and Kelly Ineck and Tim Dines.

Proceeds from the 55<sup>th</sup> annual auction and sale are placed in a fund to help community members pay bills such as funeral expenses and medical expenses or to assist folks who have been affected by fire. Some of the money also funds the Marsing Ambulance

service, and a portion is donated to the United Way and other service organizations.

There is a \$1 raffle and a \$10 raffle, and tickets for both are now available.

Tickets for the \$10 raffle are available from local merchants and disaster auction committee members. Prizes include:

- Upright freezer, donated by Parma Furniture, Haken Insurance Agency in Marsing and Emerald Insurance Agency in Homedale

- Half a beef, cut and wrapped from Spring Valley Livestock

- 55-inch flat-screen television donated by the Usabel Family

- Gun/security safe from Dasco of Idaho and Rhino Metals

- Savage Trophy Hunter .270 rifle and Nikon scope donated by Owyhee County Farm Bureau agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, who are based in Homedale

Marsing Middle School students and third- through fourth-graders at the elementary school are selling the \$1 raffle tickets. The students are locked in a sales contest that brings prizes for the top sellers.

Raffle prizes include:

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

- A Boise Getaway donated by the disaster auction committee

- \$250 cash donated by the Carters, Russ Lindemann and Audrey Hughes

- KitchenAid mixer donated by Kelly and Betty Ackerman



Members of the Homedale Academic Bowl team await the next question from Jan Silva during last Wednesday’s practice at the elementary school.

## HMS plays host to brain games today

The Academic Bowl comes to Homedale this afternoon.

The middle school team, which finished third in each of the first two meets in the 2015-16 school year, will host the event at HMS, 3437 Johnstone Road.

The action starts 4:15 p.m., and there are seven schools scheduled to compete in the 3A Snake River Valley conference competition. In addition to HMS, teams hail from McCain in Payette, Parma, Fruitland, Ontario, Weiser and Payette Lakes in McCall.

Today’s meet marks the midway point of the season. The first meets were held in Weiser (Oct. 14) and Fruitland (Nov. 18), and the rest

of the season includes Feb. 10 in Parma and March 9 in Payette.

Payette Lakes won the Weiser meet, and Parma was the Fruitland champion. Fruitland has been the runner-up in each of the first two meets.

Homedale Elementary fourth-grade teacher Jan Silva is the team advisor again this year. The team practiced in her classroom last Wednesday, tackling a math Jeopardy! game.

Four eighth-graders on the squad — Kaitlyn Butler, Gage Purdom, Brady Trout and Daniel Uranga — have competed in Academic Bowl for three years.

Julia Gomez and Cristina

Guzman round out the eighth-grade contingent.

There are only three seventh-graders out for the team this season, and Silva encourages more students from that grade level to explore joining the team in preparation for the 2016-17 season.

Seventh-graders on board this year include Etenecia Cardenas-Ritzert, Makenna DeWitt and Miriam Rojas.

Players in their first year of eligibility for the squad (sixth grade) are Eli Heck, Abi Henry and Téa Uranga.

The team meets in Silva’s HES classroom each Wednesday after school for practice.



### Masons thank firefighters

Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 Worshipful Master Rick Holloway addresses a crowd of about 35 firefighters and their families Saturday. The Masons would like to make the appreciation dinner an annual event for area firefighters. Photo by George Decker

## Writer returns for Men’s Game Feed

## Mtn. View Nazarene church fundraiser set for Saturday

A well-known local outdoors writer is making a return engagement to a local church Saturday.

Meridian resident Tom Claycomb III is the keynote speaker for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Men’s Wild Game Feed at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$10. The event starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday inside the

church’s Fellowship Hall at 26515 Ustick Road north of Homedale in Canyon County. The church is located at the corner of Ustick and Batt Corner roads.

This year’s auction highlight is two tickets for a chartered fishing trip.

Admission tickets are available at the church. Call 337-3151 for more information.

Proceeds from the annual dinner and auction benefit the church’s Men’s Ministry, which helps folks in the community through construction projects and other assistance.

Claycomb has turned his love for the outdoors and hunting and fishing into a career as a freelance writer and teacher. His outdoors column appears in newspapers in


Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Alaska and Louisiana. He also contributes to various outdoors magazines, and his columns have appeared on outdoors websites.

Claycomb, who was the guest speaker for the church’s 2011 wild game feed, also teaches outdoors seminars at Cabela’s, Bass Pro Shop and Sportsman’s Warehouse.

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## JV coach shares Marsing girls' basketball varsity duties

### New baseball coach named

The Marsing School District board of trustees have approved two personnel moves that will affect sports teams now and in a month.

Junior varsity girls' basketball coach

Jake Dugger will take over coaching duties for the varsity squad whenever Jaime Wood can't fulfill the responsibilities.

"According to all paperwork, all the records, Jaime Wood is still the head basketball coach and Coach Dugger is the assistant coach," district superintendent Norm Stewart said. "Any aspects in which Coach Wood wouldn't be coaching, Coach

Dugger would be the one coaching."

Superintendent Norm Stewart said that Wood is still under contract as the varsity coach, but Dugger led last Wednesday's practice and was on the bench as coach during Thursday's 2A Western Idaho Conference home loss to New Plymouth.

Stewart said he couldn't give any other specifics about the change because the

decision involved a personnel issue.

Also during its Jan. 12 meeting, the school board accepted Travis Jarvis' resignation after one season as MHS baseball coach and appointed middle school physical education teacher Wes Tankersley to the position.

Tankersley served as an assistant football coach in the fall. — JPB and SC

## Trojans win four at Skyview Duals

### Keller, Johnson go 4-0 Saturday

Their team's dual-meet win streak ended, but Homedale High School wrestlers Nash Johnson and Shane Keller were perfect Saturday.

The boys pinned all four of their opponents as the Trojans went 4-1 during the Skyview Duals in Nampa.

Johnson's four pins drew him into a tie with former four-time state champion Jeremy Ensley atop Homedale's all-time career victories list. Johnson had 129 victories before Tuesday's dual meet on the road against Vale, Ore., which was held after deadline.

The Trojans (9-1 before the Vale dual) take on top-ranked Fruitland in a key 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet inside the HHS gymnasium today.

Homedale's five-meet winning streak to start the season ended in the Trojans' opener against Nyssa, Ore., on Saturday in Nampa.

**Nyssa, Ore., 56, Homedale 12** — Keller pinned Bulldogs' 152-pounder Jonathan Iniguez in 1 minute 49 seconds, and Homedale's only other points came when Nyssa forfeited at 145 pounds, which is Johnson's slot in the lineup.

**Homedale 54, Timberline 27** — Keller needed just 46 seconds to pin Brody Alspach, and Caleb Meligan won the 126-pound match with a 59-second pin of Reis Ruehrwein.

Johnson pinned Dimitri Lopez in 1:23, and Homedale's other victory came when Swiss exchange student Julian Hartmann pinned

— See *Duals*, page 5B



*Above: Homedale High School girls' basketball coach Joe Betancourt can't hide his frustration during a first-half timeout against Emmett. Below: Tory Lane launches a three-point shot that was a harbinger of the second half against the Huskies.*

## Trojans end SRV's first half with strong second half



### Girls alone at the top

His team's habit of strong second halves is working, but it's not making life easy for Homedale High School girls' basketball coach Joe Betancourt.

Unless sole possession of first place in the 3A Snake River Valley conference makes the stress worth it.

Betancourt vented his frustration in first-half team huddles Thursday night. The Trojans responded with their biggest victory of the year.

Senior Tory Lane's career-high 27 points helped Homedale to a 60-49 home victory that knocked Emmett off the first-place perch it shared with the Trojans. She drained four three-point goals.

"My frustrations are usually caused by the high expectations I have for these girls," Betancourt said. "I have high expectations, but so do they and I want them to succeed."

Homedale's defense closed down the Huskies' hot shooting after halftime. Leading 30-26, Emmett converted only six of 30 field-goal attempts after the break.

"We had to play zone in the second half because of the foul trouble we got into in the first," Betancourt said. "I was a little nervous about it because of the way Emmett can shoot the ball, but the girls came out and rotated really well, forced tough shots and then we collected their misses."

Like some of her other teammates, Lane coped with foul trouble in the first half. She wound up taking charge on the defensive boards and led the Trojans (14-3 overall, 6-0 in conference) with five rebounds on Emmett's end of the floor.

"She played great. The team played great," Betancourt said. "Gardenia Machuca had a great night for us as well with her eight points and eight rebounds."

— See *Trojans*, back page

## Huskies' Hall hauls in third at MV Classic

A loss to the eventual champion was the only blemish for Mason Hall at the Magic Valley Classic wrestling tournament.

The sophomore 220-pounder was Marsing High School's only medalist during the two-day tournament in Wendell.

Hall (19-7) grabbed a bronze medal when he pinned Declo's Bryson Robinson with 56 seconds left in their third-place match.

Hall had two first-round pinfalls to reach the semifinals where Grangeville's Shaydn Wassmuth pinned him at the 3:45 mark.

After a first-round bye, Hall began his day with a 27-second pin over West Jefferson's Mackray Sullivan. He breezed through

— See *Classic*, page 2B



*Mason Hall stands on the podium with his bronze medal Saturday. Photo by Kelly Ineck*

# Sports

## Last-second shot doesn't fall for Marsing boys



Dakota Hardy fights his way through a crowd for a shot in Marsing's home loss to Cole Valley Christian. Photo by Dan Pease

### Huskies start week with big win over Nampa Christian

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team's defense is doing its job. Now all the Huskies need is a key basket for a breakthrough.

Senior Rodrigo Acuña recovered Cole Valley Christian's tipped inbounds pass but couldn't get a last-second 8-foot jump shot to fall Saturday night. The Chargers escaped Marsing with a 36-34 2A Western Idaho Conference victory.

The Huskies closed the game on a 15-8 run and held an opponent under 40 points for the fourth time in five conference games. The loss dropped Marsing out of a four-way tie for second place with Cole Valley, New Plymouth and Nampa Christian.

"We are giving up 40.6 points per game in league, and this has allowed us to have opportunities each game to come out on top," MHS coach Tim Little said.

Marsing (3-10 overall, 2-3 in conference) trailed by five points before freshman Enrique Quebrado knocked down a three-point goal with six seconds remaining, setting up Acuña's chance at last-second heroics.

The Huskies limited the

Chargers' chances, creating 18 turnovers and forging a 16-10 edge on Cole Valley's backboards.

Acuña had six defensive rebounds (and a team-high eight overall), four assists, six steals and four points.

Quebrado led all scorers with 14 points, including two treys. Dakota Hardy had five points, while Tre Ponce and Nick Lankow put in four points each.

Marsing was hampered by an unsuccessful night at the foul line, missing all six chances.

Cole Valley (4-8, 3-2) edged ahead of the Huskies in the conference standings as Tanner Langley scored 10 points and Kylan Ross added nine.

**Jan. 12: Marsing 44, Nampa Christian 38** — A watershed moment for the Tim Little era at Marsing created a logjam in the 2A WIC standings.

Despite a depleted roster, the Huskies went on the road and knocked off Nampa Christian.

"(It was) probably the biggest win for this program since I have taken over," Little said. "We shot the ball well, but more importantly, had one of our best defensive nights in a few years."

The victory, which momentarily put four teams in a third-place tie in the conference standings, was a "total team effort," the third-year boys' coach said.

The game marked only the third time this season that the Trojans were held under 40 points. Peyton Brothers scored 17 points for the home squad.

"The kids earned this win by executing the game plan almost to perfection," Little said.

Quebrado fired in three of his team's seven three-point goals and dropped three of four foul shots for a co-game-high 14 points.

Marsing shot a season-best field-goal percentage (14-for-35, 40 percent). Hardy and Jose Muñoz were 2-for-3 from beyond the three-point line.

"Dakota fouled out and only played about 12 minutes total, thus putting us even more short handed, but the kids stepped up and battled," Little said.

Muñoz scored nine points, while Hardy and Sam Galligan chipped in six apiece.

Lankow led the rebounding effort with eight, while Galligan had six boards.

## ✓ Classic: Nanney, Ineck, Kinney also collect victories during tourney

From Page 1B

his quarterfinal match, pinning Oakley's Remington Sagers in 66 seconds.

No other Huskies were able to get championship bracket

victories, but some did pick up wins before bowing out.

Levi Nanney (138) pinned Filer's Zach Cook in 2:21 of a second-round consolation match.

Joseph Ineck (145) rebounded from a first-round loss to pin Tanner Bredehoft of Soda Springs in 1:23.

Jaden Kinney made an aggressive run in the consolation

bracket at 160. He pinned Ririe's Trey Yearsley in 37 seconds and trounced Brandon Pestana of Challis, 18-3, for a technical fall before getting eliminated.

Other wrestlers competing

for coach Jon Nelson during the weekend were Jesse Hay Smith (126), Hayden Kish (132), Kaden Goins (145), Andy Saenz (152), Jesus Duran (170) and heavyweight Ben Gerthung.



# MARSING HUSKIES

*Athlete of the Week*

### Mason Hall, so., wrestling

The Play — Hall placed at another tournament Saturday, pinning Declo's Bryson Robinson in the third-place match of the 220-pound bracket at the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell. Hall raised his record to 19-7.



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#### Wrestling

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#### Junior varsity B

Thursday, Jan. 21, home vs. Melba, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

# Sports

## League-leading Monument/Dayville routs Antelopes

Adrian High School couldn't get any footing Saturday against the top boys' basketball team in the league.

Monument/Dayville scored 22 points off 28 turnovers to beat the Antelopes on their home floor, 56-28, and remain unbeaten in the 1A High Desert League.

With three players scoring in double figures, the Tigers took control early to build a 27-8 halftime lead.

Jordan Bowlus led all scorers with 14 points for Monument/Dayville (13-3 overall, 4-0 in league), while Mike Griffin had nine points and six rebounds for the Antelopes (6-9, 2-3).

Tanner Moodenbaugh ripped down 11 rebounds as the Tigers owned a 22-7 edge on Adrian's glass.

Kenny Purnell had all seven of his rebounds for Adrian on the defensive end, and Ryker Murrey

chipped in six points.

**Friday: Adrian 57, Prairie City 55** — The Antelopes survived 25 turnovers and a fierce fourth-quarter effort from their opponents in a league game in Adrian.

Trailing by nine points after three quarters, the Panthers scored 22 points over the final eight minutes, but couldn't complete the comeback.

"The boys worked hard and

held on to win," first-year coach Nolan Shira said.

"We have to do a better job of taking care of the ball, but it was nice to get the win and hopefully learn a few things about ourselves."

Prairie City canned five three-point goals, including four from Dorran Wilson, who shared the team's top-scoring honors with Griffin. Both players scored 26 points.

Griffin was 12-for-20 from the field and he collected nine rebounds.

Adrian denied many second-chance shots, holding a 28-9 edge on Prairie City's glass. Dennis Dick led the Antelopes with 12 rebounds. He was one of three Adrian players to score seven points. Purnell and Pau Roget also put in seven.

The Panthers' Garret Hitz hit for 16.

## JORDAN VALLEY VS. ADRIAN BASKETBALL Boys: Opportunistic Mustangs roll

Experience won the day in a 1A High Desert League boys' basketball rivalry showdown.

Playing at home, Jordan Valley bolted to a 17-point halftime lead and never looked back in a 55-32 rout of Adrian.

The Mustangs extended their lead to 40-18 with a 15-6 spurt to open the second half.

JJ Echave scored a game-high 15 points and grabbed four of his five rebounds on Adrian's end to compound the Antelopes'

shooting woes.

Adrian shot 35 percent from the field (14-for-40) and missed on all four of its three-point attempts. Coach Nolan Shira's squad reached the free-throw line only six times, hitting four shots.

The Mustangs held a 37-18 overall rebounding edge, including a dominant 22-4 showing on the Antelopes' backboards. Jordan Valley had 18 second-chance points while limiting Adrian to six, and the Mustangs scored 17

points off turnovers.

Wyatt Stanford led Jordan Valley with 12 rebounds. He and Jett Warn scored eight points each. Zeke Quintero had 14 points, including nailing two of three three-point attempts.

Kenny Purnell led Adrian with nine points, and Dennis Dick chipped in eight, but the Antelopes' top scorers were a combined 8-for-22 from the floor. They both came up with six rebounds.

## Girls: Adrian rules in final quarter

Key fourth-quarter shots carried Adrian High School to a girls' basketball victory over its rival.

The Antelopes came from behind to beat Jordan Valley, 35-30, in the Mustangs' gymnasium.

The 1A High Desert League victory was fueled by Adrian's 12-4 run through the fourth quarter.

The game was tied, 16-16, at the break before the Mustangs took the lead after three quarters.

Adrian's defense came up with 20 steals, and Jordan Valley

committed 25 turnovers.

Anna Hutchings had half of the Antelopes' steals and shared the team rebounding lead at eight apiece with Morgan Bayes.

Carlee Morton scored seven points for Adrian, while Bayes and Selina Villarreal dropped in six points apiece.

Zoey Warn sank half of her shots for a team-high 10 points to lead Jordan Valley. Taylor Warn and Regann Skinner dropped in eight points apiece for the home team.

Morgan Caywood led the Mustangs with nine rebounds, while Zoey Warn pulled down eight.

Adrian had nearly three times as many chances at the free-throw line as Jordan Valley, knocking down 10 of 21 chances. The foul shooting helped Adrian overcome a 20 percent field goal clip (12-for-58), while Jordan Valley drained 14 of 34 shots (41.2 percent).

The Mustangs were 14-for-23 (60.9 percent) on their shots from inside the three-point line.

## Adrian girls creep toward Crane

Adrian High School awoke after eight minutes to stay within striking distance of the top spot in the 1A High Desert League girls' basketball standings.

The Antelopes dominated the second and third quarters to cement an easy 53-29 win over Monument/Dayville on Saturday in Adrian.

"After a slow start, our defense took over, and the girls played very well," Adrian coach Gene Mills said.

The Antelopes (11-4 overall, 4-1 in league) ended the weekend a half-game behind Crane in the standings.

Kylie Skerjanic and Selina Villarreal had five steals each as Adrian forced the Tigers (7-9, 2-2) into 33 turnovers. Adrian had 20 steals, which help offset the

offense's 27 miscues.

Skerjanic and Anna Hutchings scored 11 points each, while Morgan Bayes pulled down 10 rebounds and Villarreal had eight points and six boards. Sundee Speelmon chipped in seven points in just 10 minutes on the floor.

Kendall Hettinga's seven points topped the Tigers.

**Friday: Adrian 62, Prairie City 34** — A 23-9 run in the second quarter cemented the Antelopes' domination of the visiting Panthers.

"It is nice to get another league win," Mills said. "The girls battled hard, and their effort paid off."

Villarreal and Skerjanic swiped eight steals each to lead Adrian's 28-steal effort. The defensive prowess contributed to Prairie

City's 35 turnovers, and the transition game worked for 12 points off the miscues.

Villarreal added 11 points, including a 5-for-10 showing from the foul line to lead the Antelopes' 61 percent performance (16-for-26).

Carlee Morton led all scorers with 12 points, while teammate Erin Nielson missed only once in four field-goal attempts for eight points.

Skerjanic added nine points, and Nielson and Hutchings put in eight apiece.

Brianna Zwegandt led Prairie City with 11 points, and teammate Cassie Hire had 10 points and a game-high nine rebounds, all of which came on Adrian's backboards.

## Tigers trip Mustangs in first-place showdown

A battle for first place came down to the final quarter between the Jordan Valley and Monument/Dayville boys' basketball teams Friday.

The Tigers preserved a slim lead in the fourth quarter, beating the home squad, 52-47, in a key 1A High Desert League game.

"We played good defense against a good shooting team, but we didn't have good a fourth quarter," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore said. "Monument is a solid team, but we will be looking forward to playing them next time."

The next time will be Feb. 5 in Dayville as part of the season's stretch drive.

The Tigers (13-3 overall, 4-0 1A HDL) built on a 37-36 lead after three quarters as Tanner Moodenbaugh scored eight of his 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Jordan Valley (10-4 overall, 3-1 1A HDL) controlled the tempo early and held an 11-7 advantage after a first quarter in which four

Mustangs scored points.

JJ Echave posted a double-double with 21 points and 15 rebounds. He scored seven points in the fourth quarter, but the Mustangs missed on eight of 12 free throws in the final eight minutes.

Jordan Valley blasted Harper/Huntington, 57-23, on Saturday to remain in a second-place tie with Crane one game behind the Tigers.

**Saturday: Jordan Valley 57, Harper/Huntington 23** — The Mustangs stamped to a 30-8 halftime lead in a league lashing on the LocoNets' home floor.

Echave and Wyatt Stanford had mirror games with both posting 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Clint Fillmore was able to get all of his program's players some varsity game time with Kirk Eiguren hit a pair of free throws and pulling down eight rebounds.

Greg Chandler scored nine points for Harper/Huntington.

## JV girls clog stat sheet in easy victory

Four scorers reached double figures Saturday as Jordan Valley High School crushed host Harper/Huntington in 1A High Desert League girls' basketball.

Senior Morgan Caywood and freshman Regann Skinner scored 16 points apiece in a 74-28 win.

The Mustangs (10-5 overall, 22 in league) controlled the game throughout, but imposed their will by outscoring the LocoNets, 47-14, in the second half.

Freshman Taylor Warn missed her first career triple-double by two rebounds. She scored 15 points and led the team with 10 steals and eight rebounds. Caywood and Skinner grabbed six boards each.

Alisha Rogers had 12 points.

The Mustangs were 21-for-32 from the free-throw line with Caywood knocking down all six of her chances and Warn going 9-for-12.

Jordan Valley ended the week in a three-way tie for third place in the

league with Monument/Dayville and Prairie City. The teams are two games behind first-place Crane.

**Friday: Jordan Valley 62, Monument/Dayville 54** — Freshmen stepped up, putting an end to the Mustangs' three-game losing streak and setting the stage for a three-way tie for third in the 1A HDL.

Taylor Warn did most of her damage from the foul line, going 10-for-17, and she hit a three-point goal on the way to 15 points.

Skinner hit five of seven free throws and led the way with 17 points and seven rebounds. All but one of her rebounds came on the Tigers' end of the floor.

Caywood, co-team captain and one of only two upperclassmen on the roster, scored nine of her 13 points from beyond the three-point line.

Jordan Valley pulled away in the fourth quarter of a game that was tied, 30-30, at halftime.

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# Sports

## Adrian wrestles tough in Nevada

Three wrestlers won three bouts each Saturday in Adrian High School's stay at the Spring Creek (Nev.) Kiwanis Tournament, which featured schools with much larger enrollments.

Bryson Shira roared into the quarterfinals at 145 pounds. He pinned Christian Richer of Reed (Sparks, Nev.) in 1 minute, 54 seconds then got perhaps his biggest win of the season when he dispatched Reno's Cy Giovanetti (22-10) in just 59 seconds.

Mountain Home's Tyler Hardin (26-5) pinned Shira in 2:37 in their quarterfinal match.

Luke Campbell got the Antelopes' only other championship bracket victory when he pinned Churchill County, Nev.'s Kendall Rogers in 4:49 in their opening-round 152-pound match. Campbell won two consecutive consolation matches before bowing out when Caldwell's Robert Hudson pinned him in 90 seconds. Campbell

pinned Duncan Browne of Galena (Reno, Nev.) for one consolation-round victory and advanced to his match against Hudson via injury default.

Marcus Furtado (106) lost to unbeaten Ty Smith of Virgin Valley of Mesquite, Nev., in his opening match then rebounded with three consecutive wins against wrestlers from larger schools.

Furtado got second-round pins against Jaden Elsing of Twin Falls and Lowry (Nev.)'s Ridge Ricketts before beating Minico's Avery Stimpson, 9-5.

Eduardo Munoz took just 1:16 to pin Sean Gottschalk of Pershing County (Nev.) for his lone victory in the 132 bracket.

Juan Figueroa (138) pinned Dayton, Nev.'s Amy Redmond in 17 seconds of their consolation match.

Colton Nielsen also competed for the Antelopes, wrestling in the 220 bracket.

## Homedale Youth Sports opens spring registration

Registration for all Homedale Youth Sports activities in all age divisions will take place online this year. Sign-ups are open through Feb. 8 at [www.homedaleyouthsports.com](http://www.homedaleyouthsports.com).

Walk-in registration for those who do not have Internet access or have to pay by check will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 inside the Homedale Middle School cafeteria. Parents will have to bring a copy of their children's birth certificate if they are new HYS participants.

Softball registration fees range from \$45 to \$75. The fees for the following age groups are listed on the website:

- 14U Girls (ages 13-14). Players cannot be 15 before Jan. 1.
- 12U Girls (ages 11-12). Players cannot be 13 before Jan. 1.
- 10U Girls (ages 9-10). Players cannot be 11 before Jan. 1.
- 8U Girls (ages 7-8). Players

cannot be 9 before Jan. 1.

Baseball registration fees range from \$35 to \$100 and more information is available at the website.

- T Ball (ages 5-6). Players must be 5 by May 1.
- Coach Pitch (ages 7-8). Must be 7 by May 1.
- Minors (ages 9-10). Must be 9 by May 1.
- Majors (ages 11-12). Must be 11 by May 1.
- Babe Ruth (ages 13-15). Must be 13 by May 1.

Sponsorships also are available with breaks in registration fees depending on the level chosen.

- Gold, \$250 — Fees waived
- Silver, \$150 — Half registration fees waived
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For more information, contact Karen Liebschwager at [krlieb-schwager@gmail.com](mailto:krlieb-schwager@gmail.com) or 863-1400.



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— Beckman, Amaya L.; Butler, Kaitlyn L.; Fisher, Spencer D.; Franko, Lexus K.; Gray, Abbie A.; Guzman, Christina; Johnson, Maggie E.; Swallow, Shanlee A.; Tayler, Rachel D.; and Uranga, Daniel S.

#### 3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Albor, Lisbed, 3.857; Dorsey, DeLaynie M., 3.857; Gomez, Julia D., 3.857; Johnson, Nyelah T., 3.857; Larzelier, Juliette C., 3.857; Purdom, Gage C., 3.857; Randall, Matthew L., 3.857; Rountree, Mason M., 3.857; Buckley, Savana R., 3.833; Dines, Grace M., 3.833; Hernandez, Ricardo, 3.714; Llamas, Arnulfo, 3.714; Lomeli, Nelson, 3.714; Moore, Ashley C., 3.714; Corrales, Karina, 3.667; Albor, Yuleydi, 3.571; Aviles-Rodriguez, 3.571; Ahtziri Fleming, William J., 3.571; Freeloove, Karsen R., 3.571; Garcia, Omar A., 3.571; Sakata, Zachary R., 3.571; Schamber, Elizabeth R., 3.571; Trout, Brady J., 3.571; Vega, Baldomero, 3.571; Waltman, Jayden D., 3.571; Chase, Brandon M., 3.5; and Harmon, Elizabeth M., 3.5

#### 3.49 to 3.0 GPA —

Anderson, Auttm J., 3.429; Eells, Bryce D., 3.429; Kerbs, Austyn E., 3.429; Martinez-Jimenez, Moises, 3.429; Monreal, Graciela D., 3.429; Neil, Kaytlynne R., 3.429; Simon, Zoie M., 3.429; Wilkerson, Adison L., 3.429; Conner, John A., 3.333; Milburn, Maicy L., 3.333; Collett, Jacob D., 3.286; Dorsey, Weston A., 3.286; Montejano, Nayeli V., 3.286; Parker, Zayn X., 3.286; Waters, Natalia A., 3.286; Zavala, Jazminne A., 3.286; Tuckness, Nickolas L., 3.25; Cardenas, Taiz C., 3.167; Flores, Jose M., 3.167; Sanchez Linares, Joanna, 3.167; Valenzuela, Jaslin, 3.167; Puckett, Nicholas H., 3.154; Elordi, Garrett C., 3.143; Galvan, Lily J., 3.143; Mansisidor, Dustin R., 3.143; Orris, Keyana F., 3.143; Watson, Alexander L., 3.143; Alamilla, Diego, 3.0; Ankeny, Samuel J., 3.0; Beebe, Jake A., 3.0; Denney, Travis D., 3.0; Downum, Brandon M., 3.0; Gibson, Torrence J., 3.0; Hernandez, Eleny, 3.0; Hoadley, Reagan J., 3.0; James, Wyatt D., 3.0; Koberlein, Brandon L., 3.0; Montes, Aliyah, 3.0; and Vargas, Caleb I., 3.0

#### Seventh grade

4.0 GPA — Ankeny, Jacob D.; Breshears, John W.; Cline, Mayci E.; DeWitt, Makenna R.; McKay, Kenna M.; Pfof, Brooklyn M.; Symms, Thomas

K.; and Thornton, Emma R.

#### 3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Jeppé, Meagan E., 3.833; Miller, Madison G., 3.833; Muir, Shane T., 3.833; Smith, Ruger D., 3.833; Sosa, Yuridia G., 3.833; Bauer, Kylee E., 3.8; Christoffersen, Brayden A., 3.8; Cardenas-Ritzert, Entenecia S., 3.667; Domme, Markus M., 3.667; Parker, Emma P., 3.667; Salazar, Roberto A., 3.667; Smith, Isabella R., 3.667; Zavala, Jesus A., 3.667; King, Gwendolyn L., 3.6; Turner, Savannah R., 3.6; Hernandez, Erik, 3.571; Cole, RanDee L., 3.5; Cornwall, Bryce D., 3.5; Gomez Pacheco, Xiomara B., 3.5; Nelson, Abigale M., 3.5; and Puckett, Josephine A., 3.5

#### 3.49 to 3.0 GPA —

Mendoza Gonzalez, Donato, 3.429; Carter, LouAnn M., 3.4; Pate, Caitlyn D., 3.4; Baxter, Kaelah M., 3.333; Chavez, Chase A., 3.333; Christensen, Keagen B., 3.333; Conant, Emalie R., 3.333; Egusquiza, Joseph D., 3.333; Jimenez, Francisco J., 3.333; Mertz, Milo J., 3.333; Ramirez Lomeli, Cesar A., 3.333; Robinson-Hopson, Alexandra J., 3.333; Taylor, Paige M., 3.333; Campbell, Bowen C., 3.2; Riddle, Jaired L., 3.2; Ford, Charlie E., 3.167; Garrison, Emilee F., 3.167; Lowder, Jase M., 3.167; Rogers, Jannessa M., 3.167; Santiago, Julio J., 3.167; Turner, Kaydince M., 3.167; Villa Ojeda, Eloisa, 3.167; Ruiz, Jaire, 3.143; Albor, Andres, 3.0; Atkins, Tye K., 3.0; Baez, Fabian M., 3.0; Figueroa, Marisela, 3.0; Gammel, Dakota R., 3.0; Garcia, Veronica M., 3.0; Gardner, Mickaylah M., 3.0; Martinez Sanchez, Ventura, 3.0; Miller, Mackenzie M., 3.0; Rojas, Miriam J.; and Sheley, Destiney A., 3.0

#### Sixth grade

4.0 GPA — Diaz Hurtado, Daniela; Henry, Abigail C.; Lejardi, John M.; Parker, Zaria R.; Tejada Marroquin, Katherine A.; and Uranga, Téa A.

#### 3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Durrant, Alexa L., 3.857; Heck, Eli J., 3.857; Hergesheimer, Elizabeth R., 3.857; Ruiz, Jesus, 3.857; Brown, Joshua D., 3.714; Franko, Austin M., 3.714; Guzman, Cassandra, 3.714; Johnson, Ryker K., 3.714; Larzelier, Belisia D., 3.714; and Vega Ayala, Brian A., 3.714;

#### 3.49 to 3.0 GPA —

Hicks-Daniel, Colton D., 3.429; Liebschwager, Cody H., 3.429; O'Dell, Michael C., 3.429; Vega, Delia, 3.429; Aberasturi, Amiya L., 3.286; Aguilera, Christopher, 3.286; Garcia, Maria P., 3.286; Haun, William G., 3.286; Ross,

Whitney M., 3.286; Stafford, Sheali A., 3.286; Vega, Cristal, 3.286; Elordi, Hallie E., 3.167; Nelson, Jordan L., 3.167; Fry, Kevin L., 3.143; Gonzalez-Vega, Yasmin, 3.143; Jimenez, Diana, 3.143; Kincheloe, Hayden S., 3.143; Martinez, Leonel d., 3.143; Monreal, Silvestre A., 3.143; Simmons, Marcus A., 3.143; Suarez Neri, Enrique, 3.143; Swallow, DeLaney D., 3.143; Galvan, Marcus T., 3.0; Jeppé, Kaedan N., 3.0; Martinez Sanchez, Maria I., 3.0; and Serrano, Daniela K., 3.0

#### Fifth grade

#### 4.0 GPA —

Aman, Ryan E.; Binford, Rylan J.; Christoffersen, Katie L.; Decker, Catherine G.; Egusquiza, Elizabet M.; Fisher, Trenton A.; Frank, Maite I.; Garrett, Kambell L.; Gonzalez, Oscar I.; Grigg, Sophia F.; Layne, Jeffrey A.; Love, Rylan J.; Parker, Jacy C.; Purdom, Bailey R.; Rios Cardenas, Omar; Rooks, Trenton W.; Satterfield, Madyson R.; Shaffer, Gabe D.; Stewart, LaRae G.; Vargas, Steven S.; Vega, Baltazar; and Waters, Andres D.

#### 3.99 to 3.5 GPA —

Eells, Slayde T., 3.893; Taylor, Amanda R., 3.821; Jerome, Emmaline R., 3.818; Firkins, Yasmine L., 3.804; Kent, Jaxson S., 3.8; Mercado, Erikka D., 3.8; Chavez, Angel J., 3.778; Jerome, Faye C., 3.778; Valenzuela, Angela, 3.778; Neal, Helen S., 3.643; Rountree, Mackenzie R., 3.643; Ramirez, Dafne L., 3.636; Sanchez Linares, Yaneli, 3.636; Flynn, Grace M., 3.608; Rojas, Lucia A., 3.608; Agnew, Athena A., 3.6; Hurtado, Gabriel, 3.6; Pedraza, Daniella T., 3.6; Reyes Silva, Lorena, 3.6; Monreal, Jazmin A., 3.545; Ramirez Guerrero, Joanna L., 3.51; Chavez, Trinity E., 3.508; Albor Cortez, Yocelyn, 3.5; Green, Desiree D., 3.5; and Merino, Cristina E., 3.5;

#### 3.49 to 3.0 GPA —

Albor, Jorgeluis, 3.429; Cooper, Chase B., 3.4; Marquez Murillo, Gumaro M., 3.4; Murray, Nicholas S., 3.4; Soto, Jollette D., 3.4; Badiola, Sage M., 3.333; Brenner, Nazarae N., 3.314; Gonzalez, Gabriela, 3.294; Albor, Rodrigo, 3.273; Puckett, Caleb B., 3.216; Fleming, Alexa, 3.2; Laechelt, Jessica M., 3.2; Mata Lamas, Marysol, 3.2; Johnstone, Christopher K., 3.196; Breshears, Cameron F., 3.152; Dines, Jaxon W., 3.111; Miller, Olivia B., 3.111; Colyer, Steven R., 3.107; Cooper, Mason J., 3.02; Fraire, Adrianna M., 3.0; Layne, Wylie B., 3.0; Packer, D'Orr M., 3.0; and Warneke, Mya V., 3.0

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# Sports

## Homedale drops first two conference games

### Boys rally late against NC

Turnovers and poor shooting sent Homedale High School to its second consecutive conference boys' basketball loss Friday night.

The Trojans chipped away in the third quarter, but couldn't make up any more ground in a 62-44 3A Snake River Valley conference loss to visiting Parma.

"It was a tough shooting night for us and a great one for them," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "We shot 20 percent from the field in the first half to put us in a huge hold we could not get out of."

Many of the missed shots came down low as Benny Schamber and Connor Carter were able to get second and third looks at the rim but couldn't get anything to fall. The seniors had 11 rebounds apiece with Schamber getting seven on the Trojans' end and Carter corralling six offensive rebounds.

Tanner Kramer led all scorers



Garrett Carter drives into the lane against Parma on Friday.

with 17 points for Parma, while Carter completed another double-double with 12 points on 2-for-10 field-goal shooting and an 8-for-9 performance from the foul line.

Josh Tolmie, who was 5-for-11 from the floor, had 10 points.

Homedale (8-5 overall, 0-2 in conference) pulled to within nine points, 41-32, after three quarters

before Parma (8-5, 1-1) exploded for 21 points in the final eight minutes.

**Saturday: Homedale 49, Nampa Christian 45** — Chase Martell and Garrett Carter free throws down the stretch helped the visitors preserve a strong comeback in a non-conference game played in Nampa.

"It was good to see us come together after a rough start to league play," Grove said.

Homedale trailed throughout the contest, but used a 21-8 surge through the fourth quarter to quash the 2A Western Idaho Conference team's hopes of a victory.

Tolmie led the way with 14 points, and he was 4-for-5 from the foul line. He shared the assists lead with fellow senior Lawsen Matteson (three each).

Martell knocked down all four of his chances at the free-throw line and had seven points. Carter was 5-for-8 on the way to 13 points.

**Jan. 12: Fruitland 67, Homedale 60** — The Trojans ran into a hot-handed rival to open the conference season on the road.

"We played good enough to win, but Fruitland played as good as I have ever seen them play," Grove said.

Grove said Fruitland shot 58 percent from the field and dropped eight three-pointers during a tense, physical game.

"It's tough to beat a team when

they shoot that well," Grove said. "It should be encouraging for our guys only losing by seven when Fruitland shot so well."

The Grizzlies made their own breaks as the Trojans committed a season-low eight turnovers.

"They did a great job of taking away our transition game, sending two defenders back on almost every shot," Grove said. "Fruitland also did a great job of dribble penetration, which opened up their outside shooters."

Senior Walker Whaley put in 15 points for Fruitland, leading all scorers.

Schamber was Homedale's top scorer with 13 points, and Chase Martell chipped in 12 points. Martell fired in three of the Trojans' five treys.

Connor Carter scored Homedale's other three-pointers, finishing with nine points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Schamber snagged six boards and had two steals, while Lawsen Matteson and Garrett Carter scored eight points apiece.

## ✓ Duals: Johnson joins Jeremy Ensley atop all-time career victories list

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Noah Stevens 29 seconds into the second round of their 182-pound bout.

**Homedale 51, Vallivue 18** — Robert Nix posted one of the Trojans' five pins, putting Taylor Hebner to the mat at 2:18 in the 160-pound match.

Meligan (126) pinned Isaiah Angulo in 23 seconds, and Jaeger

Rose (132) got Brady Anderson in 1:51 to start the meet.

Pedro Vasquez edged David Eisenbrandt, 7-4, at 138.

Nix's pin was the last of three straight in the middle weights for Homedale. Johnson pinned Ian Booth in 3:17, and Keller got Andrew Siggellow in 3:23.

Anthony Beckman (120) capped the victory by pinning Cooper Sut-

ton in 5:57.

**Homedale 48, Rocky Mountain 39** — Beckman and Meligan got pins in the dual's final matches to give the Trojans a comeback victory over the Meridian school.

Beckman had the go-ahead victory at 120, ending his match with Jacob Malagon at the 1:25 mark. Meligan's pin of Cameron Crowley in 72 seconds ensured

the meet win.

All of Homedale's victories were by pinfall, including Keller's 14-second pin of Tristan Gouker, Johnson over Weston Mcauslan (4:44), Nix over Anthony Jacobsen (2:40), and Keifer Cooper over Carson Sainsbury at 170 (42 seconds).

**Homedale 46, Skyview 39** — The Trojans blitzed the host

squad, building enough cushion to survived losses in the three highest weight divisions.

Homedale 106-pounder Jorge Vega needed just 28 seconds to dispatch Jacob Rudy, and Meligan beat Levin Bailey in 59 seconds.

Vasquez dominated Chris Mendoza for a 17-3 major decision, and Johnson got the other victory with a pin over Justin Marin at 3:07.

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### Athlete of the Week

#### Tory Lane, sr., girls' basketball

*The Play* — The guard took over the second half on Thursday, completing a career-best 27-point performance that sparked Homedale's 60-49 victory over Emmett and gave the Trojans sole possession of the 3A Snake River Valley conference lead. Lane also had seven rebounds and six steals against the Huskies and averaged 11.7 points, 4 rebounds and 3.33 steals in three victories.

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**Boys' Basketball**  
Varsity  
Thursday, Jan. 21 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 23 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 26, home vs. Emmett, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Thursday, Jan. 21 at Weiser, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 23 at Payette, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 26, home vs. Emmett, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph  
Thursday, Jan. 21 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 23 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 26, home vs. Emmett, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls' Basketball**  
Varsity  
Friday, Jan. 22 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Friday, Jan. 22 at Weiser, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph  
Friday, Jan. 22 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
Wednesday, Jan. 20, home vs. Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 22 at Padilla Invitational, Parma, 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 23 at Padilla Invitational, Parma, 8 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 26 at Middleton, 6 p.m.

# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Standard size



Mac told me a harrowing tale about losing a loaded six-horse trailer off the back of his pickup. He admitted he knew the ball was too small, but it wasn't far to go, it was gettin' dark, the kids were restless, it was a new moon, the tide was running out, his hat was too tight ... whatever the excuse he needed to justify not changing the ball.

I agree, noting that the hitch on my wood splitter was smaller than my stock trailer and I often had to make my daughter stand on the tongue when I moved the splitter around the place.

We concurred that there are some things in life that should be standard size. A law should be passed that makes it illegal to build any contraption that took less than a two-inch ball!

Not only that, said Mac, plastic fittings! If you don't have the exact coupling, you have to rig a cobbled-together reducing, enlarging, sliding, snapping or screwing menagerie of fittings to get you by 'til you can get to town for just the right part! Meantime, your repaired section of pipe looks like a peyote smoker's whiskey still!

Have you ever tried to buy a drill chuck? "What size?" asks the friendly hardware man. "Well, I don't know. It's just a reg'lar drill, but it's settin' on my shop bench 36 miles from here!"

How 'bout medicine and vaccine doses? 100,000 units per cc, 5 mg per ml, 200 mg per cc, administered at the rate of 2 mg per pound body weight, 3 cc for calves under 200 pounds, 10 cc per cwt, two pills for children, a tablespoon for adults. I heard one vet say he determined dose by the size of pistol grip syringe the cowboy had!

Now Mac and I allow that horse shoes, Levi's, pickup seats, jalapeños and spouses can be variable ... to suit the owner or operator. But what possible excuse can be made to explain why in the past 20 years, car companies had manufactured thousands of different kinds of oil filters! Just tryin' to find one that fits your truck in the car parts catalogue is like tryin' to find a bareback riggin' in a New Delhi landfill!

Folding chairs, square headlights, computer parts, electrical connections, bolts, wood stoves, belt loops, haying equipment, gate hinges, tax regulations, hunting laws, political promises, economists' predictions, legal loopholes all come in such a blithering array of shapes and sizes, that what you thought you had that might have worked, is now obsolete!

I finally put together a complete collection of wrenches and sockets only to find that the world's gone metric!

One of my oft-married friends finally solved his problem. I envy his ingenuity. He ordered a wedding ring with an aluminum band. "Perfect," he said, "Fits any finger!"

— Visit Baxter's Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, "Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy," other books and DVDs.

### 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.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com)
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee Homedale's spending spree



Gheen Christoffersen showed a modicum of fiscal restraint last week, but the Homedale City Council decided to continue a spending spree that began with the chief executive's pay raise last year.

By a 3-1 vote, the council decided spend more than \$20,000 on two new UTVs for the public works department. The oldest UTV now in service is 14 years old, while the newer one has been around for about eight years.

City councilman Aaron Tines, whom Steve Atkins replaced as council president during reorganization last Wednesday, also was fiscally minded when he said he didn't want to buy two UTVs unless the existing ones were sold at auction to replenish the city coffers.

However, even though no final decision was made about the future of the existing UTVs (and one may stay in the city stable for police use), Tines voted for the purchase of two new Kawasakis, possibly saving Christoffersen from having to cast the second tiebreaking vote of his first term. (The first tiebreaker came when the council split, 2-2, on the question of giving Christoffersen a raise, and the mayor was forced to vote for his own salary hike).

The City of Homedale has spent quite a bit of money in the past year on several items, and officials will shell out another \$80,000 to \$85,000 to relocate a water main before contractors come to town to replace the 50-year-old Succor Creek bridge on Idaho highway 19 west of town.

It's true that city officials did balk last week at the idea of spending an estimated \$20,000 to repaint the town's original, graffiti-splattered water tank, but no final decision has been made on that matter.

There have been other expenditures that may leave some wondering if a tax hike might be in the offing come budget time.

The city spent at least \$3,500 in helping put together the Welcome to Homedale sign project, and another \$7,000 in Economic Development funds were spent in Fiscal Year 2015 for street improvements and Western Alliance of Economic Development dues.

It cost the city about \$4,000 in Economic Development funds to buy Christmas lights for Bette Uda City Park, and another \$2,000 was spent to rewire the park's electrical system to handle the lights and boost capacity for the Farmers Market.

There were some things that saved the city money on the sign and park projects. Ric Uria of Uria Pump donated the labor for electrical wire trenching, for example.

The new LED Christmas lights kept the power bill low, according to city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram. In the past two Decembers, the city spent a total of \$60 to electrify the light display. In November, before Christoffersen

— See *Spending*, Page 7B

Fred Birnbaum, vice president

## Idaho Freedom Foundation Otter's chance to leave legacy of strong land, resource rights



by Fred Birnbaum

What happened to Butch Otter over the past year?

In January 2015, Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter gave his final Inaugural Address. On Jan. 11, a year later, he gave his State of the State address. The difference between his words in 2015 and actions since is stark.

In his 2015 address, the governor seemingly channeled Patrick Henry. He noted how Idahoans are connected by "blood, soil, and tears" to their state. He emphasized "his commitment to liberty," and encouraged anyone who doubted his "commitment to resisting with all that I am those federal policies that undermine the tenets of federalism or state sovereignty, watch closely over the next four years."

Well, we watched closely and wonder why we endured another year of federal land mis-management — with no call to action from the governor.

Last summer Idahoans choked on smoke from the more than 800,000 acres that burned in this state — more than a quarter of that from the Soda Fire in Owyhee County. Nationally, since 1960, that was the worst wildland fire season on record, more than 10 million acres burned. Federal agencies' response: blame global warming, ask Congress for more money — and continue to restrict timber harvests and livestock grazing.

In the spirit of solutions, I offer the governor and Legislature the following three:

- Pass legislation, modeled on Utah's law, which allows county commissioners to declare neglected and dangerously overgrown public land a nuisance, so commissioners can demand abatement from the relevant federal agency. This will help highlight the problem and put federal managers on notice that we will hold them accountable.

- Enact an amendment to the Idaho State Constitution that would require that any federal land transferred to Idaho be managed for "multiple use" under the full definition of the term from the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 103 (c):

"The term "multiple use" means the management of the public lands and their various resource values so that they are utilized in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs of the American people; making the most judicious use of the land for some or all of these resources or related services over areas large enough to provide sufficient latitude for periodic adjustments in use to conform to changing needs and conditions; the use of some land for less than all of the resources; a combination of balanced and diverse resource uses that takes into account the long-term needs of future generations for renewable and non-renewable resources, including, but not limited to, recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife and fish, and natural scenic, scientific and historical values; and harmonious and coordinated management of the various resources without permanent impairment of the productivity of the land and the quality of the environment with consideration being given to the relative values of the resources and not necessarily to the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or the greatest unit output."

- Idaho should adopt a "Livestock Water Rights Act," similar to Utah's, to prevent a federal water grab in Idaho. Throughout this country's history, vested water rights have been considered the property of the permit holder. However, since 2004, the U.S. Forest Service has pushed its "water clause" rule, which holds that such rights are subject to joint federal ownership and should the permit be cancelled, sole federal ownership.

Last week, Otter stated that he has not given five minutes thought to his legacy. Well, the greatest legacy Gov. Otter could give to the people of Idaho is to support concrete steps toward controlling the 32 million acres of federally owned public land in this great state.

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

# Commentary

## Financial management

### Commission for chores teaches children value of hard work

**Dear Dave,**

Our son just turned 8 years old. Is it time to start giving him an allowance?

— Dan

**Dear Dan,**

There's never a time for an allowance, no matter the child's age. In my mind, that kind of thinking is the best way to plant the seeds of entitlement. You don't want your son growing up with the idea that he's owed money simply because he's alive.

Instead, work out a plan to pay him commissions. Assign him weekly chores that are age-appropriate. Then, when the work gets done, he gets paid. And guess what? If the work doesn't get done, he doesn't get paid! Not only do we want to teach a healthy work ethic, but we also want him to learn that work creates money.

Of course, there are some things

a child should be expected to do without financial reward. Everyone needs to pitch in and do certain things to help out when they're part of a family. But once you've taught him about work, make sure to also teach him about the three uses for money — saving, spending, and giving.

Lessons on the basic handling of money are some of the best teachable moments you can have with your child. Not only does it make them more knowledgeable about finances, it helps them learn about life!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**

My fiancé and I are getting married in May. He's a youth pastor, and I'm in grad school. His mom and dad found a home they think we'll like, and they want to gift us money for a down payment. I'm not sure how I feel about this under our present



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circumstances. Do you think we should go ahead and accept when I'll still be in school and we'll still have debt to pay off?

— Emily

**Dear Emily,**

You need to get to know each other before you buy a house

together. I always recommend that young couples rent for a year and concentrate on each other, the new marriage, cleaning up any debts you have, and establishing an emergency fund. Then, after another year or so when you've had time to take control of your finances, the idea of looking for a home becomes much smarter.

It sounds like your future in-laws are really generous people. They're trying to do something nice for you two, but they kind of got out ahead of things with this idea. And in the process, they violated some boundaries in your relationship with your fiancé.

My advice is to have a conversation with your fiancé about all this and get on the same page about what is the smart thing to do. Then the two of you need to have a loving discussion with his parents. Let him do most of the talking, and say thank you a lot,

but let them know you both feel it would be best to start out by renting something for a year or so. Then after a little time has passed, tell them if they still want to help with a down payment you'd both be very grateful.

I think this approach would be good for the boundary issues and for your finances!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business as well as the CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

## Letter to the editor

### Ranchers' betrayal another chapter in western inequality

I feel as a neighbor and friend of Harney County's Hammond family that they were betrayed. Betrayed by powers beyond their control. Their misfortune could be the catalyst that brings what has become an increasing abuse of power by the federal government to a head.

This is the same government that passed Homestead and Reclamation Acts to settle and develop the West. Now, it appears they are fiercely determined on taking it back. It's no secret that the Hammonds own a ranch coveted by the government as an addition to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

When the various states were admitted to the union, it was with assurance they would be on equal footing with state already established. Western states with large percentages of federal ownership fail to share equality.

We are constantly told that "fairness is who we are as Americans." Fairness? Try to convince Dwight and Steve Hammond, their family, citizens of Harney County and fellow public land ranchers.

Michael F Hanley IV  
Jordan Valley

## ✓ Spending: Holiday garland on wish list

From Page 6B

flipped the switch on the holiday lighting, the City Park electricity bill was \$5.30.

This all may be just a cautionary tale in hopes that city officials pay attention to reserves and don't destroy whatever cushion had been built up during Paul Fink's final term in office.

But public works supervisor Bret Smith has said he would like to complete Homedale's streetlight garland collection, and Pegram said the city gets a five percent discount if the decorations are purchased in January.

Sen. Mike Crapo

## From Washington

### Vigilance still needed after IRS drops dangerous proposed rule



For many Americans, January is a time to plan for the year. This includes reviewing annual charitable giving and preparing for the often-dreaded task of filing tax forms. In yet another overreach, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could have made all of this even more problematic. That is why I have joined with my Senate Finance Committee colleague Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), who has introduced S. 2370, legislation that would stop a new, IRS-proposed regulation that would have subjected Americans to increased security risk of their sensitive information and saddled charitable organizations with additional cybersecurity, reporting and other costs. Thankfully, the IRS recently withdrew the proposed new regulation.

In September, the IRS issued a proposed regulation calling on charitable organizations to send the IRS the name, address, Social Security number or tax identification number of any donor who makes a contribution of \$250 or more. This reporting would have been in addition to the current practice of charitable organizations providing written confirmation of donations to the donor that the taxpayer can then use to substantiate tax deductions.

This IRS overreach would have created another avenue that risks Americans' sensitive information. The rising instances of data breaches in which hackers have stolen personal information from so-called secure databases provide zero confidence that the Social Security numbers and other sensitive information can be stored securely. The Administration has not even been able to secure the sensitive information of many current and former federal employees. Just last year, the Administration indicated that sensitive information, including the Social Security numbers of more than 20 million Americans, was stolen from background investigation databases. This is just one of the increasing number of breaches of sensitive information from both government and non-government databases.

In the proposed rule, the U.S. Treasury Department acknowledged that, "The Treasury Department and the

IRS are concerned about the potential risk for identity theft involved with donee reporting given that donees will be collecting donors' taxpayer identification numbers and maintaining those numbers for some period of time." This threat of disclosure could have created a disincentive for charitable giving, with donors not wanting to subject themselves to increased risk of identity theft.

I heard from a number of Idaho nonprofits with concerns about the rule, which led me to agree to co-sponsor S. 2370, the Protecting Charitable Contributions Act. The measure would stop the proposed rule, maintain current IRS rules governing the substantiation of charitable contributions and prohibit the IRS from issuing, revising or completing any new regulation that would alter the existing rules. Similar legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In December, the IRS closed the comment period for the proposed rule. Then, on Jan. 7, the Treasury Department announced the rule's withdrawal, writing that it decided to withdraw the rule after receiving many comments that questioned the need for the reporting and expressed significant concerns about charitable organizations collecting and maintaining the information.

Creating another opportunity for fraudulent actors to gain sensitive information of millions of Americans is unwise, and the withdrawal of this rule is a positive step. The IRS was proposing the collection of information as a voluntary option for charitable organizations, but the rule would have put pressure on charitable organizations to conform, and was a possible step toward a mandatory requirement. Although the rule has been stopped, I encourage all those interested in this issue to continue to engage and help stop the reemergence of this rule and other IRS overreaches.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

**January 23, 1991**

### Over 3,000 fed at annual Homedale smorgasbord

Some 3,089 diners came to eat at Homedale's International Smorgasbord at the local elementary school Saturday, contributing \$13,158.50 in gross receipts to Homedale PTA sponsors before they pay all the bills and learn their net profit.

### Trustees adopt policy – with strings

Homedale School Board trustees have adopted an open enrollment policy that will permit responsible students who reside outside the school district to continue to attend Homedale schools, subject to building and class size limits and specified student-teacher ratios.

Currently enrolled students from outside the district will be exempt from the newly adopted limits, along with children of local school employees and certain other students covered by district-to-district agreements.

The new "non-resident student admission policy" was adopted in compliance with recent Idaho law on the subject at the latest board meeting Jan. 14. It will require out-of-district students to apply for enrollment, in most instances, prior to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> each year, including those currently enrolled here who reside in other school districts.

It specifies that, "under ordinary conditions," out-of-district students will be rejected from enrollment here if they have been expelled elsewhere, have drug-alcohol abuse records, or other serious behavioral problems.

### Two students serve as pages

Two of 28 pages currently serving in the Idaho Legislature are from Homedale High School, suggesting the town has more political clout than it may think, or at least more winsome young public servants-in-the-making than communities many times Homedale's size.

Laura Ethington, 18, daughter of Le Royce and Cindy Ethington, is serving as a page in the Idaho House of Representatives under the sponsorship of State Rep. Frances Field of Grand View, a Republican. Elise Eidemiller, 17, daughter of Cliff and Arlene Eidemiller, is a page in the Idaho Senate through the sponsorship or influence of State Sen. George Vance and ex-Senator Skip Smyser, both Republicans from Parma.

### Trojans bounce back, defeat NP

The Homedale Trojans bounced back zestily on the basketball court last week, posting a 78-72 win over New Plymouth on Jan. 15 and a 74-66 victory over Payette on Jan. 18. They took a 6-6 overall record and 2-2 WIC stat into play last night at Parma.

Their next scheduled game will be here Friday night against top-ranked McCall, which steamed by Homedale 69-60 on Jan. 8. McCall this year has been ranked No. 1 in the state among A-3 schools in a sports poll. The Trojans will also play at home next Tuesday night, Jan. 29, when they take on Fruitland in a rematch, hoping for better results than the 69-58 loss posted Jan. 11.

Varsity Coach Bobby Young said Monday that the New Plymouth game last week had been crucial for his team, coming off two WIC losses in a row (McCall and Fruitland). "That one was a 'must win' game for us. I told the kids we need to get this one, and they went out and got it," he said.

Against the Pilgrims, Young reported that, "Chris Hoshaw had an excellent game. He tallied 25 points, including six 3-pointers. He had the hot hands," and Mike Warwick and Tony Uranga "did a good job of getting Hoshaw the ball," the coach said.

### Marsing defeats Wilder to stay in tournament

The Huskies played Wilder Saturday afternoon in a loser out game. The game moved slow for Marsing in the first quarter, but they took the lead and maintained it throughout the game.

The Huskies won 36-33 to advance to the third round of the tournaments.

## 50 years ago

**January 20, 1966**

### Succor Crik Sam Sez

"If'n Senator Church hadda seen Sucker Crik last winter he woulda included it in the Wild Rivers bill."

### Parr receives 15-year pin

Ed Parr has been awarded a 15-year pin for duty with the Owyhee County Selective Service board.

Members met at their office in Boise Monday and discussed classification of registrants. Indications are that student deferments will be closely scrutinized in the future under new directives issued by national selective service.

Present were Everett Colley, chairman, Mr. Parr, vice chairman; Russ Seaquest, Grand View; Joe Eiguren, Ray Stafford, and Mrs. M. Fern Worthington, clerk.

### American Legion auxiliary votes to improve hall

The American Legion Auxiliary met Jan. 11 at El Gavilan with 13 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Norma Pegram.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by acting Secretary Felisa Isaguirre and approved.

A motion was voted to ask if the Legion would match \$1,000 the Auxiliary would put up to fix the Legion Hall.

A short discussion was held on repairing the kitchen cabinets, and it was voted to raise the dues to \$3.50. El Gavilan was selected as the meeting place.

A card of thanks for the turkey from Mrs. Donna Fisher, and a letter from Ann Spence in regard to the annual mid-winter conference Jan. 14-15 were read along with other correspondence.

Treasurer Emma Henry read the balance in the bank to date: \$290.40. Bills were paid. It was announced that 3<sup>rd</sup> District President Rosie Peck will visit the Homedale unit in February.

Verda Johnston announced she was hostess for the annual past president's dinner which would be held at her home Jan. 23 at 4 p.m.

The membership race was discussed, and the secretary was instructed to find out who won the membership contest between Homedale and Meridian and if the contest was based on percentage of membership by Jan. 1.

### Rod and Gun club holds senior .22 shoot Monday

The first senior .22 shoot was held by the members of the Homedale Rod and Gun club Monday night.

Step down prizes of a carving set and a car emergency light were won by high scorers Louis Breshears and Gary Malmberg. A shoot will be held every Monday night during January and February at the armory.

Tickets for the club-sponsored buffalo banquet Feb. 12 were distributed among members for sale. Scores made out of a possible 400 were:

Louis Breshears .....	350
Gary Malmberg .....	348
Z. S. Knight .....	347
Allen Richards .....	332
Larry Malmberg .....	321
Luther Hasselbring .....	320
LeRoy Breshears ...	318

### Family reunion held at Grand View

A family reunion was held Sunday, at the Grand View farms of Mr. and Mrs. John Basabe, with Mrs. Dee Basabe as co-hostess. A total of 22 cousins were present.

Guests were taken on a tour of the farm and after dinner, they were shown colored films of a family reunion taken in Spain by Ruby Basabe while she was on business trip last June.

The reunion Sunday was held in honor of Mrs. Teles Aberasturi Amutio of Guernica, Spain, who is in the States on a short visit. Present were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Aberasturi, and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aldecoa, Mr. and Mrs. Stack Yribar, Mr. and Mrs. John Asumendi, Mrs. Don Cantrall, all of Boise, and her aunt, Mrs. Andresa Basabe of Emmett, and a daughter Mr. and Mrs. Tony Alanzo of Boise.

## 140 years ago

**January 22, 1876**

FEMALE SUFFRAGE has become the law of the land in Chili, South America. We expect now to witness an exodus of short-haired women and long-haired men from the United States to that region of promise. The climate there is delightful, the expenses of the trip not heavy and the Anthonys, Mary Walkers, Livermores, Logans, Gordons and other patrons of this enlightened measure in this country, will find a splendid field there for the exercise of their chosen vocation in instructing the Chilean ladies in their new line of duties. While we heartily wish them a pleasant journey, we cannot embody in it the usual compliment of a "speedy return." No, no, we ardently hope that they may remain there until the "crack of doom."

WE HAVE on one or two occasions called the attention of owners of canines in this town to the propriety of exercising a guardianship over them if the animals possess any solid merit. Many of them travel about in droves at all hours of the day and night and by their howling and degenerate habits are becoming a nuisance. We know of several six-shooters that are being put in order for the slaughter, and the order to "charge on 'em" will soon go forward all along the line which will be the end of "mongrel puppy, whelp and hound and curs of low degree."

TRANSFERS – Among the transfers recently recorded at the Recorder's office are the following:

A. P. Minear transfers to John Catalow and Tim Regan, for the sum of \$3,300, the toll road in Owyhee County, commencing near the Cosmos quartz mill at or near the mouth of Flint Gulch, running by way of Webfoot Gulch and the Oro Fino mine, thence toward Sinker Creek, together with all the franchises, privileges, and appurtenances belonging to the same and embodied in the property known as the "Oro Fino Toll Road."

A. H. and Susan F. Barney transfer to Wells, Fargo & Co. the lot on the northeast corner of Granite Block, Silver City, extending southward to the store formerly occupied by Dr. Rupert, being 24 1/2 feet front and 70 feet deep, with the building thereon, used as an Express office, also the "right to the perpetual use, servitude and carement" of the smaller tenements adjoining the premises.

Fung Wah transfers to Frank Shuster, for \$180, a lot and building in Fairview, near Rinehart's slaughter house.

BUSINESS IS dull and there is quite a number of hard-up men in this place some of whom are cogitating over the most desirable plan of getting ahead in the world. None of them, however, are quite so bad off as the man in St. Louis the other day who tried to sell as a valuable relic, a three-cent postage stamp which he declared was from one of Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – It looks as if all the efforts recently made to resuscitate the once famous South Mountain District, Idaho, have failed, for we note a call for a meeting of the stockholders to take measures for a final wind up of the company's affairs. This is to be regretted, unless, the experts are all fools, liars, villains and scoundrels. There is much merit in the district – too much to allow it to go by default. It would be useless to discuss the causes which led to this most notable mining smash up. It came suddenly. When dividends were expected, there came a tremendous assessment and then a collapse. We yet hope to see something done with the South Mountain mines. It is evident that the present company, staggering under heavy indebtedness, can do nothing. Perhaps from the ashes of the South Mountain Company may spring a new Phoenix, fully prepared to develop the riches of the district. – *Stock Exchange.*

A GENTLEMEN in this vicinity, accustomed to heavy mining operations, recently dreamed that his wife was a boulder and hurled her out of bed. He was bolder than most married men.



# Public notices

## REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR DOCK REPLACEMENT AT BLACK SANDS RESORT

Owyhee County will accept sealed bids addressed to: Clerk of the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners, Black Sands Dock Replacement, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, no later than close of business at 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time, henceforth "MST") February 5, 2016.

Schedule of events are as follows:

- RFB issue January 11, 2016. Publish dates January 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Full bid details will be available at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net).
- Site walk-through and question and answer session for potential bidders will be held at 10:00 A.M. MST, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015 at the Black Sands Resort, CJ Strike Reservoir, Grand View, ID.
- Written questions should be submitted no later than close of business FEBRUARY 5, 2016, addressed to the Owyhee County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, 83650 or can be faxed to 208-495-1173.
- Questions will be answered by FEBRUARY 10, 2016.
- RFB response deadline is close of business, FEBRUARY 19, 2016.
- Opening of bids will commence at 10:00am (MDT) FEBRUARY 22, 2016. At the discretion of the Commissioners, bid award may be made immediately following opening or may be deferred to a later time or date.

Complete RFB may be obtained from the Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID 83650 or on-line at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net) Owyhee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
1/13,20/16

### ORDINANCE A-190

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, ADOPTING A ZONING MAP DESIGNATING THE LAND USE ZONES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marsing desires to update its land use zoning map; and

WHEREAS, the requisite noticing and public hearings have been held as required by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO as follows:

## NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT P.O. Box 67, Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2015, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2013, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before May 30, 2016, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/13	Misc Costs
Terry D. Borden	Sec 11 T2N R4W Lot 3	2013	8.54	38.68	36.43
David or Samantha Branin	Sec 32 T3N R4W PT SESE	2013	86.37	47.38	36.43
Sharon Engle	Sec 10 T2N R4W PT SWSW	2012/2013	200.27	51.18	36.43
John Franklin	Sec 28 T3N R4W PT SESE	2008-2013	1544.87	696.04	36.43
Joe & Necia Lootens	Sec 28 T3N R4W PT NWSW	2008-2013	1295.51	560.15	36.43
Scott Jensen	Sec 28 T3N R4W PT NESE	2010-2013	1163.00	498.63	36.43
Jordan & Jennifer Knarr	Sec 16 T3N R4W PT E1/2 NENW	2010-2013	506.46	166.49	36.43
Adan Ponce	Sec 31 T3N R4W PT NESW	2009-2013	664.75	232.23	36.43
Dana Rivera	Sec 32 T3N R4W PT SESE	2011-2013	267.80	62.88	36.43
Brian Thompson	Sec 33 T3N R4W PT SWSE	2012/2013	242.20	69.98	36.43
Three W's No. 1 LLC	Sec 35 T3N R5W PT NWNE	2012/2013	894.53	396.56	36.43
Shaun & Mary Westrand	Sec 24 T3N R5W PT NENW	2013	146.21	25.90	36.43

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Connie Chadez, Treasurer

1/20,27;2/3,10/16

**Section 1:** The attached map, heretofore attached and labeled as Exhibit A to this Ordinance is hereby adopted.

**Section 2:** All previous land use zoning maps which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 3:** This Ordinance shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication.

ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

CITY OF MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho

By: Mayor James Ferdinand  
ATTEST: Janice Bicandi, City Clerk  
1/20/16

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. CV 2015-0795 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of BARTON G. BUEHLER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented or delivered to Carol L. Booth,

Personal Representative of the estate, at 1303 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road, Nampa, Idaho 83686, and filed with the Court pursuant to Idaho Code Section 15-3-804.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

/s/CAROLL. BOOTH, Personal Representative

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# Sports

## HHS wrestlers start SRV off right

### Collett's pin helps Trojans nip Panthers

Seventy-five seconds was all John Collett needed to get his coach a little historic vengeance last Wednesday.

The sixth-ranked wrestler statewide in Class 3A only helped his bid to move up the list when his pin completed Homedale High School's furious charge to a 39-33 victory over perennial power Parma.

"When I was wrestling in the late '80s, Parma was a powerhouse and we never beat them as a team, so anytime we can come out ahead of them it's a good day," Trojans coach Ryan Nash said.

It was Homedale's fifth consecutive dual-meet victory to start the season.

A senior, Collett pinned Jesse Camacho in 1 minute, 15 seconds to snap a 33-33 deadlock in the HHS gymnasium and start the 3A Snake River Valley conference season off right for the Trojans.

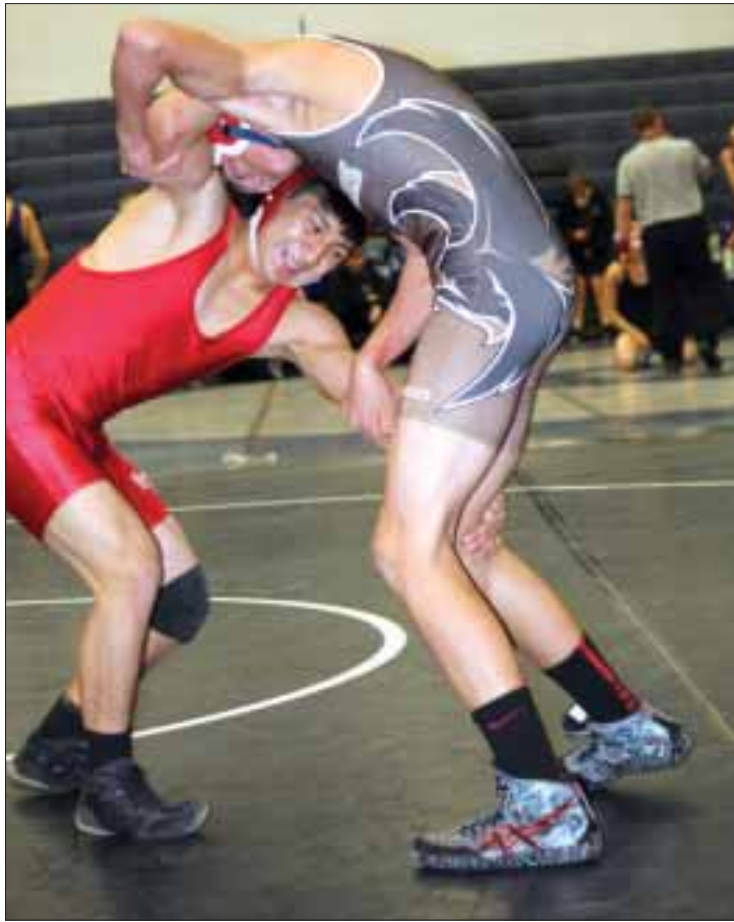
Fueled by three forfeits, the Panthers built a 30-12 victory before Homedale wrestlers won six of the final seven matches on the night.

"We knew it was going to be a close one," Nash said. "Right off, we were giving up some weight classes, and we needed to make up the difference where we could."

Sophomore Anthony Beckman's 6-1 decision over Parma 120-pounder Harrison Dale ignited a five-bout winning streak for the Trojans, and senior Nash Johnson's 125<sup>th</sup> career victory put Homedale in front.

The top-ranked 3A wrestler at 145 pounds, Johnson pinned Dre Salinas at the 3:42 mark of their bout to give the Trojans a 33-30 advantage with two matches remaining. Johnson pulled into a tie with Jeremy Ensley on the HHS all-time victories list (129) with a 4-0 showing at Saturday's Skyview Duals in Nampa.

"We pinned when we could — Julian Hartmann (182), Caleb Meligan (126), Johnson, Collett — and we needed those extra



Pedro Vasquez, left, shown in Saturday action at the Skyview Duals, pulled off a crucial victory last Wednesday in the Trojans' conference-opening victory over Parma. Photo by Machele Randall

points for a team victory," Ryan Nash said. "Beckman and Vasquez both wrestled solid."

The stage was set for Collett's heroics when Parma's Hayden Fuller outlasted junior 152-pounder Shane Keller, 14-7.

"Keller's been out for a while with an injury, and he wrestled tough against a good kid," Nash said. "I was proud of him even though he came up short."

Juniors Jacob Furlott and Pedro Vasquez pulled off gutsy decisions during Homedale's spurt through the middle weights. Furlott edged Trevor Gentry, 7-5, at 132, and Vasquez was a 9-6 victor over Skyler Maiden at 138.

"Furlott securing his match was critical. He got turned in the last round, but he fought hard and maintained the win," Nash said.

"If that match had gone the other way, it could have been a nine-point swing. He showed a lot of heart, and it mattered to the overall outcome."

Meligan, who is ranked third statewide at 126 pounds pinned

Sheldon Gentry is 3:23 for another crucial Homedale victory.

A Swiss exchange student, Hartmann picked up Homedale's first points of the night when he pinned Sierra Pesnell in 48 seconds of their 182-pound match.

### JV matches

Homedale wrestlers won five of six matches during the junior varsity portion of last week's conference opener. Three of the victories came by first-round pin.

Adrian Monreal (152) had the shortest bout, putting Parma's Megan Olson on the mat in 19 seconds.

Tanner Miller pinned Olson in 24 seconds in a 145-pound bout.

Jaeger Rose was 2-0. He pinned Matthew Taylor in 59 seconds at 138 pounds and received an injury default decision over Jordyn Jenkins at 132.

Jordan Packer went the distance against Matthew Taylor at 132, picking up a 13-5 major decision.

## Marsing girls can't sustain first-half success against N.P.

With a new coach calling the shots, the Marsing High School girls' basketball team played one of its conference's top teams tough for a half.

New Plymouth scored twice as many third-quarter points as the host Huskies on Thursday and pulled out a 51-39 2A Western Idaho Conference victory.

Jake Dugger coached Marsing (5-12 overall, 2-5 in conference) in place of Jaime Wood after a school board decision on Jan. 12. Wood is still under contract as the school's varsity coach, district superintendent Norm Stewart said, but Dugger will take over the team whenever Wood can't perform his duties.

Marsing trailed by just two points, 18-16, to the Pilgrims at the break. But New Plymouth rebounded from a poor shooting

performance in the first half, canning 40 percent of its shots (12-for-30) after the intermission and gained enough momentum to survive a fourth-quarter free-for-all.

The Huskies' Sheyenne Glorfield fired in a pair of three-point goals on the way to a game-high 19 points. Teammate Emma Heitz hit three of four field-goal attempts and finished with 10 points.

Alex Grant had seven steals, but was held to four points, while Mackenzie Farrens led the Huskies with seven rebounds, including five on the defensive end, before fouling out.

Courtney Butler scored 17 points to pace New Plymouth, which won for the sixth time in seven conference games. Brianna Killion had eight points and seven rebounds.



Mackenzie Farrens, left, soars in for a layup attempt during Thursday's conference game against New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

## ✓ Trojans: Senior nucleus keeps up solid play during winning streak

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Homedale used its biggest quarter of the night — a 19-10 run in the third — to build a five-point lead heading into the final period.

Emmett (13-4, 5-1 after the loss) began making mistakes, didn't convert a single three-point shot and couldn't keep the Trojans from pulling away.

"One thing we have said about our team this year is our defense is our best offense. (Thursday) was another example of that," Betancourt said. "When we move

and defend the way we did, we force turnovers or force tough shots and then we get out and run.

"I'm really proud of the girls and how they continue to get better every game. One of our goals is to make sure we're playing at our best by the time Districts get here."

Tristan Corta scored 11 points, and Makayla Aberasturi chipped in seven.

Lillie Smith scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Huskies.

**Saturday: Homedale 39, Fruitland 28** — The Trojans used defense to maintain their one-game conference lead with a home victory.

Homedale led by as many as 20 points as role players took center stage. Ashley Burks hit a three-point goal for half of her six points, and she grabbed four rebounds.

Carlie Sawyer collected four of her five rebounds on the defensive end as the Grizzlies struggled with 7-for-26 shooting (26 percent) in the second half.

Ambyr VanWinkle had five points, and bench players scored 21 points for Homedale.

The Homedale starters did contribute with Tristan Corta scoring a game-high 10 points and Machuca snagging five of the defense's 20 steals.

RaAnna Dahle led Fruitland with eight points and three rebounds.

**Jan. 12: Homedale 55, New Plymouth 48** — Lane and Corta scored two three-point goals apiece and the Trojans took control in the second half of

the non-conference home game. Homedale scored 17 points in the second quarter to push ahead, 26-22, at the break.

Lane led the Trojans with 12 points, and Corta tossed in 11.

Machuca scored eight points, and Elizabeth Vargas had a team-high seven rebounds. She and Madi Fisher also had three steals each.

Aberasturi scored eight points. The Pilgrims' Josie Thurman led all scorers with 15 points, and teammate Brianna Killion had 12 points.